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2024 Tourney Schedule

March 23 & 24

Lake of the Ozarks [Lower End]
[37 bass for 81.80 lbs]

April 20 & 21

Table Rock Lake [Upper White]

May 4

Melvorn Lake

May 18

Truman Lake

June 8

Truman Lake

July 13

Lake of the Ozarks [River]

September 28 & 29

Pomme de Terre

October 12 & 13

Stockton Lake

October 26

Pomme de Terre [Tournament of Champions]

Upcoming Events

April 27 & 28 - KS Bass Nation - Mr BASS tournament at Waconda (Glen Elder)

May 4 - KS Bass Nation - Frank Stong Scholarship Benefit Team Tournament at Big Hill Lake

May 7 - Club Meetings are the first Tues. of the month at the Olathe Deaf Club at 7:30 p.m.

June 1 - Olathe Kids Fishing Derby at Cedar Lake

Tournament Recap Lake of the Ozarks



Olathe Bass Club held their 1st tournament of the 2024 season on March 23rd-24th at the Lake of the Ozarks, launching from the Shawnee Bend boat ramp. With the anglers starting Saturday at a shivering 34 degrees and not seeing it rise to 45 degrees until 1pm, bass were hard to come by (only 13 weighed in). Sunday was a bit warmer (43 degrees at take-off) and windier, and our anglers nearly doubled the bass count and weight from Saturday. Overall, 37 largemouth or spotted bass were weighed in with a total of 81.8 lbs.

Congratulations to Will Fairnington on winning the tournament! Will boated a pair on Saturday and 4 more on Sunday (including a 3.41 lb. bass) to win the tourney and was the top non-boater. Last year's Rookie of the Year starts the year strong!

1st place amongst the boaters went to Dave Juda who brought in 3 on Saturday and 3 more on Sunday including the Fishwear 2nd place big bass of 4.71 lbs. Great job Dave!

Wayne Byars caught the Shoreline Boat & RV Repair Big Bass of the tournament weighing in at 4.99 lbs.



SURVEY SAYS...

Olathe Bass Club member responses



The green states and/or Canadian provinces (on the map to the left) were listed as places farthest from Olathe you have caught a fish. **Mexico** and **Aruba** were also mentioned.

Crunchin' the Numbers

2023 Tournament Results

Who caught the quantity

2023 Top 5 Average Number of Bass Weighed in per Fishing Day (at least 5 days)	
Angler	Count
Pete Morrone	3.90
Vinnie Gay	3.88
Dave Juda	3.78
Brent Neis	3.13
Blake Hughey	3.10

Who averaged the biggest

2023 Top 5 Average Weight per Bass Weighed in (at least 8 fish)	
Angler	Lbs.
David Akehurst	2.53
Brent Neis	2.43
Blake Hughey	2.40
Larry Stratton	2.38
Dave Juda	2.23

April Club Meeting Recap

April 2, 2024 (Olathe, KS)

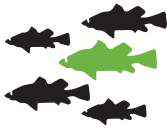
At the April club meeting, the club drew starting order and boater/non-boater pairings for the upcoming Table Rock Lake and Melvern Lake tournaments. As of this writing, 20 anglers are planning to participate in the 2-day Table Rock tournament, and 17 are planning to participate in the 1-day Melvern Lake tournament.

Tournament Director Dave Juda provided tips on potential areas of the lake to target as well as expected successful lure/bait options and presentation methods. The members are looking forward to higher fish catches as the water temperature should be much warmer than the first tournament (see page 1). Maybe just as much, our hungry members are looking forward to partaking in some goodies prepared by Paul Marsh (Friday night) and Dave J. (Saturday night). And Paul is looking forward to frying up any keeper Crappie or Walleye that find themselves in our livewells!

Ryan Busha (pictured below) was the big winner of the end-of-meeting raffle drawing, taking home the cash jackpot and also subsequently scoring the Shoreline Boat & RV Repair shirt giveaway. Thanks Shoreline for your sponsorship!



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