



ARLINGTON BASS CLUB NEWSLETTER May 2009

President's Message

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

If you need a partner for the upcoming tournament please call one of the tournament directors listed below, they will try to help you.

Bubba Sanders
469-235-7229

Jeff Franklin
214-734-1727

Gary Ronning
682-518-5324

Bill Swiger
817-465-0120

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 5, 2009
ABC MEETING
7:00 pm
Coker's BBQ

May 16 & 17
ABC Tournament
O.H. Ivie
Sat. 5:00 – 2:00.
Sun. 5:00 – 2:00

COOKOUT CONTACT

Charlie Ford
Gary Vick

Greetings ABC members and families. Well nothing changed for this tournament. The weather was ideal right up to Friday. It rained and the wind blew on Saturday and if you were in the right place you even got hailed on. Sunday was the 20-30 mile an hour winds that we had to fight. I was glad to see everyone used caution and went home safe.

I want to welcome a few new members that joined at the meeting last month: Scott Schultz, Bill Strensrud and Michael Fickle. Michael will be fishing with his grandson. Scott and Bill are looking for partners. If you need a partner contact a tournament director or myself and we will get you with one of these guys. Thanks for choosing the Arlington Bass Club we are glad to have you guys.

Please make sure if you have a fish that is questionable for weigh-in you ask one of the tournament directors for the courtesy board. Then take it to your boat to measure the fish because when you get in line it is too late. There is a 1-pound penalty and the fish does not get weighed if it is not legal. So please measure them carefully.

Clay got new hats for the club and was able to sell 23 at the ramp on Saturday. There were a variety of colors and he is ordering more to have at the meeting for those that were not there. They will be \$10.00 each so see him at the meeting.

Due to the weather we were unable to have a cook out. I want to thank Brandon, Gary and Charlie for watching the weather and making this decision Friday. It would have been a wet mess or food loss to try this Saturday afternoon.

I want to wish all the members that are going to the Texas State Bass Tournament this week Good LUCK! Bring back some hardware to share with the rest of us.

Featured Anglers for May 2009



I met John Scarborough when I was working at Alcon. John was our IBM representative and I was the Data Center Operations manager and worked with John with our data center IBM computers. John came to me one day and said he had heard me talking a lot about the Arlington Bass club and told me he and his wife Jean were interested in joining a bass club. I invited them to come to a meeting and thought in my mind this would probably last less than 3 months. Jean and John grew up on the Texas coast bait fishing in saltwater as children. Jean learned to bass fish with a zebco rod and reel from a 2-man bass boat on Cedar Creek in the early 80's by reading books and watching TV. John and Jean joined our club in August of 1984 and have been loyal, supportive and dedicated members. John was tournament director in 1990 and Jean has been treasurer 6 times; 1986, 87, 89, 90, 91 and, 92 and secretary in 1988. Jean was thrilled and honored to receive the Arlington Bass Club "Sportsman of the Year" award in 1986. When Jean and John moved to Lake Athens in 1994, the club voted unanimously to make them honoree "Life Time Members" of the Arlington Bass Club. They are not able to make the club meetings, but they try and fish every tournament especially if they are in East Texas. If any one in the club ever notices, they are always the first boat put in at the ramp.

Jean and John lived in Arlington while he was working at IBM and had a 2nd home on Cedar Creek Lake from 1978 to 1993 where they loved fishing for sand bass. The ABC has had several memorable husband and wife tournaments from their home on Cedar Creek Lake and Lake Athens. When John retired from IBM they sold their homes in Arlington and Cedar Creek Lake and moved to a beautiful home on Lake Athens. Jean got bored fishing for sand bass and wanted to start fishing for black bass and that is why they joined the Arlington Bass Club. Jean and John are very dedicated bass fishers. Jean's favorite bait is a Senko and John's is a Pop-R. Other than Lake Athens their favorite lake is Cypress Springs (with hydrilla!). Jean's biggest bass was caught at Purtil Creek Lake during a paper tournament in 2000 weighing 10.91 lbs. John caught his biggest bass at Lake Murval in November of 1994 during an Arlington Bass Club prize tournament weighing 8.9 lbs. Jean loves to "move along" and cast to shallow vegetation and John is lazy and likes to drag a Carolina rigged lizard behind the boat. Jean says when John joined the ABC he had a few gray hairs and does not remember weighing in a fish the first two years. Now, he has a few white hairs left and can't remember where the last tournament was. Fishing is really recreational for Jean as it occupies her mind and body without being stressful. They have a short boat and a long-handled net now, because they both have to remain sitting when netting a fish.

Jean and John have been very instrumental and a big asset to the Arlington Bass Club for over 25 years. They love to entertain people at their beautiful home on Lake Athens and they are loved and appreciated by all the members of the Arlington Bass Club. I would like to personally thank John for proving me wrong by staying longer than 3 months in the ABC and thank John and Jean for their continuous commitment, love and dedication to the members and to making the Arlington Bass Club one of the best fellowship clubs in the state of Texas. We all wish you both many more years of getting up early and beating everyone to ramp at each tournament and the best fishing ever.

Gary Vick
Activities Director

April Tournament

Well the weather didn't keep the fish from biting. I heard of a lot of slot fish caught and that's always fun. We had 25 teams showed up that brought 62 fish to the scales that weighed a total of 95.1. The results are as follows:

Division I

First Place Barbara Potts & Bill Wilcox 17.75

Second Place Dan & Scott Dale 14.20

Third Place Chris Nunnelee & Wayne Hunsicker 10.85

Big Bass Chris Nunnelee 2.55

Division II results
First Place Ryker Homes & Dell Brown 2.10
Big Bass Ryker 2.05

Top Six after April

Jeff Franklin	43.86
Bill Wilcox	38.57
Bill Swiger	35.10
Brandon Adamcik	33.84
Bubba Sanders	33.72
Chris Nunnelee	28.90

May Tournament

We are headed to O.H. Ivie. This is a great place to fish and for those who have never made the trip you are missing out. We will go out of Elm Creek Village. Clay has secured some rooms for Friday and Saturday night, but you will need to call them and put your name on one 325-357-4776. I know there is a big tournament there on Saturday so Friday night and Saturday afternoon will be crowded. Call, or Clay will be letting the rooms go. Make sure to check the limits for this lake and you understand them because it is different.

Statewide fishing regulations apply for all species with the **exceptions** of largemouth and smallmouth bass. The minimum length limit for smallmouth bass is 18 inches. For largemouth bass, there is no minimum length, but anglers can keep only 2 per day that measure less than 18 inches. The daily bag limit for all black bass species combined is 5 per day, of which only 3 may be smallmouth bass.

May Meeting

Our meeting is Tuesday, May 5 at 7pm @ Cokers BBQ. Joe Venable has Terry Peacock coming to talk about jig fishing top to bottom. His sponsors are Nitro Boats, Mercury, Bass Pro Shops, V&M and Cyclone baits, Waterloo Rods and Perkins Diesel Performance. Please come early to eat and visit. Hope to see everyone there.