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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
[88 bass for 161.23 lbs.]

June 27

Truman [Long Shoal]
[27 bass for 62.31 lbs.]

July 11

Truman [Bucksaw]
[14 bass for 35.88 lbs.]

September 19

Mozingo

October 3

Smithville

Oct 24-25

Pomme de Terre

November 14

TBD - Tournament of Champions

Upcoming Events

Sept 1 (Tue 6:30pm) - club meeting

Dec 5 (Sat) - End of Year Banquet



Table Rock tourney

The Bridgeport Resort at Table Rock Lake in Cape Fair, MO was home base for the club on May 30-31st. 88 bass [largemouth, smallmouth, or spotted] were weighed in helped by a new lake regulation allowing 12" spotted bass. Total weight was 161.23 lbs.

Dave Juda won the tourney in large part to great success with a bone-colored Spook in the early morning hours [had his 5-bass limit by 6:53 am on Sunday]. He also used a new Yamamoto Uni bait and a puplish-colored tube to land keepers. Dave brought in a limit on both days for a grand total of 22.07 lbs.

Damon Petrey also brought in a limit both days and caught the FishWear Shop / KG Promotional 2nd Big Bass with a 3.18 lb. largemouth on Saturday. Damon caught 18.87 lbs. of bass on flukes, jigs, and mid-sized brush hogs.

Cory Herrman finished third with 17.65 lbs. and was the 3rd angler to limit both days. Cory used top-water baits, Neko rigs, and a Coike-bait to land most of his bass. Pete Morrone finished fourth and top non-boater Larry Stratton was 5th overall.

Dave Juda and Ross Coker won the Team of the Tournament award combining for 32.81 lbs. and Ross caught the Shoreline Boat & RV Repair Big Bass of 3.67 lbs on a full-sized Texas-rigged brush hog. Many thanks to PGN Financial Services for providing gift cards to Bass Pro Shops for the Team winners.

On Saturday night, the 13 members in attendance enjoyed a crappie fish fry provided by Paul Marsh.



Truman (Long Shoal) tourney

The club fished Truman Lake [launching out of Long Shoal] on June 27th, marking the half-way point in the 2026 season. There were 27 bass weighed in at an average of 2.31 lbs. per bass.

Pete Morrone claimed his 2nd victory of the year, bringing in a limit weighing 14.24 lbs. He teamed with Dave Akehurst to form the top team of the tournament. Pete and Dave were awarded Bass Pro Shops gift cards thanks to the generosity of PGN Financial Services.

Tom Grandon weighed in 4 bass for 10.28 lbs. to take 2nd place, and caught the FishWear Shop / KG promotional 2nd Big Bass of 3.86 lbs.

Ben Marsh was the top non-boater, and 3rd overall, with 2 bass for 7.24 lbs., including the Shoreline Boat & RV Repair Big Bass of 5.19 lbs. Ben won his second 5 lb. Big Bass pot in the past 3 seasons.

Cory Herrman and Wayne Byars rounded out the top 5.



Truman (Bucksaw) tourney

Bucksaw Marina/Ramp was the launch point for Olathe Bass Club's 5th tournament of the season on July 11th. 16 anglers began with a nice cloudy and comfy morning, but after 9am saw the heat rise and fishing success generally worsen. The club wrapped up early at 2pm and thankfully all 14 bass weighed in were alive, and at 2.56 lbs. per bass, a new season high in average weight was set.

Wayne Byars grabbed his 1st victory of the year, bringing in 3 bass for 9.30 lbs., including the FishWear Shop / KG promotional 2nd Big Bass of 3.73 lbs. Pete Morrone continued his strong season with a 2nd place finish, boating 2 bass for 6.47 lbs.

Paul Marsh came in 3rd with 2 bass for 4.86 lbs. and his boating partner Ross Coker was 4th [and top non-boater] by landing a lone keeper - the Shoreline Boat & RV Repair Big Bass of 4.66 lbs. [his new personal best]. Dean Nelson was the only other angler with 2 bass and finished 5th.

PGN Financial Services' Top Team of the Tournament went to Wayne Byars and his partner Dave Akehurst [who weighed in 1 bass].



Current "Final Points" standings

The Results tab on our website [www.olathebassclub.com/obc-results/] has the full set of pictures updated through the Truman [Bucksaw] tournament, as well as the Current Standings after 5 tournaments [it does not yet include the 5 bonus points to be awarded for attending at least 4 club meetings in person]. As we get closer to the end of the year and determining who gets the year-end invites to the Tournament of Champions, here's the current rankings:

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| 1 - Pete Morrone [252.77 pts] | 11 - Vince Campbell [140.82 pts] |
| 2 - Cory Herrman [216.17 pts] | 12 - David Juda [127.26 pts] |
| 3 - Wayne Byars [214.72 pts] | 13 - Brent Grauberger [119.58 pts] |
| 4 - Wyatt Peterson [210.79 pts] | 14 - David Akehurst [117.48 pts] |
| 5 - Tom Grandon [209.79 pts] | 15 - Greg York [102.10 pts] |
| 6 - Paul Marsh [196.67 pts] | 16 - Dean Nelson [99.11 pts] |
| 7 - Ross Coker [187.94 pts] | 17 - Ryan Busha [68.12 pts] |
| 8 - Ben Marsh [162.86 pts] | 18 - Jason Richards [53.63 pts] |
| 9 - Damon Petrey [154.06 pts] | 19 - James Humphrey [53.20 pts] |
| 10 - Larry Stratton [144.21 pts] | 20 - Charles Capehart [40.09 pts] |

New Member Spotlight

Jason Richards



Years of Fishing Experience

I have been fishing for about 10 years. My youngest son, when he was in high school, asked me if I could teach him how to fish so he could go with his friends. I knew virtually nothing about fishing, so I started watching a lot of YouTube videos. Eventually, we got into kayak fishing because bank fishing wasn't working. My son never went fishing with his friends and doesn't like to get up early, so we don't go often, but I caught the bug.

Favorite Lake

I fish mostly at Douglas County Lake.

Number of Rods

I own about a dozen rods.

Personal Best Bass

I don't know my biggest bass. I never weighed one until I joined the club. However, I would say it's probably one I caught on a trip I took to Lake Fork. The biggest, toughest, most difficult to land, probably in the 5-6 lb range.

Favorite Lure

I fish mainly soft plastic worms and swimbaits because I am not sure how to use other lures. Although, I have been using crankbaits more lately.

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