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2025 Tourney Schedule

March 22-23

Grand Lake

29 bass for 61.25 lbs.

April 12

Melvorn 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

23 bass for 59.54 lbs.

July 26

Mozingo Lake

35 bass for 91.35 lbs.

September 20-21

40 bass for 79.04 lbs.

October 11-12

Lake of the Ozarks - Mid-Lake

October 25

TBD - Tournament of Champions

Upcoming Events

Oct 7 (Tue) - Club Meeting

Dec 6 (Sat) - Year End Banquet at
Prairie Highlands Golf Course



R.I.P. Vince Rath

Vince Rath lost his battle with cancer on Sept 9th. Vince was in his 3rd year of membership in the Olathe Bass Club and was a friend to all. He brought renewed enthusiasm to the Vice President position before his health worsened. Vince left no doubt about his fishing expertise beginning this season as a boater for the first time and being in 2nd place in the season standings after the first 3 tourneys.

Testaments to Vince's character were represented in the many tributes posted on his Facebook page and/or obituary Guestbook, including:

"Vince will be sorely missed. I loved how he was always interested in learning something new and then practicing that new skill until he was confident in his abilities. I will miss him and I'm very sorry for the loss. His cheerful attitude and friendly smile will be missed."

"You will be missed dearly, it was a true blessing to call you my friend and enjoy our time on the water. Peace is now yours, go catch some big ones."

"Rest in peace Vince! I just saw him on the water a few weeks ago at Gardner lake throwing a buzz bait. He had caught quite a few that morning and said he was feeling okay, and was enjoying being on the water. Here's to a bunch of top water blow ups in heaven!"

"What a blessing to have Vince in OBC. We will all miss him so much."

"Rest in Peace Vince. Tight lines in heaven. Catch some Smallies with Rick. God bless."

"He was a Great person with a positive outlook. Sorry to see this happen to such a good man."

"My heart is very heavy Vince. Love you! Thanks for inviting me out fishing with you several times."

"Vince is an amazing fighter, friend, husband, dad and fisherman. He is a blessing to our bass club and has brought so much to our club. What a wonderful man and friend Vince was. God put us in a boat together one tournament and only God knew I would need Vince's life experience as I had an emergency in my life that day. Vince was so gracious to my issue and offered support and comfort that day. I will see you again my friend..."

"Sending prayers for comfort and peace. Vince we'll compete again on a much better lake in a much better location!"

"Vince was a great guy and will be sorely missed. I have no doubts about seeing him again!"

Stockton Lake recap

The Olathe Bass Club competed in their 2nd to last tournament of the year between Sept 20th and 21st at Stockton Lake. Most anglers found the going tough with only 10 of 16 competitors bringing in a weighable bass over the 2 days of competition.

Vinnie Gay won the tournament topping 20 lbs. with 4 bass on Saturday and a limit on Sunday for his first victory of the season, moving him into the season's top 10 [for now] despite missing the first 3 tourneys of the year. Congratulations Vinnie!

Pete Morrone, who for all intents and purposes has wrapped up the Angler of the Year award, finished 2nd as he brought in a limit on Saturday and 3 more on Sunday.

Rookie Cory Herrman continued his impressive season with a 3rd place finish, and non-boater Wyatt Peterson stormed into the season's top 10 [for now] with a 4th place finish [top non-boater], including the Shoreline Boat & RV Repair Big Bass of 3.46 lbs. Tom Grandon's 3.14 lb. bass on Sunday was good for FishWear Shop / KC Elite Marketing 2nd Big Bass.

Pete's "PETA & His Chips" team won PGN Financial's Team of the Tournament with a season best 50 points, as all 6 men on his team were able to participate, bringing in the 2nd most bass. This win catapulted them into the top spot on the season 8 points ahead of Paul Marsh's "Marshmallows". Should be a good showdown for top team at next month's LOZ tournament.

The battle for Top 10 is also coming down to the wire with just 62 points separating 7th place thru 16th place, and more specifically less than 28 points separates 9th thru 15th place. A great, or poor, result at Lake of the Ozarks in October can really shake things up.



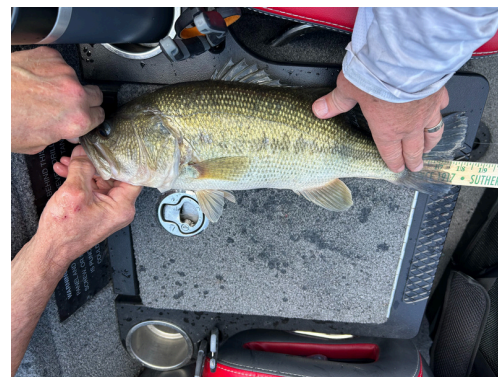
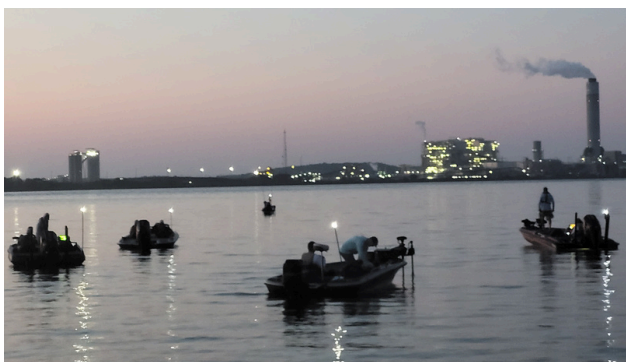
LaCynge Fundraiser recap

16 fishermen participated in the club's paper tournament fundraiser on August 16th, where the bass were measured, photographed, and released to minimize stress to the bass due to the warm temperatures. Thanks to the participants, \$200 was raised for the club.

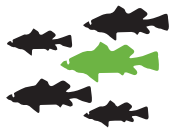
14 bass were caught with the Hughey team [Blake and Keith] taking top honors [3 bass measuring a total of 54"].

Vinnie Gay and his partner Reggie, also with 3 bass, were just a 1/2" behind. Tom Grandon and David Akehurst took 3rd with 2 bass for 34.75".

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