



# Lunkers Unlimited Newsletter

## IN THE NEWS

### Largemouth Bass Hatchery Research

From December... a \$650,000 research grant has been provided to Auburn University by the USDA-NIFA to study the high mortality rate of hatchery-raised bass. Hatchery mortality of Largemouth Bass is 80% through all stages of development. This has resulted in only 200 of the nation's 3,000 hatcheries producing bass. The project will study several factors that impact viability, including the stress of back-and-forth transportation of the different life stages to and from the hatchery. Read about it [here](#).

### Cool Smallmouth Article

By Kathy Johnson for Great Lakes Now – This article talks about all things Smallmouth, describing the life cycle, food sources and habits. Also includes a short video of a bass attacking an underwater camera from a bed 25 feet away. See it [here](#).

### Random Articles

It was a slow news month for bass fishing, but here's some older articles with good info from the conservation section of Major League Fishing.

- MLF Pro Tips for Icing your [Livewell](#)
- Understanding Blotchy Bass [Syndrome](#)
- Basing Bass Size Standards on [Science](#)

### Announcements

- The Lake Sara fishoff will have a dual weigh-in on Saturday, with a cookout in the middle.

## 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### May

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Cutoff Date for the Lake Sara Fish-off
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Monthly meeting (VFW)
- 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – Lake Sara Fish-off
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Cutoff Date for the Green Lake Fish-off

### June

- 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Green Lake Fish-off
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Monthly meeting (VFW)
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Cutoff Date for the Pool 9 Fish-off
- 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – Pool 9 Fish-off

### July

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Cutoff Date for the Pool 12 Fish-off
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Monthly meeting (VFW)
- 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> – Pool 12 Fish-off

## Fish-Off Results:

Site: Stephen Forbes Lake - April 27 & 28, 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kevin Marz – 13 lbs. 10 oz.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Bob Jabs – 12 lbs. 8 oz.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Tony Copack – 10 lbs. 0 oz.

Big Bass Saturday – Rocky Roush – 5 lbs. 3 oz.

Big Bass Sunday – Kevin Marz – 4 lbs. 11 oz.

	Angler	Pounds/Oz.	No. of Fish	Points
1.	Kevin Marz	13.10	5	50
2.	Bob Jabs	12.8	4	49
3.	Tony Copack	10.0	4	48
4.	John Gorgol	6.8	3	47
5.	Rocky Roush	5.3	1	46
6.	Adam Copack	4.12	2	45
7.	Brian Franc	2.11	1	44
8.	Jim McCarthy	2.1	1	43
9.	Warren Stidolph	0	0	10
9.	Doug Berman	0	0	10



## 2024 Tournament Schedule

Location	Dates	Lodging	Ramp	Signup Deadline
Tom Urba Sr. Open at Pool 13	April 6 - 7	Executive Inn 800 1 Mile Rd. Thomson, IL 61285		March 23
Forbes Lake	April 27 - 28	The Continental 1600 E. Main Street Salem, IL 62881		April 13
Lake Sara	May 18 - 19	Anthony Acres 15286 Resort Rd. Effingham, IL 62401		May 4
Green Lake	June 8 - 9	Boarders Inn 1219 W. Fon Du Lac St. Ripon, WI 54971	Sunset Boat Launch 5254 Co. Road A Ripon, WI 54971	May 25
Pool 9	June 29 - 30	Big River Inn 500 Main Street Genoa, WI 54632	Blackhawk Park E619 Blacktop Rd. DeSoto, WI 54626	June 15
Pool 12	July 20 - 21	Country Heights Motor Inn 1154 Badger Rd. Hazel Green, WI 53811		July 6
Buffalo Lake	August 17 - 18	TBD	TBD	August 3
Wolf River	September 14 - 15	Wolf River Resort 17 N. 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. Winneconne, WI 54986	Winneconne Park 498 Parkway Rd. Winneconne, WI 54986	August 31
Gorman Classic	October 12 - 13	TBD	TBD	September 28

2024 Meeting Schedule - All meetings are combined general and board unless designated.

~~January 9<sup>th</sup>~~

~~February 13<sup>th</sup>~~

~~March 12<sup>th</sup>~~

~~April 9<sup>th</sup>~~

May 14<sup>th</sup>

June 11<sup>th</sup>

July 9<sup>th</sup>

August 13<sup>th</sup>

September 10<sup>th</sup>

October 8<sup>th</sup>

November 12<sup>th</sup>

December tbd

Kevin Marz – 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Big Bass Sunday; Bob Jabs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Tony Copack – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Rocky Roush – Big Bass Saturday

