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Fishing

2015 Big Bass Tournament and 2014 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 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

Big Bass Tournament 2015



Shaun Cobb was the Big Bass winner of 2014 and

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. Typically, this is not the case. The large majority of unavailable dates on the calendars are

received a \$500 payout!

Shaun was fishing at [Gilmer - Hat and Star Ranch](#) with fellow member John Kirby on a windy day in late February when he landed this toad. It was a slow fishing day, as many winter days are, but this trip proved the age old saying "it only takes one bite!"



2nd place and \$250 went to Tim Judson for his fish caught out of [Sulphur Bluff - Timber Lake](#). Tim was fishing out of a kayak in the middle of February with a water temperature of 53 degrees.



3rd place and \$100 went to Cortney Coe. Cortney caught this fish at [San Saba - Waco Creek Ranch](#). San Saba has been a top lake in the club for years, and

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.

Current PWF Properties



Not a PWF Member?

Sign up today!



Quick Links

- [Original Check It Stick](#)
- [Rapala Tournament Ruler](#)
- [Bass Pro Shops "Check It" Stick](#)



continues to produce big fish!

Last year's contest had over 50 members who entered.

Please note we don't want anyone to take the contest too seriously. This is more for bragging rights and fun than producing a pay day for the winners.

There were several 24 inch plus fish that were reported during last year's tourney by members who were not part of the big bass contest. Don't let that be you this year; make sure you register for the 2015 PWF Big Bass Tournament!

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, 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 pair of **sunglasses**.

This year's rules will be:

*Contest starts January 13th, 2015 and ends April 30th 2015.

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

*All club lakes qualify.

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*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 pair of sunglasses).

*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.

2014 Harvest Winners

Thanks to the help of our members, we have again made great strides in our lake management practices. Harvesting fish is vital in maintaining a healthy lake. These practices will continue to pay off for our landowners as well as our members. We had a total of 418 harvest reports posted in 2014 by 106 different members! Keep posting those reports, and keep up the great work!



Bruce Bernard wins a club fleece and hat for harvesting the most bass in 2014.



Joel Conner wins a club fleece and hat for posting the highest number of harvest reports.

Several members deserve honorable mention for their efforts last year.

Most Bass Removed

Member:	# Removed
Bruce Bernard	232
Joe Smith	204
Gary Guinn	114
Jackson Bean	90
Tom Dillon	86
Rick Svoboda	78
Dale Pybus	72
Tom Peel	66
John Bedore	66
Zach Milwood	65

Most Harvest Reports

Member:	# of Reports
Joel Conner	38
Dale Pybus	36
Joe Smith	28
Jack DeVaney	19
Tom Dillon	15
John Lloyd	15
Bill Fetech	13
Rodney Schroeder	11
Jackson Bean	10
Rick Svoboda	10



Harvest requirements for each PWF lake have been updated for 2015. The requirements at some lakes have changed from last year. 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 property page, 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,

Steve Alexander
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