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HSV Anglers News

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lots of exciting things happening in your club for May. Aside from the bass going post spawn eating and ripping the rod out of our hands, we have the Military Fishing Day and the opportunity to show our service members just how much their sacrifice means to us. Dave Keith has done a great job (again) getting everything organized and thanks to Bob Baker, we will have plenty of good food afterwards.

For all you tournament winners, this is a heads-up. Since we have the extra time during our meetings, we are going to call on you (angler and co-angler) winners to give us a short lesson on how you caught your fish. We want to know how, what bait and what technique or pattern you found that produced your success. It's an opportunity to share your knowledge or lucky secret. We are a fishing club and we need to talk about fishing as much as we can.

This fishing year has started out very well thanks to the efforts of our board and the tournament director. TD is not just pairing anglers and co-anglers. There's a lot of post tournament effort made to keep everyone happy. Mike has worked hard to keep that tradition alive.

On May 6 we are going to have a team at Wal-Mart selling electric shock hazard signs. Thanks to Ernie Infusino we have the blessing of the store manager and we need the word spread. You might even stop by and provide some moral support.

As I said in the beginning, the bass will be going into their post-spawn feed this month. Morning top water baits and crank baits later in the day will be key. Don't miss out on the best fishing action before the fall feeding frenzy. Hope to see you all at our next meeting on May 2.

2017 MILITARY FISHING DAY

Work preparing for 2017 Military Fishing Day is nearing completion. Dave Keith will present more detail at the upcoming club meeting. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for a rod and reel combo to support purchase of prizes.

Inside News

- The next Anglers club meeting is 7 pm Tuesday May 2nd at the Coronado Center room 5. We'll have Barry Hoehne as guest speaker.
- Remember if you haven't already paid your club dues of \$25 they were due the end of February. Pay Darrell Graham at the club meeting 5/2 or send your check made to HSV Anglers to—Darrell Graham, 15 Mujeres Lane, Hot Springs Village, Ar 71909
- We will have club decals on sale at our club meetings for \$2 each. Exact change would be appreciated.
- Don't forget to bring your aluminum cans to the meeting. Steve Wastel will collect the cans.
- Sign-up for tournaments will be prior to the Club meeting. Tournaments are scheduled for Monday 5/8 and Tuesday 5/23.
- The club's mentor program matches an angler familiar with local fishing techniques with anglers new to the area or unsure about how to use new techniques. Anyone that is interested in participating contact Gary Slumpff (phone - 922-6203 or email - FunDuo@outlook.com).
- The club is continuing to sale Electrical Hazard Warning signs for \$9 each. These signs are required by state law to be displayed on all docks with electrical outlets

APRIL TOURNAMENTS

The first April tournament was Thursday April 6th on Lake Hamilton. We had 25 members fish catching 67 bass weighing 100 pounds and 11 ounces.



Kurtis Sutley caught the big bass in the angler division of 3 pounds 2 ounces and John Matherne also had a 3 pound 2 ounce bass to take big bass in the co-angler division. Kurtis won first place in the angler division and caught his bass on a green pumpkin magic Zoom finesse worm on a 1/16 ounce darter head jig (upper right). John Matherne won first place co-angler and caught his fish on Texas rigged Zoom baby brush hog (lower right). Other baits that produced were Texas rigged Zoom green pumpkin magic ultra vibe speed craw and Zoom green pumpkin magic U-tail worms (upper and middle left). Zoom green pumpkin magic U-tail worms and Zoom watermelon red finesse worms on a 1/8 ounce jig head also accounted

for several fish (top and bottom left).

The second April tournament was Thursday April 20th on Lake DeGray and it rained and rained. Nineteen members fished bringing in 53 bass weighing 90 pounds 4 ounces.



Mike Crews won first place in the angler division with a bag weighing 11 pounds 5 ounces. Mike caught most of his fish on a Zoom green pumpkin trick worm rigged wacky (top right). Bob Baker caught the big bass in the angler division of 3 pounds 7 ounce on a green pumpkin magic U-tail worm (upper left). Jim Gardner won first place in the co-angler division with 8 pounds 11 ounces using a Zoom fluke (lower left) in rainbow shad (not shown). Jim also caught the big bass co-angler division of 4 pounds 2 ounces. May tournaments are scheduled for Monday May 8th as a wild card

and Tuesday May 23rd on Lake Hamilton.

Fishing Report

Lake: Balboa

Date: 4/24/17 Time : 7:00 to 10:30 Air Temp: 48/72 Water Temp: 68—70

Weather Conditions: Sunny Water Color : Clear Wind : 3 –4 mph ESE increased 15-20 mph S

Area Fished: Main lake points and primary points in bays

Initial Plan: Planned to use topwater, crankbaits and T-rigged craw baits

Results: Fished a topwater for about 30—40 minutes had one fish on but lost it about half way to the boat. Used several different crank baits with no luck. Caught 15", 16" and a 16 1/2" on a Zoom green pumpkin magic ultra vibe speed craw. The wind was blowing harder so I switched to a 3/8 ounce black and blue finesse jig with a green pumpkin craw trailer and caught two about 17" a nice one just short of 19 inches. All the fish were caught on or near main lake points and primary points in bays in 8—12 feet of water.