



# OBC BUZZ

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## 2025 Tourney Schedule

### March 22-23

Grand Lake  
29 bass for 61.25 lbs

### April 12

Melvern Lake

### May 3-4

Pomme de Terre

### May 31

Truman Lake

### June 21

Lake of the Ozarks - River

### July 26

Mozingo Lake

### August 16

OBC Buddy Fundraiser - LaCygne

### September 20-21

Stockton Lake

### October 11-12

Lake of the Ozarks - Mid-Lake

### October 25

TBD - Tournament of Champions

## Upcoming Events

Apr 1 (Tue) - Club Meeting (Olathe Deaf Club) at 7:30 pm with a guest speaker from KDWP

Apr 26 (Sat) - Becky Minor Memorial Buddy Bass Tourney @ Bill Hill Lake - see KBN Facebook page for more details

Apr 27 (Sun) - Becky Minor Memorial Buddy Bass Tourney @ Stockton Lake - see KBN Facebook page for more details

May 6 (Tue) - Club Meeting

## Grand Lake recap

OBC held their 1st tourney of the 2025 season on March 22nd-23rd at Grand Lake O' The Cherokees in Grove, Oklahoma. Overall, 29 largemouth or spotted bass were weighed in with a total of 61.25 lbs.

Congratulations to Will Fairnington [non-boater] on winning the season opening tournament for the 2nd consecutive season! He has shown he knows how to get it done in the spring. Will caught all 3 of his bass on Saturday and won the Shoreline Boat and RV Big Bass award and the cumulative 5 lb. Bass pot, with a lunker 7.69 lb. largemouth.

2nd place overall, and 1st amongst the boaters, went to David Juda who brought in 4 on Saturday and 1 more on Sunday. Pete Morrone was 3rd overall with 3 bass, including a nice 3.12 lb largemouth on Saturday. Paul Marsh won the KC Elite Marketing / FishWear Shop 2nd Big Bass award with a 4.39 lb. beauty on Sunday. And congrats to rookie Greg York for landing his first 3 fish on Sunday to finish strong in 6th place overall.

New this year is the "Team of the Tournament" award sponsored by PGN Financial and Paul Marsh's team members who were present [Ryan Busha, Will Fairnington, Tom Grandon, and Paul] each won a \$25 gift card to Scheel's. Thanks to Brent Grauberger [Managing Partner at PGN] for this new award.

The club members really enjoyed the accommodations at The Lake Lodge at Grand Lake O' the Cherokees and were treated to a wonderful chili dinner on Friday night by the owner Jon Stewart.

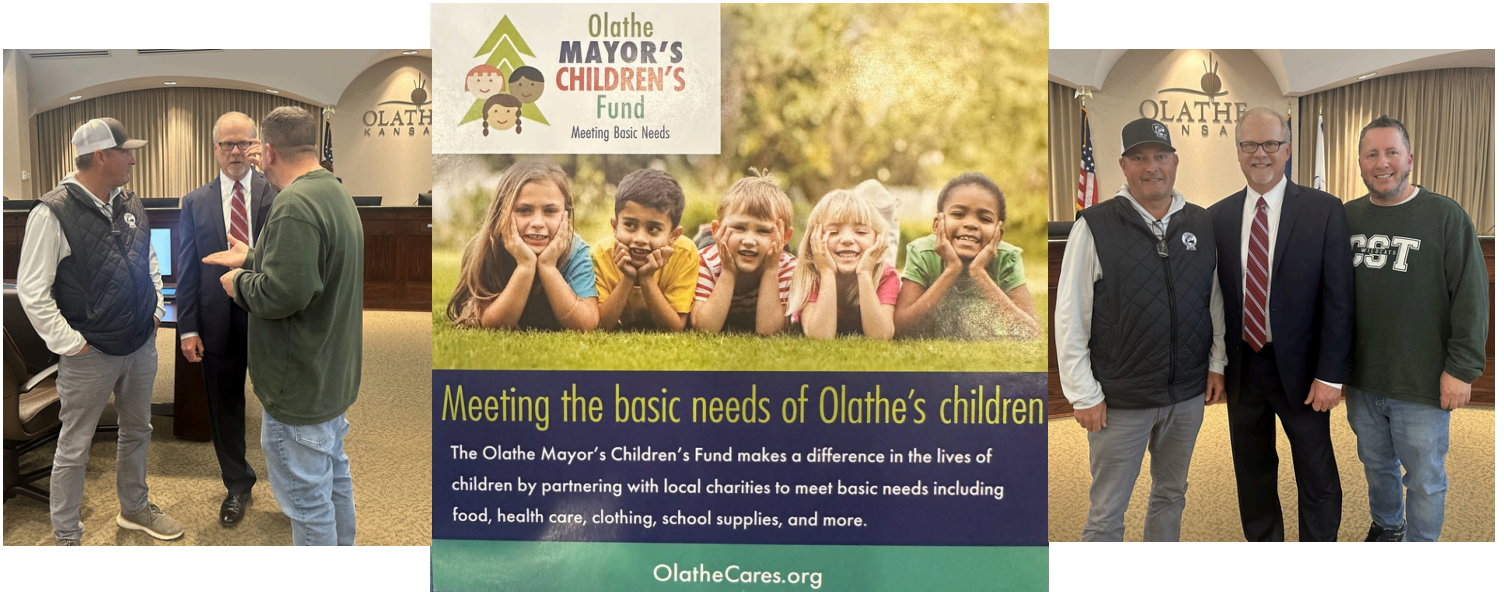
Paul Marsh manned the grill as the club members brought their own steaks, hamburgers, brats, etc. for a cookout on Saturday night while watching March Madness on the outdoor TVs.



