

2007 MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET

# OZARK MOUNTAIN ANGLERS BASS CLUB, INC.



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# **OZARK MOUNTAIN ANGLERS BASS CLUB, INC.**

## **BOARD MEMBERS – OFFICERS**

# **2007**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Kim Humphreys (1)**  
**Al Phaup (2)**  
**Billy Joe Cunningham (2)**  
**Ralph Mueller (3)**  
**Joe McDow (3)**

### **CLUB OFFICERS**

**President – Paul Morefield**  
**Vice-President – Gene Hinshaw**  
**Secretary – Ernie Barbee**  
**Treasurer – Bob Beuthien**  
**Tournament Director – Dennis Schilb**

### **HALL OF FAME MEMBERS**

**Dale Adkinson**  
**Carl Lathrop (Deceased)**  
**Jack Garrett**  
**Billy Joe Cunningham**  
**Barry Goen**  
**Paul Morefield**  
**Neil Cady     Leon Steinberg**  
**Wilson Ramsdell     Dennis Schilb**  
**Dave Brunda     Mark Hengstl**

# OZARK MOUNTAIN ANGLERS BASS CLUB, INC.

## 2007 - PAY BACK CHART

#	TOTAL	1 <sup>st</sup> BB	2 <sup>nd</sup> BB	PAY	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	TOTALS
BOATS	PURSE	65%	35%	BACK	36%	23%	15%	10%	7%	5%	4%	100%
20	\$1,000	\$130	\$70	\$800	\$288	\$184	\$120	\$80	\$56	\$40	\$32	\$800
21	\$1,050	\$136	\$74	\$840	\$302	\$193	\$126	\$84	\$59	\$42	\$34	\$840
22	\$1,100	\$143	\$77	\$880	\$317	\$202	\$132	\$88	\$62	\$44	\$35	\$880
23	\$1,150	\$150	\$80	\$920	\$331	\$212	\$138	\$92	\$64	\$46	\$37	\$920
24	\$1,200	\$157	\$83	\$960	\$346	\$221	\$144	\$96	\$67	\$48	\$38	\$960
25	\$1,250	\$163	\$87	\$1,000	\$360	\$230	\$150	\$100	\$70	\$50	\$40	\$1,000
26	\$1,300	\$169	\$91	\$1,040	\$374	\$239	\$156	\$104	\$73	\$52	\$42	\$1,040
27	\$1,350	\$176	\$94	\$1,080	\$389	\$248	\$162	\$108	\$76	\$54	\$43	\$1,080
28	\$1,400	\$182	\$98	\$1,120	\$403	\$258	\$168	\$112	\$78	\$56	\$45	\$1,120
29	\$1,450	\$189	\$101	\$1,160	\$418	\$267	\$174	\$116	\$81	\$58	\$46	\$1,160
30	\$1,500	\$195	\$105	\$1,200	\$432	\$276	\$180	\$120	\$84	\$60	\$48	\$1,200
31	\$1,550	\$202	\$108	\$1,240	\$446	\$285	\$186	\$124	\$87	\$62	\$50	\$1,240
32	\$1,600	\$208	\$112	\$1,280	\$461	\$294	\$192	\$128	\$90	\$64	\$51	\$1,280
33	\$1,650	\$215	\$115	\$1,320	\$475	\$304	\$198	\$132	\$92	\$66	\$53	\$1,320
34	\$1,700	\$221	\$119	\$1,360	\$490	\$313	\$204	\$136	\$95	\$68	\$54	\$1,360
35	\$1,750	\$228	\$122	\$1,400	\$504	\$322	\$210	\$140	\$98	\$70	\$56	\$1,400
36	\$1,800	\$234	\$126	\$1,440	\$518	\$331	\$216	\$144	\$101	\$72	\$58	\$1,440
37	\$1,850	\$241	\$129	\$1,480	\$533	\$340	\$222	\$148	\$104	\$74	\$59	\$1,480
38	\$1,900	\$247	\$133	\$1,520	\$547	\$350	\$228	\$152	\$106	\$76	\$61	\$1,520
39	\$1,950	\$253	\$137	\$1,560	\$562	\$359	\$234	\$156	\$109	\$78	\$62	\$1,560
40	\$2,000	\$260	\$140	\$1,600	\$576	\$368	\$240	\$160	\$112	\$80	\$64	\$1,600
41	\$2,050	\$267	\$143	\$1,640	\$590	\$377	\$246	\$164	\$115	\$82	\$66	\$1,640
42	\$2,100	\$273	\$147	\$1,680	\$605	\$386	\$252	\$168	\$118	\$84	\$67	\$1,680
43	\$2,150	\$280	\$150	\$1,720	\$619	\$396	\$258	\$172	\$120	\$86	\$69	\$1,720
44	\$2,200	\$286	\$154	\$1,760	\$634	\$405	\$264	\$176	\$123	\$88	\$70	\$1,760
45	\$2,250	\$293	\$157	\$1,800	\$648	\$414	\$270	\$180	\$126	\$90	\$72	\$1,800
46	\$2,300	\$299	\$161	\$1,840	\$662	\$423	\$276	\$184	\$129	\$92	\$74	\$1,840
47	\$2,350	\$306	\$164	\$1,880	\$677	\$432	\$282	\$188	\$132	\$94	\$75	\$1,880
48	\$2,400	\$312	\$168	\$1,920	\$691	\$442	\$288	\$192	\$134	\$96	\$77	\$1,920
49	\$2,450	\$319	\$171	\$1,960	\$706	\$451	\$294	\$196	\$137	\$98	\$78	\$1,960
50	\$2,500	\$325	\$175	\$2,000	\$720	\$460	\$300	\$200	\$140	\$100	\$80	\$2,000

