

# Columbia River Bassmasters

## APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER



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**CABIN FEVER CLASSIC:** The 7th annual CFC will be held Saturday, April 2, 2011 from the Hood River launch ramp. You can download an information [FLYER](#) about the event and rules, and an [ENTRY](#) form. The winning team will share the **\$1,500** prize sponsored by [VANCOUVER TOYOTA](#). Big Fish of the tournament will receive the **\$250** cash prize courtesy of [Pacific Boatland](#). **NOTE:** Early entries to take advantage of the discount must be RECEIVED by Wed. March 30

## C.R.B. CULLABY LAKE. 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE 7.94lbs!



*Gabe Cheek with winning bag*

Gabe Cheek stepped into CRB VP Tim Ihle's Ranger bass boat on the morning of our first CRB event at Cullaby, never realizing (but wishing) that he could contribute to his partner (Tim) with a few fish. Little did he know that his two bass, which he would catch on two consecutive casts, would be enough to win the event. Tim only could be the "net man" and now he was doing the wishing for some bass to contribute to Gabe's two! Not to be, as Tim, like 19 other CRB anglers "blanked", the dreaded word in bass tournaments. Super job Gabe in your first CRB victory as a "backseater"! We look forward to hearing from you in person at our next CRB Meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>, more of the story, and how it felt to "be in the moment" at Cullaby!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE TAKEN WITH ONE BASS.... A 6.95 "HOG"!!!



*Nick Fitzsimmons with Big Fish of the tourney*

Nick Fitzsimmons bass with a fish that will quickly put him into contention for the big bass of the season CRB award as a bass that will "set the bar" to possibly not be topped! Nick was with a "seasoned" CRB angler, Rob Allen (his backseater) who could only be a "net man" also for the day...and watch as Nick took the "chatterbait" from the mouth of this large Northern bass! 96 points go out to both anglers, Nick and Rob for this one bass, so Rob cannot be feeling too bad about a personal "blank" for this event! What's particularly amazing, when you look at our CRB "stats" (on another page to follow), is that beyond this 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish, all any angler needed was one bass to get a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish, but it had to weigh more than 5.13!! What an achievement for our 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher Gary Estes, fishing like many here in his first CRB event at Cullaby Lake, Oregon!!

## HERE IS 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE WITH A “MERE” 5.13lb CULLABY BASS!!



Mr. Gary Estes, no stranger to the bass fishing tournament circuit was looking to have his first CRB event be memorable and he put the hook on his “down bait” to this beautiful 5.13 fish. He knew that with CRB anglers with admirable and proven bass pros like Renaud Pelletier, “local” Todd Martinez (our CRB Prez), and “no stranger” to big bass on Cullaby, Ed Chin (who has caught a 10+ pound bass from this lake), and our CRB Angler of the Year, Shon Childers, Gary would certainly need more than one bass to get a reasonable finish....no way...yes, “way” as this one fish was in fact all he needed for 3<sup>rd</sup> place! Congrats Mr. Estes and welcome to the Columbia River Bassmasters “elite” club, as just mentioned here!

## A “HISTORY PHOTO” OF 26 CRB ANGLERS AT CULLABY LAKE



Do not have enough CRB historical records available to me to know for certain that 13 CRB boats and 13 non-boaters pictured here breaks or ties any “largest turnout” records...but I will bet that it comes darn close! (*Ed. Note: Largest in about 6 years*) Fellow CRB anglers we have a unique opportunity in the 2011 Season to break this record on upcoming events on our home Columbia River events, and I feel certain we will do just that. So, be part of CRB history and show up for the upcoming events that are planned! Please bring a new potential member to CRB to any meeting so that we can continue to grow!

Remember we fish Celilo on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, this should be an exceptional event with a “host” of large smallmouth bass, see you there!! NEXT CLUB MEETING: April 5<sup>th</sup> at Who Song and Larry’s (7PM)

## CRB COMMENTARY FROM THE NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR!

With a great deal of pleasure I bring this important communication tool to you and all who wish to enjoy the updates of our bass club. I have been tournament bass fishing for over 30 years and it is great to be back to the club level once again to share and contribute to the growth of all bass anglers at any level in our sport! Can tell you from experience that a bass club is only as strong as its membership and I foresee that CRB can be one of the finest organized clubs in the Pacific Northwest, but it can only continue as we have just began in our first event at Cullaby Lake, with “participation” and contribution of the membership! Look forward to the best ever season! — Jim Miller

## Columbia River Bassmasters Tournament Weigh-In Sheet

Location: **Cullaby Lake, OR**

Date: **March 19, 2011**

Boater	Non-boater	# fish	Big Fish/Angler	Total Weight	PLACE	AOY Points*
Tim Ihle	Gabe Cheek	2		7.94	1	100
Nick Fitzsimmons	Rob Allen	1	<b>6.95 Nick</b>	6.95	2	96
Gary Estes	Guest	1		5.13	3	92
Rob Simmons	Joe Badolato	1		4.65	4	88
Don Abbott	Randy Abbott	1		4.29	5	84
Renaud Pelletier	Joe Doyle	1		3.67	6	80
Colby Botts	Ed Chin	1		2.91	7	76
Don Randolph	Rich Lockhart	0			8	56
Shon Childers	Mark Forbes	0			8	56
Chuck Smith	Todd Martinez	0			8	56
Michael Palmer	Jody Cagle	0			8	56
Jim Miller	Bob Larimer	0			8	56
Zip Decker	Tristan Decker	0			8	56