# OBC Recognized by Olathe Mayor for Generosity

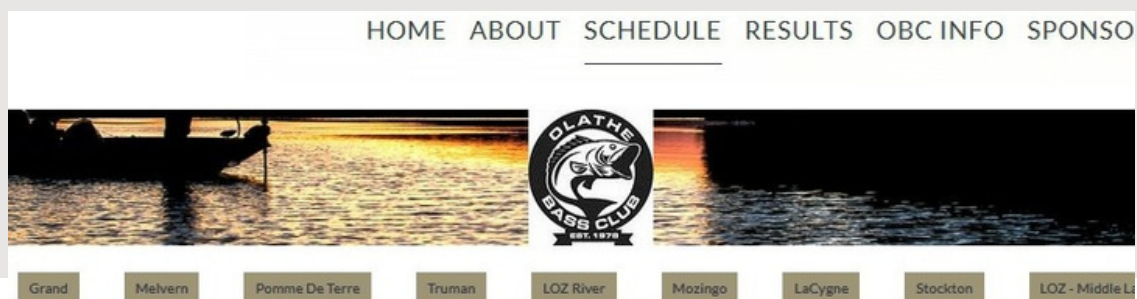
On Tuesday, March 4th, the city of Olathe held its monthly council meeting in downtown Olathe. At this meeting, Mayor John Bacon recognized the many contributions made toward the Mayor's Children's Fund from various organizations. Even more exciting was the Mayor presenting checks to the recipients of these funds. Tens of thousands of dollars were collected in the prior months. It was awesome to witness the countless, appreciative recipients of these funds getting large commemorative checks.

The Olathe Bass Club has given nearly \$3,000 towards this fund over the past 7 years. Mayor John Bacon met with OBC President Paul Marsh and fundraiser organizer and OBC member Pete Morrone. Together they shared fishing stories, as Mayor Bacon has a place on the Lake of the Ozarks. The Mayor was very appreciative of the Olathe Bass Club's efforts in supporting such a vital fund for our community.

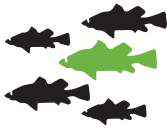


# Miscellaneous News/Items of Note

- For our meetings at the Olathe Deaf Club, we are now no longer allowed to park in the parking lot behind the club (without risk of being towed). This also impacts members of the Olathe Deaf Club, as the lawyer/owner of the nearby building who owns the lot no longer wants anyone parking there. Until further notice, please find street parking near the Deaf Club or use the parking garage nearby (with entrances near 116 S. Chestnut St or near 175 S. Cherry Street).
- Continuing the tradition started by Roger Kruep, many members meet before each club meeting at the South Olathe location of Austin's Bar & Grill (2103 E 151st St, Olathe, KS 66062). Arrive anytime after 4:30 pm on meeting day and enjoy a drink, appetizer and/or full meal, and share some fish stories with fellow members before the 7:30 pm monthly Club meetings.
- The club is still in need of Boaters to allow any interested non-boater applicants to be accepted in the future. As of this moment, to maintain the proper Boater to Non-Boater ratio, we are unable to accept any new non-boaters. Per the club By-Laws, the boat must be a minimum of 17' 3" in length (and not be a pontoon or barge-type craft) with a minimum 115 horsepower motor.
- Team of the Year scoring has changed for this season and thanks to Brent Grauberger of PGN Financial Services (as sponsor), there is a Team of the Tournament (TOT) award (\$25 gift card) presented to each participating member of the top Team from each tournament. Scoring explained:
  - Each team member who fishes on a tournament day will count as 3 points for the team. If one team has 5 members fish a tournament day, and another team only has 2 members fish a tournament day, there will be no scoring adjustments to account for that disparity. This is to encourage member participation in each tournament. In the Grand Lake tournament, Team 5 had 4 members participate in the 2-day tournament, thus this generated 24 points (4 members x 3 pts per member x 2 days).
  - Each fish weighed in (referred to as "fish caught") by a team member during the tournament will also count as a point for the team, however this portion of the scoring will only count the top 3 "fish caught" totals from a team's members. The weight of the fish does not factor into this portion of the scoring. In the Grand Lake tournament, Team 5 had one member weigh in 3 bass, another weigh in 2 bass, and 2 other members weigh in 1 bass each. This generated 6 more points for Team 5 (3 + 2 + 1). Of the two members who caught 1 bass, only one of them counted (as part of the "top 3").
- The OBC website's Schedule tab/section has "buttons" representing each tournament for the 2025 season. Clicking on the button will pull up a Google Maps location for each tournament's ramp. This can be used as a real-time navigation assist when driving to a ramp (if you're not already familiar with the site).



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