**OZARK MOUNTAIN ANGLERS BASS CLUB, INC.  
2007 - TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Lake</b>	<b>Ramp</b>	<b>Times</b>
3/10/2007	Saturday	Table Rock	Baxter	7:00 AM to 4:00 PM
3/11/2007	Sunday	Table Rock	Baxter	7:00 AM to 2:00 PM
3/24/2007	Saturday	Lake Ozark	Pa He Tsi	6:30 AM to 3:30 PM
4/21/2007	Saturday	Truman	Shawnee Bend	6:30 AM to 3:30 PM
5/5/2007	Saturday	Stockton	State Park	6:00 AM to 3:00 PM
5/19/2007	Saturday	Mark Twain	U Ramp	6:00 AM to 3:00 PM
6/9/2007	Saturday	Lake Ozark	Purvis	6:00 AM to 3:00 PM
6/10/2007	Sunday	Lake Ozark	Purvis	6:00 AM to 3:00 PM
7/13/2007	Friday (N)	Lake Ozark	Y-20	8:00 PM to 6:00 AM
8/3/2007	Friday (N)	Lake Ozark	Y-20	8:00 PM to 6:00 AM
8/25/2007	Saturday	Mark Twain	Robert Allen	6:30 AM to 3:00 PM
9/8/2007	Saturday	Truman	Sterrett	6:30 AM to 3:00 PM
<b>CLASSIC</b>	*	*	*	*
9/29/2007	Saturday	Truman	Sterrett	6:30 AM to 3:30 PM
9/30/2007	Sunday	Lake Ozark	Drake Harbor	6:30 AM to 3:00 PM

**OZARK MOUNTAIN ANGLERS BASS CLUB, INC.  
2007 - MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Monday	2/12/2007	6:30 P.M.	Elks Lodge	Rules Mtg.
Monday	3/5/2007	6:30 P.M.	Elks Lodge	Draw
Monday	3/19/2007	6:30 P.M.	Elks Lodge	Draw
Monday	4/16/2007	6:30 P.M.	Elks Lodge	Draw
Monday	4/30/2007	6:30 P.M.	Elks Lodge	Draw
Monday	5/14/2007	6:30 P.M.	Elks Lodge	Draw
Monday	6/4/2007	6:30 P.M.	Elks Lodge	Draw
Monday	7/9/2007	6:00 P.M.	Picnic in the PARK	Draw
Monday	7/30/2006	6:00 P.M.	Picnic in the PARK	Draw
Monday	8/20/2007	6:30 P.M.	Elks Lodge	Draw
Tuesday	9/3/2007	6:30 P.M.	Elks Lodge	Draw
Monday	9/24/2007	6:30 P.M.	Elks Lodge	Classic
Monday	10/15/2007	6:30 P.M.	Elks Lodge	Monthly Mtg
Saturday	TBA	6:00 P.M.	Elks Lodge	Banquet

## **THE “CLASSIC” SHALL HAVE A GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE DIVISION.**

**GOLD DIVISION:** The Gold Division will consist of the top ten (10) qualifying teams in the year-end standings. To qualify a team must fish seven (7) or more tournaments without an alternate\*. If a qualifying team chooses not to fish in the Classic Gold Division, no team will be moved up from the Silver division.

