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COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another tournament season has come and gone. Boy, does the time fly when you're having fun. It's been a great year with many surprises. It's been a busy year. From high school fishing tournaments to hauling and installing brush piles, your club has managed to stay busy. Along the way, we've crowned many new tournament winners and seen some of the usual suspects win too. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this a very productive and successful year. And thanks to your board of directors and officers who help guide your club along.

We have just one more club meeting in Dec. and it should be a fun one. Everyone is encouraged to bring a small gift valued at not more than \$10. The gift should be "wrapped" so its identity is unknown. We will draw for the right to choose. We will also have a preliminary schedule of events for next year.

If you are planning to attend the awards dinner this year it would be nice if you could complete your reservation form and bring it to the meeting Dec. 6. You will also have the opportunity to pre-pay your membership for next year at the same time.

Finally, congratulations to all our tournament winners and to our end-of-year winners. And thanks to your tournament director. It is a tough job that Mike has tackled with enthusiasm.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and may your new year be healthy and prosperous.

Election of 2017 Club Officers & Directors

During the November meeting we elected club officers and directors. The results are: Kurtis Sutley/President, Open/ Vice President, Don Langston/Secretary, Darrell Graham/ Treasurer, Ernie Infusino/Director, Kirk Bixler/Director and Ken Bridges/Director. The Tournament Director will be appointed by the incoming president and approved by the new board. Directors with a year remaining are Bob Anderson and Gary Slumpff. Also, there is an open Director position vacated by Darrell's election as Treasurer.

Inside News

- The next Club meeting is 7:00 pm Tuesday, December 6, at the Coronado Center. **Remember bring a fishing related gift valued no more than \$10 to exchange and a dessert to share. Coffee will be provided by the club.**
- Don't forget to bring your aluminum cans to the meeting. Steve Wastel will collect the cans.
- We will have club hats and decals on sale at our club meetings. Hats are \$6.50 each and decals \$2 each. Exact change would be appreciated.
- The annual awards banquet is scheduled for Tuesday January 10th at the Desoto Club. Social hour starts at 5 pm and dinner will be served at 6 pm. Cost is \$20 per person and deadline for reservations is December 31st and remember seating is limited. Registration forms will be available at the club meeting and will also be emailed to the membership.

November Tournaments

The last tournament of the year was on Ouachita Thursday November 10th. Twenty-one members fished catching 58 bass for a total weight of 71lbs 9 ounces. In the angler division Bruce Zorn was first place and had big bass of 2 lbs 8 ounces, Kirk Bixler was second and Dave Keith third. Darrell Graham won first place in the co-angler division and had big bass of 2 lbs 4 ounces. Gordon Harger



was second and Frank Elliott third in the co-angler division. Schooling bass were not as active as the last tournament but walking baits like the small Sammy (lower right) caught fish. Another bait that produced well again was the drop shot (lower left) rigged with a finesse worm in some variation of green pumpkin. The Zoom Mag II in green pumpkin (upper left) and Zoom U-Tail in watermelon red (upper middle) also caught fish. Dave Keith caught his fish on a small silver crank bait (upper right).

Final 2016 Year End Standings

Fisherman of the Year – Bruce Zorn

Angler of the Year

1st Place – Bruce Zorn

2nd Place – Kirk Bixler

3rd Place – Dave Keith

Big Bass – Kirk Bixler

Co-Angler of the Year

1st Place – Darrell Graham

2nd Place – Paul Galfund

3rd Place – Robert Brannan

Big Bass – Frank Elliott

2016 Most Improved – Bruce Zorn

New Member with Highest Point Average – Bill Womack