



# North Star Bass Club

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## CALENDAR DATES OF UPCOMING EVENTS

• **March 4th. —Club Meeting**

**Location:** American Legion  
in Underwood

**Time:** 7:00 pm.

**Agenda:** TBD

**April 3rd—New Member  
Night (Tentative)**

**Location:** Eagles Club—  
Upstairs.

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

- Our February meeting attendance hit an all time high! We had 20 members present demonstrating the new rule to encourage meeting participation is working (of course, having a lake picking activity doesn't hurt either). I already can tell by the discussion at the meeting that this topic of required meetings will be heavily debated all year. I don't think anybody disagrees that it is an unfortunate rule change to make. I know it was made with good intentions for the club as a whole and not designed to disenfranchise anyone. But in light of the new rule, I am encouraged that the club will continue and we all get to reap the benefits of tournament bass fishing in our local area. Hopefully next year, more members will become conscientious of the need for club participation and instruments to encourage participation can go back in the toolbox usually reserved for high-school administrators.
- Our next meeting is March 4th in Underwood starting at 7:00 pm. Hope to see all of you at the next meeting!

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## CLUB MEETING NOTES:

- Held February 4th at the Underwood American Legion
- Called to order by president Dave Steinbach
- Members present: 20—Steve Kubeny, Jerry Ewert, Casey Ehlert, Terry Black, Don Bjerklie, Howard Fullhart, Mark Henry, Mike Seabrook, Dave Steinbach, Gregg Ripley, Don Cole, John Simonson, John Lhotak, Mike Macheledt, John Waerzeggers, Jim Stargel, Al Vetter, Matt Vetter, Gary Eichhorn, Gary Kamrowski.

### Old Business:

- Mailbox renewal at the post office was delinquent. It was paid for a year and we were able to keep the original box number.
- Discussion on new rule for requiring at least four meetings to be able to fish in the fish-off was discussed. No changes made.
- Discussed the possibility of having certificates rather than a trophy for winning a tournament was brought up for resolution. Several samples of certificates were shown and other alternate ideas made. The club decided and a motion was made and passed to keep the trophies as they currently are without making any changes.

### New Business:

- Lake Picking was held. It was discussed if we have to pick lakes based on a north-south of the Hwy. 210 line. A decision was made to drop this practice and lakes could be picked from anywhere. In addition, the drawing was held with the concept of every ballot being counted (this isn't Florida folks!). Meaning that if a number of members voted on a particular lake, the more likelihood that lake would be randomly chosen.

**FISH**

Q: How do you talk to a fish?

A: Drop it a line!

Q: Why did the bass cross the road?

A: Cause it was hooked!

**HUMOR**

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

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**FEATURED  
WEB RESOURCE OF THE  
MONTH**

**Bassdozer**

[<http://www.bassdozer.com/>]

This site is just chock full of articles and reviews on everything related to bass fishing including lures, rods, reels, how-to's and more! Bassdozer even has its own store on Ebay. Check them out!

**FISHING TIP OF THE  
MONTH**

**Spring Bass Fishing**

A key in the spring is to find the warmest water, because that's where the bass will migrate first.



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- **2009 Lakes and Dates**

Lakes and dates for the coming year are as follows:

**Mystery?** - May 25th

**Rush Lake** - June 14th

**Loon Lake** - June 28th


**East Battle** - July 12th

**Middle/Upper Cormorant** - August 2nd

**Fish-Off** - August 23rd

**Lobster Lake** - Alternate

- There was discussion about the lack of parking for East Battle. John Lhotak and Mike Seabrook will check to see if parking on land next to the access will be permitted and then most would be shuttled (similar to LCR). They will know prior to our New Member Night event. If we cannot fish East Battle then the alternate lake, Lobster Lake, will take its place.
- Assistant Tourney Director Howard Fullhart brought up a new tournament procedure for this year and you will want to pay attention. The new procedure the TDs are implementing is that if you are pre-paid for the year, you will know before the start of the season your blast-off position for each tournament. This will do two things: 1) It will eliminate the build-up of boats along the access shoreline as everyone participates in our little tourney powwow to find out our blast-off positions. 2) It will encourage more members to pay ahead while avoiding the logistics of collecting money at the water's edge. What does this mean if you don't prepay? Last year, eight members were pre-paid for the year. If you didn't prepay last year, the best blast-off position you could draw is 9th place. I would imagine if you don't prepay this year, the starting blast-off position for non-prepay will be much worse. I personally think this is a great procedure change. Many will appreciate not getting their boats banged up due to having to find a less than perfect spot along the shore; let alone having to jump to shore only to find the ground to be less than solid.
- Discussed the location for our club's next classic event. The club proposed Pelican Lake by Ashby on September 12th.
- The Mystery tournament lake will get announced at 5:00 am at the Big Chief restaurant May 25th. The earlier time is to accommodate our new 7am-2pm fishing schedule.



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