**SILVER DIVISION:** The Silver Division will consist of the next ten (10) qualifying teams in the year-end standings. To qualify a team must fish seven (7) or more tournaments without an alternate\*. If a qualifying team chooses not to fish in the Classic Silver Division, no team will be moved up from the Bronze division.

**BRONZE DIVISION:** The Bronze Division will consist of the next ten (10) teams in the year-end standings, which are willing to participate. To qualify a team must fish seven (7) or more tournaments without an alternate.

### **Classic Pay Back Percentages**

Classic payback amounts are dependant on the results of the All Sports Show.

<b>GOLD -</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place = 29%</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 16%</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 10%</b>
<b>SILVER -</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place = 15%</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 9%</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 4%</b>
<b>BRONZE -</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place = 8%</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 6%</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 3%</b>

A big bass prize of \$100 (no payout for 2<sup>nd</sup> big bass) will be paid out on day 1 and day 2 for each division.

### **CLASSIC MEAL AND HOTEL**

Each qualifying team may receive a check for an amount dictated by the boat show profits and approved by the board of directors to help pay for their teams motel rooms and meals at the Classic.

**CLASSIC OFF LIMITS:** The classic site will be off limits to classic qualifying teams on Monday through Thursday prior to the Friday before the classic.

# **Ozark Mountain Anglers Bass Club, Inc.**

## **2007 – BY-LAWS – REV. 1/22/07**

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### **ARTICLE A - NAME AND PURPOSE**

- 1. NAME: Ozark Mountain Anglers Bass Club, Inc.**
- 2. PURPOSE:**
  - a) To provide the opportunity for its members to participate in the sport of bass fishing within the laws and regulations of the State of Missouri and the United States, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Missouri Department of Conservation, and the Missouri State Water Patrol.**
  - b) To stimulate awareness of bass fishing as a major sport.**
  - c) To offer our State Conservation Department our organized moral and political support and encouragement.**
  - d) To improve our skills as Bass Anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange, expert bass catching techniques and ideas. To promote and encourage youth fishing and a love for this great recreation.**

### **ARTICLE B – BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

- a) The board of directors shall be the governing body of the club.**
- b) The board’s decisions have precedence over all officers and committee decisions.**
- c) Only the board may make changes in the by-laws or tournament rules and these changes cannot be retroactive.**
- d) The board shall prepare and present to the club an operating budget for the year by March 31 of each year.**
- e) The board shall select one member of the board to have his name on all financial accounts, such as checking accounts and investment accounts should they occur, and if needed, co-sign checks, withdrawals and transfers, along with the signature of the treasurer.**
- f) Board members shall be elected for a three year term at the annual meeting each year by a majority of the members present, replacing the board member(s) whose term expires. There will be a maximum of six board members. One full year of active membership is required in order to qualify to run for the Board of Directors.**
- g) There shall be at least one Board meeting during each quarter of the year.**

- h) A quorum is four Board members, and it takes three members voting affirmatively in order to pass a motion.**
- i) The Chairman of the Board will be elected each year by the Board of Directors and may vote on all issues, which come before the board.**
- j) A Board member may not miss more than two (2) consecutive Board meetings, unless excused by the attending board members, without being removed from office. A Board member may also be removed from office if a verified signed petition requesting removal of the Board member is approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the paid members of the club.**
- k) Each board member and officer shall receive a check for \$250.00, equivalent to \$25.00 per tournament, for running the All Sports Show.**
- l) The Club President is to be a voting board member and the club Vice President will vote only in case of tie.**

### **ARTICLE C - OFFICERS – TERMS, DUTIES, ELIGABILITY, ELECTIONS.**

**1. OFFICERS: The club officers shall be:**

- a) President**
- b) Vice-President Elect/President Elect**
- c) Secretary**
- d) Treasurer**
- e) Tournament Director**

**2. TERMS: The term of each office shall run from the end of the annual meeting each year through the Annual meeting the next year. One full year of active membership is required in order to qualify to run for any office.**

**3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Officers of the club shall be elected each year at the annual meeting and shall serve for a term of one year. The Vice-President/President-Elect, however, shall automatically become the President the following year and the President shall then automatically become a one year board member.**

**4. REMOVAL: A club officer may not miss more than three consecutive meetings, unless excused by the Board of Directors, without being removed from office. In the event of any office (except the office of President) becoming vacant during the term, nominations shall be asked for, and an election shall be held, as soon as appropriate, as determined by the Board of Directors, to fill the un-expired term of the office vacated.**

