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September 2014

*** September Meeting***

Who Song & Larry's
Tuesday, September 2nd @ 7PM
111 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver

Meeting Agenda

Call meeting to order/Guest Intro	-----Jeff
Meeting Minutes	-----Gary
Fishing Reports	-----Members
BASS/FLW Report	-----Zip
Treasurer's Report	-----Chuck

OLD BUSINESS

Celilo Results	----- Club
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NEW BUSINESS

Prineville Tournament Draw	----- Mark
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Bob & Bill's Big Day @ CRB Scappoose Bay

Bob Judkins, a relative new comer to CRB, Scappoose being his 3rd CRB tournament, drew out with Zip Decker in our July CRB Cascade Locks event, last month, and Zip was on some great small mouth fishing. Bob went along for the ride, contributing various bass in harmony with Zip, and they took First Place with a super smallmouth limit of 16 lb 7oz. Great way to experience your first Number One CRB finish with that impressive weight, and culling most of the day. This month Bob decided to take his new Ranger for a ride in our CRB Scappoose event and took a guest with him, Mr. Bill Ramsour, and wanted to make some of the pre-fish they had done, pay off. Did he ever, as he and his partner brought one of two limits weighed in, by all eight boats competing, with the largest weight for 1st Place, once again, with 11 lb 1oz. (Cont below)

Bob & Bill's Big Day @ CRB Scappoose Bay (Cont)

We (Jim M.) had the extreme pleasure of speaking to Bob on the phone (as he prefers not to internet communicate) the next day after his CRB Scappoose winning adventure. We came to find out that, indeed, Bob is no new comer to tournament bass fishing, and proudly stated early on, in our lengthy conversation, that he has come to the point in time of years of participation, that he believes that bass clubs should be a "shared learning adventure" for club members. Bob was emphatic, that the bass catching (the where, how, and whys) should be shared as much as possible, with club members, to grow and choose what suits them, at their own pace in our sport. So, we asked a lot of questions that he replied to, with more detail than I will give here, so that you are invited to speak with Bob and share the joy that we did in getting to know him and his beliefs of what he felt was the right track for organized bass clubs. We asked first, did he prefish recently on Scappoose, he said, "yes", but did not do well, catching only small fish. He said that he and his partner agreed that they would move out of the Multnomah Channel early, if it was this poor in the tourney, turned out to be just that, only worse, no keepers. So Bob and Bill moved out of the M. Channel and over to the Willamette to catch their first keeper SM, and many more. Their best baits, as told by Bob, once again in far more detail than said here, were Outlaw tubes and various worms and tubes, pearl or light colors, both drop-shotting, and direct line approach. No reaction baits were thrown or mentioned. Best location to cull, said Bob, was by far, the break line and shore along the Willamette at Oaks Park "tournament community hole", and Willamette Park area. They worked their culled limit often, and Bob figured it to be around 8#s, in the late afternoon. So, Bob and Bill had pre-planned leaving a little time for the infamous LM of the M. Channel, and off they went.

It was now 3:05, according to Bob, with no action, then Bill threw out a 3" Humdinger bait and "tap", set the hook on what was to be the largest bass caught in the tourney. This 3 lb10 oz LM beauty, was one ounce larger than the second best bass weighed by a very regretful (at the scales) high profile competitor, our CRB Prez, Jeff Reid. More on that in just a few moments. Bob and Bill had the win with their First Place of 11 lb 1oz mixed bag limit. Congrats, Bill, on that fine LM, largeset of our event! I am absolutely certain, that many new CRB members as well as senior members of our sport, (one by name, Jim M. who shares Bob's approach exactly, for a bass club's members growth) wish to thank Bob for this report, and again, don't fear talking to him about this win, or just his "how to of catchin' bass", it will be an investment in time that you will NOT regret!



