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HSV Anglers News

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

With one more tournament left on the Angler's schedule, our season is just about over. But don't let that keep you off the water. Don't misread my intentions here. I hate cold weather. I hate it for a number of reasons. But the reason I really hate cold weather is because I'm an Air Force safety officer at heart. So many people really do understand the dangers of hot weather with the threat of heat stroke or heat exhaustion. They truly are a real and present danger in the summer time. Hyperthermia isn't always completely understood but it sure gets the lion share of our attention.

Hypothermia can kill even quicker. It happens not because we fail to dress properly or hydrate well but comes on quickly most often after something as silly as falling from a boat or getting caught in a morning shower without rain gear. Where hyperthermia sneaks up on us, hypothermia can hit like a two-ton load of bricks.

A few years back had a co-angler fall into Ouachita on a cold morning when the water temp was 42 degrees and the air temp was 39 degrees. I got him back in the boat quickly but now faced a very real dilemma, do I rush back to the ramp inducing additional wind chill or return at a more leisurely pace prolonging his exposure to the cold air while soaking wet. With a dual console, we rushed.

One other really dangerous aspect of this scenario is that hypothermia symptoms can set in within hours of exposure if the body's core has been chilled even though you might be setting in a warm truck in wet clothes feeling fine. Solution: Always carry an extra set of clothes. Even if the weather is 70 degrees, water will be the last to warm in the Spring. And even at 70 degrees, that's 28 degrees below normal body temperature. Add wind chill and wet clothes and you can be setting yourself up for a really lethal situation.

Winter is a great time to catch really big bass. Although their metabolism is slowed because of the cold, the big ones need to eat more often. Slow down and use big baits that move slower. But most important, keep that life vest on and a spare set of clothes in your boat and in your vehicle. I'd really like to see everyone around to help Ernie make this next year a great success.

Inside News

- The next Club meeting is 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 7th at the Coronado Center.
- Don't forget to bring your aluminum cans to the meeting. Steve Wastel will collect the cans.
- During the October meeting we elected club officers and directors. The following were elected -
President - Ernie Infusino
Vice President - Dave Keith
Treasurer - Darrell Graham
Secretary - Bob Brannan
Directors - Don Langston, Craig Schilling, Robb Ferri-man
- 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
- Sign-up for the last tournament of the year prior to the Club meeting. The Tournament is scheduled for Tuesday 11/14 on Lake Balboa.

October Tournaments

The first October tournament was a Wild Card Monday October 16th. Thirty members fished catching 73 bass for a total weight of 105 pounds. In the angler division Craig Schilling was first place, Kirk



Bixler was second, Bruce Zorn third and Craig Schilling had big bass of 4 lbs 10 ounces. Bob Brannan won first place in the co-angler division Paul Galfund was second and John Matherne third. In the Co-Angler division Robb Ferrimann had big bass of 2 lbs 6 ounces. There were a lot of bass caught on the drop shot rig (upper right) using either a salt and pepper dead ringer or a finesse worm some variation of green pumpkin or watermelon. Other baits that produced well where the Zoom Mag II in green pumpkin magic (middle left) and green pumpkin swamp crawler (lower left) both texas rigged. A black and blue jig (lower right) also caught several fish. Craig

caught two of his bass on a pearl white fluke (upper left) on a double fluke rig (ask Kurtis Sutley how to rig).

The next tournament was on Lake Ouachita Wednesday October 25th. Twenty-four members participated catching 42 bass with a total weight of 63 lbs 10 ounces. In the angler division Bruce Zorn was



first place, Dave Keith was second, Bill Gurkin was third. Don Langston had big bass in the Angler division of 3 lbs 2 ounces. In the co-angler division Trent Cole won first place and had big bass of 3 lbs 14 ounces, John Matherne was second and Jim Garnder was third third . The drop shot (upper right) rigged with a salt and pepper or green pumpkin dead ringer or finesse worm in some variation of green pumpkin or watermelon worked well. Other baits that produced catches were texas rigged green pumpkin magic (lower left) or plum (not shown) Mag II worm. There were some schooling fish early caught on a Sammy like walking bait (upper left). A green pumpkin jig (lower right) also

caught fish.

November Tournament

I am including the first November tournament because it was before the November club meeting. The tournament was a Wild Card Thursday November 1st. Twenty seven members fished catching 72



bass for a total weight of 92 lbs 9 ounces. In the angler division Don Langston was first place and had big bass of 3 lbs 12 ounces, Kirk Bixler was second and Bruce Zorn third. Bob Brannan won first place in the co-angler division, Robb Ferriman was second and Bob Urban third and had big bass of 2 lbs. 6 ounces. The texas rigged Zoom Baby Brush Hog in green pumpkin magic (lower middle) and Zoom Mag II in green pumpkin magic (lower left) produced well. Another bait that produced well was the drop shot (upper right) rigged with a salt and pepper or green pumpkin dead ringer or finesse worm in some variation of green pumpkin or watermelon. Other baits that also caught fish were the Alabama rig (upper

left), shallow running (4 –6 feet) crank bait in a shad color (lower left) and a green pumpkin jig (lower right) .

HSV ANGLERS CLUB ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The annual awards banquet is scheduled for Tuesday January 9th at the Desoto Club. Social hour starts at 5 pm and dinner will be served at 6 pm. Deadline for reservations is December 31st. Registration forms will be available at the club meeting and will also be emailed to the membership