## **5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:**

### **PRESIDENT shall:**

- a) Serve as the Moderator of the Club and preside at all club meetings and functions.**
- b) Refer to the board of directors any club meeting suggestions that have been recommended by the majority of the club or individual club members.**
- c) Serve only one year unless the terms are separated by one year.**
- d) In the case of inclement weather, or another just cause, cancel a club meeting and shall notify others, as appropriate, of said cancellation and the rescheduling of the meeting.**
- e) Attends all board meetings and is a voting board member.**
- f) Participates in the running of the All Sports Show and receives \$250.00 (equivalent of free entry for the tournament season.)**

### **VICE-PRESIDENT shall:**

- a) Assist the President in his duties and preside at meetings in the absence of the President. Should the office of President become vacant, the Vice- President shall become President.**
- b) Be in charge of scheduling speakers, entertainment for club meetings, and the summer picnics.**
- c) See that the ALL SPORTS SHOW signs and paraphernalia be stored adequately from the close of the last show until set-up time for the next show.**
- d) Be in charge of the "Hospitality" coffee and donuts area at the ALL SPORTS SHOW.**
- e) Attends all board meetings and votes only in case of a tie.**
- f) Participates in the running of the All Sports Show and receives \$250.00 (equivalent of free entry for the tournament season.)**
- g) Select and co-ordinate the place and meal for the Annual Award Banquet.**

### **SECRETARY Shall:**

- a) Maintain accurate minutes of all club meetings and report the same at each following meetings.**
- b) Publish and mail a monthly newsletter containing the tournament results and current standings as well as notify members of each club meeting and other pertinent club business or events.**
- c) Attend all Board meetings and maintain accurate minutes of all board meetings and report the same.**
- d) Prepare the minutes for all Board meetings and the club's annual meeting.**
- e) Update the by-laws and tournament rules when the Board of Directors has made changes.**
- f) Participates in the running of the All Sports Show and receives \$250.00 (equivalent of free entry for the tournament season.)**

### **TREASURER Shall:**

- a) Maintain accurate financial records and reports same at each club meeting and to the**

Board of Directors at each board meeting.

- b) Collect and disburse all club moneys including tournament moneys as directed by the Board of Directors.
- c) Pay routine bills, which commonly occur or items already approved by the Board may be paid when due.
- d) Solely keep the financial records including ledger, current canceled checks, checkbook and other financial records.
- e) Participates in the running of the All Sports Show and receives \$250.00 (equivalent of free entry for the tournament season.)
- f) Have his name on all financial accounts, such as checking accounts and investments accounts and co-sign checks, withdrawals, and transfers with another authorized person.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR shall:**

- a) Chair the Tournament Committee and set a tournament schedule for the upcoming year and to present the schedule to the Board of Directors for change and/or approval prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b) Preside over and conduct each draw & Club Tournament.
- c) Interpret and rule on any and all tournament rules with a majority vote of the board of directors.
- d) Schedule all club tournaments with the appropriate organizations i.e., the Water Patrol, Conservation Department, and Corps of Engineers.
- e) Make and maintain an up-to-date list of club tournament standings.
- f) See that the Secretary has a copy of the last tournament results and overall year-end standings within five days after each tournament.
- g) Participates in the running of the All Sports Show and receives \$250.00 (equivalent of free entry for the tournament season.)
- h) Shall have his name on checking accounts used for tournament paybacks; and if needed, co-sign checks, with the treasurer.
- i) Select and order all awards for the annual awards banquet.

#### **ARTICLE D - MEMBERSHIP – REQUIREMENTS, RIGHTS, REMOVAL, DUES**

- 1. **MEMBERSHIP:** In the club shall not be limited by, age, sex, race, and political or religious affiliation.
- 2. **REQUIREMENTS:**
  - a) All members of the club shall agree to observe and abide by all rules and regulations of the club.
  - b) All members are expected to participate fully in all club sponsored activities, to include the All Sports Show, meetings, etc.  
Membership shall NOT BE OPEN TO “GUIDES” OR “PROFESSIONALS” WHO ARE NOT ALREADY MEMBERS OF THE CLUB.

**NOTE:** Guides are defined as fishermen who earned any income as a guide on any lake the club fishes or any other lake in Missouri or adjoining states in the last 12 months and Professionals are defined as anyone who has earned at least \$5000.00 per year in either of the past two years by tournament fishing.

