

Columbia River BASSMASTERS

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TRIAL MEETING LOCATION

THE BREWED

TUESDAY, November 6th +7PM+
Brewed @ 603 Main St. Vancouver
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November Meeting Agenda

- Call meeting to order.....Tim
- Intro of Club Officers.....Tim
- Intro of guests.....Tim
- BASS/FLW Report.....Ed Chin/Zip
- Youth Report..... Zip
- BASS/FLW Rpt.....Chuck S.

OLD BUSINESS

- CFC/Discussion.....Tim
- Oct. Mtg. Recap.....Jim M.
- Ten mile awards.....Mark

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NEW BUSINESS

- 2013 CRB Officer nomination
- CRB Christmas Part Raffle donations...Tim/Chuck
- CRB Boones Fry. Awards...Mark
- CRB/TOC Awards.....Mark
- NWCC results.....Ed/Jim
- Commentary on Brewed.....Tim

WINNERS @ BOONES FERRY



1st Place: Mark + Ken with 4 Bass @ 7#10oz
2nd Place: Two of the three Bass from Tim + Louis @ 6#6oz
2012 CRB Angler of Year: Mark Forbes

CRB TOC Winner for 2012 is "Mr. 3 Peat"...Shon Childers

Shon was our CRB AOY three years in a row in 2010, 09, 08, and his performance at our TOC this past weekend proved to any in doubt why he achieves such status and deserved Admiration for his bass catching ability, particularly on the Columbia. Now most of us were recovering from just marginal pre-fish for this event, you would never know it from the record breaking weights that CRB would bring to the scales. Shon came to the scales to weigh in last, behind many impressive limit bags. It was soon to be revealed that by culling thru 3# Columbia River SM his weight of 15.14 (even though he had no big motor power most of the day) would be a strong 1st Place with his draw partner, Jody Cagle. Super job, Shon! His lures of choice were 3/4oz jigs and tube baits. Second place had an impressive weight to the scales also, as Colby Botts and Louis Smith teamed up with 14.04, anchored by a personal best for Louis with big bass for our TOC at 4.10 (on a select drop shot), just barely ahead of another personal best smallmouth at 4.09, for Jeff Ried, (staying with his "go to lure," a Senko, perfect for the slack water so prevalent) he finished with Gary Harral. Way to go guys! Third place was from the Ranger live wells of our Prez Tim, fishing with Gabe, they had a limit at 13.14. All in all, it was a high power fish catch for most of the TOC entries, and well deserved, as the tournament weights for the 2012 CRB Season were very low, by comparison to past seasons.

Fisherman's Corner

Ponder & Forbes Take Boones Ferry

The last CRB tourney of our season can always be dramatic, for many reasons, one of which is the points race. This year was no exception. The results could determine the AOY for 2012, Mark could never have imagined that all would fall into place as it did with Rich Lockhard, unfortunately NOT weighing in any bass. Mark and Ken would have the winning weight of 7+ pounds, with only four bass, and have a 3+ "kicker" for big bass of the event, and the impossible became the very much evident, this win would create the needed points for Mark to have the AOY title come to pass, with the results from Mark in person. 6#6ozs was the 2nd Place finish with Tim "The Prez" and Louis having three bass that came to the scales with this weight. While there were not enough boats for a recognized 3rd Place, Jim M. and Jody were proud of their 5#6oz weight for 3rd in yet another tough tournament for catching bass on the Willamette, as no boat had a limit!

HIGHLIGHTS @ CRB 2012 TOC



Game of Poker, two fours in your hand you may "fold." But these two fours @ 4.10 and 4.09 are winners for Jeff and Louis!



Shon with Jody part of their TOC 1st Place @ 15#14oz

Columbia River Bass Masters 2012 Season in Review

The question comes up at every tournament we fish. What's it going to take to have the winning weight? Speculation gives way to reality as many of us found the 2012 CRB Season to be a tuff bass catch where ever we chose to fish this year. Sure we can blame it on lack of pre-fish, crashing barometers, too much wind, and too little current, even bad luck. Any of the fore mentioned as come to us, and will continue to be valid in our minds. None the less, it seems that some CRB angler always figures out what it will take for a winning sack of bass. Take a look at the stats below and ask yourself, was this a tuff year for me, and why it was so (???) Take care, see you in 2013.

