



Nevada Striper Monthly

April Edition

With our fishing season just under way, there have been a few changes that we would like to announce.

Starting with the April 2010 meeting, our monthly meetings will now be held at Bass Pro Shops. The April meeting is Thursday, April 8, 2010. Bass Pro Shops is located at 8200 Dean Martin Drive in Las Vegas, NV 89139.

The meeting start times have changed as well. The Board meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. and general membership meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. and end around 8:30 p.m. or so.

The meeting will be held in the “**Fine Gun Room**” which is upstairs 100ft to the left of the escalator near the aquarium. There will be signage near the entrance to the room.

Another item worth mentioning is the Board meeting can be attended by members as observers only and not participants. If a member has an issue they would like to bring to the attention of the board, they may do so. The reason for this request is to keep our board meetings to 30 minutes or less due to the time constraints in the schedule for the night. Now, moving to the tournament results.

MARCH TOURNAMENT RESULTS

<u>Adults</u>	<u>Lbs</u>
1. Steve Fry	32.2
2. Michael O'Donnell	22.0
3. Chris Otto	9.0
4. Thomas Lima	8.6
5. Jim Hanych	7.8
6. Roger Hudec	6.6
7. Charlie Christy Sr.	6.2
8. Ken Cliadakis	5.7
9. Toby Chandler	5.6
10. Amy Wagner	5.2
11. Warren Wagner	4.3
12. Tom Lucero	3.5
13. Dick Gagan	1.3
14. Ben Benzenhafer	1.0
15. Ramon Prieto	1.0
16 thru 28.	NWI

BIG FISH

Steve Fry 24.8 Lbs

As you can see by the results, fishing was tough out there. Almost half the entrants did not weigh in any fish. The good news was, we had 28 entries which reflects the growing size of our club. It looks to be another exciting year of competitive fishing. Good luck to all.

Steve Fry's big fish in the March tournament was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for most. Here is his exciting tale of battle and glory in an old famous cove called the Meat Hole.

Miracle at the Meat Hole

Once upon a time there was this guy (me) who sometimes fishes in the Nevada Striper Club Monthly fishing tournament. He almost always; weather permitting fishes out of Echo Bay in a spot called the Meat Hole. He fishes there partly because he has always caught fish there and partly because he is usually the only boat there and it is a good chance to get the wrinkles out of his mind. I'm sure Fred Frizt (my brother-in law) remembers the spot well as he fished there with me and we caught a few fish there (a few dozen that is). Travis (my son) and his family fished with me out of Echo Bay but that was one of the times when the weather was defiantly not conducive to fishing the Meat Hole, we fished a different spot but still caught a bunch of fish. Part of the reason he fishes there is because almost no one else fishes there because there are no "Big Fish".

The average fish caught there is probably about 1.5 lbs. There are usually a couple of 3 lb. an occasional 4 lb. and a few years ago I got a 5 lb. 8 oz one, Dean and Karen were with me on that trip and can bear witness. The 5 lb. 8 oz. one was the weekend before the tournament so I released it in hopes of catching it again the following week end; it did not happen.

On another occasion I was fishing a tournament there and had 4 fish (which is how many you weigh for the tournament) totaling about 12 lbs in the cooler when I hooked a big one that would have put me in the money. It was an 8 lb 8oz Catfish (refer to the name of the club) paying special attention to the word Striper, I finished just out of the money.

Then came the tournament of March 13 and 14th 2010; He (I) was at the same old Meat Hole catching the same old 1-3 lb. fish when about 9:30 at night with a good stiff N. wind blowing I hooked a Dandy. I was fishing with a medium action spinning rod and reel with 12 lb. Stren line and using 14 lb. Stren leader. I am not sure exactly what time it was when I hooked it but it had been a while already when I checked the time at 9:40 the fish was in the boat at 10:05.

It was an epic struggle, one requiring more patience than I knew I had. Many times over the 30 or 40 minutes I fought down the urge to tighten the drag on the reel and bring her in (a large fish will break your line if too much pressure is used).

During this epic struggle, many, many times I thought or said to myself do not be a Catfish, please do not be a Catfish. I finally decided heck even if it is a Catfish it will be on dang big one and a lot of fun (I decided that but trust me I was still rooting for it to not be a Catfish). It defiantly was not a Catfish.

