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Special points of interest:

- **The next meeting is May 8th at Elmers in Medford located at 2000 Biddle Rd. at 6:30 pm.**
- **The June 12th will be our annual family bowling night in Grant Pass at 6:30 pm. We will also be drawing for the June tournament.**

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Dorena - Day 1 Noah, build me an ark!

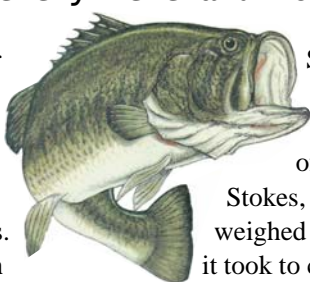
Or maybe a bass boat will do, as long as the bilge pump is working. Unfortunately most of the teams were not able to bring the bass on board in pairs of two. After watching the weather reports all week, everyone expected rain, it just never stopped. The bad weather, as most would expect, made the fishing tough. Not since Crane Prairie has the fishing been so tough. I would be curious to know if Duke was predicting good weights, because if he did, I'm starting to see a pattern.

The fishing tested the anglers skills but only a few were able to put

fish in the live well. The power fishing style of Travis Glass aided by partner Jordan Rosenberg took the top spot on day 1 with a three fish bag totaling 6.31 pounds. Jim and Kristin followed up their day two, third place showing on Shasta, with a nice 2 fish weight (given the conditions) of 5.83 pounds anchored by Jim's 4.52 pig to take second. Unfortunately for Jim, his fish was bested for big fish by Neil Shaw's 4.85 fish, and that was all it took for the team of Anderson and Shaw to bring home the third place check. <'(((><

Day 2 - Bass, bass everywhere and not a one will bite.

Thankfully the weather improved dramatically on Sunday, but the fishing didn't. There were reports from many of the teams of seeing cruising and bedding fish in the shallows. The bite improved slightly with only the vacuum duo of Hoover (Travis) and Ragina (Jordan) able to land more than one fish. Did anyone check Travis boat for a fish shocker? Seriously, those two put on a clinic on fishing in tough conditions.



Second place was taken by new comer Keith Hess and Scott Heroux with a good one fish weight of 3.09 pounds. The team of Mary Stokes, and Steve and Jacob Wall weighed a 2.88 pound fish and that was all it took to cash the third place check..

On to the weigh-in. The four fish bag brought in by Travis Glass and Jordan Rosenberg smoked the competition. The club's combined weight for the day would have only beat Travis and Jordan by less than two pounds. That's seven fish to their four. Travis and Jordan's bag weighed a hefty 13.63 pounds, a good bag in good conditions.

There was no contest to who pulled down first place for the weekend. Travis and Jordan ran away with a total of 19.94 pounds on just seven fish. Jimmy and Kristin's day one bag weighed enough to earn a second place overall finish. Third place was also a hold-over from day one by Eric Anderson and Neil Shaw and their dandy one fish weight of 4.85 pounds. Neil's fish secured third place on day one, big fish on day one, third place overall, and big fish for the tournament. That's what I call a money fish! <'(((><

Knowledge is power!

Weather conditions were as hard as this club has seen in a tournament yet and the fish count shows it. The weights were likewise much lower than expected for the record setting lake we normally know Dorena to be.

Fisher-mation.

18(eighteen) fish were caught and all were brought to the scales. 9 (nine) (50%) of the fish were caught on Sencos in either cinnamon/ purple flake, watermelon/ red flake or blue flake and one smoke/ red flake. 3 (Three) (16%) of the fish were caught on white flukes. 2 (two)(11%) were caught on a cinnamon creature bait. 1 (one)(5%) fish was caught on each of the following; watermelon/red flake horny toad, woolly hog tail and one on a popper.

18 fish weighing 48.08 lbs. were brought to the scales for a 2.67 pound average.

Most of the fish were caught in, you guessed it, the grass flats. Ho-hum. Two fish were reported caught at Rat Creek (that's still more than 20%).

The fish (the few that there were) were caught as shallow a less than 1' and as deep as 15', but most were caught deeper than 7'. Sunday was much different, all 11 fish were caught in less than 6' of water with most in less than 3'.

For future fishermation reports we will also be tracking the water temperature of where the fish are caught so try to keep an eye on the temp. sensor. Also we will note early and late weather information. This will enhance the data for future reference. <'((((>

Crater Bass 2007 Tournament Schedule

March 24 th and 25 th	Shasta
April 21 st	Moore's Cubs-8 vs. Heroux's Indians-8
April 21 st and 22 nd	Dorena
May 5 th and 6 th	Dorena
May 19 th	Kids Fishing Day
May 21 st	Clean-up at Elk Creek
June 16 th and 17 th	Cubs / Indians re-match
July 21 st and 22 nd	Applegate
August 11 th and 12 th	Tahkenitch
August 18 th	Tahkenitch
September 15 th and 16 th	Cast 4 Kids
	Howard Prairie

Kids Fishing Day—Sat. May 19th All Sports Park , Grants Pass

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Kids Fishing Day, May 19th, at the All Sports Park in Grants Pass. Crater Bass is a major supporter of youth fishing and this is one way you can help out. The Department of Fish and Wildlife puts on this event and with our club's support it is sure to be a success. We need volunteers to help on Friday Night to help spool reels and on Saturday to help check out fishing rods, hand out bait, rig lines and help kids have fun catching fish. President Ulrey will be filling in all the details at the meeting on May 8th. You can also call 941-9686 to get more information.

