

REEL SOLITUDE
PRIVATE WATER
Fishing



Private Water Fishing

Dear Steve,

We hope you have enjoyed this wild spring. With summer around the corner, the extended mild temps have been most welcome.

It was a very productive season on club waters. We hope you were able get out and enjoy some of our properties. We expect the next month to be just as productive and we look forward to hearing about your experiences fishing our lakes.

Sincerely,
 Steve Alexander
 Private Water Fishing

Issue Number

35

In This Issue

- [Big Bass Winners](#)
- [How to Handle a Big Fish](#)
- [El Salto Fishing](#)
- [Daily Rate Changes](#)
- [PWF Classifieds: Buy & Sell](#)

El Salto Fishing

I know some of you have bass fishing in Mexico on your bucket list. I also know that there is never a good time to go. Moreover, some of you will wake-up one day and say, I wish I had gone. Don't be that guy.

We have one spot open for June 5-9. Price is \$995 for 3 days of fishing. You don't need to bring a friend, as we have just one spot open. Come solo and fish with some other PWF members.

We have 14 spots open for January 24-28. No nets in the lake during

Big Bass Winners



[Click the pic to view the Bass Tourney final results](#)

Fortunately for Bruce Prindle, Mark Shirley was not in the big bass contest. Mark Shirley's 13.7 lb bass caught from [Oakwood Lake Leon](#) was the largest fish reported this season. Moreover, there were 3 other 9 lb plus/24 inch plus fish reported where the member was not part of the big bass contest. But, I do not want to take anything away from this year's winners.

Congratulations to 1st place and \$500 winner Bruce Prindle!

On April 26th, Bruce was fishing the lily pads at [Rough Creek Lodge](#) and nailed this giant on a Green Pumpkin colored jig with a Bama Bug Trailer using 20 lb Fluorocarbon. His fishing partner told him "there is no way you will get a big fish out of the pads with Fluorocarbon." Well, Bruce proved him wrong.



Bruce Prindle - 24 inch Bass

2nd place and \$250 goes to Mark Levock. Mark was

this window of time.
Price is \$1495.

Price Changes at a few Lakes

Nobody likes to announce increased pricing but, we must increase the costs of a few properties. In these cases the price has only increased \$15, but we realize this is a cost increase none the less.

Why did we raise the costs at these lakes? Great question. Our landowners and PWF have made significant investments in the lakes, water, and forage to make the lakes better. Price increases will go in effect June 1st, 2013. Here are the lakes where we have raised the fees:

[Tom Bean 9G Ranch:](#)
Full day is \$75/half day is \$50. We added \$4000 worth of grass carp and a brand new 14 foot aluminum jon boat.

[Sulphur Bluff Timber Lake:](#) Full day is \$90/half day is \$60. We have added at least \$3000 worth of fertilizer and forage fish in this lake for each of the past 3 years. For those of

fishing [Hat and Star Ranch](#) with a watermelon red Senko when a 24 Inch pig jumped on it. Mark is on a roll, catching 3 other 8 lb + fish at Lake El Salto in Early March. Mark is red hot!



Mark Levoch - 24 inch bass

3rd place and \$100 goes to Rick Drummond. Rick was fishing his go to bait, a Pop R, at [Gilmer Hat and Star Ranch](#) on April 27th. Rick loves to fish a Pop R and reported one of the most incredible fishing days I have ever heard of on our club waters, one March day, last year, on [Timber Lake](#). Rick and his Pop R landed more than 20 fish over 5 lbs and a 9lb Kicker.



Rick Drummond - 23.5 inch bass

This year's contest had over 50 members who entered. Please note we don't want anyone to take the contest to serious.

This is more for bragging rights and fun than producing a pay day for the winners.

How to Handle a Big Fish

Big Fish Require Extra Care

Often lost in the excitement of catching a big bass is

you who have not fished here, it is probably the hottest lake in the club and in my opinion still one of the best values.

Sulphur Bluff Dear Trial:

Full day is \$75/half day is \$50. Like Timber Lake, we have added at least \$3000 worth of fertilizer and forage fish in this lake for the past 3 years. For those of you who are not sure about harvesting and its impact, please note this lake has had the average fish double in weight in less than 3 years time, a true success story.

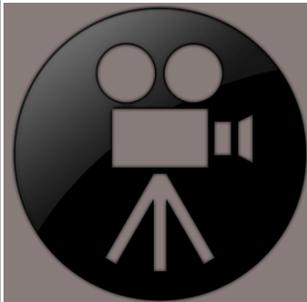
PWF Classifieds

We would like to remind our members about our [Classified Section](#) on our website. Members can submit fish related items they would like to sell and our office will post them on our website free of charge.

Currently we have a few really good deals on some two man boats, which are perfect for fishing our lakes. Take a look and contact the selling member directly or the club office if interested.

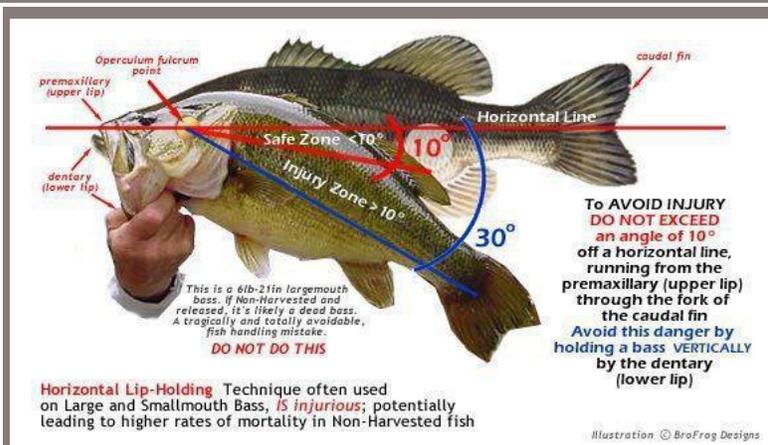
The [Classified Section](#) as well as several other

the proper way to hold or handle a big fish. When I see a picture or TV show where the guest or host holds a fish by the jaw and cocks the fish back; I cringe. I know that the fate of this fish is in jeopardy. When you cock the jaw of heavy fish and expect the jaw to support the body weight of a 5 lb bass you are expecting a lot. Often the jaw is damaged or broken, causing the fish to feed inefficiently or not at all.



Click the camera to view our video, "How to Handle a Big Fish"

For those of you with a pension for numbers or finance, consider this. It takes 10lbs of forage (bluegill/shad) to put one lb on a bass. Eighteen 4 to 6 inch bluegill weigh 1 lb. Each bluegill sells for \$.90. So that 5 lb bass had to eat \$81.00 worth of bluegill to weigh 5 lbs. The point is you are holding a very valuable resource. Learn how to hold and handle a bass. Please see the diagram below on how not to hold a fish and our video about how to hold and handle a fish.



Click [here](#) to view a larger image of the diagram above

helpful pages on our website can be found by hovering over the Videos/News/Info heading at the top of the home page.

PWF Current Sites

