



# North Star Bass Club

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Our next meeting is April 3rd at the Eagles Club in Fergus Club for our annual Open House event. Our master of ceremonies will be Terry Black who generously offered to entertain us. That will make the event rather interesting I'm sure. Hope to see all of you there !

## CALENDAR DATES OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 3rd—New Member Night Open House

**Location:** Eagles Club—  
Upstairs.

**Time:** 6:00 pm. Social  
7:00 pm Meeting

## **CLUB MEETING NOTES:**

- Held March 3rd at the Underwood American Legion
- Called to order by president Dave Steinbach
- Members present: 15—Steve Kubeny, Jerry Ewert, Casey Ehlert, Terry Black, Howard Fullhart, Mark Henry, Mike Seabrook, Dave Steinbach, Gregg Ripley, Don Cole, John Lhotak, Mike Macheledt, John Waerzeggers, Steve Pollock, Tom Mann.

### Old Business:

- Discussion held on the E. Battle Lake tournament. The issue of the lake being too small and the access being too small was a concern. At our open house event, John Lhotak will have confirmation if we can use an adjacent property for parking.
- We discussed the hours of the Mystery tournament in light of the new tournament hours. It was decided that for the Mystery tournament that we will meet at the Big Chief restaurant at 5:00 am.
- We need to check on our club insurance by calling Becky at Security Insurance at Security State Bank.
- Proof of our non-profit status became an issue during the gathering of last Christmas Party gifts from local merchants. Terry Black offered to check on the status for the club.
- Checked on availability of the Eagles Club for our open house event. We were able to confirm that the club would be available for our club.
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### New Business:

- Concept of a new fishing license type came up. It is called a Conversation License which is less expensive than an individual angling license. However, the caveat is that you can only harvest half of what the typical limit is for a particular specie. This means that it won't work for anybody who fishes for a five bass limit.
- Discussed some clarification on the pre-pay option. This is where a prepaid member will know his blast-off position for each of the tournaments (excluding Mystery). Some of the clarification includes you have to 1) Pay for all the tournaments by the Mystery. 2) If you are pre-paid and you are late, you go to the end of the line; therefore, prepaying does not give you the option of coming late.

## **FISH**

**Q: Why did the fly fisherman go to area 51?**

**A: He needed some extra terrestrials**

## **HUMOR**

To get the latest information, be sure to visit our club's website at:  
**NorthStarBass.com**

**FEATURED  
WEB RESOURCE OF THE  
MONTH**

**The Ultimate Bass Fishing  
Resource**

<http://www.bassresource.com/>

This site has just about every bass fishing site imaginable. A great resource if you need to find that little bit of bass fishing goodness.

**FISHING TIP OF THE  
MONTH**

**Casting Tip**

Be sure to "load" the rod tip, causing it to bend backward, on the back-cast, then whip the rod forward smoothly.

Cast with the wrist, not the arm and shoulder.



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**Selecting the Right Line**

Largemouth Bass Tips Online

<http://www.largemouthbasstips.com/5line.htm>

There are lots of lines on the market nowadays. Super line, flurocarbon, and monofilament being the most common. So which ones do you use?

Super lines have many different features from monofilament. Super lines are very much thinner in diameter than mono lines. Super lines do not come in clear, usually only white, smoke or green. And they do not stretch under pressure. I would rather have a line that stretches so I can have some cushion when fighting fish. If there is no cushion you could possibly rip a large hole in the side of the fishes mouth while it ferociously tries to tear the hook out of its mouth. And that just makes the odds better for the fish to shake the hook out. But having a no stretch line also has an upside. You can feel every little action which happens to the lure. When I fish for bass I believe mono lines have enough sensitivity to them.

Now for flurocarbon lines. I have never actually used this particular line but I have heard the following about them. Some manufacturers have not made good flurocarbon lines and I wish not to say which companies so I don't get myself in trouble but I will say which ones have had good reviews on, "Seaguar" and "Stren". They have a very high Strength/low diameter aspect to them which I really like especially for clear water. High durability meaning they do not rot. This adds to the life of the line but make sure you properly dispose of it because we do not need any of this stuff floating around our favourite fishing holes. And, most importantly, between the low diameter and material in which it is made out of fish cannot see it. It virtually disappears under water.

Now for the #1 most used line for largemouth bass, the good old monofilament. Many reasons make this line so popular, the many years it has been around for, it is inexpensive, and people have trusted it because of its so many years on the market compared to all the other lines. An advantage in my book is the stretching which cushions the thrash of a big bass. But there are disadvantages too. On disadvantage is that its strength is usually lowered due to knots. Many knots will cause the line to only have 75% of its initial strength. The best knot, though, is the Trilene Knot which holds, if tied properly, 90% of the lines initial strength. Also, mono lines do not last forever. Usually if you change your line once a year you will not have any problems. Mono line will actually rot after an amount of time. This may seem like a bad thing, but in actuality it is a very good thing. Old line DOES end up in the water. If this line didn't rot away there would be tonnes of line getting wrapped up in motors and lying on the lake floor. One time when fishing I had my rod hanging over the side of the boat. Somehow my bail flipped open and I didn't notice all my line fall into the water. I turned around looking for the line but it must of ended up on the bottom of the lake because I couldn't find it. Luckily this line will eventually rot so there wont be my 120 yards of line on the bottom of this lake forever.

Since most people use mono here are some tips on how to keep your line fresh: Any time you catch a big fish or get a temporary snag take the last couple feet of line and run it through your lips. If you feel a knick cut the line and retie your lure.

When tying a knot make sure you lubricate the line with saliva before tightening. This will make a much tighter knot.

Pass a Q-Tip through the eyes of your fishing rod. If any material gets caught to the eye it needs to be fixed. If not it could damage your line.

Always change your line at least 1 time per year.

.If you follow these guidelines you will surely increase the chance of catching fish and decrease the chance of frustration.