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Bass Team News

TOURNAMENT TIME!
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The tournament season has begun, and it won't be long before kids are casting from the bow of the team boats in search of lunker bass!

“After a long wait, tournament time is finally here...”

It has been an enjoyable winter for those on the team who like ice fishing, but it is safe to say that you can count the number of WWS ice fisherman on one hand! Most of the team members have been waiting for ice out so they can get outside and go bass fishing!

Over 25 members registered earlier this year, and coaches anticipate the number of club members will rise as temps rise and bass become more active. For those who joined in on the action early, as worthwhile as time in the gym has been, casting into buckets is simply not nearly as fun as casting for the bucket-mouth bass.

Many team members have purchased new rods and reels for the tournament season. One club member said he geared up in the off season by purchasing a new Lews reel and high quality sensitive rod. Other members have been sharpening hooks and re-spooling their reels with new braid and fluorocarbon line in preparation for upcoming fishing outings and one of the highlights of the season—the Illinois High School Association

Sectional Championships! The Tigers have been fortunate to win three Sectional titles, and the team is looking forward to another IHSA tournament and chance to qualify for the state tournament. Based on the IHSA website sectional assignments, it appears there will be some new teams as well as some familiar faces at the upcoming tournament. It is always a phenomenal event.

The Tiger Bass Fishing Team will compete in other tournaments this spring and summer. Notable tournament success include winning the first stage of the Diamond League Series; winning the inaugural DVC Conference Tournament, and finishing as the IHSA State Runner-Up in 2013. After a long wait, spring tournament time is finally here, and the kids are looking forward to another fun season!



Bass Pro Shops Workshop, April 11th

The team will once again go to Bass Pro Shops for a team workshop and shopping trip. We will take two buses to BPS on April 11th. We will meet outside the weight room at school at 12:00 on 4/11. At 1:00 we will meet in a conference room at BPS for a team workshop. Afterwards, team members will have time to shop, so they are encouraged to bring spending money. We will also hand out team jerseys and hats that afternoon, take yearbook pictures, and announce our Sectional Tournament Team. For those unable to attend, we will also hand out jerseys on April 13th.





Sight Fishing 101: 4 Tips for Success

What to look for and how to have success when bed-fishing this spring

Sight fishing is a ton of fun. For those unfamiliar with the concept, the fisherman looks for fish from the bow of the boat or the shore and then casts with the goal of catching the fish he or she sees. This technique is exciting because the angler can see how the fish reacts to what the fisherman is doing. For anyone who has caught a bass by sight fishing, you know how exhilarating it can be. For those who

have not had this opportunity—I hope you get the chance to see a fish and then catch it! There are some prime windows of opportunity for sight fishing. Obviously, clear water and bright conditions make it easier to see the fish. But bright/clear skies and water are not essential for sight fishing. Here are 4 basic tips for this technique. While this is simply basic information for sight-fishing, hopefully it will inspire you to research the topic more, and to check in with the

Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day.
Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime.

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coaches for more tips.

1. Get some polarized sunglasses. You can get a cheap pair for less than \$10.
2. Look for “beds” as taught recently at practice. Bass beds can look like a tire in the water or a cleared off circle/oval.
3. Stay back. Don’t get too close to the fish or you may spook it.
4. Don’t rush or make sudden movements. It may take fish time to take the bait.

Overall, sight fishing can be rewarding and fun. Tight lines!

Newsworthy Notes



The Tiger Bass Fishing Club will be dressed for success this year.

Special thanks to ESP in Warrentville for their services. ESP is once again designing our team jerseys and hats. Team wear will be distributed at the annual Bass Pro Shop team trip.



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