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36th Annual Spring Lake Bass Tournament

April 22nd & 23rd, 2017

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Spring Lake lies almost parallel to the Illinois River for 8.5 miles, up the river bottom, along the base of the river's east bluff. The lake covers an area of 1285 acres, has a maximum depth of 10' and an 18 mile shoreline.

The south portion of the lake was rehabilitated in 1986 and the north portion in 1981. The lake contains large-mouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, norther pike, muskie, crappie and carp.

Both north and south portions of the lake will be open for tournament fishing.

Outboard limit is 25 H.P.

PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING

All teams MUST be represented at the kick-off meeting at 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 22nd at the Peoria Sportsmen's Club on Spring Lake, 6404 Bass Road, Manito, Illinois.

FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED WILL BE AN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION FOR THAT TEAM AND FORFEIT OF THEIR MONEY.

TEAMS

Each 2-man team will consist of a team captain and one team member. Draw for fishing partners will be at the pre-tournament meeting.

STARTING PROCEDURE

The check in/out area for both days will be established at pre-tournament meeting. Each team member MUST be checked in by official check in time at 6:00 a.m. each tournament day. Any contestant not in his proper boat by 6:30 a.m. can be disqualified for that day. Daily tournament start time will be 6:30 a.m. or earliest safe conditions as determined by tournament officials.

- TOURNAMENT HOURS -
SATURDAY 6:30 A.M - 3:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 6:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

- KITCHEN OPEN -
FRIDAY 5:30 - 8:00 P.M.
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
BREAKFAST 5:00 - 9:00 A.M.

WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE

All contestants are required to report to the boat dock weigh-in area by 3:00 p.m. Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday for check in. Each team member will present his own catch for weigh-in. Plastic bags will be provided and must be used for fish brought to weigh-in area. Scoring will be on a digital scale reading to 1/100th of a pound accuracy. In case of ties, money for the teams tied will be combined and divided equally. Awards for these places will be decided by an Official's flip of the coin.

Trophy bass can be retained by contestants upon request to tournament Officials. It would be appreciated if all bass were kept alive throughout each days fishing so they may be returned to the lake. Ounces for dead fish will be reduced as follows: 0.50 lbs will be deducted for the 1st dead fish, 1.00 lbs will be deducted for the 2nd dead fish, and 2.00 lbs will be deducted for the 3rd dead fish. If the contestant is weighing a dead fish for Big Bass it will be counted as the contestants 1st dead fish.

Only tournament officials will handle fish on the bump board. Any attempt by a tournament contestant to handle fish on the bump board will result in disqualification.

Short fish penalty

Any team weighing in a short fish will receive a one pound penalty.

Late Penalty. For Boater and Boat Partner.

Any contestant not in the official weigh-in area at check in each day (Official's Time) will be penalized 1 lb. per minute, up to five minutes, after 5 minutes you lose all weight for that day. NO EXCUSES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Any person that does not show up for the 2nd day will not be allowed to fish the following year.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Honors and awards will be presented immediately after the final point tally on Sunday at the Peoria Sportsmen's Club.

All money will be returned to the winning contestants. All prize money and the awards are the property of the winning contestants.

Prize money figured with full enrollment

First Place Team - \$2500.00

Second Place Team - \$1250.00

Third Place Team - \$900.00

Fourth Place Team - \$600.00

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Tournament Rules

1. Any person 14 years of age or older may participate. (under 18 requires parent/guardian signature)
2. Fishing will be for largemouth black or small mouth bass.
3. State length and possession limits will prevail.
4. Each team must provide one boat not less than 14' in LENGTH, conforming with the state boating laws and outboard motor not exceeding 25 H.P. for each day's fishing.
5. All fishing will be done from a boat, 2 contestants per boat.
6. Each contestant is responsible for landing their own fish unless otherwise stipulated.
7. Fishing will be by cast and retrieve methods. Trolling is not allowed.
8. No live or prepared bait may be used with the exception of pork rinds, strips or chunks.
9. **Each team must have a working outboard motor, electric trolling motor, and a livewell with aerator capable of holding 2 limits of fish at the start of each tournament day.**
10. No more than one line per person is permitted in use at any one time under ANY circumstances. Any number of additional rigged rods are permitted as spares.
11. Each contestant must remain within sight of their fishing partner and fish at all times between check-out, check-in and weigh-in.
12. Each contestant is entitled to choose fishing location and to run the trolling motor one-half of each day's fishing.
13. **LIFE JACKETS MUST BE WORN DURING TAKE OFF.**
14. Courtesy, Conservation, Sportsmanship and Safety - basic principles of fishing. Poor Sportsmanship, drunkenness, excessive speed, lawbreaking or misrepresenting one's catch will be grounds for disqualification from this tournament. Tournament Officials will have the final word on disqualifications.
15. If weather or safety prohibits the completion of the schedules tournament, said tournament can be cancelled or postponed at the discretion of tournament officials.
16. At any time one boat passes another boat fishing no wake speed **MUST** be observed.
17. **IDLE SPEED THROUGH BRIDGES AT ALL TIMES.**
18. You must have electric trolling motor.
19. You must abide by state fishing rules and regulations.
20. If any problem that needs clarification, call tournament official.
21. **1st THRU 10th PLACE OUTBOARD MOTORS MAY BE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION.**
22. Any questions regarding the Tournament Rules, contact Carl Martin at (309) 360-8279

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