3. **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:** To become a member a person shall;
  - a) Submit in person a membership application form to the club at a regular club meeting or board meeting.
  - b) Be sponsored by at least one member of the club.
  - c) Receive a 2/3 affirmative vote by secret ballot of the members present and voting at the next club meeting.
  - d) Upon being voted into the club, pay the yearly dues, and then full membership shall be awarded.
4. **MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS/VOTES:**
  - a) Membership in the club shall be continuous unless terminated for non-payment of dues or other justifiable cause.
  - b) Each paid member is entitled to one vote for each of the following:
    1. Election of board members.
    2. Election of Officers.
    3. Election of a new member.The above voting must be by secret ballot.
5. **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:** Any membership may be terminated for adequate cause, upon a review and vote of the Board of Directors.

**DUES:**

- a) Dues in the amount of \$20.00 for members in good standing who are renewing their membership in the club shall be due by or before the 1<sup>st</sup> scheduled club meeting of January.
- b) Dues are good for one year until the 1<sup>st</sup> January meeting of the following year.
- c) New members and previous members whose dues have lapsed shall pay \$50.00 dues after being approved again for membership by the club.
- e) All Hall of Fame members shall be awarded free lifetime membership beginning in the year 2003 and beyond.

**ARTICLE E - CLUB MEETINGS, COMMITTEES, AWARDS**

1. **ANNUAL MEETING:** There shall be an annual meeting for the club in November of each year for the express purpose of:
  - a) Electing officers. (New Officers & Board Members shall not take office until the first meeting after all sport show).
  - b) Electing board members.
  - c) Other appropriate business as determined by the board of directors.
2. **CLUB MEETINGS:** There shall be regular club meetings:
  - a) Prior to each tournament to draw for boat position and to pay the tournament fees.
  - b) At least one in each month in which no tournament occurs.
3. **SPECIAL MEETINGS:** There may be special club meetings called by the Club Officers, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

#### **4. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:**

The tournament committee shall consist of the elected tournament director and then the 4 teams appointed to handle the following responsibilities:

##### **Responsibilities of Each Team:**

**Team 1 – Unload & set up the weigh-in equipment.**

**Measure the fish.**

**Help load & clean the weigh-in equipment.**

**Team 2 – Help unload & set up the weigh-in equipment.**

**Weigh the fish on the scales.**

**Help load & clean the weigh-in equipment.**

**Team 3 – Record the weights on the hard copy of the weigh-in sheets and slips.**

**Hand out weigh-in slip copies to angler teams.**

**Help load & clean the weigh-in equipment.**

**Team 4 – Check live-wells, watch for late arrivals, and take pictures.**

**Team 5 – (Tournament Director) Help with weigh-in as needed and help record weights in duplicate.**

**NOTE: The last boat drawn will be the starter boat and the official time keeper for the end of the tournament.**

**Failure to perform duties as assigned can result in penalty assigned by Board of Directors.**

##### **Benefits of Each Team:**

- a) Each tournament committee team shall leave 5 minutes earlier than the rest of the teams to fish & they shall then come in at least 10 minutes early for the weigh-in and set up.**
- b) The late penalty *shall* apply to the tournament committee also.**
- c) They shall have top priority in loading their boats & shall be the first teams to weigh-in.**

The tournament schedule is to be set each year by the board of directors and the tournament director. All protests of tournaments shall be settled by the board of directors with the help of the tournament director, before the results of each tournament is announced. The tournament director shall be in charge of the scales set up, weigh-in, tear down and loading of equipment by the tournament committee.

#### **ANNUAL AWARDS**

**PLAQUES/TROPHIES: Each year at the annual banquet plaques or trophies will be given to:**

1. Each regular team member whose team finished in the top ten in the year end team standings, regardless of the number of tournaments fished.
2. Each team member whose team finished 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in each “CLASSIC DIVISION”.
3. Each team member whose team caught the largest bass during the year in a club tournament.
4. Each team member whose team had the largest one-day stringer.

**Note:** A team must work their required boat show hours and at least one team member must make reservations for and attend the Annual Awards Banquet in order to receive these awards.

**JACKETS:** Each year each team member of the angler (s) of the year team will be given an embroidered official club jacket.

**GIFT CERTIFICATES:** Each year each team member of the angler(s) of the year will be given a \$150 gift certificate that is redeemable at businesses, which act as club sponsors.

**CLOCKS:** Each year the winning team of the Gold Division of the “CLASSIC” tournament will be given a wall mounted pendulum clock (or similar award).

**OTHER AWARDS:** Additional awards may be given yearly at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

**HALL OF FAME AWARD:** A Hall of Fame plaque may be given annually to an individual who has shown leadership, involvement, and other worthy actions over the years, as a member of this club. The names of those receiving this award will be added to the Club Plaque, which currently is being displayed at the club-meeting place. Only Hall of Fame members will vote on new members to the Hall of Fame.

