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Bob Bruick

Club News Letter

January 2004

Must Have Inputs for TOP 8 by January 15, 2004 to

Gary Sanderlin

260.749.6608 or gary.Sanderlin@verizon.net

Membership dues are due. Please contact Bob Bruick

Roll Call:

Wendel Brown	Mark Kirk	Dave Sherman
Bob Bruick	Roger Moisen	Dan White
Paul Cavanaugh	Greg Rekeweg	Kyle Winling
Bill Hovermale	Gary Sanderlin	Brian Ziegler

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund: \$1067.67
Classic Fund: \$ 128.56
Civic Fund: \$ 50.00
Total Funds: \$1275.13

Meeting Minutes:

Date: 6 December 2004
Start Time: 7:15 P.M.
Stop Time: 9:00 P.M.

2004 Paid Member List

Wendel Brown	Roger Moisen
Robert Bruick	Greg Rekeweg
Paul Cavanaugh	Gary Sanderlin
Max Egley	Keith Schroeder
David Ehrman	Dave Sherman
Kevin Galbreath	Brian Thurman
Doug Haines	Dan White
Bill Hovermale	Kyle Winling
Mark Kirk	Brian Ziegler

2003 Tournament Results for Top 8 submission

Place	Name	Points
1 st	Bob Bruick	398
1 st	Greg Rekeweg	398
3 rd	Wendel Brown	364
4 th	Max Egley	320
5 th	Bill Hovermale	314
6 th	Doug Haines	310
7 th	Kevin Galbreath	284
8 th	Chad Houser	270
9 th	Gary Sanderlin	258
10th	Corey Linder	246
10th	Steve Somers	246
12th	Mark Kirk	210
13 th	Dan White	178
14 th	Jose Torrez	143
14 th	Dave Ehrman	143
16 th	Brian Zeigler	113
17 th	Kyle Winling	100
18 th	Tony Egley	80
19 th	Dave Smith	79
20th	Roger Moison	57
21st	Jason House	42

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2004 Top 8 Submission

Boaters

Bob Bruick, Greg Rekeweg, Max Egley, Bill Hovermale.

Non-Boaters

Doug Haines, Gary Sanderlin, Kevin Galbreath, Mark Kirk

Alternates

Dan White, Bryan Zeigler, Dave Ehrman, Kyle Winling

Did You Know!

Sportsmanship: Competitors in B.A.S.S. tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation.

(Ref: B.A.S.S., National Federation CHAPTER HANDBOOK 2000 EDITION, B.A.S.S. National Federation Program History)

Indiana B.A.S.S Federation By Jerry Drazer

Tournament Etiquette: Tournament etiquette is pretty straightforward but the printed version is available to create awareness for new members and as a refresher for the veteran fisherman.

Rules for Boaters

1. **Rules for Boaters?** Even though you own the boat you are not exempt from the “unwritten rules”.
2. **Be on time**, when meeting your partner.
3. **Start the day by making your cooler, storage, and other conveniences available to your non-boater/partner, and help them feel comfortable in your boat.**
4. **Think about your partner when running.** Boat drivers have a steering wheel to hold onto with a windbreak and can brace for rough water. Non-boaters are unable to brace and absorb the shocks as well as a boat driver.
5. **Next is boat positioning.** You have to give the guy in the back of the boat fair treatment, don't attempt to tournament block him/her. Either keep the boat parallel to the bank or have your partner come up front with you. This is the nice thing about fishing expansive grass beds because the advantage of the boat position isn't as critical to catching fish.
6. **Even as a boater, listen to your non-boating partner; offer them some time on their water if they want it.** Don't forget they are entitled to equal time on their water, and time in front of the boat, if they invoke that privilege. If you feel you are on “dead water” you still need to be congenial and work together with a give and take approach, even though the catch is separated at the end of the day.