WHERE	WHEN	BOATS	1 ST PLACE	WINNERS	BIG FISH	WHO
Cullaby Lake	3/22	11	2#1oz	Timm/Cheek	1#1oz	Cheek
CFC/Portco	3/31	10	11#10oz	Heldstab/Geitner*	4#6oz	Sapp*
Celilo	4/21	13	16#4oz	The Abbotts	4#6oz	Randy
Riffe Lake	5/12	9	15#13oz	Renaud/His dog	3#15oz	Renaud
Silver Lake	6/9	9	17#0oz	Willie/Kim Nelson	6#15oz	Willie
Stevenson	7/20	13	15#14oz	Forbes/Lockhart	3#13oz	Jo. Slaven
Bingen	8/11	11	11#6oz	Forbes/Pierce	3#5oz	Jn. Slaven
Ten Mile Lake	9/22&23	9	16#10oz	Ihle/Lockhart	4#8oz	Renaud
Boones Ferry	10/13	6	7#10oz	Ponder/Forbes	3#10oz	Ponder
TOC/Bingen	10/22	13	15#14oz	Shon/Jody	4#10oz	L. Smith

* Not CRB member

Largest Bass of the season belongs to Willie Nelson at Silver Lake and the largest S/M of the year goes to Louis Smith catching a 4#10oz smallie at Hood River in the TOC. The Angler of the Year is Mr. Mark Forbes.

THE AOY GNOME AND HIS 2012 CRB SUBJECTS



NORTHWEST CLUB CLASSIC AT TEN MILE LAKE October 13, 2012

Every season, for decades now, all bass clubs can be made eligible for an event called the North West Club Classic. No stranger to fishing this event, CRB, has been absent from this event, simply due to lack of follow thru. It's difficult to plan who's fishing this tourny as clubs have to set their entire seasonal schedule, and then make room for the anglers in their club who qualified to go having the highest points for the year. Then it becomes, who's available, and willing (often) give up a regular club event, due to conflict in dates for both. Proud to say that we had two excellent teams to represent CRB this year on October 13th, they were Ed Chin/Tom Hartshorn and Don and Randy Abbott (yes, it was a conflict for the CRB Boones Ferry event) at Ten Mile, for this event date. Below are the numbers for the clubs that participated, sent to us from the host club, Central Oregon Bass Club, and thank you to their VP, Brenda DeGree, before, during, and after this coveted event. We at CRB sure hope to see you again in 2013.

PLACE	CLUB	# OF BASS	WEIGHT
1	Ten Mile Bass Club	10	30.03
2	Emerald Bass Club	9	23.61
3	NW Bass Club	8	20.69
4	Mid Oregon Bass Club	9	16.88
5	Columbia River Bassmasters	6	14.11
6	Central Oregon Bass Club	5	11.62
7	Willamette Valley Bass Club	4	11.24
8	Mid Valley Bass Club	5	9.08
9	Umpqua Valley Bass Club	4	8.97

Here's What Ed Chin/ CRB/NWCC Had to Say about This Event

2012 Northwest Club Classic
Ten Mile Lakes

This year the NW Club Classic was hosted by the Central Oregon Bass Club at Tenmile Lakes on October 13-14, 2012. The NW Club Classic has a long history of club participation and is intended to honor the clubs and their top anglers from our state. The location of the event is rotated between northern and southern bodies of waters to showcase the great bass fishing opportunities we have. The winning club of the event will have the opportunity to host of the next year's event and gets to choose the venue for the event. As a member of this club I have had the privilege to represent CRB for a number of years at these events.

The friendships and opportunities that arise from competing with other top club anglers is a great experience and should be a goal for each of you to want to achieve this opportunity. It is a great learning opportunity and time to share information about the location and how to catch fish on that body of water. For the anglers, to become better at your sport, what better way to learn by watching other fish and improve you fishing knowledge.

Our club sends the top 4 anglers to the event to represent our club. The winning club of the event gets the perpetual rotating trophy to showcase that year. We have yet to bring home the hardware, and we should make it a goal of ours as a club, to one day have our name on that trophy. This year 9 clubs were represented at the event among 36 anglers.

Fishing this year was tough for most teams and even with clubs favored to win; CRB was represented well with our finish. We wish you the best of luck in the upcoming year and hope that you have your goals to include in fishing in the NW Club Classic next year. Hint – the event in 2013 rotates and will be in the Northern part of the state – maybe even the Columbia River.