**AWARDS BANQUETS:** If an awards banquet is held, it may be held in conjunctions with, but not a part of, the club’s annual meeting.

#### **ARTICLE F – USE OF FUNDS/AMENDING THE BY-LAWS.**

All club disbursements and collections will “ONLY” be at the directions of the Board of Directors of the club. Each year the Board of Directors shall be presented with an independent audit of the club’s financial records for review and approval.

**AMENDING THE BY-LAWS:** Only the Board of Directors may amend the by-laws.

# Ozark Mountain Anglers Bass Club, Inc.

## 2007 Club Tournament Rules - REV. – 1-22-07

**RULES:** The following rules will remain unchanged during the year and the Tournament Director & The Board of Directors, whose decisions shall be final, will interpret these rules.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Ozark Mountain Anglers members (male or female) who have paid their “FULL” team entry fees. Participation in all club tournaments is open to all club members and their approved alternates. Boaters **MUST** be 18 years of age or older.

**NOTE:** Children and Grandchildren (age 14 or under) and spouses of members may be alternates at any time, including the classic, for their parent, grandparent or spouse.

Children or Grandchildren may choose to become members at age 14 or under, at the regular renewal rate and may be team members for only their parent member or grandparent member, including the classic, until they reach the age of 18 or are out of High School at that rate.

Tournaments fished and weights will count toward classic qualification when using this children, grandchildren, and spouse alternate rule.

**ENTRY FEES:** \$50.00 per team (boat) for all 1-day tournaments and will pay a big bass pot of \$10.00 per boat. All 2-day tournament entry fees shall be \$60.00 and will pay a big bass pot of \$10.00 per boat for each day. The entry fees are to be collected at the club meetings prior to the tournament by the Treasurer to deposit.

**TEAMS:** A “*TEAM*” may consist of one (1) or two (2) persons and/or approved alternates\*. If an individual wishes to be considered as a team, they may do so with all other rules applying as if it were a two (2)-person team. Two club members can fish out of the same boat as two separate teams, with two entry fees paid. Fish must be identified in live well as to team.

**TEAM PAIRING:** Teams will be declared each year by submission of a signed team entry form prior to the first tournament in which that team participates. The form may be presented to the tournament director either at a club meeting or at the ramp prior to that teams first tournament of the year. A team member whose partner cannot fish and who cannot find an approved alternate may fish by themselves as a team with all the rules and full entry fees applying as if there were two (2) persons fishing.

**ALTERNATES:** Teams may use up to three alternates during the year as needed (except in the classic)\*. An approved individual alternate who is not a club member may fish only one time each year. A club member can fish as an alternate as many times as he wishes, not to exceed three times with the same member. The team weights & scores shall count as if the team fished, but the tournament where an alternate is used shall not count as one of the tournaments fished by the team in order to qualify for the “CLASSIC” or end of the year awards\*.

**NON MEMBER ALTERNATES MAY NOT FISH UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY**

## **THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND THE BOARD.**

No “GUIDES”, “PROFESSIONALS”, or “LOCALS” as defined below, may be used as an approved alternate by any team unless they are members of the club.

1. Guides are defined as non-member fishermen (or women) who have earned money as a guide on any lake in the last 12 months.
2. Professionals are defined as non-member fishermen (or women) who have won \$5,000.00 or more in money or prizes as a tournament participant in either of the past two years.
3. Locals are defined as non-member fishermen (or women) who live on or near the lake to be fished and spend time tournament bass fishing regularly on that body of water.

Possible alternates “MUST” fill out an alternate application and turn it in to the tournament director, and have it approved by the tournament director and at least one other board member before fishing as an alternate. If needed, the entire board shall rule on an alternate. A person who is not a member of the club or an immediate family member may be an alternate only “ONCE” during the tournament year.

**PAY-BACK:** Each year the pay back amounts, number of places paid, the percentage will be set by the Board of Directors prior to the first tournament and as soon after the Sports Show as possible, as club moneys allow.

**TOURNAMENT HOURS:** Tournament hours will be published each year by the Tournament Director.

**DEPARTURE SEQUENCE:** Take-off will be in the sequence drawn at the club meeting prior to the tournament. All ramp sign-ups must be at the tournament site 10- minutes prior to take-off time. Pre-registered entries arriving late will not be assessed any penalty for the take-off, however, see life-well check below.

