

Columbia River BASSMASTERS



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*** MEETING ***

Tuesday July 5th 7:00PM
Who Song and Larry's
111 SE Columbia Way
Vancouver, Washington
See You There!!!

Next CRB Tourny
Cascade Locks, Oregon or
Stevenson, WA. Sunday July 17th
(Decision at July 5th meeting)

June Meeting Agenda

- Call meeting to order-Todd
- Introduce Officers-Board
- Welcome new and prospective members-Todd
- Treasures report-Chuck
- Get to know about-Pro prospective members
- Old business-Board
- New business-Board
- Tournament Fishing During Spawn – Jim Miller
- Draw Stevenson, Washington or Cascade Locks, Oregon - Mark
- Break
- Presentation on rods-Brian Timm
- Close-Mix and mingle

Silver Lake Fishes Tough For CRB in June

Silver Lake Washington and a beautiful day it was on this lake that is known for some big limits; not to be for our June tournament there! Renaud Pelletier and his partner Joe Badolato were this only team of 12 teams who brought a limit to the scales. Their 11.95 bag was good enough for first place. They commented that they only had 6 keepers on the lake's winning best colors of blue&black ("hematoma") on down baits with Beavers and Jigs. 2nd place team of Casey Capps and a new CRB club member Gregor Pierce, fishing his first tournament with us at Silver Lake (but far from his first bass tournament, since he's from the Delta, California his proficiency was valuable "flippin"), weighed 4 keepers at 9.11 (worth mentioning that Casey had a 4 + L/M on a Senko as part of their 4 keepers). Casey considers Silver Lake to be a "home" Lake and has had many big Large Mouth to prove it over the years. Stop by the Marina there to see the photos, wow!! Third place, with their home within walking distance from Silver Lake, was the very cordial hosts, if you will, of Randy and Don Abbott. Their 3 bass weighed in at 8.02 with a 3.40 kicker. Randy went on bass fishing in July at a local pond and caught a 10+ pound L/M!! Sure could have used that fish at Silver Lake, Randy! Big bass for this event was from Shon Childers, Shon pitched a black&blue Beaver to a beautiful 4.17lb L/M, just one 100th from Casey's 4.16!! All in all, it's a great lake and many stayed at Streeter's Resort Camp Grounds there to enjoy Silver Lake even more! No keepers in my boat (one of four who "blanked"), but really enjoyed a great pre-fish! I will be back to Silver again as I am sure many of us will!



Renaud and Joe hold up part of their winning limit at 11.95lbs.



Casey's 4.16# Large Mouth at Silver Lake.



Shon's big fish at our event at 4.17lbs.

Randy Abbott caught a double-digit bass from a local pond. His story and report for us of this great bass:

“I actually ended up catching that fish out of my Jon boat and with no net! It was at a small pond near my house, so we couldn't get the Ranger in there. She was in a big patch of Lily Pads and hit a yellow Spro frog in about 5ft. of water. I was fishing that day with a buddy of mine that had never fished bass before, and believe me, he will now. We got her weighed by a gentleman on the bank (she turned out to be 10.1 and a half) and brought her back to where we got her to be released. We caught a few more up to 3lbs. but none as big as her. Even though I was not in my Ranger, it was still a very memorable fish.”



A C.R.B. “Turkey Shoot” Saga at Bingen, WA

Our CRB club president, Todd Martinez, knew like all members of our club that it was to be (due to schedule conflicts) a long time between club tournaments. So he contacted some board members and thought it would be a good idea to have a “fun-fish” before, a long awaited July 17th event. It didn’t take long for many of us to get with that plan. Eight teams arrived at Bingen Harbor for this pick your own partner fun fish event. At 6:30am all boats idled out together and took on a river that was big, cold, stained. The river was somewhere in the spawning cycle at 59 degrees and full with heavy run-off and heavy wind in the afternoon. Thomas Bookman said he would share the Hood River Islands with Zip and his son. Weeds had not yet grown in and a couple hours were all they needed to get a limit. Four good fish and a kicker. All on crank-baits. Thomas put one in the box with a spinner-bait. The teams began to scatter, but Brian Timm didn’t have to go too far. Fishing alone, he cranked 13.42lbs was only enough for 3rd. Ed Chin believes he had 15lbs, but he had to leave an hour before weigh-in. Finally, after a long morning lull just catching keepers, Zip and Tristan ran down river and got into their fish. Strikes on big bright cranks that nearly ripped the rod out of their hands. At the scale they weighed the bag of keepers for 5.99lbs. (?) Everybody laughed. Tristan went and got their sack, and it was the winner with 14.75lbs. But it was time to have some more fun! Jim Miller fished with Gabe Cheek. After having a slow morning of approximately 9lbs. (5 fish with a lot of 12” and 13” Bucks). They headed for protected waters of “Saw Mill” Cove near the log stacks in back of cove. When Jim got to the back of the cove his graph lit up with arch’s like a Lowrance training seminar! Fish were everywhere from 10’ to 15’ bottom. Jim + Gabe ran into Brian Timm who was well on his way to culling his 13+ pound limit. Meanwhile Jim and Gabe had “doubles” soon on cranks. Jim pulled a dart head grub out, and on first cast he hooked a fish that made his drag “sing”. At the net they discovered many of those arch’s on the Lowrance were Walleyes apparently moving into spawn. Ten casts later and another 5lb class Walleye was on and in the live-well. Gabe + Jim agreed let’s put some more of these “eyes” in the frying pan (if you have never eaten Walleye.. they are in fact one of the best eating fish in fresh water!). So, an hour passes and only one more hook-up; back to bass fishing. A 2 + on a blade for Jim and Gabe gets three bass well over 2 and a 3 + on a red crank (in the last half hour at 2pm in Marina). Now they have over 12 pounds and a call to Mark Forbes who confesses he thinks he has near 14lbs, and they knew that Brian had more than they did so they released all of their limit outside Marina in legal water distance. So, let’s have some fun with these Walleyes at the scales. Word was out that Randy and his son had a 14lb bag. Why not say that the Miller boat had two fives (well it was the truth) in their limit, when asked were they Large Mouth? Reply, nope! Jim + Gabe weighed last with Randy thinking possibly his 14.75 bag might not be big enough for first place. Jim came to the CRB scales and lifted out two Walleyes to the scales at near 10lb’s! Randy laughed and took a deep breath with his first place victory. Eating those Walleyes brought back a lot of memories for Jim as his dad and he caught them regularly in Iron Mountain, Michigan when he was young... But never saw them in a bass event at the scales (LOL!!!) Congrats Randy on your great 14.75lb bag!



