

# Columbia River BASSMASTERS

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**May 2012**

## NEXT CRB TOURNAMENT

**May 12<sup>th</sup> at Riffe Lake, WA**

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### \*\*\* MEETING \*\*\*

Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at 7pm  
**Who Song and Larry's  
111 SE Columbia Way  
Vancouver, Washington**

### May Meeting Agenda

- Call meeting to order.....Tim
  - Intro of CRB Officers.....Tim
  - Intro of guests .....Tim
  - BASS/FLW Report.....Ed Chin
  - Treasurer Report.....Chuck S.
- OLD BUSINESS
- April Meeting Recap.....Tim
  - Celilo Results/Awards.....Mark
  - CRB Shirts/Hats.....Mark/Jim
  - Bag Ratio Tally at Weigh-ins ...Jim M.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Tournament cost sharing.....Tim
- Encroachment review.....Tim
- Riffe Lake Highlights.....Mark
- Riffe Lk.(draw for partners)...Mark
- Discuss other New Business....Tim

### FISHERMAN'S CORNER

- Know and Grow Segment...Jim M.

The "Top 3" from the Celilo event will give details and show lures that gave them their winning weights on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

### APRIL MEETING RECAP

The April CRB meeting had above average attendance with thirty seven in attendance of current and perspective members and guests in attendance. Prez Tim introduced them accordingly. Mark Forbes (CRB TD) made it aware to club that he was contacted by another club to fish an open this month at Pot Holes. See Mark for details. Ken Ponder asked club members to fish April 28<sup>th</sup> with his other club, Lewis Bass Club Open. Reanud Pellitier gave an excellent presentation on his FLW trip to Bull Shoals back south.

While he did not move on from this event, he gave detailed explanation as to why. The final words on the CFC were discussed by Tim/Mark for 2012 (See detailed report in this newsletter). CRB Shirts and Hats were discussed by Mark/Jim M. Mark gave a high-light of what could be expected at CRB Celilo on April 21<sup>st</sup>, before the draw. Zip Decker gave an excellent talk on what he did last year on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to weigh-in 16.53 for First Place.

## The Abbotts Dominate the Celilo CRB April "Pumpin' the Pre-spawn"

The Columbia River Bassmasters have had an exceptionally tough first two events for 2012, at the CFC, and then the lowest weight on record ever for an event at Cullaby, with a mere 2lb 1oz for two bass taking all the money! That was about to change in a big way at our third event this season, with all CRB teams, of the 13 on hand, culling limits, but one. The father/son team of Don and Randy Abbott pulled their white beautiful Ranger up to the docks with five smallmouths that would pull the scales weight down to a very super impressive 16#s/4ozs. In their bag at the scales was also the largest bass of the event with a 4#/6oz fat female, ready to reproduce those magnificent Columbia River off-springs. Don commented that the key to their success was all on swim baits, slow rolled, real slowly thru the rocks, losing a lot of plastic baits, but the pain was worth the pleasure. Congrats, Don and Randy, with yet another First Place victory on the Celilo pool.

Second place finish was our club president, Mr. Tim Ihle, with first time CRB angler Jeff Reid, who was far from his first tournament event of the past, fishing with Tim to a culled limit of beautiful smallmouth bass that weighed in at 15#/5oz. Not much mention of how he managed to catch these fish, but at our CRB meeting on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will know the answer to this very impressive limit. CRB club members can't wait to hear Tim's formula for success!

3rd Place pounds went to Shon Childers and new club member, Savannah Chafin. Shon, as pretty much normal, went thru a lot of fuel, running and gunning, to over 40 keepers. Just how impressive is that? Their limit, culled many times, had five "clone" 3# small-mouths. Surprisingly, they were not caught on a swim bait, as a small jig or tube did those huge small mouth bass in; yet to be verified at the club meeting, as we show and tell our lures of choice. Many who came in early to fish the productive mouth of the marina, where we launched, watched Shon go thru four keepers there, culling one of the five fish in his live-well. What is impressive about this is that this is the third time he has accomplished this at this location! Super job, Shon, for all to better understand why he has been AOY for CRB, three times in a row in seasons past.

So, that's most of the story for Celilo for CRB for our first regular event on the Columbia this 2012 season. New CRB club members fishing their first event were: Jeff Reid, Savannah Chafin, and Kevin Schroeder. Knowing that we will be on this magnificent river again this summer in July and August has all club members peaked to perform, enjoy again, and looking forward to these magnificent small mouth bass once more... "fish on"!!!

# Photos from the Celilo Tournament



Randy shows us a 4#/6oz Bass and two of their **winning limit at 16#'s/4oz**. WOW!



Randy and Don Abbott celebrate father/son **1<sup>st</sup> place** victory at 16#'s/4oz! Good things happen to good people! The Abbotts indeed!



Club President Tim and Jeff Reid with two of their **2<sup>nd</sup> place** finish at 15#'s/5oz. Way to go boys!!



Savannah Chafin holds up two 3#'ers, part of her and Shon's **3<sup>rd</sup> place** at 15#'s. Who says, "Ladies cannot fish?"



