



# ARLINGTON BASS CLUB NEWSLETTER January 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

JAN 6, 2007  
ABC MEETING  
7:00 pm  
Coker's BBQ

JAN 17 & 18  
ABC Tournament  
LAKE FAIRFIELD  
Sat. 6:00 – 2:00.  
Sun. 6:00 – 2:00

### COOKOUT CONTACT

Charlie Ford  
Gary Vick

Greetings ABC members and families. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. I am ready to get 2009 started and get out on the water. I hope everyone is as ready as I am! Please join us January 6 at 7pm at Coker's BBQ for our first meeting of the year. There will not be a speaker so we can get memberships renewed but I will tell you Joe Venable has a great line up of speakers to come in the next months. So please join us for food, fun and STORIES!

The Awards Banquet was a great success, a special thanks to the kids for the entertainment. Just a reminder; Gene do not forget your floaties and make sure your partner has the NET ready. Gary do not forget those footed JAMMIES because our rooms this year only have AC.

One thing I want to try and do this year with the newsletter is to spot light someone in the club by writing an article about them. This will help everyone get to know some of our newest and older members a little better.

2008 was a great year for fish catching. Here is how the top six ended for Division I and look at these weights! What a battle!

1. Scott Dubee	131.42
2. Bill Wilcox	118.51
3. Gene Canney	91.28
4. Barbara Potts	83.41
5. Kevin Atkinson	68.76
6. Billy Rowland	67.28

2009 is going to be a great year for the Arlington Bass Club. The tournament directors have a great lake selection and I think we will see big weights again this year. The tournament directors will be making a change this year at weigh-in. **YOU MUST BE IN LINE WITH YOUR FISH AND PARTNER BY 2PM.** The line will close at 2pm and if you are not IN it then your fish will not be weighed. Please support them on this to help things move along quickly. Please stay for the cookouts on Saturday when Gary and Charlie cook. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other as well as eat some great food. We will be bringing back a raffle at the cookout to give away prizes for those who stay!

## **Special Thanks**

Guys I cannot tell you how excited I am about the website. We are already getting hits and questions about the club. Russell has done a fantastic job. There is a link for anyone that wants to email an officer. Please help me in saying "thanks" to Russell for all his hard work. I am proud when I tell someone to go visit our site and they are greeted with an up to date user-friendly site. Go check it out and do it often. Send any pictures or ideas you may have for the site to Russell. This will give people on the net looking for a fishing home a great way to have access and ask questions about our club and family!

## **Featured Angler For January 2009**



Jim Garrett joined the Arlington Bass Club in 1988. He has served on the board seven times in the past 21 years. He was angler of the year in 2000 and finished 5th in 2004. Jim loves to fish a plastic worm or a crank bait on East Texas lakes. His thoughts are "everyday you fish God gives you an extra day to live". Lake Fork yielded Jim's biggest fish of 8.5 lbs on a crank bait. The cast before he caught his lunker, he caught a 22 lb catfish on the same crank bait. Jim's son Kenny is his fishing partner and BEST friend. They have enjoyed many days on the water together as father, son and best friends. Kenny says they share a special relationship on and off the water and "he is the best father and friend I could ask for." Please help me welcome Jim as the newest Lifetime Member of the Arlington Bass Club. Jim thanks for your service and dedication to our organization.

## **January Tournament**

First tournament will be at Lake Fairfield. This will be a paper tournament so all fish under 18" can be recorded and all over will be brought to the scale NO EXCEPTIONS. Lake level is very low at this time so there could possibly be a change if there is no rain. Anyone that pre-fishes please report conditions to the tournament directors ASAP. Please be flexible for the first tournament just in case we need to change the location. We will discuss this at the first meeting. Do not forget to **BE IN THE WEIGH-IN LINE BY 2PM** with your fish and partner or your fish will not count.

Tournament directors will have accommodation recommendations at the meeting.

## **Arlington Tackle Show**

The Tackle Show is at the Arlington Convention Center January 8,9,10,and 11. We will need volunteers to help us promote the club and get new members. We had a GREAT time last year so please consider joining us for lots of fun. Times for the event will be discussed at January's meeting.

## **2009 Board Members**

President	Billy Rowland
Vice President	Clay Garret
Treasurer	Joyce LaHue
Activities Dir.	Gary Vick and Charlie Ford
Tournament Dir.	Bill Swiger, Gary Ronning, Bubba Sanders and Jeff Franklin
Program Dir.	Joe Venable
Sergeant at Arms	John LaHue
Web Master	Russell Hebert and Barbara Potts

We are here to serve the club so please come to any of us with ideas or concerns! You can always email us by going to [ArlingtonBassClub.org](http://ArlingtonBassClub.org).

Happy New Year!!!