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2014 Big Bass Tournament and 2013 Harvest Reward Winners

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Spring Fishing: Rules, Tips, Etc...

Believe it or not, spring is just around the corner!



We wanted to take this time to remind our members of some club rules regarding reservation protocol as well as a few tips that may help your spring fishing experience be more enjoyable.

1) Fishing Members are allowed to have 3 trips on the books at one time. If one trip is completed, you

Big Bass Tournament 2014



Bruce Prindle was the Big Bass winner of 2013 and received a \$500 payout.

Bruce was fishing the lily pads at [Rough Creek Lodge](#)

may place another reservation at that time. Once you complete all 3 trips, you are welcome to book up to 3 more.

2) Fishing Reservations are allowed to be placed up to 90 days in advance. If you have extenuating circumstances such as friends flying in town, large group outings, etc... exceptions can be made. Contact the club office directly to make any unique arrangements beyond the 90 day window.

3) Want a Fishing Partner? Sign up for our fishing partner system and find other club members to fish with. Several of our top properties have a two adult requirement to fish. The Partner Finder System is a great way for solo members to team up and fish these great properties. Keep in mind, you don't have to fish out of the same boat. Members can book a trip together, arrive separately and share the lake while still fishing with the solitude and comfort of your own boat. To sign up and/or access the Partner Finder System, log on to our website and click the link that appears labeled "Partner Finder". Contact the club office if you'd like help setting up your account.

4) Blackout Dates on Lake Calendars: PWF monitors fishing pressure at all of our properties. When looking at the online calendars, it may appear that a lake is being fished heavily on a given week.

and nailed this giant on a Green Pumpkin colored jig with a Bama Bug Trailer on 20 lb Fluorocarbon on April 26th. His fishing partner told him "there is no way you will get a big fish out the pads with Fluorocarbon." Well, Bruce proved him wrong.



2nd place and \$250 went to Mark Levock. Mark was fishing [Gilmer Hat & Star Ranch](#) with a watermelon red Senko when a 24 Inch pig jumped on it. Mark also caught 3 other 8 lb + fish at Lake El Salto in Early March. What a great year of fishing!



3rd place and \$100 went to Rick Drummond. Rick was

Typically, this is not the case. The large majority of unavailable dates on the calendars are days of rest, not fishing. Contact the club office through email or by phone if you'd like clarification regarding a property's fishing pressure.

5) Lakes 30 acres or larger: PWF reserves the right to place up to two groups of two anglers on lakes 30 acres or larger. This rarely happens but, occasionally on weekends during the spring, our busiest time of year, you may potentially share a lake with another member or two. If demand dictates the sharing of a lake, PWF will notify both parties prior to the date. There should be no unexpected company on our waters upon your arrival.

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fishing his go to bait, a Pop R, at [Gilmer Hat and Star Ranch](#) on April 27th.

Last year's contest had over 50 members who entered. Please note we don't want anyone to take the contest too serious. This is more for bragging rights and fun than producing a pay day for the winners.

There were 4 other 9 lb plus/24 inch plus fish that were reported during last year's tourney but those members were not part of the big bass contest. Don't let that be you, this year!

Details of this year's tournament are listed below.

This year's first place winner will be paid \$500. Second place pays \$250 and third place pays \$100. Since everyone's scale can weigh a bit different (I have seen them off by more than a pound) we will use length to determine our winner. Please bring a "[Check it Stick](#)" or similar with you. Moreover, we will have an identifier that needs to appear in the photo with you. This year's identifier will be a **spinner bait**.



This year's rules will be:

*Contest starts January 13th, 2014 and ends April 30th 2014.

*Entry is a one time fee per person of \$25 each.

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*All club lakes qualify.

*A picture of the fish on a "[check it stick](#)" or similar. The fish should be facing left with the mouth closed. Do not pinch tail. Measure to the closest ¼ inch. (Do not use ruler, tape measure etc..)

*Picture should be sent within 72 hours of your trip.

*Include the unique identifier in the picture (this year it is a spinner bait).

*Send a second picture of you holding the fish and let us know how much it weighed. This is not required, just a nice thing to do.

*In the event of a tie, the person who paid their contest fee first; wins.

Contact the club office by email or by phone to join this year's contest.

2013 Harvest Winners

Thanks to the help of our members, we have again made great strides in our lake management practices. Out of the 22 sites in our harvest program in 2013, we reached our goal at 9 lakes and were within 85% of our goal at 3 others.

These practices will continue to pay off for our landowners as well as our members. Keep up the great work!



Joe Smith wins a club shirt and hat for posting the most number of harvest reports.



Gary Guinn wins a club fleece and hat for harvesting the most bass in 2013.

Several members deserve honorable mention for their efforts last year.

<u>Most Bass Removed</u>		<u>Most Harvest Reports</u>	
Member:	# Removed	Member:	# of Reports
Gary Guinn	248	Joe Smith	31
Joe Smith	246	Dale Pybus	25
Bruce Bernard	166	Don Altwein	18
Jackson Bean	131	Jackson Bean	18
Bob Cantin	114	Bob Cantin	18
Richard Tedder	113	Jon Frank	12
Rick Drummond	101	Bill Fetech	10
Bryan Adams	94	Gary Guinn	10
Zach Milwood	91	Zach Milwood	10
Don Altwein	86	Scott Quigley	10

PWF will be accessing our lakes for management purposes within the next few weeks and the sites placed in our harvest program will be updated at that time. Be sure to only harvest bass where it is requested or required. All lakes placed in our harvest program will have those details listed in the Site Requirements

section of their webpage as well as the same section in the online reservation system. Feel free to contact the club office for a full list of harvest lakes for 2014. And remember, once we reach our goals for the year at a given property, that lake will be removed from the harvest list.

Sincerely,

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