



# OBC BUZZ

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## 2024 Tourney Schedule

**March 23 & 24**

Lake of the Ozarks [Lower End]

**April 20 & 21**

Table Rock Lake [Upper White]

**May 4**

Melvern Lake

**May 18**

Truman Lake

**June 8**

Truman Lake

**July 13**

Lake of the Ozarks [River]

**September 28 & 29**

Pomme de Terre

**October 12 & 13**

Stockton Lake

**October 26**

Pomme de Terre [Tournament of Champions]

## Upcoming Events

March 9 (10a-2p) - Club

Membership drive table at Bass Pro Shops Olathe

April 2 - Club Meetings are the first

Tues. of the month at the Olathe Deaf Club at 7:30 p.m.

April 27 & 28 - KS Bass Nation - Mr

BASS tournament at Waconda (Glen Elder)

May 4 - KS Bass Nation - Frank

Stong Scholarship Benefit Team Tournament at Big Hill Lake

## John Holtz

### Guest speaker

([johnholtzangler](#) on X and Instagram)



March 5, 2024 (Olathe, KS)

During their most recent monthly club meeting, Olathe Bass Club members were treated to an informative seminar from John Holtz on his experiences with professional fishing over the past 15 years. After getting what he interpreted as practically a “dare” from his wife to make a living fishing (instead of being continually frustrated by only being able to tell people how to be successful fishing through his role in a previous job), he took the plunge.

John, a 7th grade teacher, spoke about his passion for making connections with kids through fishing. Because “there’s always someone watching”, John makes sure he’s always ready to impress someone, whether sponsors or kids, and to not make fishing a “snob thing”, but to keep it about fishing, no matter how simple, so the kids enjoy it.

John emphasized how he’s “always working”, whether that means constant readiness to make sponsorship connections via normal fishing chit-chat, or by going to numerous trade shows and giving speeches or demonstrations. Tougher yet is convincing sponsors to give him a chance by letting him fish their lures for a year, for example, to help sell more product for them. Like asking out the beautiful girl that you may not have a chance with, you can’t get a “Yes” from a sponsor unless you ask!

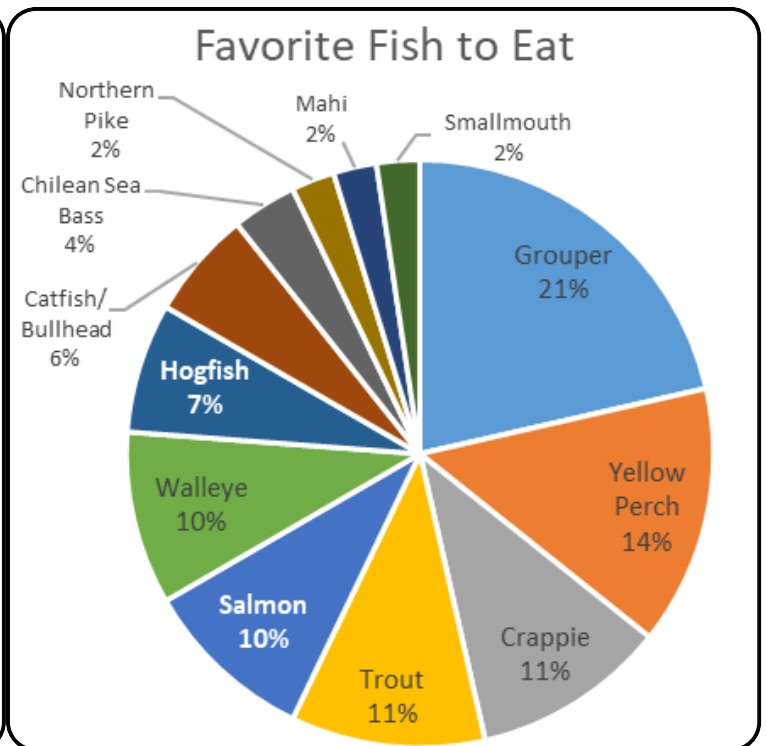
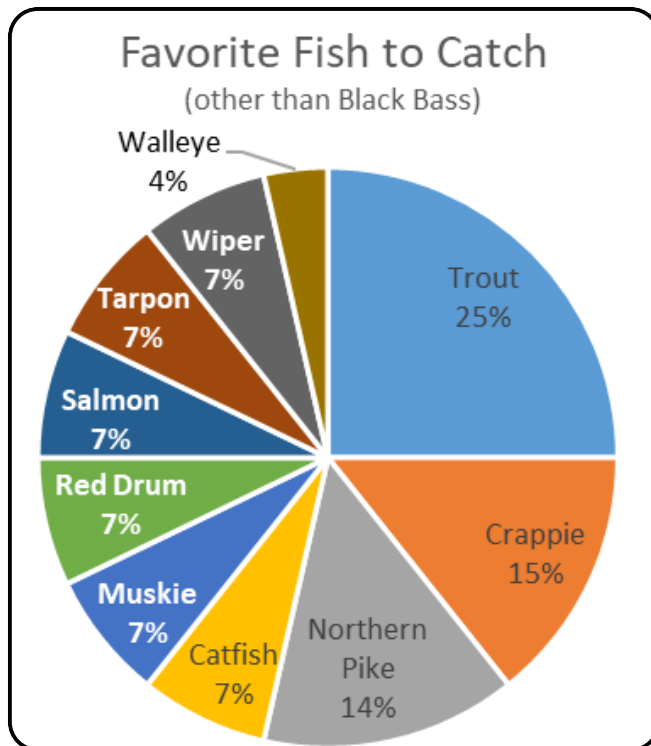
Sometimes sponsor budgets will fall through, but John says that if you take care of the important stuff, the rest will fall in line.

Many thanks to John for sharing with us this month!



# SURVEY SAYS...

## Olathe Bass Club member responses



## Crunchin' the Numbers

### 2023 Tournament Results

#### Keep 'em Alive

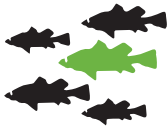
I heard Gene Gilliland (B.A.S.S. conservation director) indicate after a recent Toledo Bend tournament, 99% of the bass were released alive.

Wondering what OBC's percentage was in 2023, the stats showed:  
**463 out of 473 bass were alive during OBC tournament weigh-ins (97.9%)** (not counting the T.O.C.)

#### Non-Boaters go for the girth

2023 Bass Weighed in per Fishing Day (per Angler)		2023 Weight per Bass Weighed In	
Boaters	2.34	Non-Boaters	2.15
Non-Boaters	1.42	Boaters	2.04
Overall	2.07	Overall	2.06

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