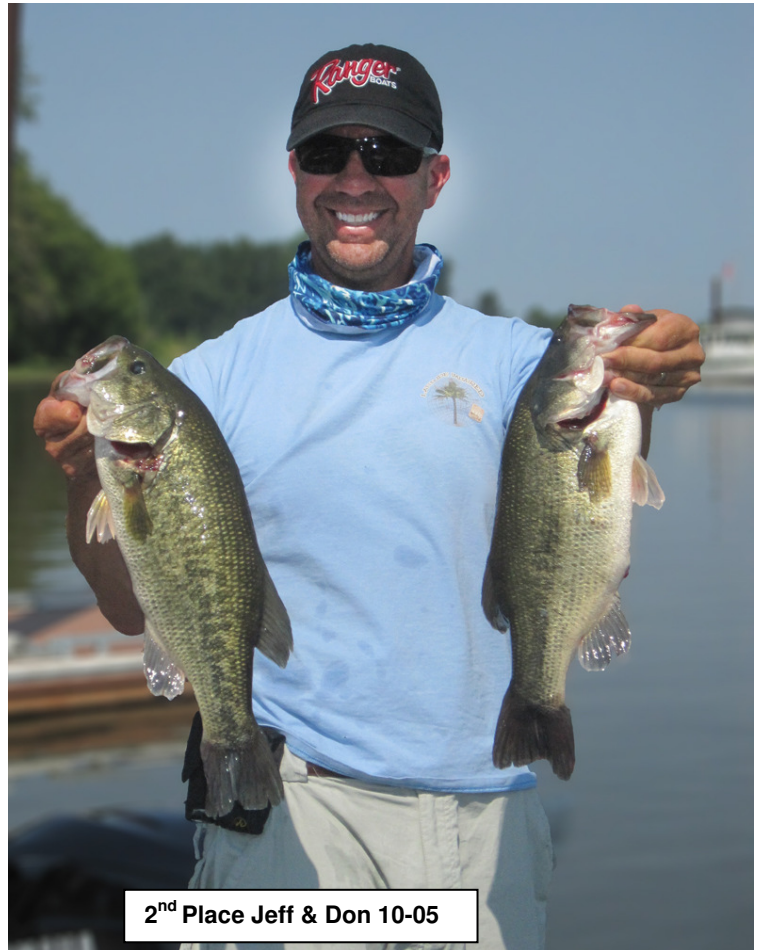
1st Place Bill & Bob 11-01
Bill with 3-09 Lunker LM

Bob & Bill's Big Day @ CRB Scappoose Bay (Cont)

Last year in August CRB 2013, out of James Gleason ramp on the Big C, our ten participating boats brought six 5 bass limits to the scales. The last of those six limits to be weighed in by Jeff Reid, and his wife Lee Ann, was to this day (and perhaps, CRB forever) an all largemouth limit of 17#s, with a 5 lb 7oz LM "kicker" in the bag!!!! Understand that we in CRB events, seldom, see LM in our bags, with an occasional exception, let alone a LM limit of this magnitude. The rumors flew "hot and heavy", where did Jeff get this magnitude of a LM limit (???)?. Still today, few are sure, except for his CRB partner, Don Randolph, in the Scappoose CRB 2014 August event, who may have been the first to have fished with Jeff in the "17# Honeyhole", to take only 3 LM this year, to the scales for Second Place @ a respectable, 10 lb 5oz weight. Mentioned earlier to have their largest bass @ 3 lb 9oz be "out done" from 1st Place finishers. So, it was a "bummer, double loss" for Jeff and Don. Very understandably, this location for this LM catching is the rare exception, that should NOT be shared with others, for very obvious reasons.

Fair to gather, the "17# Honeyhole" is probably on the Multnomah Slough, which is in many a tournament bass anglers view of why do we and many other bass clubs, and other bass anglers catch so few LM anywhere on the M. Slough? Sure wish someone had a reply to that question, because there are miles of M. Slough LM bass to be caught, yet just plain frustrating to know they are there, and seemingly NOT regularly hooked and landed. Jeff and Don's approach to, what ended up to be that 2nd Place weight of three LM's a 10 lb 5oz, with the 3 lb 9oz kicker, was to concentrate on one area, to play the tide shifts. They threw top water and Senkos, with the hope the tides would "re-activate" these larger LM. Regretfully for the two hopeful anglers, this did not happen.

Third place for CRB Aug 2014 Scappoose went to husband and wife team of John and Michaela Slaven, one short of a limit with four smallies @ 6 lb 5oz, which were told be all caught in the Port of Vancouver area. John knew of his bosses success, Jeff Reid with the tide influence, as mentioned here. However, possibly wisely, chose not to gamble with it for LM bites. John and Michaela were quoted as saying, "we caught a lot of shorts, but could not get the fifth bass for our limit"! Turned out that unless that fifth bass would have been over 4#s they would have not had enough to have the bragging rights over Jeff and Don in this event. So, the door closes on the August CRB Scappoose Bay tournament. Time will tell if we see this launch in Multnomah Channel again with CRB, always up to a majority vote of CRB to decide, of course. Based on the dock talk this past Saturday, we think it's simply too intimidating of a fishery. Until perhaps, some angler in CRB or another bass club weighs in a 20# sack, certainly there to be caught, and has been done in the past. Celilo CRB coming up next, August 30th. The last date we attempted to hold a CRB tourny at Celilo in August goes back to 2011, where we held a CRB Turkey Shoot with all boats landing 20 to 30 keepers. Weights were light, but a fun three fish limit day. As recalled we did this event out of frustration, as the week before in August, CRB cancelled due to dangerous winds, for the scheduled tournament there. We ended up at Swan Island on the Willamette, the chosen CRB alternate, where Tim Ihle and partner Gregor Pierce had the best weight for six boats with a 9# limit, one of three 5 fish sacks weighed in. Let's hope, as we always do, that the winds are kind to CRB. We will see you there.



