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2026 Tourney Schedule

March 21 [preseason]

La Cygne
[11 bass for 39.01 lbs.]

April 18-19

Stockton
[90 bass for 172.08 lbs.]

May 2-3

Truman [Osage Bluff]
[18 bass for 39.96 lbs.]

May 30-31

Table Rock

June 27

Truman [Long Shoal]

July 11

Truman [Bucksaw]

August 22 [buddy fundraiser]

LaCygne

September 19

Mozingo

October 3

Smithville

Oct 24-25

Pomme de Terre

November 14

TBD - Tournament of Champions

Upcoming Events

June 2 (Tue 6:30pm) - club meeting

June 20 - KBN Scholarship Tournament @ Sebelius Reservoir - limited entries - Jimmy Houston and other celebs/professionals as potential fishing partners - see the KBN website for details. Online bidding starts June 1st.

Truman (Osage Bluff) tourney

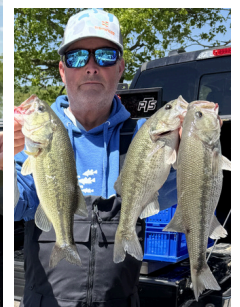
The Olathe Bass Club fished in their 2nd tourney of the season the weekend of May 2-3 at Truman Lake, launching from the Osage Bluff Access Ramp. The water level was very high and the bass were not cooperating. Of the 16 anglers who competed, 9 were shutout. Only 18 bass [largemouth and spotted] were weighed in over the 2 days for a total weight of 39.96 lbs.

Wyatt Peterson, a non-boater, was able to figure out how to land some nice fish [averaging nearly 3 lbs. per bass], including the FishWear Shop / KG Promotional 2nd Big Bass award for his 4.06 lb. largemouth on Sunday. In total, Wyatt brought in 4 keepers for a total of 11.94 lbs., catching them all with a jig on flooded points. Congrats on the victory Wyatt!

Wyatt fished with boater Pete Morrone, and Pete continued his excellent start to the season by finishing 2nd with 5 bass for 9.32 lbs. Pete caught bass with spinner baits, jigs, buzz baits and Texas-rigged soft plastics.

Pete and Wyatt were the winners of the Team of the Tournament award. Thanks to PGN Financial Services for providing Bass Pro Shops gift cards for the Team victory.

Wayne Byars caught 3 bass on Saturday and that held up for 3rd place, while Paul Marsh caught 3 on Sunday to take 4th place. Dean Nelson caught the Shoreline Boat & RV Repair Big Bass of 4.09 lbs. on Sunday on a "wacky rig, under the boat while eating a granola bar". That lone bass was good enough for 5th place.



Stockton tourney

The Olathe Bass Club started their regular season the weekend of Apr 18-19 at Stockton Lake, launching from the State Park Marina. After major storms blew through on Friday night, the water level rose considerably for Saturday's fishing with strong winds blowing putting a chill in the air. The water level continued to rise on Sunday, but the weather was a bit more pleasant.

In all, 90 bass [largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted] were brought to the scales for a total weight of 172.08 lbs. 17 members fished on Saturday, and 14 fished on Sunday.

Pete Morrone, last year's Angler of the Year, picked up right where he left off with a limit of 5 bass on each day to win the tournament with a convincing 22.75 lbs. Pete caught his bass primarily with a red/black-colored Wiggle Wart style crankbait or with a Texas-rigged baby brush hog with a chartreuse-tipped tail. Pete's 3.60 lb. bass on Sunday won the FishWear Shop / KG Promotional 2nd Big Bass award.

Fishing in the same boat as Pete was non-boater Ross Coker [starting his 4th season with the club], who previously had never weighed in more than 3 bass in any single tournament or day. Ross used a Texas-rigged Zoom Super Salt Plus Green Pumpkin Magic full-sized Brush Hog to catch his first limit on Saturday and to bring in 4 more on Sunday. It was his first non-boater victory.

Pete and Ross were the run-away winners of the Team of the Tournament award. Many thanks to PGN Financial Services for providing Bass Pro Shops gift cards for the Team victory.

Ryan Busha, also starting his 4th season with the club as a non-boater, also had his first 5-bass limit on Saturday, and 3 more on Sunday to finish in 3rd place. 4th place went to last season's Rookie of the Year Cory Herrman with 7 total bass, and Tom Grandon finished 5th overall, also with 7 bass. Brent Grauberger caught the Shoreline Boat & RV Repair Big Bass of 4.14 lbs. on Sunday on a shaky head in about 6 inches of water in the very muddy Sons Creek section.



OBC Website additions

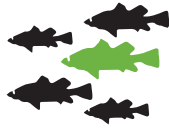
The Results tab on our website [www.olathebassclub.com/obc-results/] has pictures updated through the Truman [Osage Bluff] tournament, as well as the Current Standings after 2 tournaments. The Previous Year Standings section also has 2021 thru 2025 Final Standings links. If anyone has final standings for years prior to 2021, please forward that information to Ross Coker. Also if you would like an alternate picture on the Members tab, please forward that to Ross.

Coike / Sea Urchin baits

Pro fisherman Chris Johnston won a Bassmaster Elite Series tournament on Santee Cooper Lakes recently throwing a Coike bait. Most of the anglers in the top 10 were also using the bait, which is the newest craze in fishing at the moment.

Has the craze hit OBC yet? Do you have one and have you thrown it? Or did you strike out in an attempt to purchase, due to limited supplies? Will one of our upcoming tournaments feature a top finisher tantalizing Table Rock bass with something they've not seen much of before? Time will tell...

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