**TAKEOFF AND LIVE WELL CHECK:** at takeoff, your boat number will be called. With your life jacket on and fastened, and kill switch attached, idle past the starter’s boat and then take off.

**LIVE WELL CHECK:** Any pre-registered team arriving late and missing the take-off must have their live well checked by another OMA team before fishing.

**WEIGH-IN:** All weigh-ins will be held at or near the parking lot. Please trailer your boat with fish in the live well to this area as soon as you have checked in. All live fish “WILL” be released in the lake as soon as possible after weigh-in. Members may use their own weigh bag or one furnished by the club. One of the team members “MUST” be the person to take the fish from the live well and bring them to the scales for the weigh-in.

**NETS:** The netting of fish in team tournaments *WILL* be allowed.

**CULLING:** No tournament boat is allowed to cull, or to have more than a 5 fish legal limit of tournament bass in their boat or possession while inside the buoys of the take off ramp area after tournament hours are over and prior, during, or immediately after the weigh-in.

**Any member or team found to have violated this rule shall be disqualified.**

**TIEBREAKERS:** Stringer ties will be broken by: (1) most fish (2) lowest boat number. Big bass ties will split the big bass Pot.

**CHECK-IN:** One pound per minute late will be subtracted from the stringer up to ten minutes late, and then disqualification will be assessed for that day. All team boats just prior to the weigh-in may be trailered. If a team boat becomes disabled, the team's fish must be at the tournament site on time to count for the tournament, which may be by any means possible. Contestants "MUST" be inside the buoys at the take-off ramp at check-in time to avoid a penalty.

On Two day tournaments on the same lake there will be no fishing allowed after the weigh-in on the first day until take-off time on the second day. On different lakes the second lake is off limits after the first day weigh-in until take-off time the second day.

**SCORING:** Only largemouth bass, spotted (Kentucky) bass, or small mouth bass will be counted. Total stringer weigh per team will determine place. The limit shall be five (5) bass per team. All fish must be 15 inches in length (*except* at Pomme De Terre Lake -13"), with mouth closed and tail fanned, moved, or pinched in the same manner conservation agents check legal length. Any bass under 15 inches in length presented for weigh-in will result in the loss of that fish and a one (1) pound penalty subtracted from team's total stringer. Each dead fish weighed also receives a penalty of one (1) pound.

**TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait is permitted. Tackle must be casting, spinning, or spin-casting outfits. Rods may not exceed eight (8) feet in length. All bass must be caught alive and in a conventional manner. Snagging is illegal and trolling is prohibited.

**RADIOS:** Transmitting of information over any radio, phone or other communication device concerning any aspect of the taking of fish during the tournament hours is prohibited.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:** Any contestant who willingly violates these rules or any federal, state, or local laws will be disqualified and may be terminated from the club.

**Note:** No Ozark Mountain Angler team boat may fish within 50 yards of any other team boat during an Ozark Mountain Anglers tournament. Doing so will result in an automatic disqualification and possibly the loss of membership in the club.

**MARKER BUOYS:** The use of marker buoys is permitted. A team may reserve a fifty-yard area from its boat by having their anchor down, trolling motor up, and marker buoys out.

**LATE SIGN UPS:** Teams will be able to sign up at the ramp for any tournament up until 10 minutes prior to take-off time at the discretion of the tournament committee. Any late entry of a team, after the draw or at the ramp, will be an additional \$30.00 (refundable) per team.

**LATE ENTRY FEE REFUNDS:** All late entry fees paid by all teams during the year may be refunded at the banquet if the following conditions are met.

1. A team must have fished seven (7) tournaments without an alternate during the year\*.
2. A team must make reservations for the banquet (if they are coming) and at least one member of the team must attend the banquet.
3. A team must have worked the required number of hours at the All Sports Show.

**CLUB MOUNTING OPTION:** Any bass over 8 lbs. In weight or 24" in length caught by an OMA member in an OMA tournament, will qualify for the Master Angler Award and a fiberglass mount may be done at the club's expense. The club requires that all fish be released.

**OFF-LIMITS:** There will not be any off-limits period prior to each regular season tournament. Refer to the sections below on permitted fishing waters for information about specific lake off limits including take off areas.

**SAFETY:** Each contestant is required to wear a Coast Guard approved chest-type life preserver anytime the boat is on plane or trying to get on plane. All boats must be equipped with a 'kill' switch that must be attached to the driver any time the combustion engine is operating and the boat is (or is trying to be) on plane.