My AOY Story

By Mark Forbes

If I had to sum up my reaction to winning AOY in one word it would definitely be "surprise." Before the season (before every season) I set goals. This season I set the goal of winning at least one tournament (ok, it was really just "win A tournament") and finish in the top 4 of the AOY so I would qualify for the NW Club Challenge next year. Surpassing any goal is a pleasant surprise.

The season started slowly...a bad reminder of last year! At Riffe, we did some good pre-fishing and though we didn't finish that strong, Joe and I finished in a reasonable spot and things looked better. I love Silver Lake and was eager to get on the water. Perhaps I was more eager to get *off* the water that day as it was a disaster. I couldn't find any fish except for one spot; there Jody had a toad on for 10 seconds just to make us feel worse.

The next tournament would be from Stevenson, what I guess I would call "Home Water". Stevenson is just 32 minutes from my driveway and I will often head up after work in the summer for a few hours in the evening. Just prior to the meeting, Rich Lockhart said to me "you know, in all the time in the club I've never drawn you or Tim." It must have been Karma because Rich and I were paired. I had hit it with my wife and thought I was on a pattern. Rich and I hit the water the weekend before and found the same pattern, on the same spots. It could be good. Then, a good size thunderstorm came boiling up the Gorge from the east. We heard some distant thunder. I said to Rich "I'm from Illinois and we don't mess with lightening. If we see any, we're going in." He heartily agreed. Just before noon, we each said "LIGHTENING!" at the same time. I saw a bolt on the Oregon side and he saw one on the Washington side. I grabbed the trolling motor and headed in. I'm afraid I have to say that you NW natives don't give lightening enough respect...the first bolt you see can be the one that hits you.

On tournament day, we went straight to our first spot and Rich had two keepers in no time. At the next spot, he had another and I got one. We began culling, but felt we needed a good kicker. I headed for a spot I like, but hadn't found fish on it last year. As we pulled in, Rich said "My fish senses are telling me you're going to get a good one here!" Sure enough, on the second cast I had a good one, just under 4lbs. We felt pretty confident coming in, and that last cull allowed us to outdistance Joe Slaven and his wife for my first win. Outstanding!

I drew Gregor for the Bingen tournament and our plan was to head downriver, which seemed to have more action. We had to stop just after the HR bridge because the wind had blow the waves up pretty good overnight. We caught one keeper. We saw Shon heading downstream and figured it was time. Downriver we caught lots of fish but nothing big. We culled an ounce or two here and there. We headed in figuring we would finish in the middle of the pack. When we learned we had won, we were very surprised, but on that day we caught the "biggest of the small fish". The key to this event was us singing Creedence Clearwater Revival songs all the way to Bingen!

Next was the Ten Mile tournament. Rich and I were tied for the lead, and when he drew Tim, I was worried. And, for good reason as they easily took first and it sure looked like Rich had sealed AOY. As those of you who know me pretty well can guess, I immediately started looking at the "what if" scenarios. It looked grim as the **ONLY** way I could win was to get first at the final tournament, and even with that, Rich would have to finish third or below.

Then my boat broke.

Although I had been pre-fishing the Willamette out of Boones Ferry for several weeks and had some spots, I would be back seating. Fortunately, I drew Ken Ponder. Ken and I have fished many times and get along very well. He called and said "You're going to win that AOY out of MY BOAT!" His confidence continued into the tournament day. As you all know, fishing was tough. It turned out Ken had only been on this stretch once, so we hit my spots. Ken was able to pick up fish on three of them and we figured that was it. We headed toward the ramp and with 20 minutes left, I said "Ken, I almost always pick up a fish on the bank across from the ramp." What I didn't tell him is that they are almost always about 9 inches long! Sure enough, with 11 minutes to go, Ken gets a keeper on and we have four fish. When we weigh, we discover that the 13" fish across from the boat launch was what Joe Badolato would call "the bottom of the ninth fish", and true indeed. Not that Ken's 3 ½ pounder didn't help!

It was great to indeed clinch in Ken's boat, but doubly so as I found out it was his first win as well!

After this long winded tome, I'll close quickly. It's a great achievement for me, but it really put's Shon's three-peat in perspective at the same time!