

Columbia River Bassmasters



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April 2014

*** APRIL MEETING***

Who Song & Larry's

Tuesday, April 1st @ 7PM

111 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver

Meeting Agenda

Call meeting to order/Guest Intro	-----Jeff
Meeting Minutes	-----Gary
Fishing Reports	-----Members
BASS/FLW Report	-----Zip
Treasurer's Report	-----Chuck
Early Spring Bassin	-----Renaud

OLD BUSINESS

Tournament Rule Changes	-----Jeff & Gary
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BREAK

NEW BUSINESS

Past President	-----Gary
Tournament Draw	-----Mark

First Tournament

It has finally arrived. The first club tournament of the year is scheduled for 19 April out of Celilo Park. The chances for some big Columbia River SM are great this time of the year. Renaud Pelletier will be talking to the club at the April about early spring SM fishing on the Columbia River. I am sure we all look forward to hear Renaud share some of his vast knowledge on the subject. Make sure your Club Dues and B.A.S.S. dues are up to date before the draw on April 1st if you want to fish in this tournament. Chuck, Gary, and Mark will be checking.

Tournament Rule Changes

The following is a summary of Tournament Rule Changes passed during the March meeting. 1. It was determined that family members would be permitted to fish the Classic. 1.1 It was decided that a guest could fish as a boater or non-boater as long as one member of the team is a member however guests may not fish the Classic. 3. Approved concept of trying to ensure that no non-boater is left out more than once per season. The exact implementation wording would be provided at the April meeting. 3.E Wording was added to help ensure that the Tournament Director is notified if anyone needs to cancel his/her tournament participation. 5. Approved wording to indicate that failure to follow club rules is subject to possible discipline and that all members have a responsibility to report rule violations. We also approved that it is OK to have a beer/drink after the official tournament time has expired to include the weigh in line. 12. Officially changed the Classic name to "Don Abbott Classic". Family members may fish if they meet the same qualification standard as regular members. Draw procedure was simplified to indicate same as regular tournaments except guests not allowed.

Tournament Rule Changes (Cont)

15. Changed the number of tournaments required to qualify for AOY to be more than half of the club events. 22. Complaints and Protests will be dealt with by the on site board members at the event. Additional proposed changes to be discussed at the April Meeting include a proposal to have an Angler of the Year and a Co-Angler of the Year. There is also a proposal for changing the points spread for the top three finishers and a proposal for Big Fish points.

Other March Meeting Items

New Members for 2014: Sheri Abbott, Mike Ieletzky, Bob Judkins, Delbert Kail, and Adam McGinnis. Please welcome these new members and show them what a great club we have. We had a nice talk from the SW WA Warmwater Fisheries manager, Stacy Kelsey who talked about enhancements efforts regarding warmwater fisheries and also talked about grass carp eradication efforts. We also learned that brussel sprouts are a great bait for grass carp. Next time you go to Silver lake, give it a try but please do not release what you catch.

Expense Sharing

By Tournament Director Mark Forbes

We are just about to begin the tournament season. The first draw is just a few days away. I sent a length email on this topic, but I wanted to reiterate it in the newsletter.

We all know that tournament fishing is expensive. We all know that club policy is to split operating expenses, which includes gas for the truck and boat, and oil for the boat. If you don't own a boat, you may not be aware that 2-cycle oil has jumped from an average of \$20/gallon 3 years ago to an average of \$35/gallon today. Gas continues to fluctuate.

I receive about one complaint per year from a boater who wasn't fully reimbursed, but this past year (including the off season) I received multiple complaints, so we need to address this. One non-boater actually told a boater he should pay less because he caught more fish! YIKES!

Folks, if you don't pay half, you are expecting the boater to pay for you because the cost doesn't change. That is wrong!

I calculated the costs of an average fishing day and the results are below. This includes driving to the ramp, running the boat for 45-60 minutes during the day, and oil for that running time. Some may run more, some less. Of course, operating expenses are really a small percentage of the cost of owning a boat, so I'm expecting everyone to contribute the below amounts unless your boater tells you it is different. If you and the boater decide to do a run 'n gun day, you as the non-boater should be aware it will be more expensive.

Tournament Location Half of Operating Expenses (not including entry fee)

Location	Expense	Location	Expense
Celilo	\$75	Cascade Locks	\$53
Hood River	\$62	Kalama	\$48
Boones Ferry	\$49	The Dalles	\$67
Silver Lake	\$57	Swan Island	\$45

Thanks for your cooperation!
Mark

2014 Schedule Update (Approved at March Meeting)

Date	Day	Location	Sunrise	Moon	Drive Time	Backup
April 19	Sat	Celilo Park	6:17	77%	1:35	H Hagg
May 17	Sat	Hood River	5:37	88%	1:15	Swan Is
May 31/June 1	Sat/Sun	Silver Lake	5:21	68%	1:10	none
June 21	Sat	Boones Ferry	5:20	28%	:45	none
July 12	Sat	Cascade Locks	5:35	100%	:45	Swan Is
August 2	Sat	Kalama	5:55	37%	:45	Boones Ferry
August 30	Sat	Celilo Park	6:28	23%	1:35	Swan Is
Sept 20/21	Sat/Sun	Prineville Res	6:45	72%	3:45	none
October 18	Sat	The Dalles	7:30	23%	1:30	H Hagg
October 25	Sat	Don Abbott Classic	7:40	3%	TBD	none

Note that the NWCC is being held on October 11th, therefore the last two events were rescheduled.