



# **ARLINGTON BASS CLUB NEWSLETTER February 2008**

## **NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **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.

Barbara Potts  
817-238-0398

Gary Ronning  
682-518-5324

Bill Swiger  
817-465-0120

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

FEB 5, 2008  
ABC MEETING  
7:00 pm  
Cokers BBQ

FEB 23 & 24  
ABC Tournament  
Lake Palestine  
Sat. 6:00 – 2:00.  
Sun. 6:00 – 2:00

**COOKOUT**  
TBA

**CONTACT**  
TBA

What a busy month January was. First it was the Tackle Show and then the tournament at Fairfield. With respect to the Tackle Show, I want to thank every club member who helped out. Due to everyone's hard work we had a very successful show. I especially want to thank Billy Rowland who was there Thursday and Friday morning, most of the time by himself, setting things up and getting everything ready for the weekend. It was a busy four days for everyone who was there and we talked and met with a lot of people. Due to our efforts, I think we will be picking up some new members because of all of our hard work.

Secondly, we need to welcome all the new members who not only joined at our January Meeting but who also joined at the ramp at Lake Fairfield.

Our new members are

Last, but not least, we had our first tournament of the year and I think we got the year off to a great start! We had seventeen teams competing in our first ever paper tournament. Outside of the fog, we could not have asked for better January fishing weather.

A lot of fish were caught and weighed in and all seventeen teams weighed in fish. The tournament highlight was provided by Joel Mixon, who on Saturday, brought in a nice bass that weighed 8.85 pounds. Sunday's excitement was brought to us by Gene and Scott. They brought in four really nice red fish, the biggest weighed 11.25 pounds. Combined with the red fish that they had, plus James Chesser caught on Saturday after weigh in, they have enough fish for a nice little fish fry. Nice way to redeem yourself Gene after Saturday's adventure at the ramp.

For everyone that missed the cookout, you should be kicking yourself. Joe and Bryan made some terrific Taco soup. It was the perfect dish for a slightly chilly day. We have some great laughs and one of the best campsite meals I have ever had. Thanks Joe and Bryan for the hard work you put into the meal.

The tournament was won by Bill Wilcox and Barbara Potts. They had ten fish weighing 27.87 pounds. Second place is Bubba Sanders and Jeff Franklin with a nine fish total of 24.20 pounds. John LaHue and Joel Mixon took third with

six fish weighing 20.70 pounds. Joel took big fish with his Saturday's beast of 8.85 pounds.

While we were there, four other tournaments were going on. After we got done with our weigh-in, I went over and watched the other clubs to see how they ran things. Some of the stuff I saw going on by some people in the other clubs was crazy and disheartening. The thing that I was most disappointed in was watching a gentleman walk from the very top of the ramp area with a fish however it was not in a weigh bag and water. After a few minutes of watching, I realized that the members in this club have a true respect for what we do. For that, I want to thank everyone for their true sportsmanship. In the short time I have been in this club, I have never seen anyone have such little disregard for the sport that we all love. Let's remember that our actions speak louder than words and people are always watching.

After Round 1 the Top 6 looks like this.

Joel Mixon – 16.47 pounds  
Bubba Sanders – 14.81 pounds  
Barbara Potts – 14.26 pounds  
Bill Wilcox – 13.61 pounds  
John Rooks – 12.51 pounds  
James Chesser – 12.50 pounds

## **FEBURARY TOURNAMENT**

Our next tournament will be at Lake Palestine February 23 and 24. . Weigh-in will be at the Lake Palestine Campground. Legal fishing hours are 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM both Saturday and Sunday, with 14" minimum of all fish brought into weigh-in. This is our first of four 2-Day Tournaments.

For all of our new members on our 2-Day Tournaments we count both Saturday's and Sunday's weight to determine the top three places.

The two closet hotels are Lake Palestine Campgrounds @ 903-876-2253, or Lake Palestine Motor Inn @ 903-876-4711.

Normally we have our cookout at Coffee Landing. As everyone probably knows, the place burned down last year and will not be rebuilt. Instead of eating there, we will have a cookout provided by Joe Venable and John LaHue. Cost will be \$5.00 per person.


## **FEBURARY MEETING**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday February 5 at 7:00 PM @ Cocker's BBQ.

Bob Hubbard has lined up a great guest speaker for this month's meeting. We will have Cheryl Bowden, current Women's Bassmaster Angler. She will be discussing what life is like on the professional fishing circuit and showing us some of her sponsor's products. After that she will be answering any questions we might have.

Reminder: This meeting will be the last time we can buy raffle tickets to fish with Bill Wilcox and be on his show. Tickets are \$5.00 a piece.

I look forward to seeing everyone there

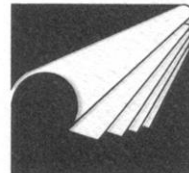


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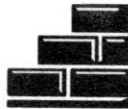
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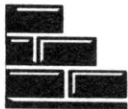
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