



ARLINGTON BASS CLUB NEWSLETTER September 2009

President's Message

Greetings ABC members and families. I want to welcome James Hughes who has joined us! Glad to have you!

Well it's that time a year where you will need a new fishing license before the next tournament. We will have a few tournaments that require a lengthy drive so make sure to grease the bearings on your trailer. This is also a good time to check the on board fire extinguisher and make sure it is in the green or replace it.

Just a quick reminder that I have raffle tickets for the Lone Star Bass website raffle. There are many guided trips all over the state as well as merchandise to win. Tickets are \$10 each or 12 for \$100. The money is going to benefit a fellow fisherman and his family that lost his wife. I will have them at the meeting as well as the tournament.

Clay still has hats for \$10 each if anyone is interested. Please reserve your room at Reagan's ASAP because the Irving bass club will be there the same weekend fishing Cypress Springs. Clay has reserved rooms at Bullfrog for Lake of the pines but you will need to call and put it in your name. 903-755-2712

Please do not forget we will need volunteers to help with the kids tournament as well as donations of unused tackle ect....This will be September 26 from 8-12 at Joe Poole lake. We will have a camp site in Lloyd Park. We will need help with weigh-in as well as cooking the hotdogs for the kids. Come join us and help put smiles on a kids face.

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

Sept. 1, 2009
ABC MEETING
7:00 pm
Coker's BBQ

Sept 12, 13
ABC Tournament
Pat Cleburne
Sat. 5:00a-2:00p
Sun. 5:00a-2:00p

Cookout Contact

Charlie Ford
Gary Vick

Featured Angler for September 2009



This month I chose Joyce LaHue. In April 1990 John took me to Cypress Springs for the couple's tournament. This was the start of my fishing the club tournaments. And as they say, "that's the rest of the story."

I tease John that he created a monster when he took me to this great candy store in Springfield, MO. I believe it's called "The Original Bass Pro Shops". We spent 3 days in that store and I don't think we saw everything there. Boy did I come away from there with some of the neatest lures.

The club made some changes in the 90's and wives could pay extra and hold an office and even got a vote. So what happens right out of the chute? I was elected Secretary.

I have been an activity director several times, secretary, program director, and treasurer. That's about the time that some really good friends in the club decided that I could be president. Well I did it and gee the club is still standing. So don't think I did too badly there.

My involvement in the Kids Tournaments was gradual. I had no kids at home and no grandkids on the way so I was an onlooker. I would come to the kids tournaments and help with whatever needed doing. Before I knew it someone had asked me to do it one year. I can't remember who.

It takes a little time and effort but is well worth it. I cannot help myself when I see "Sales or Clearance" sign in the toy department. I look for buys all year round. I

have a stock of toys for the kids each year that will fit their age and sometimes spark a new interest or just something that they will enjoy.

I get more out of the Kids Tournament than they do. Just to see the excitement on their faces and the awe in their voices when they catch a fish is heart rendering. If we can keep the kids turned on to fishing, then we have accomplished a whole lot. These kids are the life blood of this club. Many kids have grown up and come back to us as new members. Even if they don't, they will always carry that memory of their first ribbon or their first trophy.

My oldest grandson proudly displays his ribbon. He got it when he was 6 years old and was told that he got the ribbon because he had come the farther than anyone else for the tournament. He lived in Colorado Springs at the time. He is still proud of that ribbon even though he is 18 years old and tries to fish every day. He catches quite a lot of fish too.

My own kids have left the nest and we are now working on the grand kids. Each of them loves fishing and so that will be our legacy.

August Tournament

Well the annual night tournament is in the books. We had 21 teams that caught 42 fish for 102.55 pounds. We had a great turn out as well as decent weather. I know it was hot till dark but after that there was a breeze and 92 degree water. Here are the results

Division I

First Place	James Painter & Brad Garrett	15.25
Second Place	Chris Nunnelee & Tommy Randall	15.05
Third Place	Terry Bollom & Shawn Temple	13.40
Big Bass	Chris Nunnelee	5.30

Division II results

First Place	Jake Shannon & Mike Fickle	6.05
Second Place	Dalton Lewis	1.85

Top Six after August

Scott Dubee	82.29
Jeff Franklin	75.21
Brandon Adamcik	64.93
Kevin Atkinson	62.07
Brad Garrett	60.57
Bubba Sanders	54.12

September Tournament

We are headed to Pat Cleburne September 12 and 13. We will use the east ramp. This is optional day format and the hours are 5am to 2pm.

September Meeting

Our meeting is Tuesday, September 1 at 7pm @ Cokers BBQ.

ARLINGTON BASS CLUB ANNUAL Kids Tournament SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

Location: JOE POOLE LAKE

Tournament weigh in: LOYD BOAT RAMP

CAMP SITE 207

Fishing times: 8AM TO NOON

Questions: Call Joyce LaHue at 817 938 8058 or jjlahue@aol.com

It is that time again. I need everyone to call or email and let me know the names and ages of the kids you will be bringing to the tournament. Remember it is open to all kids between the ages of 1-17.

Since our activity directors have done such a great job this year, I have not had many month prizes donated. **I do want to let everyone know that Bubba Sanders did donate the reel he won in August to the kid's tournament.** If you have any tackle available that you are not going to use, I know the kids would love to have it. It takes so little to make them smile so big.