



## Big Fish are Biting!

### Big Bass Update:

Do you believe in Murphy's Law? There maybe a few of our PWF members who do. We have had several large fish reported to us by members who were not part of the big bass contest.

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, owner DeWayne Yates landed this nice 25 inch 9.6 lb female while flipping a wacky Senko in 3-5 foot of water at his lake, [Longbranch Yates Place](#).

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### Pic of the Month, Year, or Lifetime? **13.7lb Bass @ Lake Leon**

Mark Shirley of Kansas caught a true fish of lifetime while fishing Spro's Little John MD crankbait. As you might imagine we hear lots of big fish stories, and we actually believe most. Mark's is no fish story. He has the pictures to prove it.



*Click the pic to view*



***DeWayne Yates 9.6lb***

On that same day Mark Shirley caught a 27 inch 13.7 lb monster at [Oakwood Lake Leon](#).



### ***Mark's Full Report***

A 27 inch fish with a 23.25 girth should weigh 14.1 lbs. Mark's weighed 13.7 lbs. Mark is no stranger to catching big bass and has caught more than a dozen fish over 8 lbs while fishing on PWF lakes over the past few years.

### **New Lake! Clarksville: Alysha Ranch**



We recently opened Clarksville Alysha Ranch 2 hours NE of Plano.



Click [here](#) to learn more about fishing and lodging opportunities at Alysha Ranch.

### **Site Locations**

***Mark Shirley, 13.7lb***

On March 12<sup>th</sup> Ben Hummel caught a 24.5 inch  
9 ½ lb fish at [Heartland 10-10; Leaky Lake](#).



***Ben Hummel, 9 1/2lb***

Any one of these fish would be strong  
contenders in this year's contest. I think we  
could probably say that a 27 inch fish would win  
9 out of 10 years and be worth \$500.

Click [here](#) to view this years rules. Contact the  
club office to sign up for the tournament.



## **El Salto, Mexico Re-cap**

John Hastings, Bobby Greenwood, Kurt Kunkle, Richard Albert and I all returned for the 3rd year in a row. Mike Fearnow and Mike Hess came for the second year and Brooks McCall, Chuck Cherry and "Mr. 8'ber" Mark Levoch came for the first time. We had two members that had to cancel shortly before the trip.

Fishing was much slower than in years past with average catch days of only 15 to 20 fish. A few caught more and a few caught less. The size was good with 5 fish over 8 lbs. The big fish was 9.2 and caught by Kurt Kunkle. Mark Levoch caught 3 of those 8 lb fish; breaking his personal best twice.



***Kurt Kunkle, 9.2lb***



***Mark Levoch, 8lb***



***Steve Alexander, 8.9lb***

Four of us then tried our hand at salt water fishing and had a blast chasing Toro (Yellowfin) with live Spanish mackerel, using relatively light tackle. Next year, Ron Speeds general manager is going to hook us up for a longer day trip to really go after some larger fish. Can't wait!

I am taking another group June 5-9 of this year and the cost is \$995 if you are interested. I have 5 committed. Next year's date is set for January 24-28, 2014. The price will be \$1250.

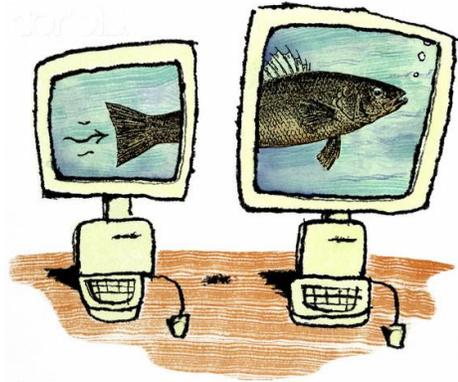


***Bobby Greenwood w/ a Toro***

If you are interested in going, please let me know. Again, you do not need to bring a friend. Many of the guys on the trip come by themselves and I partner you up with a new friend each day. If you want to bring a friend and fish with him all day that is okay too. Call me for more details.

# Fishing Cancellation Policy Changes

We keep a very liberal cancellation policy. We do this, because we want you to be able to enjoy fishing and not worry about lots of rules or create an atmosphere where fishing is a hassle. We have had a huge upswing in cancellations this year; probably 3 times more than the 2 previous years. Many cancellations are made because members book months or weeks in advance, to "hold" a spot, knowing that they may or may not use the spot. Why not? Right? There is no penalty for doing so, as long as you cancel 24 hours in advance. Wrong.



Cancellations cause the club to miss revenue. Often reservations, especially to the higher priced properties, go unfilled when canceled a day or two before the trip. Most of our premium properties require multiple people and coordinating schedules with all involved takes planning. Moreover, we only have a handful of prime spring weekends and these weekends are in high demand. Since your reservation secures you and only you and/or your fishing party, cancelling often leaves the weekend unfilled. Ultimately, this takes an opportunity away from another member who could have booked had the schedule been cleared sooner. Please read the new cancellation policy moving forward. For a cliff notes version of the changes, here they are:

**\*You may only have 3 reservations on the books at a time.**

**\* You may only reserve 90 days in advance. If you have extenuating circumstances such as a guest flying in from out of state or need to plan ahead beyond 90 days, please call and we can make special consideration.**

**\*You will be charged 50% of the total trip if you cancel within 72 hours of your reservations.**

**\*You may still cancel for weather related issues with no penalty. However, wind of 20 mph, temperatures in the 30's, or a cold front blowing in, does not constitute a valid weather reason.**