Randy steps up for the cash payout from tournament director Mark Forbes. Mark, "**Was it really \$1,212 for first place?**" (1<sup>st</sup> place and big bass)



Josh Creamer shows off a couple of nice ones. Josh was fishing his first tournament as a boater. He and Rob Allen had a nice bag.



Jim Miller (Newsletter editor, Tourn. Committee member and CRB historian) gets ready for the weigh-in stats. Will someone please get this 70 year old angler a beer?

## THE CRB/CFC DETAILS

While the CFC for CRB did not have much in the way of weigh-in due to circumstantial weather that hit us at the wrong time, Randy “Zip” Decker gave this excellent account for us. The photos of some of the contestants for CFC are shown below. The full Stat-Sheet for the Cabin Fever Classic was posted in the CRB April Newsletter, these photos due to time constraints were not available, but none the less, certainly worth the view for memories here.

### **Dave Heldstab and Jim Gaithier win 2012 Cabin Fever Classic Sponsored by Vancouver Toyota**

**Portco, Wa March 31<sup>st</sup>** On this day teams took on area rivers bloated by record rainfall for March. Teams had to decide between muddy water conditions of the Willamette River close to the launch site or make the run and lock up into the Bonneville Pool. The latter was a risky choice- approximately 40 miles of debris strewn river to run, and a shipping lock to go up and back down sometimes blocked with unpredictable commercial barge traffic.

Special prizes were available for teams that did not lock up, but none of those could be claimed this day. All fish weighed in were caught by three of the four teams that made the run including the Big fish of the tournament, a hefty 4lb 13oz smallmouth caught by Paul Sap, backseater for Andrew Lee. They claimed the Big Fish Bounty \$250, provided by **Pacific Boatland**. This one fish was enough weight to cash a check for 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. It was Andy and Paul’s first tournament ever.

Winners Dave Heldstab and Jim Gaithier ran the furthest up the pool and it paid off. They fished Guthook jigs in dark colors and they looked for water with greater clarity. Their four fish weighed 11lbs 10oz, and they won the \$1500 First Place Prize provided by **Vancouver Toyota**. Ed Chin and Zip Decker weighed one fish 2lbs 11ozs and claimed cash plus pocket knives made by **Lone Wolf Knives**. 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Many sponsors of the event contributed prizes to the raffle held after the weigh-in. Special thanks to all including **Nixon’s Marine** and **Tim’s Custom Rods**.



That’s how you are supposed to mug for the photo when you have the Pacific Boatland \$250 Big Fish. Phalla Sap(L) shows the 4lb 13oz fatty to his brother-in-law Andy Lee (R). The pair took 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.



Some of the Cabin Fever Classic competitors await the gates at Bonneville Dam to open so they can begin their run to the weigh in.

# More Photos from CFC 2012



Jim Miller prepares the Official Scales for a 4lb.13oz. Smallmouth bass that was big fish for the event, caught by Phalla Sap, and held here in photo by Louis Smith. You know he is thinking, "Why can't I catch smallies like this"??

Zip Decker did a great job as M.C. for our CFC, and also ended up with a single bass for he and Ed Chin's boat at 2.11. This single bass was the only bass weighed in for CRB's five contestants, who participated.

CRB Prez readies the raffle table in front of our new CRB Banner. The raffle is always a looked forward to part of the CFC, with many valuable prizes from our sponsors given to Columbia River Bassmasters.

## Columbia River Bassmasters Tournament Weigh-In Sheet

Location:		Lake Celilo		Date: April 21, 2012		
PLACE	FISH	Boater / # fish	Non-boater / # fish	Big Fish / Angler	Total Weight	AOY Points*
1	5	Don Abbott <sup>2</sup>	<b>Randy Abbott<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>4lb 6oz</b>	16lb 4oz	100
2	5	Tim Ihle <sup>3</sup>	Jeff Reid <sup>2</sup>	3lb 12oz	15lb 5oz	96
3	5	Shon Childers <sup>4</sup>	Savannah Chafin <sup>1</sup>		15lb 0oz	92
4	5	Zip Decker <sup>3</sup>	Louis Smith <sup>2</sup>	3lb 3oz	14lb 2oz	88
5	5	Brian Timm <sup>1</sup>	Gregor Pierce <sup>4</sup>	3lb 1oz	13lb 11oz	84
6	5	Gary Estes <sup>3</sup>	Jody Cagle <sup>2</sup>		12lb 9oz	80
7	5	Ed Chin <sup>2</sup>	Nick Chin <sup>3</sup>	4lb 3oz	12lb 10oz	76
8	5	Don Randolph <sup>0</sup>	Joe Doyle <sup>5</sup>		11lb 2oz	72
9	5	Mark Forbes <sup>3</sup>	George Zelaya <sup>2</sup>		10lb 4oz	68
10	5	Gary Harral <sup>1</sup>	Rich Lockhart <sup>4</sup>		10lb 1oz	64
11	5	Josh Creamer <sup>4</sup>	Rob Allen <sup>1</sup>		9lb 12oz	60
12	5	Ken Ponder <sup>4</sup>	Gabe Cheek <sup>1</sup>		8lb 6oz	56
13	2	Jim Miller <sup>1</sup>	Kevin Schroeder <sup>1</sup>	3lb 3oz	5lb 6oz	52