



# OBC BUZZ

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## 2024 Tourney Schedule

### March 23 & 24

Lake of the Ozarks [Lower End]  
[37 bass for 81.80 lbs]

### April 20 & 21

Table Rock Lake [Upper White]  
[79 bass for 150.43 lbs]

### May 4

Melvern Lake  
[13 bass for 30.34 lbs]

### May 18

Truman Lake  
[42 bass for 100.09 lbs]

### June 8

Truman Lake  
[37 bass for 77.79 lbs]

### July 13

Lake of the Ozarks [River]  
[19 bass for 51.34 lbs.]

### September 28 & 29

Pomme de Terre

### October 12 & 13

Stockton Lake

### October 26

Pomme de Terre [Tournament of  
Champions]

## Upcoming Events

Aug 6 - Monthly Club meeting & Texas  
No-Hold fundraising poker tournament  
afterward at the Olathe Deaf Club.  
6:00-10:00 pm-ish.

Sept 3 - Club Meetings are the first  
Tues. of the month at the Olathe Deaf  
Club at 7:30 p.m.

Sept 21-22 - Kansas BASS Nation BNC  
Qualifying Tournament (Melvern Lake)

## Fundraising Poker Tournament



On Tuesday August 6th, 2024, the Olathe Bass Club will host a Texas no-limit Hold'em fundraising poker tournament immediately following their normally scheduled monthly meeting. The meeting and tournament will be held at the Olathe Deaf Club (221 S. Chestnut Street, Olathe KS 66061).

The club usually arranges for one fundraising event each year, and in recent years that was an "open to the public" fishing tournament at an area lake, but this year to change things up, a poker tournament will be held instead.

Open to the public, club members, friends, family, etc., the meeting will begin at 6pm. The meeting is expected to be quick since we don't have a fishing tournament planned for August, so the card-playing can begin shortly thereafter and run until approximately 10pm.

It costs \$25 to buy-in and get your chips, with each participant being able to buy-in one additional time at most (optional), for a total entry of \$50 (if that option is selected). 50% of the entry fees go to the Olathe Bass Club and the other 50% will be split between 3 winners.

# **New Member Spotlight**

## **Wyatt Peterson**



### **Years of Fishing Experience:**

18 years

### **Favorite Lake:**

Table Rock Lake

### **Number of Rods you own:**

12

### **Personal Best Bass:**

7 pounds

### **Favorite Lure:**

Swimbait

## **Crunchin' the Numbers**

### **5 lb. bass pot**

At each OBC tournament, anglers have the option to contribute to a 5 lb. bass side-pot. If no one catches a 5 lb. bass at a tournament, the total amount contributed to the pot transfers to the next tournament, etc. As soon as someone catches the largest 5 lb.+ bass at a tournament, that angler wins the accumulated pot (assuming they actively contributed to the pot).

In the 2023 season, at the very 1st tournament (LaCynges), Brent Neis caught a 7.91 lb. bass, Larry Stratton caught a 5.62 lb. bass, and Vinnie Gay added a 5.09 pounder. In the 4th tournament of the 2023 season (Pomme de Terre), Blake Hughey brought in a 5.33 lb. bass and Dave Juda had a 5.16 lb. bass. Five 5-pounders in the first 4 tournaments of 2023, seems like a major abundance of riches these days.

10 tournaments have come and gone since then, with eleven 4 pounders caught (including many tantalizingly close to the 5 lb. mark), meaning the 5 lb. bass pot is now poised to make a club member extremely happy to catch a big 'un. Will Pomme de Terre (our next tournament in late September) help end the drought and lead to a big payoff for the lucky (or skilled) angler? We anxiously await...



# ***Tournament Recap***

## ***Lake of the Ozarks - River***

6 tournaments are in the books and we've had 6 different winners after the Olathe Bass Club concluded their tournament July 13th at Lake of the Ozarks (launching from Drake Harbor in downtown Warsaw, MO).

Congratulations to Vinnie Gay who didn't let the morning rain, nor a dead fish, dampen his spirits as he took home the victory with 3 fish for 5.93 lbs. (after a 0.25 lb. deduction for the bass who gave up the ghost). Much like the Melvern tournament from earlier in the season, this LOZ-River tournament proved tough for most of the anglers, as only 19 bass were weighed in for a total of 51.34 lbs. However, the average size of 2.70 lbs. per bass was the best of the season thus far.

Congratulations also to rookie Brent Grauberger with his best finish to-date, coming in 2nd overall. Kenny Morris won the Shoreline Boat & RV Repair Big Bass award with a 4.74 lb. largemouth (the 3rd heaviest landed thus far this season). Dean Nelson landed the KC Elite Marketing 2nd Big Bass of 4.32 lbs. Larry Stratton took top honors amongst the non-boaters in the final standings with 2 fish (finishing 3rd overall).





# Club Summer Cookout

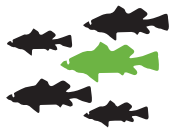
Olathe Bass Club members enjoyed an evening at host Paul Marsh's house/garage on the evening of July 20th. With burgers, hot dogs, various side dishes, desserts and adult beverages, 13 members (and their spouses or children) were present and enjoyed talking fishing (can never get enough of that!). Maybe, just maybe, the wives talked about something other than fishing... but fun was had by all. The fun only intensified when a raffle of "invaluable" prizes followed meal time.

Many thanks to Paul and Eve for hosting and cooking the burgers/dogs !





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