

# Columbia River BASSMASTERS

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**May 2011**

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**Remember: You must be present at the meeting for the Tournament Draw, or notify the Tournament Director BEFORE the meeting to fish the monthly tournament.**

**\*\*\* MEETINGS \*\*\***

**Tuesday May 3, 7:00 PM**

CRB Draw for Willamette (Swan Island) May 15

*This date of May 15 is a SUNDAY tournament*

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111 SE Columbia Way

Vancouver, Washington

**TWO CRB MEETINGS IN MAY**

Next Meeting: May 31 (Tuesday)

The above meeting date of May 31 is our meeting

for our Silver Lake, WA CRB Event on Sat. June 4

The draw for this event will be held at this meeting.

**SEE YOU THERE!!**

**LET'S TALK ABOUT CELILO!!**

OK, we will do just that, but understand that we just experienced the worst Spring weather in record keeping history. Finally, after this event the "Fish Gods" allowed CRB to go out on the Celilo pool without wind and rain as it has been in the past for two months. Randy "Zip" Decker and his draw partner Joe Badolato executed their plan on flats with less current, near underwater breaks, with scattered boulders and rocks. They cranked two in the morning on flats and then switched to dark colored tubes and fished a little deeper for the remainder of the day. They rotated three spots with rests in between. They had a limit by nine-thirty and were culling 3lb fish by noon with only ounces between each fish. Then Joe set the hook on a fish over four pounds. This allowed for the solid consistent bag of 16.53lb, which was more than 2lb over second place for their First Place finish!

**Meeting Agenda**

- Call meeting to order*                      Todd
- Welcome new and prospective members                      Todd
- Introduce Officers                      Todd
- Youth Report                      "Zip"
- BASS/FLW Report                      Ed C.
- Treasurers Report                      Chuck
- Tournament Updates                      Mark
- Celilo overview "Zip"/Joe/Shon
- BASS Upper Willamette                      Nick
- Swan Island Preview                      Shon/Todd
- BREAK..10 Minutes PLEASE!!
- Pres. Corner "Gear Ratios"                      Todd
- OLD BUSINESS                      Board
- New Weigh Bags                      Mark
- NEW BUSINESS                      Board
- Suggestions for CRB                      Members
- Update/Lacamas Cleanup                      Todd
- Early Meeting for May                      Todd
- Appointments/2012 CFC                      Todd
- DRAW for Swan Island                      Mark



"Zip" with one of the many 3# bass!



Joe with his 4#+ Smallmouth.



## SECOND PLACE 14.08#

Pictured to the left is Shon Childers holding two 3lb fish that he caught from the backseat of Chuck Smith's boat. Shon, as you know, is a multi AOY with CRB, normally fishing from his Ranger. As you also may know Shon "blew" his Yamaha in the CFC, and he drew out backseat with Chuck and it didn't matter. They did not pre-fish and found this 14lb weight culling many quality fish, thru three limits. I spoke to Chuck and he wanted me to express what a pleasant day he had from his back seat as he let Shon run the front. They primarily fished rock flats in 3ft-12ft. They caught almost all of their fish on half ounce Red Eye Shad in crawdad and shad pattern and 3# bass at the marina entrance!



## THIRD PLACE 13.19#

Here's Joe Doyle holding up two quality small mouth from their limit that he caught from the back seat of Tim Ihle's Ranger. Tim and Joe threw hard baits in the rattle trap variety, mixed in with select crank baits. They, like many anglers in this event, experienced a tough morning with the bite coming on stronger in the afternoon making the needed adjustments from other baits they were throwing earlier. Joe may be new to CRB, but not new to catching quality smallmouth as you can see here! With help from you, Joe, Tim has now moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the season with 92 points from this event and a big 264 points overall! When the non-boater is putting fish in the live well like the ones you have caught here this really helps the team's 5 fish limit!



## GARY ESTES WITH HIS 4.44# SM

I spoke with Gary on the phone about his 4.44 big fish for the Celilo event. He did have the opportunity to pre-fish this event with his draw partner, Bob Larimer. They fished on the Friday before our tournament and had an above average pre-fish. I was surprised to find that Gary had only fished Celilo four times. They proved their ability by going out and culling a solid 11.43# along with this big fish of 4.44#. She was caught on a custom jig in 12 feet of water in crawdad pattern. I enjoyed speaking with Gary as we spoke about many common subjects of fishing in California. I did not know that Gary had fished as many places there as I have and we spoke for quite a while about this.

## NEWS LETTER EDITOR'S REVIEW OF CELILO

Hard to believe that we just completed our third CRB event with Celilo. I mentioned at the beginning of our newsletter that the Pacific Northwest has seen some record braking temperatures and rain totals, and still today as I write these words we will see a record broken for "lowest high temperature" at 52 degrees! This trend should of, by the text book, have effected our Celilo fish catch more than it did...but along came a beautiful, rare windless day, and bang the CRB anglers brought them to the scales! Every angler caught bass and some of you were culling three pound species to get your winning bags! I, like most CRB anglers, did not get a prefish. Thanks to a grest draw in my partner being Rob Allen, he put us on fish that I could not! I had two lucky bites with a swim bait and one on a grub, as my unfortunate partner lost three lures that I am sure would have helped our bag had he been able to break them free from the snags. However, I believe, "Not hanging up..not catching bass"! Sure enjoyed the day!