Tristan and dad (Zip 1st place weight at 14.75lbs!



Brian, with a pair of 3lb SmallmMouth.



Michael Parker with a pair of nice smallies.



Jim Miller with a pair of 5lb walleyes.

Columbia River Bassmasters Silver Lake Results

June 4, 2011

PLACE	Boater	Non-boater	Big Fish	Total Weight	AOY Points*
1	Renaud Pelletier	Joe Badolato		11.95	100
2	Casey Capps	Gregor Pierce		9.11	96
3	Don Abbott	Randy Abbott		8.02	92
4	Shon Childers	Gabe Cheek	4.17	6.53	88
5	Mark Forbes	Bob Larrimer		5.7	84
6	Ken Ponder	Rich Lockhart		4.82	80
7	Colby Botts	Rob Allen		0.98	76
8	Jim Miller	Ed Chin		0	56
8	Tim Ihle	Jody Cagle		0	56
8	Pat Raul	Scott Almon		0	56
8	Rob Simmons	George Zelaya		0	56
8	Zip Decker	Tristan Decker		0	56

Columbia River Bassmasters Angler of the Year, 2011

Best **FOUR** tournaments are scored.
(**These** tournaments are excluded)

Scoring:

1st	100
2nd	96
3rd	92
4th	88
etc.	less 4
No Weight	20 less than minimum weight

Rank	Current Points	Angler	Cullaby Lake 3/19/2011 Place Pts	CFC 4/2/2011 Place Pts	Lake Celilo 4/23/2011 Place Pts	Swan Island 5/15/2011 Place Pts	Silver Lake, WA 6/4/2011 Place Pts
1	388	Joe Badolato	88	68	100	100	100
2	356	Rob Allen	96	92	76	92	76
3	348	Don Abbott	84		84	88	92
3	348	Randy Abbott	84		84	88	92
5	340	Tim Ihle	100	68	92	80	56
5	340	Gabe Cheek	100	68	72	80	88
7	336	Shon Childers	56	68	96	96	88
8	332	Zip Decker	56	92	100	84	56
9	316	Colby Botts	76		68	96	76
10	280	Gary Estes	92		88	100	
11	260	Jim Miller	56	68	76	60	56
11	260	Mark Forbes	56		60	60	84
13	232	Michael Parker	56	96	80		
13	232	Joe Doyle	80		92	60	
15	228	Bob Larimer	56		88		84
16	212	Chuck Smith	56		96	60	
17	200	Ed Chin	76	68			56
18	196	Nick Fitzsimmons	96	100			
18	196	Rich Lockhart	56			60	80
20	184	George Zelaya			68	60	56
21	180	Renaud Pelletier	80				100
22	164	Tom Hartshorn			72	92	
23	144	Todd Martinez	56	88			
23	144	Rob Simmons	88				56
25	140	Pat Rall				84	56
26	112	Jody Cagle	56				56
27	80	Ken Ponder					80
28	64	Jim Massey			64		
29	60	Sherry Lohse			60		
30	56	Don Randolph	56				

Tournament Director's Corner

Hey folks...great tournament at Silver Lake. July looks like fun in the Bonneville pool. Everyone who has been out has landed a lot of fish! The close finish for big fish at Silver has me thinking about a rule change for next year. I'm thinking that any difference between fish less than 1/10 lb. be called a "tie". I think a fish could have that much water in it. I'd appreciate your opinions...let me know at the meeting or via email. See you in July for our next tournament!