News Update From OBBAC

There will be a combined US Army Corps of Engineers/SOLV cleanup project on Elk Creek near Trail, OR, on May 19th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The corps needs volunteers to help install nesting songbird and bat houses, noxious weed removal, and more. This is an annual project that SOLV and USACE hold to benefit public lands. For more information, give a call to 541.878.2255. Also, don't forget that the shock and survey work is being done at Davis Lake on May 14-15. David Haight and Lonnie Johnson will hopefully be moving some BIG largemouth down our way. As the saying goes, "Appearing soon at a lake near you."

Tight Lines and Screaming Reels!! OBBAC

OVERALL WEEKEND TOURNAMENT TROPHY WINNERS

★ 1st Place	Travis Glass and Jordon Rosenberg
★ 2nd Place	Jim Rainey and Kristin Rainey
★ 3rd Place	Eric Anderson and Neil Shaw
★ Big Fish Prize	Neil Shaw

By the Numbers - Dorena, April 21ST and 22ND

NAME	Day 1						Day 2						Total Weight	April Dorena Rank
	LBS	Big Fish	Big Fish Wt.	Target Fish Points	Rank	Points	LBS	Big Fish	Big Fish Wt.	Target Fish Points	Rank	Points		
BILL PIERCE	-	N	-	0	5	46	1.49	Y	1.49	0	7	44	1.49	9
BOB RYAN	1.92	Y	1.92	0	4	47	2.36	N	-	0	5	46	4.28	4
BRADY DUNN	1.92	N	-	0	4	47	2.36	Y	2.36	0	5	46	4.28	4
CHRIS CONNER	-	N	-	0	5	46	1.49	N	-	0	7	44	1.49	9
DEBBIE JOHNSON	-	N	-	0	5	46	2.71	N	-	0	4	47	2.71	7
DUKE BARRIS	-	N	-	0	DNF	0	1.27	Y	1.27	0	8	43	1.27	10
ERIC ANDERSEN	4.85	N	-	0	3	48	-	N	-	0	9	42	4.85	3
GREG GLASS	-	N	-	0	DNF	0	-	N	-	0	DNF	0	-	0
JACOB WALL	-	N	-	0	5	46	2.88	Y	2.88	0	3	48	2.88	6
JIM RAINEY	5.83	Y	4.52	0	2	49	-	N	-	0	9	42	5.83	2
JIM ULRAY Jr	-	N	-	0	5	46	1.74	N	-	0	6	45	1.74	8
JIM ULRAY Sr	-	N	-	0	5	46	1.74	N	-	0	6	45	1.74	8
JON ULREY	-	N	-	0	5	46	1.27	N	-	0	8	43	1.27	10
JORDAN ROSENBERG	6.31	N	-	0	1	50	13.63	N	-	0	1	50	19.94	1
KEITH HESS	-	N	-	0	5	46	3.09	Y	3.09	0	2	49	3.09	5
KEONE OMEGA	-	N	-	0	DNF	0	-	N	-	0	DNF	0	-	0
KRISTIN RAINEY	5.83	N	-	0	2	49	-	N	-	0	9	42	5.83	2
LISA ULREY	-	N	-	0	DNF	0	-	N	-	0	DNF	0	-	0
LONNIE JOHNSON	-	N	-	0	5	46	2.71	Y	2.71	0	4	47	2.71	7
MARY STOKES	-	N	-	0	5	46	2.88	N	-	0	3	48	2.88	6
NIEL SHAW	4.85	Y	4.85	0	3	48	-	N	-	0	9	42	4.85	3
RICHARD GALLEGOS	-	N	-	0	DNF	0	-	N	-	0	DNF	0	-	0
ROD ROBERTSON	-	N	-	0	5	46	-	N	-	0	DNF	0	-	11
SCOTT HEROUX	-	N	-	0	DNF	0	3.09	N	-	0	2	49	3.09	5
SHAWNA BARRIS	-	N	-	0	5	46	-	N	-	0	DNF	0	-	11
STEVE WALL	-	N	-	0	5	46	2.88	N	-	0	3	48	2.88	6
TRAVIS GLASS	6.31	Y	3.36	0	1	50	13.63	Y	3.82	0	1	50	19.94	1
TYLER COOK	-	N	-	0	DNF	0	-	N	-	0	DNF	0	-	0
ZACH NORTHOUSE	-	N	-	0	DNF	0	-	N	-	0	DNF	0	-	0