## “BUCKET LIST” BASSING

The same week as our Celilo event last year our CRB club was fishing The Dalles. My first prefish before the event (2 weeks out) was simply fantastic! I had blade fish and crank fish, many over three pounds and two fours! The week before our tourney I got a call from one of my oldest and dearest fishin’ buddies who informed me he was going to be in town the same weekend as our CRB event. Take into consideration he has never fished the Columbia for smallies and my prefish and I go to our club meeting and ask to be taken out of the draw and be allowed to just weigh in what ever we would catch, as club rules are quite clear that before the draw we can not choose our partners. Pictured here are the results. A 4.51 and a 3.20 caught by my friend Lee, from Helena, Montana part of our 15.78 bag! A classic Jack Nicolson movie in mind for me of fulfilling a “bucket list”!



## Mr. Pelletier’s Record Six

I received this photo of CRB long time club member Renaud with what I was told was the largest smallmouth he had ever caught from the Columbia, a 6+ species! As many years as I had known that Renaud has been fishing the Columbia I would have thought for sure he would have many over six...not the case, however. I attempted to call him before printing of the newsletter and we never hooked up to verify, but the photo is worth a thousand words, indeed! I do feel certain that he has lost track of the amount of fours and certainly some fives he has taken from the Columbia. This fish was caught, now four weeks ago, in the Hood River pool on a tube bait, as I understand the story! He was pre-fishing an upcoming Pro Team event there and certainly wished that it could have shown up then, but none-the-less, WOW

## THRILL OF BASS FISHING ON THE MIGHTY COLUMBIA



The remarkable photo shown above is a shot of Zip’s 19ft Triton with he and his partner plowing waves in the 2011 CFC Tourny. This picture was taken by our CRB Weigh-master, Mark Forbes, with a high power telephoto lens from the shoreline on the Washington side of the Hood River pool. Needless to say many CRB anglers faced this challenge in our invitational tournament and for that matter 3 to 4 foot waves become a part of the pre-fish as well as the event itself. Obviously it is no place for the novice bass fisherman. I ached for two days after this event fighting waves smaller than shown here with my knowledgeable CRB partner and friend Ed Chin in my Ranger. I’d like to say that the pain was worth the pleasure for Randy as well as my self but that was not the case for either of us. Congrats to Nick Simmons, new to our club, but found the right places going thru similar waves in this event to find his way to a well deserved victory and 100 big points. I can recall Nick at our meeting making the statement that he went thru over 30 jigs to catch his winning bag and one of the comments from a club member was, “Hell, I don’t even own that many jigs”!! Similar water to above took out Shon’s Yamaha on his 20ft Ranger early on this event as he had a rogue wave “submarine” his boat!

## Results and Angler of the Year Standings as of May 1, 2011

Location: **Lake Celilo, OR/WA**

Date: **April 23, 2011**

PLACE	Boater	Non-boater	# fish	Big Fish	Weight	Points*
1	Zip Decker	Joe Badolato	5	3.85	16.53	100
2	Chuck Smith	Shon Childers	5	3.83	14.08	96
3	Tim Ihle	Joe Doyle	5		13.19	92
4	<b>Gary Estes</b>	Bob Larimer	5	<b>4.44</b>	11.43	88
5	Don Abbot	Randy Abbott	5		11.30	84
6	Michael Parker	Son	5	3.36	11.14	80
7	Jim Miller	Rob Allen	5		10.59	76
8	Tom Hartshorn	Gabe Cheek	5		10.05	72
9	Colby Botts	George Zelaya	4	3.46	9.63	68
10	Jim Massey	Son	5		9.04	64
11	Mark Forbes	Sherri Lohse	3		3.15	60

Rank	Current Points	Angler	Cullaby Lake 3/19/2011 Place Pts	CFC 4/2/2011 Place Pts	Lake Celilo 4/23/2011 Place Pts
1	264	Rob Allen	96	92	76
2	260	Tim Ihle	100	68	92
3	256	Joe Badolato	88	68	100
4	248	Zip Decker	56	92	100
5	240	Gabe Cheek	100	68	72
6	232	Michael Parker	56	96	80
7	220	Shon Childers	56	68	96
8	200	Jim Miller	56	68	76
9	196	Nick Fitzsimmons	96	100	
10	180	Gary Estes	92		88
11	172	Joe Doyle	80		92
12	168	Don Abbott	84		84
13	168	Randy Abbott	84		84
14	152	Chuck Smith	56		96
15	144	Colby Botts	76		68
16	144	Ed Chin	76	68	
17	144	Todd Martinez	56	88	
18	144	Bob Larimer	56		88
19	116	Mark Forbes	56		60
20	88	Rob Simmons	88		
21	80	Renaud Pelletier	80		
22	72	Tom Hartshorn			72
23	68	George Zelaya			68
24	64	Jim Massey			64
25	60	Sherry Lohse			60
26	56	Rich Lockhart	56		
27	56	Don Randolph	56		
28	56	Jody Cagle	56		

**NOTE: Although we give a big fish prize at each tournament, we voted to not include big fish points for AOY. These results are corrected.**