Rules for Non-Boaters

1. **Be on time when meeting your partner.**
2. **Try to agree on some reasonable compensation** for operating expenses and pay your partner at the end of the day. Anymore, being a boater is extremely expensive.
3. **Treat the boat like it was your own “brand new boat”** and try to avoid getting mud, sand, pop spills, sent, etc... on the interior of the boat. If this does happen proceed to cleaning it up ASAP. Bring the incident to the boater’s attention. Most likely diluting with water and dabbing dry with a towel, if available, will be the best option. Be mindful of visible objects that could scratch the exterior of the boat like piers, standing trees, etc... , try to prevent the boat from touching these objects if and when possible.
4. **If the boater has a big deck and invites you up** to do it, this is the easiest and fairest way to maneuver the boat and at the same time catch fish, Get up there!
5. **Try to downsize extremely bulky tackle boxes** and use tackle boxes that fit in storage compartments easier. This helps both of you, because the boxes won’t be under foot while battling and/or netting fish.
6. **At the end of the day clean up.** Don’t leave line, discarded plastic worms, food wrappers, or cans in the boat. Take them to the trash.

Tournament Fishing Ethics

These apply to ALL tournament fishermen. There are a lot of these “unwritten rules” involving tournament etiquette, lets list a few.

1. If you are fishing in a tournament and your partner missed a fish on a plastic worm, don’t throw immediately where he missed the fish and attempt to catch it. Let your partner adjust his/her plastic worm, and allow them to cast back to the fish a second time.
2. When using a net don’t take wild jabs into the water at the fish, most fisherman prefer to lead the fish to the net. While other anglers would rather net or lip the fish themselves. Try to come to an agreement on netting handling and lipping fish before you take-off.
3. If your previous day’s partner caught fish from an area, don’t go back to his area trying to catch the fish he’d located. Maybe fish their pattern, but find a new area of the lake.
4. When someone takes you out practicing don’t tell other competitors what, where and how the fish were caught.
5. When someone invokes the anchor rule, tied rule, or any distance rule, respect it. However if they let another competitor to fish inside the distance, all bets are off.
6. When sight-fishing for bedding bass try to mutually agree on a set number of casts per angler then alternate the casts to the beds.
7. Don’t cut off another competitor by pulling in on a bank fishing in front of them.
8. Lastly, if you’re leaving an area to go to another area, don’t prop wash and/or disturb the area in an attempt to mess with another competitor.

The secret to communication is to ask the question.

Tournament Committee Chairman: (Bob Bruick)

- The 2004 ICBM schedule is out check with Bob
- This year the tournament committee is going to check live wells and emergency cutoffs. Live well needs to have some way to refresh the water.

- Dead Fish will not be determined by the color of the gills but by movement. The final decision on a dead fish will be made by Bob Bruick or a designated tournament committee member.
- Bob Bruick or a designated committee member will make final decisions on short fish.
- A designated tournament committee person will be assigned to be in charge of the launch and recovery for each tournament.

2004 proposed Tournament Schedule

Date	Day	Lake	
April 17	Saturday	Manitou	
May 16	Sunday	Hamilton	
June 5	Saturday	James	Top 8 Tournament at James June 13 & 14
June 19	Saturday	St. Clair	Canadian waters are off limits
June 20	Sunday	St. Clair	Canadian waters are off limits
July 11	Sunday	Crooked	
August 7	Saturday	Sylvan	Evening, 4pm – midnight
August 28	Saturday	Gunn Lake	Inputs to Bob Bruick needed NLT -
August 29	Sunday	Gunn Lake	Next Meeting or preferably sooner if possible.
	Or		
August 28	Saturday	George	Bob commented that the camaraderie of The SCBM members is greatest at these Events and would like to build on that.
September 25	Saturday	Classic	Inputs to Bob Bruick needed NLT-
September 26	Sunday	Classic	Next meeting or preferably sooner if possible
October 9	Saturday	Coldwater	possible
	Or		
September 25	Saturday	Coldwater	Robert.Bruick@fwcs.k12.in.us
October 9	Saturday	Classic	
October 10	Sunday	Classic	

Club Business:

Discussion:

Some ideas to build the club funds were introduced to the meeting by the SCBM Officers These suggestions were a result of a scheduled budget meeting held during the last budget meeting.