When I finally got it to the surface it was hard to say who was the most exhausted, I'm guessing Stripers do not have adrenaline rushes but I certainly did.

I finally got most of her in the net which was not nearly big enough it became apparent that if I lifted her by the handle it would break so I had to grab the frame of the net with both hands and lift her in.



Ok, so now she is in the boat and I'm sitting there on the bait cooler shaking like a dog pooping peach pits repeating over and over holy crap, holy crap or something close to that. I sat there looking at her for a while still unable to believe.



So now if you remember earlier in this story about the 5 lb. 8 oz Striper I released because it was not a tournament weekend; well my story is, and I'm sticking with it, is this was her years later. Karma and patience... are good things. Yes I did win the 1st prize in the tournament and the pot for biggest fish.

And that my friends, is the story of the Miracle at the Meat Hole.

1000 mm = 39.37 inches

24.8 pounds

Thanks,

Steve (the Meat Hole Guy) Fry

The April tournament will be held on April 10 and 11, 2010. As we go to press we are scheduled to start at our normal starting times on Saturday morning and weigh in at noon on Sunday. One item on this month's agenda is for the general membership to vote on changing the start time of the tournament to 5:00pm on Friday.

New president Michael O'Donnell has a few words for us.

A Message from Mikey

We often hear about the “Big One” that got away. I know I have lost plenty myself, it can be frustrating. I believe its luck that gets the “Big One” on. We don’t expect it and when it comes off we wonder what we could have done differently. What did I do wrong? Was my line too light, was my hook sharp? Patience and taking time to fight the fish (tiring him out) is what is going to land the fish. Steve Fry certainly has patience. He surprised us all with a 24.8 lb striper he caught in March. He caught the fish with bait and on light tackle and only 12 lb test. I know he played the fish the right way, that fish could have broken him off with ease, but Steve landed it. Good Job! It couldn’t have happened to a nicer guy.

We are going to be meeting at Bass Pro Shop and I am pretty excited about that. One concern I have is that, we are not in a bar anymore and Bass Pro Shop is not going to tolerate public intoxication. For this reason, other clubs have been kicked out of this facility in the past. I have heard this first hand, so I ask all of the club members to please refrain from being intoxicated at the meeting. I would deeply appreciate it and thank you all for your cooperation. I’ll see you all there.

Thanks,

Mikey O.

As this newsletter is being published we do not have a picnic director. Unless we get someone to come forward to volunteer, picnics will be on hold until a volunteer is found. Last month Jim Hanych volunteered to do the picnic for the month, and in a very generous move he also paid for the entire feed himself. Thanks Jim. If we could get ten people to come forward to do one picnic each, we could reestablish the picnics with the club supplying all the food and drinks. All we need is someone to shop for the food and drinks and then barbecue the food. It is a great way for new members to get to meet all of the tournament participants.

The Can Man

Roland Leclerc, a new member, has volunteered to resurrect our tin can recycling program. He will pick up tin cans, any kind of aluminum, copper, wire, brass, lamps, faucets and metal. Bring them to any tournament weigh in and he will be there to collect the materials. All proceeds will go to the club. Thanks Roland!!!

Another way to get your recyclable material to Roland is to bring it to Roland’s’ home at 914 Noche De Paz Ave in Henderson. Call Roland at 565-2966 to let him know you want to drop off some recyclables. He lives a block from K-Mart off Racetrack Rd in Henderson.

Air Zone Cooling and Heating

Jacob Bailey, Angler of the year and fisherman (liar) extraordinaire is the owner of Air Zone. He is running a spring tune-up special for all Club members. The service is \$69 and will prepare your unit for the scorching summer months. He has also offered to donate \$35 for each call he receives from members to the club’s general fund. Thanks Jacob. Finding people you can trust in the AC business is hard to do. We have just that in Air Zone. Make the call and make your AC unit happy this summer. Their #240-ZONE and the web address is: www.lasvegasairzone.com

Well, that does it for this month’s edition Nevada Striper Monthly. Good luck to everyone fishing this month. Have fun and be safe out there.

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