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# HSV Anglers News

## COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Hot Springs Village Anglers has been blessed with so many good men and women who truly love the sport of fishing. These same anglers are also of the character to volunteer to help their fellow members become ever better at their sport. As we get ready to end this fishing season your leadership will be working to find improvements that will make your club more fun and will help everyone become even better at catching those elusive green fish.

One of my concerns has been finding ways to get more into our club meetings that addresses fishing without completely keeping the membership in the dark about plans, programs and club operations. In the next couple of months prior to leadership change the outgoing and incoming officers will be discussing plans to improve your club and your club meetings. For those of you that get uncomfortable with change, I assure you the club fellowship and personality will not change. We will have fun and we will learn.

Our club really needs someone to step up and help Don Langston with some of the Secretary duties. Don is willing to stay on but he needs help with the newsletter. Specifically, he needs help getting the information gathered to put the newsletter together. In basic terms, you would be a hunter/gatherer of some of the information Don needs.

I would also like to remind everyone of our fish fry on September 21. We will have lots of food and all you'll need is to bring something to drink. We'll be starting to gather at 5 P.M. with dinner being served as it is prepared fresh at the Balboa pavilion. Cost will be just \$5 per person.

Now, in the spirit of fishing and fishing news, it's been tough. In the 17 years I've been back in Arkansas, this is the toughest I've seen. It's been hotter and it's been wetter but the fishing has never been this tough. I do believe it will get better, Heck, it couldn't get much worse. As the weather starts to cool look for the shad and fry to start moving to the back of creeks and streams. The bass (both strippers and blacks) will be moving in with them. Top waters like Zarra Spooks and Gunfish will be the ticket. Keep your eyes peeled for those schooling bass on flats near the mouth of those same creeks.

Everyone be safe on the water and keep your line fresh. Fall is just around the corner and the feeding will start soon.

## Inside News

- The next Anglers club meeting is 7 pm Tuesday September 5th at the Coronado Center room 5.
- 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 Tuesday September 12th on Lake Ouachita and Thursday September 28th on Lake Hamilton.
- 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 Slumppff (phone - 922-6203 or email - [FunDuo@outlook.com](mailto: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.

## AUGUST TOURNAMENT

Fishing was tough again for the August tournament. The August 30th tournament on Lake Balboa saw 35 member catch 61 bass for a total weight of 95 pounds 14 ounces. Kirk Bixler had big bass of 3 pounds on the angler side while Jim Matherne had a 3 pound 2 ounce big bass as a co-angler. Kirk Bixler won first place angler by targeting suspended fish and caught all his keepers either on a dropshot with Zoom finesse worm (top right), jig in green pumpkin/red with Zoom mini-chunk in green pumpkin/



blue (middle center) and an Alabama rig rigged with Keitech 4" swim baits (left). John Maltherne took first place co-angler using a t-rigged Culprit Tequila Shad Worm (right 2nd down). There was a good topwater bite early with the classic pop-r (center bottom) being the most productive topwater bait. Other baits that were productive were t-rigged

Zoom green pumpkin Trick worm, t-rigged Zoom watermelon/red shaky tail worm (right 3rd down). A wacky rigged Zoom watermelon /red Trick worm worked to catch several bass (right bottom).

## 2017 Fish Fry

The Annual Fish Fry is scheduled for **Thursday September 21st** at the Balboa pavilion. The social hour will start at 4pm and dinner at 5 pm. All members are invited with their spouse or friend and we encourage you to bring a guest. Cost is \$5 per person for dinner that includes fish, beans and cold slaw. We also ask that you BYOB. We will be selling raffle tickets for a rod and reel combo for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The reel is a Bass Pro Shops® Formula Spinning Reel FML10 and the rod is a Bass Pro Shops® the Bi-onic Blade™ XPS® Slim Grip Spinning Rod 6'6", Power - Medium, Action -Fast, Line Weight - 4-12 lbs., Lure Weight - 1/8 - 1/2 oz. with a total value of \$130.

Please plan on attending it's always a great time.