2nd Place Jeff & Don 10-05



5th Place Joe & Michael A 05-06 (See 9 pounder on Page 4)

August 2nd Scapoose Bay

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Big Fish	# Fish	Weight	AOY Points	Co-AOY Points
1	Bob Judkins	Bill Ramsour (Guest)	3 lb 10 oz	5	11 lb 01 oz	100	x
2	Jeff Reid	Don Randolph	3 lb 09 oz	3	10 lb 05 oz	96	96
3	John Slaven	Michaela Slaven		4	06 lb 05 oz	92	92
4	Zip Decker	Jim Miller		5	06 lb 01 oz	88	88
5	Joe Slaven	Michael Abramson		2	05 lb 06 oz	84	84
6	Mark Forbes	Mike Ieletzky		1	01 lb 01 oz	80	80
7	Colby Botts	Kirsten Botts		0	00 lb 00 oz	60	60
8	Rich Lockhart	Jody Cagle		0	00 lb 00 oz	60	60

AOY STANDINGS

AOY Place	Name	Points	Events
1	Mark Forbes	456	6
2	Joe Slaven	408	5
3	Randy Abbott	361	4
4	Jeff Reid	324	4
5	Darin Shields	304	4
6	Renaud Pelletier	288	3
7	Zip Decker	285	3
8	Gary Harral	280	3
9	John Slaven	260	3
10	Jeff Sparacio	232	3
11	Tim Ihle	201	3
12	Bob Judkins	184	2
13	Colby Botts	180	3
14	Shon Childers	176	2
15	Rich Lockhart	172	3
16	Jim Miller	160	2
17	Tom Hartshorn	88	1

Co-AOY STANDINGS

CO-AOY Place	Name	Points	Events
1	Mike Abramson	440	5
2	Mike Ieletzky	420	5
3	Jody Cagle	416	5
4	Gabe Cheek	401	5
5	Jim Miller	324	4
6	Sheri Abbott	280	3
7	Louis Smith	265	3
8	Michaela Slaven	260	3
9	Adam McGinnis	236	3
10	Kirsten Botts	180	3
11	Don Randolph	168	2
12	Rich Lockhart	164	2
13	Chuck Smith	128	2
14	Shon Childers	100	1
14	Bob Judkins	100	1
16	Tom Hartshorn	88	1
17	Shauna Slaven	80	1
18	John Slaven	76	1

2014 Remaining Schedule

Date	Day	Location	Sunrise	Moon	Drive Time	50% Cost	Backup
August 30	Sat	Celilo Park	6:28	23%	1:35	\$75	Swan Is
Sept 20/21	Sat/Sun	Prineville Res	6:45	72%	3:45	TBD	none
October 18	Sat	The Dalles	7:30	23%	1:30	\$67	H Hagg
October 25	Sat	Don Abbott Classic	7:40	3%	TBD	TBD	none

Boating Tips

Big Motor Will Not Start? Trolling Motor Getting Tired Sooner Than Expected?

If you don't have maintenance free batteries, have you checked your water levels lately? Check and fill to recommended level with distilled water (not tap water). Charge fully before you fill, then charge again after filling. If water boils out, you probably put too much water in. Check for battery terminal corrosion and clean as required.

Other News and Comments

Mark continues to do a great job of keeping the website up to date in a timely manner so please check it out for AOY/CAOY Standing Details, Event Pairings, Schedules, and other CRB information. Please use the following link. http://columbiariverbassmasters.org/Home_Page.html Please note that tournament results and standings in the newsletter are unofficial. Official results can only be found on the website.

Like this photo? Sunrise at Scapoose Bay. Do you have any fishing photos to share? Please contact Gary if you do. Special thanks to the guys who share fishing information so that others may become better fishermen and enjoy the sport more. Remember that to fish the End of Year Don Abbott Classic, you must have fished in 5 events during the year. Note that the September event is a two day event at Prineville followed by our last points event of the year at The Dalles.



Joe and Shauna Slaven Catch a 9 Pounder!

On August 11th, Joe and Shauna Slaven had this 9 pound 12 ounce beauty come into their life. His name is Bradley Joseph Slaven and 22" long. We all hope all are doing well and look forward to seeing Bradley at a future meeting.

