



Grapevine Bass Anglers 2007

**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!!**

The Holidays have come and gone and we are now embarking on our new season of fishing. I hope that this season turns out to be as successful for our club as the previous seasons have been, and with your help, I know it will! This is a great time of year to touch base with family members, friends and co-workers to see if they might be interested in joining our bass club. We are always open to new members and encourage each of you to spread the word about our club. Having an active membership is crucial to the long term success of our club. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining, please invite them to one of our meetings or tournaments. Remember, a potential new member can fish one event as a "guest" without having to pay the membership fee but keep in mind that they are required to fish with a current member if they plan to fish as a guest. Check with one of the club officers if you have any questions.

**It's time again for our Annual Awards Banquet!!**

When: Saturday, January 27, 2007

Where: Scott's Silverlake Marina at Lake Grapevine (same location as our meetings)

Time: 6:30 P.M.

You are invited to attend this once a year event and encouraged to bring your family as well. This will be covered dish meal. The club will be providing drinks (tea and water), cups, plates and utensils and the main course. Several of our members have committed to preparing the main course which will be smoked brisket, ribs and ham.

**NOTE:** You can bring alcoholic beverages but it is strictly BYOB

We would like those who plan on attending this event to bring a covered dish to share with everyone, salads, beans, casseroles and desserts are all appreciated. In order to have ample drinks on hand, please **RSVP** to Mike Corley (817-481-8290) and let him know how many you will have in your group. Also, if you could give him insight as to the dish you plan on bringing, that would be helpful to ensure we have a good variety of dishes as well.

We had several motions made during our November meeting in regards to rule changes for the upcoming year. Those in attendance at our last meeting voted on those motions and the majority ruled accordingly:

Rules changes for 2007 (in no particular order):

Those that Passed:

- 1) A motion was made, and **PASSED**, to amend the Tournament of Champions (TOC) qualifications to allow the angler who catches the largest bass during a Grapevine Anglers bass tournament in one year to be eligible for entry into the TOC the following year. For example, the angler who catches the largest bass during the 2007 tournament season will qualify for the 2008 TOC.
- 2) A motion was made, and **PASSED**, to begin awarding a 1 lb bonus to members for attending the monthly meeting. The basis of this motion is to prompt more members to attend the meetings.

Those that Failed:

- 1) A motion was made, and **FAILED**, to amend the rules to change the Top 6 to the Top 10 and begin awarding Grapevine Angler jackets to the Top 10 anglers each year instead of the current method of awarding to the Top 6. Note: This amendment would necessitate placing an increased burden on the financial needs of the club since 4 additional jackets would be purchased each year along with the required embroidery work.

**Voting for 2007 Club Officers took place at our last meeting and the results are as follows.**

**Officers for the 2007 Season are as follows:**

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| President           | Mike Corley   |
| Vice President      | Scott Pomykal |
| Tournament Director | Earl Plummer  |
| Treasurer           | Jim Oliver    |
| Webmaster           | Bryon Correll |
| Secretary           | Scott Pomykal |

### **Tournament News**

The start of the 2007 tournament season is fast approaching. We hope to get the year off with a big turnout so everyone mark you calendars, change the line on your reels, sharpen your hooks and don't forget to charge those batteries!

Our first event for 2007 will be at Lake Fairfield (note: this location could change if water levels are not sufficient enough to allow safe boat loading and unloading. If a location change is made, you will be notified).

Location: Lake Fairfield (please remember there is an 18" minimum length limit for bass on this lake)  
Date: Saturday, February 3, 2007  
Time: 6:30 AM – 3:30 PM  
Weigh in: First boat ramp in park

Please remember that our club enforces the rules regarding starting fishing times and being back in time fore weigh-in. Although you may launch your boat early, you are not permitted to make your first cast until the official start time. Beginning to fish prior to this time could subject you to disqualification. Also, you must be back at the boat ramp no later than official tournament stop time (3:30 for this event). If you are not in line to weigh-in or waiting to load your boat by 3:30, you could be subjected to disqualification at the discretion of the Tournament Director. All decisions made by the Tournament Director regarding rules infractions, length limits of bass and bass identification (where applicable) are final.

**WARNING:** Lake Fairfield State Park has a strict policy regarding alcoholic beverages in the park. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited within the park and law enforcement officers routinely patrol the area and will enforce the law. The fine for not adhering to this law could cost you \$500 so I highly encourage you not to have these types of beverages with you while in the park.