



OBC BUZZ

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2025 Tourney Schedule

March 22-23

Grand Lake

29 bass for 61.25 lbs

April 12

Melvern Lake

11 bass for 23.00 lbs

May 3-4

Pomme de Terre

64 bass for 116.31 lbs

May 31

Truman Lake

61 bass for 146.47 lbs

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

June 28 (Sat) - Club Summer Party
at Paul's house (evening)

July 1 (Tue) - Club Meeting

Pomme de Terre recap

The Olathe Bass Club held their 3rd tournament of the season on May 3rd-4th at Pomme de Terre Lake. The anglers were met with flooded conditions [5-6 feet higher than normal] which meant most shoreline bushes were in the water, providing additional cover for bass. The fish cooperated with most of the 17 anglers and at the end of the 2-day event, 64 bass were weighed in totaling 116.31 lbs.

Pete Morrone reeled in his 2nd consecutive victory, capturing 6 bass for 14.93 lbs., including the Shoreline Boat and RV Big Bass award with a 6.37 lb. beast. Wayne Byars finished 2nd with 7 bass for 11.50 lbs., while Vince Rath was 3rd with 7 bass for 11.26 lbs.

Will Fairnington was the top non-boater with 8 bass for 10.90 lbs. Larry Stratton won the KC Elite Marketing / FishWear Shop 2nd Big Bass award with a 5.56 lb. beauty. Rookies Cory Herrman and Brian Ponzer both recorded their 1st catches with OBC, including a very nice 4.65 lb. bass for Cory. Ben Marsh completed the 5 lb. party with a 5.46 lb. bass caught on Sunday.

Despite not having their captain at the tournament, Paul Marsh's team [the Marshmallows] captured the "Team of the Tournament" victory [sponsored by PGN Financial].



Truman Lake recap

3-Peat!.....or rather.....3-PETE!

The Olathe Bass Club competed at Truman Lake on May 31st, launching from the Long Shoal Ramp, and Pete Morrone won for the 3rd consecutive time. Pete had a 5-fish limit [one of 6 anglers to do so] and was one of 5 anglers who weighed in a 4.5 lb.+ bass. His 16.93 lb. total weight was well above 2nd place. Long-time members said that 3 wins in a row is a very rare feat in club history, while trying to recall the last time it may have happened.

As a group, 19 men fished the tournament, weighing in 61 bass for 146.47 total lbs. The 2.40 lb. average bass weight is the top mark for the season thus far. Wayne Byars took 2nd place with 12.71 total lbs. including the Shoreline Boat and RV Big Bass of 5.37 lbs. Jeff Stacy was third with 11.66 lbs.

The top non-boater was Will Fairnington with 11.15 lbs. Wyatt Peterson was 2nd non-boater with 8.82 lbs. Vince Campbell can't catch a break with the 5 lb. bass pot, as his second one of that size in the past two seasons fell short of Wayne's [at 5.13 lbs.] but netted him the FishWear Shop / KC Elite Marketing 2nd Big Bass award.

However, Vince's catch helped Team 3 [PETA & His Chips] win PGN Financial's Team of the Tournament, as his big bass was the tie-breaker needed to top Team 2 [5 Alive].



New Member Spotlight

Brian Ponzer



Fishing and Life Experiences

I've been fishing since I was very young. My dad grew up on a farm in SE Missouri & we fished my relative's ponds for years. We sold his farm 2 years ago so no more farm pond fishing!

I've been married since 1991 with 2 grown kids & will be a grandpa in June. I like fishing, hunting & woodworking. I've been a building contractor but build custom furniture & tables now. I went to college at Mizzou where I played football for five years & majored in Secondary Ed. I taught history & coached football, wrestling & baseball for 5 years.

Favorite Fishing Lake/River:

Favorite lake is Coffey County & catching those smallies!

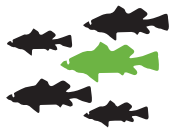
Number of Rods you own:

I have about 15 or 16 rods. I used to do a lot of trout fishing in SE Missouri so a few are trout rods. I have way too much tackle though. (Please don't tell my wife... I cant afford a divorce!)

Personal Best Bass:

My biggest fish was probably 4 lbs. a few years ago but haven't really had any that I felt worthy to measure.

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