



Newsletter



Rogue Valley Bassmasters

February 2012

President: Don Adams
Vice President: Mark Gallo

The Fun Begins!

Next Meeting

The next club meeting will held on Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 pm at the former Bruno's Pizza on Roberts Road in Medford.

Tournaments for 2012

February 25, 26	Shasta Lake
March 24, 25	Shasta Lake
April 28,29	Emigrant
May 19, 20	Lake Shastina
June 23, 24	Lost Creek
July 21, 22	Ten Mile
August 18, 19	Howard Prairie
September 22, 23	Lake Britton
October 20, 21 (TOC)	Lost Creek

Next Tournament

Our first tournament of the year will take place at Shasta. Blast off will be out of Packers Bay. Estimated blast off time will be about 6:30 am. Remember to bring your needle to poke the deep fish and dress warm! If it ends up being a bad weekend to travel, we will post a notice on the website about a change of plans. We won't relocate the tournament, we will just cancel it. If you have questions, call Don Adams at 821-0970.

Change of Tournament

The July tournament at Ten Mile was scheduled for July 28, 29. It has been changed to July 21, 22. .

Bass Transfer

The bass transfer at Hyatt Lake will take place on July 14 this year, so mark your calendars. The goal is to get 2,500 fish to transfer to other lakes like Lost Creek.

Boat Checks on the Highway

If you see a boat inspection sign on the side of the highway, be sure to stop. You must go through the boat check or face a \$295 fine. And don't forget to take out your drain plug before heading into California!

Boat Inspections

In preparation for the upcoming boating season, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol is holding its annual "Dry Dock" inspections at the Search and Rescue building located at 620 Antelope Road, in White City. Inspections will take place Saturday, March 12, 2011 and Sunday, March 13, 2011 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Boaters in Jackson County will have an opportunity to have their boats inspected prior to the start of the season. Owners are encouraged to have current registration, all of their safety gear, including life jackets, fire extinguishers, etc in place at the time of the inspection. This year's safety inspection decal is green and upon successful completion of the inspection, it will be affixed to the rear of the boat.

If you have any questions or need more information contact the Jackson County Marine Patrol Office at 541-864-8844 or our website at www.jacksoncounty.org/sheriff.

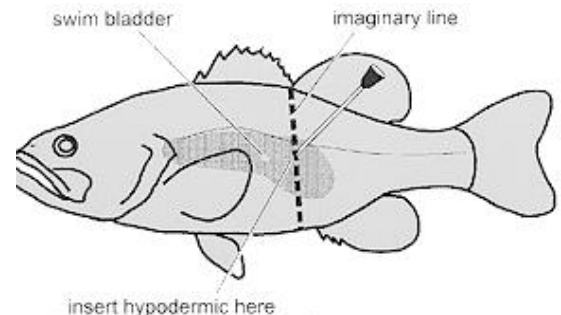
Message from Lonnie Johnson

Hey All y'all, Time once again to don the mud boots, bundle up warm, grab your gloves, and head up to plant some willows. We will meet at the MacGregor Visitors Center at 9:00-9:30 on Saturday, Feb. 18th, then head up to the Medco A area to plant. This will also give us an opportunity to look at the "brush box" area we spoke of last time.

For anyone looking for something to "prime your pump", a few of us will be going up on Thursday, the 16th, to cut willow shoots to plant. We will meet at Medco A at 9:30AM to begin. Bring gloves, loppers (by pass or parrot), and a fresh new joke to share. See you soon. Until then, tight lines - Lonnie Johnson, OBBAC

Deflating the Bladder of Deep Fish

To release air from an over-inflated ladder of bass caught in deep water, draw an imaginary line from the anal opening to the space between the spiny and soft ray portions of the dorsal fin. Locate the middle of that line, and while holding the bass firmly, remove a single scale with your pliers. With a swift smooth motion, insert the hypodermic through the flesh at a 45-degree angle toward the head of the fish. Lightly press on the bass's stomach until you hear air escaping and continue until it stops.



The main problem you will come across when deflating a bladder is a clogged needle. If you do not hear any air on your first try, or bass still don't swim normally when you finish, blow out the obstruction and repeat the process.

Another option is to do the deflating through the back of the mouth on either side between the two crushers.