DNF = Did Not Fish

Tip of the Month- Here are a few tips to care for and release bass to improve their chance of survival, taken from bassresource.com;

- "Don't just re-circulate the water all day - release water from the live-well and replace it with fresh every few hours."
- "Use Please Release Me all the time, not just during the summer. This product and others like it, do help fish a great deal. Some people are now adding non-iodized salt to this, which is what TPW and other fisheries people have used for years when handling and transporting fish."
- "TPW suggests not playing a fish to exhaustion and a number of other things like not sticking your fingers in the gills, keeping them in the water as much as possible, and treating them gently. This means not throwing them back into the lake, but easing them gently in."
- "Don't rip hooks out, but try to dislodge them as carefully as possible (back off the barb without ripping up the fish)".

You can find more helpful information by reading the entire article found at http://www.bassresource.com/fishing/catch_release_bass.html.

**Non Boater
Rotation Order**

#1 Jordan Rosenburg
#2 Steve and Jacob Wall
#3 Mary Stokes
#4 Tyler Cook
#5 Bill Pierce
#6 Zach Northouse

The Wrap Sheet - Points Totals

NAME	March Tourney Points	April Tourney Points	Total Tourney Points	April Meeting	Total Meeting Points	Total Project Points	Total Points
BILL PIERCE	91	90	181	5	10	0	191
BOB RYAN	99	93	192	5	10	0	202
BRADY DUNN	99	93	192	5	10	0	202
CHRIS CONNER	96	90	186	5	10	0	196
DEBBIE JOHNSON	87	93	180	5	10	0	190
DUKE BARRIS	96	43	139	5	10	0	149
ERIC ANDERSEN	102	90	192	5	10	0	202
GREG GLASS	96	0	96		5	0	101
JACOB WALL	97	94	191	5	10	0	201
JIM RAINEY	97	91	188	5	10	0	198
JIM ULRAY Jr	88	91	179	5	10	0	189
JIM ULRAY Sr	88	91	179		5	0	184
JON ULREY	0	89	89		0	0	89
JORDAN ROSENBERG	96	100	196	5	10	0	206
KEITH HESS	0	95	95		0	0	95
KEONE OMEGA	0	0	0	5	5	0	5
KRISTIN RAINEY	97	91	188	5	10	0	198
LISA ULREY	0	0	0	5	10	0	10
LONNIE JOHNSON	87	93	180	5	10	0	190
MARY STOKES	0	94	94	5	10	0	104
NIEL SHAW	102	90	192	5	10	0	202
RICHARD GALLEGOS	0	0	0		5	0	5
ROD ROBERTSON	91	46	137	5	10	0	147
SCOTT HEROUX	97	49	146	5	10	0	156
SHAWNA BARRIS	96	46	142	5	5	0	147
STEVE WALL	97	94	191	5	10	0	201
TRAVIS GLASS	96	100	196	5	10	0	206
TYLER COOK	0	0	0		5	0	5
ZACH NORTHOUSE	0	0	0	5	5	0	5



BASS FISHING TRIVIA

- What Arkansas lake was the site of the first B.A.S.S. fishing tournament, the All American, in 1967?
 - Lake Ouachita
 - Beaver Lake
 - Bull Shoals
 - Geers Ferry
- The Bass Anglers Sportsman Society was founded in what year?
- In what year did George Perry catch his world record 22 pound, 4 ounce largemouth bass?
 - 1922
 - 1932
 - 1952
 - 1962
- Who was the first to win the BASSmasters Classic tournament using the Flippin' technique?
- True or False; Heavier line can effect a lure's natural action?
- The winner of the second BASSmasters Classic tournament in 1972 was the first man to purchase a membership in B.A.S.S. in 1968, name him.

To find out the answers to these questions, come to the next Crater Bass club meeting on May 8th.

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Note From the Secretary

The season is well underway now with two tournaments already behind us. The race for angler of the year is already heating up. Many of the front runners are used to being near the top, but there are a few surprises in the top ten. The top eleven spots are separated by only 10 points.

With the race so close, I want to remind everyone of the importance of getting your meeting and project points. Crater Bass has established its reputation by not only offering a great format for competitive bass fishing, but also as a group that actively supports the enhancement of the sport. That being said, I'm sure the upcoming events for Kids Fishing Day and the OBBAC event at Elk Creek on the 19th of May will have a great showing by Crater Members. Just one project closes the gap quick. Also, be sure to give someone a call to touch base for the Club meetings. Anyone who has spoken to another member prior to the meeting should let a board member know at each meeting. A phone call to check in will secure your points for the month's meeting

See you at Dorena, Scott. Cell 941-9686