**BOATS AND MOTORS:** All boats must meet all B.I.A. and Coast Guard requirements. All boats must be equipped with a live well and a kill switch. Any boat 14 feet or longer will be accepted if powered by a 10 horsepower or more motor. Boats may not be trailered to another part of the lake during tournament hours. Horsepower will not exceed the B.I.A. rating.

**ALCOHOL:** No consumption of alcoholic beverages is allowed during tournament hours.

**BREAKDOWNS:** If a breakdown occurs, one or both contestants may take their fish and get into another contestant's boat and return to the weigh-in site. When transferring fish, all contestants must agree that all fish are identified the same as when they were transferred on the lake. Contestants riding back in another contestant's boat cannot fish. In case of breakdown, you are allowed to leave the lake to try to get your boat fixed or to change boats, but you must report this immediately to the Tournament Director after the tournament is over. Failure to do so could result in a penalty.

**WEATHER:** Should any adverse weather conditions occur at the time of take-off, the time may be adjusted "ONLY" by the Club Tournament Director & that tournaments Tournament Committee, due to boater safety and Missouri Water Patrol safe boating regulations.

**PROTESTS:** Protests must be filed with the tournament director or the Tournament Committee prior to the tournament results being announced at each tournament weigh in.

**POLYGRAPH TEST:** By his or her entry and/or participation in an Ozark Mountain Anglers team tournament, every contestant agrees to submit to a polygraph test. A test may be

given immediately following any regular season tournament to any contestant who has earned a check during the year. Refusal to take this test or failure to pass the test may result in disqualification and possibly termination from the club, pending a review by the Board of Directors.

**PERMITTED FISHING WATERS:** All water behind the “NO-WAKE” buoys of the take-off cove shall be off-limits for fishing during OMA tournaments. In addition, the water behind the “NO-WAKE” buoys at the following Lake of Ozarks ramps will be off-limits (regardless of where the take-off cove was for the tournament).

1. Drake Harbor (Warsaw City)
2. PB2
3. Y-20 (Coffman)

Otherwise, fishing is permitted any place on the tournament lake not designated as closed water by the lake regulations. All teams **MUST** exhibit **COMMON COURTESY AND COMMON SENSE** while fishing in their selection of fishing waters. Failure to do so may result in disqualification or even termination from the club. All fishing must be done from a boat that has been inspected by tournament officials. Boats cannot be trailered during tournament hours, except just prior to weigh-in. A contestant may not leave the boat for the purpose of landing a fish or for carrying, towing, or pushing his boat to fishing waters that are otherwise inaccessible.

#### **PENALTY FOR NOT WORKING THE ALL SPORTS SHOW**

If an existing team member in good standing does not work the required hours at the All Sports Show, that team shall not receive their portion of the following club benefits during the tournament calendar year.

1. No free entries during the tournament calendar year.
2. No motel rooms paid during the tournament calendar year.
3. No Classic qualification for that year.
4. No awards shall be received.

#### **AMENDING THE TOURNAMENT RULES:**

Only the Board of Directors may amend the tournament rules.

The date of the last amendment to the tournament rules: February 28, 2006.

**PLEASE NOTE:** ABOVE PENALTY items #3 and #4 pertain to members in good standing who did not work the boat show required hours.

### **Summary of 2007 Changes**

Pay Back Chart was amended to include payouts for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Big Bass on a 65% - 35% split. Payouts on the finishes were amended to 36% for 1<sup>st</sup>, 23% for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15% for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10% for 4<sup>th</sup>, 7% for 5<sup>th</sup>, 5% for 6<sup>th</sup>, and 4% for 7<sup>th</sup>.

Off-limits for pre-fishing for the classic was shortened to the Mon thru Thursday preceding the classic event.

Rule dealing with the vacancy of the position of President was changed to have the vice president become President should the position of President become vacant. New officers and board members will not take office until the first meeting after the All Sport Show.

Responsibilities of setting up the annual banquet were transferred from the Tournament Director to the Vice President.

The wording on the tournament committee responsibilities was changed to allow the Tournament Director to appoint teams to handle the various duties at the tournaments.

Rule dealing with live-well checks was changed to have checks done before getting on water instead of idling past the starter.

Addition was made to tie breaker rule to split the big bass pot in the case of a tie for big bass.

Change made to breakdown rule to allow a team to leave the water to get boat fixed or replacement boat – tournament director to be immediately notified at the end of the tournament.

Rule pertaining to new members who join after the All Sport Show and therefore do not work the show was changed making them ineligible for qualification for the classic as well as ineligible for free entries, expenses, or awards.

Several other minor clarification changes were made.