- An open fishing tournament:
Greg Rekeweg suggested an open fishing tournament to be held late April or early May with an 70 or 80 percent payout. It is undecided if club members can participate. Roger Moisen suggested that with a field of 50 boats that the club members could only fish if the field of boats wasn't filled.
- Raffles at the vacation and boat shows:
Gander Mountain is hinting that we may be able to share space at the boat show and that they would let SCBM hold a raffle. Details are being coordinated with Gander Mountain.
- Higher voluntary entry fee for each tournament.
Bob Bruick is suggesting the winners pot at each tournament be raised to \$ 5.00 vise \$2.00.

\$2 to Classic, \$2.00 to winner, \$1 to Club.

- Membership Drive
Pass out flyers at the boat show with a stack of applications available at the table.
- Year-end plaques
Gary Sanderlin suggested the plaques be made larger and used for more than won event and pass from year to year until it is full. Maybe 6 to 9 plates per plaque.
Roger Moisen countered with what seemed to be a better plan but n the same lines as above.
Individuals who win more than one event would get one plaque and multiple plates each year.
Wendel submitted that some anglers may choose to receive a certificate if the trophy/plaque doesn't interest the angler that won the event.

Club need two Volunteers for the Blue Lake Ramp Cleanup for each month:

April

July

October

Gary Sanderlin

May

August

November

June

September

- Volunteers are needed for 2004 CastingKids events at the Fort Wayne and Indy Boat Shows

BASSMASTERS CREED

I promise to create among my fellow anglers, and the public in general, an awareness of my Chapter's and my Society's contributions to American angling, conservation, and outdoor recreation.

I will encourage and instruct the youth of my community in the art of bass fishing.

I pledge myself to full adherence to all conservation codes and to detect and report any polluter of our nations waters.

Federation News:

- 2004 Indiana Federation Tournaments are scheduled for:

March 28 UNK

May 9 Monroe

June 6 Tanner Creek

July 25 Rocky Point

August 2 Monroe

September 12 Wawasee

- Rob Worthy is handling the State Tournament
- 2003 had 1033 registered BASS fisherman
- Indy Boat Show volunteers needed for Casting Kids

- Bill Templeton is accepting \$20.00 donations for the Make A Wish Foundation.
- 2004 State Finals will be held at Patoka Reservoir, July 31 & Aug 1.
- Next State meeting will be held in Indy at Eddy's on February 21, 2004
- There will be no off limit period for the Tournament of Champions.
- Zone Meetings are: January 24th, March 20th, August 4th, and November 6th.

Email any comments, ideas, requests or requests to Gary.Sanderlin@verizon.net

The SCBM News Letter will also be available on the SCBM Web Site; <http://scbm.home.comcast.net/>, created and maintained by Wendel Brown.

Odds and Ends

Wendel Brown: Boat for Sale

**1992 Javelin 18' Fish & Ski model 373 with a
1994 150 HP Johnson with stainless steel prop.
Customs Frame drive on Trailer.
Motor Guide trolling motor, 2 depthfinders
\$5,000**

The boat is a bit rough in condition with numerous surface scratches. It is a very sound as far as being water ready. Wendel never used it for skiing and it was not used for a couple of years so the motor has very low operating hours for its age. It would be a great starter boat for someone and it is a great family boat.

Contact Wendel Brown @ wendelbrown@hotmail.com

Gary Sanderlin:

**1989 Chevy Astro Work Van for Sale \$1000.00 OBO
4.3 automatic, short wheel base, high mileage around 150,000, Runs Great, Does not blow oil.**

New replacement from factory, used one year, X91 Depth finder and transducer \$100.00