

The Colony Bass Club Newsletter



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"The Club"

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Welcome back to a new year of companionship and good competition of fishing!! The new officers are in place and a few challenges will have to be overcome to make our club the best. The January meeting at Stan's was without our new President, Mike Howes, due to complications from surgery; however, he will be coming on strong once he is allowed to fish again. Hopefully he will return in February.

This is our first year without night tournaments (by members voting at the Christmas Party) and the first year using rulers and digital cameras on slot lake tournaments. Rulers and flight release chips will be given at the boat ramp for safe light take off.

Judges have volunteered for each lake for the year and the pairings will be sent in the monthly newsletter prior to the tournament .

This is the year we need to recruit new members (more boats will be needed for the non-boaters) and tournament fees will be discounted for any standing member that brings a guest and that guest becomes a new member.

Mike has already started us off with Damon Gonzales who joined in January and Damon also brought two new members, Evan Gonzales and Erick Hutchins. Damon sounds as if he needs to be our new recruiter and could be fishing for free this year! A few members that did not attend our January meeting are planning to join again and at least one member we lost a few years ago, Dennis Huber, is returning (welcome home).

Following is a list of the lakes selected and the Judges for each lake:

Welsh –Jim Pickett

Monticello –Lynn Schmidt

Fairfield – Glen Brooks (pending Lake Level) and he may be replaced with Amon Carter which will need to be voted on

Fork—Mike Howes (2 days)

Ray Roberts –Mary Ann Root

Bridgeport—Fritz Torrey

Nocona—Mike Rice

Lewisville---Richard Able

Ray Roberts---David Blackstock

Eagle Mountain—Gabe Romo (Jr.)

The pairings, judges, and flight release order will be posted on our website. Chips will be handed out at the ramp before the flights begin.

“Minnow by laws”: By Law rule 1: a legal tournament fish includes ONLY largemouth, small mouth and spotted bass. Allowed: bucket mouth, big mouth, one BIG PIG, hawg, lineside, browns; redeye’s, blacks, Kentucky, small fin, spots..... which are all members of the perch family . Mouth closed (not the fisherman because that is impossible) against the end of the board, ruler, and not “looks close to me”. The tail fins (the other end) closed together, looks like YOU when the Game Warden is about to look into your live well. Must be caught during the tournament hours set by the judge of the tournament. (NO, it doesn’t mean prefishing the day before counts. All fish must be tagged as yours with markers and No you can’t mix your buddies fish with yours to win the Big Bucks, besides, by the time you get home your stringer has grown to at least 5 lbs more. :)

Safe Light is at 6:30 ( predawn is at 6:23 and sunrise is at 7:30). There will be a 30 second interval between boats or until the boat ahead of you clears the no wake buoys.

The McKinney Trout Derby is February the 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to noon at Towne Lake East Pavilion, 1405 Wilson Creek Parkway or you may visit [www.mckinneytexas.org](http://www.mckinneytexas.org) for further details. A few more volunteers are needed from the club. Fritz is the only member that has volunteered thus far and he and Mike will need some extra help.

Rusty may not be an officer any longer but for his love for fishing and the Colony Bass Club, he is still in the middle of things helping all of us. Thank you Mr. "Rusty Hook" and may your bird not crap on your shoulders.

Congratulations to Mr. Gabe Romo Jr. on his marriage to Arian. We all wish them the best of luck and we will hold them both accountable to each other and their vows.

Note: Please add all officer cell numbers to your cell phone so that you can contact one of them if something should happen to you and you are unable to attend the tournament or your boat breaks down. (Ask Glen)

Jim Pickett

Vice President

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"Leave all of your hook sets at the lake."

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Proposal for next meeting for discussion (notice in advance is a new rule) I think we need a club mascot and everyone is invited to come up with a really good one. The family members need to get involved also. Once the winner is chosen, a gift card from Bass Pro should be awarded.

