



OBC BUZZ

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2026 Tourney Schedule

March 21 [preseason buddy - no points]

LaCynge

April 18-19

Stockton

May 2-3

Truman [Osage Bluff]

May 30-31

Table Rock

June 27

Truman [Long Shoal]

July 11

Truman [Bucksaw]

August 22 [buddy fundraiser]

LaCynge

September 19

Mozingo

October 3

Smithville

Oct 24-25

Pomme de Terre

November 14

TBD - Tournament of Champions

2026 1st Meeting - Tackle Swap

Start to get you fishing juices revved up on Tuesday Feb 3rd when the Olathe Bass Club holds their first club meeting of the year at the Olathe Deaf Club [221 S Chestnut St, Olathe, KS 66061].

This meeting will be open to the public to allow potential new members an opportunity to mingle with us, find out what we're about, ask questions, etc.

We'll start at 7pm for the tackle swap set-up and get the meeting started at 7:30pm.

Remember, there is still no parking in the law offices parking lot, so park on the street nearby.



Upcoming Events

Feb 3 (Tue 7pm) - Tackle Swap - 1st club meeting of the year

Mar 3 (Tue) - club meeting

Mar 7 (Sat) - Kansas Bass Nation Banquet @ VFW Post 7397 (9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa KS 66215).

--10:30am-2pm - Business Meeting

--4pm-6pm - Bar open

--6pm-11pm - Dinner & Awards

Mar 17 (Tue) - 1st game of NCAA Men's College Basketball March Madness - details to come re: an OBC bracket fundraiser

Ringing the Bells

Ross Coker, Vince Campbell and David Akehurst participated in the ringing of the bells for the Salvation Army on December 17 & 18, 2025 outside of Bass Pro Shops in Olathe. This year was a bit unusual as the bucket volunteer picked up the kettle one hour early on the 17th and then on the 18th, Bass Pro Shops had an internal fire alarm issue preventing customer access to the store. So of the 4 hours we signed up for overall, we rang the bells for about 1 ¼ hours.



2025 Club Banquet summary

On Saturday, December 6th, 2025 the Olathe Bass Club held its annual end-of-year celebration Banquet. This year's golf-themed event was held at **Prairie Highlands Golf Club's** event pavilion with a fine spread of pizza, chicken fingers and other goodies provided by **Crush Grill**. Many thanks to **PGN Financial Services** for picking up the bar/drinks tab.

At least 18 members and their better-halves attended the party, with the ladies taking home a towel/sock gift package. Three of the ladies participated in a putting competition, with each one making a putt by at least their 3rd attempt. Mrs. Humphrey was declared the winner by sinking her very 1st putt. Everyone went home with at least one raffle prize, with Brent Grauberger being the big winner of this year's **Bass Pro Shops Olathe**-provided rod & reel combo.

In addition to the recognition given to the top fisherman of each tournament, and the 2025 major award winners [Pete Morrone [Roger Kruep Angler & Boater of the Year], Ben Marsh [Non-Boater of the Year], Cory Herrman [Rookie of the Year], PETA & His Chips [Team of the Year]], the club's highest honor [Sportsman of the Year] was announced as Paul Marsh, who was recognized for all his efforts and sacrifices on behalf of the club during the year. Congrats Paul !!

The club also conducted collections for 2 incredible charities which serve Olathe and all of Johnson County, KS. The 1st was a food drive for **Mission Southside**, which provides basic necessities for low-income families in Johnson County. They were in need of Back-Snack items so students would have enough food while school is not in session over the holidays. A secondary need was for Birthday Bag items [cake mixes and frosting] to make sure all children get a cake to celebrate their birthday with. Many other items were donated as well. A 2nd collection was in support of the **Pennies for Shoes** campaign, an effort supporting the **Olathe Mayor's Children's Fund** to make sure Olathe students in need have food, clothing, shoes and water during the holidays.

As usual, the Olathe Bass Club members stepped up, bringing in a total of 276 food and drink items as well as \$373 in cash. The cash donation surpassed 2024's total of \$310. All of the funds and collected items were happily delivered courtesy of the Olathe Bass Club in the days following the banquet.

In addition to those noted/bolded above, the banquet wouldn't have been possible without the donations and support of these great sponsors: **Shoreline Boat and RV Repair, Garmin, BB's Bar and Grill, J's BBQ Smokehouse, Powder Creek Shooting, KC Elite Marketing, Fishwear Shop, KG Promotional, and Aesthetic by Avery, Myrtle and Grace.**



Upcoming Kansas Bass Nation banquet

As noted in a recent email from KBN [Mike Turner]:

March 7, 2026 - KBN Banquet

WHERE: VFW POST 7397

Isadore Hoehn VFW Post 7397
9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa, KS 66215

AGENDA

1030AM-2PM - BIZ MEETING

4-6PM - BAR OPEN

6-11PM - DINNER/AWARDS

KBN SPRING BIZ MEETING

This year will be all about bylaws!!! It has been a decade or more since any substantial revisions have occurred. The Bylaw Committee chaired by Danny Barrett has done what I believe is a major overhaul on a much-needed vehicle of the KBN. The proposal put forth by the committee..... will ...be posted on the website. Special thanks to Jon Stewart and Brad VanRiette for the extreme amount of time they both spent making everything as comprehensive as possible.

KBN SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

This is a new event in 2026 to help the KBN raise funds for our Scholarship Program. Chuck Warden has taken it upon himself to try and add another event in Western Kansas. The inaugural event will be held on June 20th on Norton, but will NOT follow the same structure as the ongoing Strong Event at Big Hill. This event will host some great names of fishing, like Jimmy Houston, running one of our 5 pro team boats, 5 Celebrity teams, and only 8 2-man teams will be allowed on the lake. People will be allowed to bid on fishing with a Pro, a Celeb, or having their own team. Many details to work out still, and information will be released at Spring Meeting. Bidding is set to open on April 1st, no kidding!!!

KBN STRONG SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

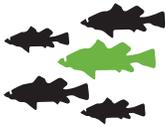
This year the tournament will be Saturday August 1st starting at safe light at Big Hill. Information will be available soon as to registration.

KBN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

New information on this year's event... Team series is back and although we were first led to believe it was an extra year down the road... it is now! Milford will qualify a boater and non-boater directly to the 2027 BNC, as well as a 10 Boater / 10 Non-boater team to compete in the 2026 BNC Qualifiers. We still don't have all the information but will be discussing this at the Spring meeting, so another reason to make sure to come this year!

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