

Columbia River BASSMASTERS

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January 2012

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Remember: CRB club dues of \$50 are due today with current proof of B.A.S.S. membership card.

*** MEETING ***

Tuesday January 3rd, 2012 at 7pm
Who Song and Larry's
111 SE Columbia Way
Vancouver, Washington

CRB Christmas Party was a great event...Joe Who?

Pictured below are some photos of Joe Badolato accepting some clothing, really, for his accomplishments as Angler of the Year for CRB 2011. To tell the story the best it would take Joe, himself, to repeat all that was said at the December meeting to tell it the best. Suffice to say that all who attended at this event had a great time. Joe did promise, however, to let all CRB members see him wearing these tights, as shown at a future CRB (can't wait) tournament. Congrats, none-the-less, Joe, from all on an astounding year of 2011 from the back seat; no less, as our Angler of the Year. Some very impressive numeric high lights of his accomplishments are available by clicking on our November 2011/CRB Newsletter on our website. Great company and food and ton of raffle items, all in all, it was a lot of fun. We should give our CRB Treasurer, Chuck Smith, a pat on the back for his efforts for our Christmas Party 2011. Thanks Chuck!

January Meeting Agenda

- Call meeting to order.....Tim
- Introduce CRB Officers.....Tim
- CRB Youth Report.....Tim
- BASS/FLW Report.....Ed C.
- Treasurer Report.....Chuck
- OLD BUSINESS
 - CRB Xmas Party recap.....Chuck
 - Other (?).....Board
- NEW BUSINESS
 - Tournament Venues.....Mark
 - Tournament Rule Changes....Mark
 - Bylaw Changes.....Mark
 - Tourny Formats.....Tim/Mark
 - 2012 CRB Schedule.....Mark
- BASS FISH STORIES (?).....Anyone
- Close Meeting.....Tim

The January Meeting...Your Time to Plan CRB 2012

The January meeting in CRB is not about what bass were caught last month, as we at CRB fish tournaments ending in November, due to weather here in the Pacific Northwest. However, this is your time, and an obligation, if you will, to speak up and tell the Board of Directors and the CRB membership what you would like to see us doing, as a club, for 2012. This is, by our bylaws definition, a time to bring up issues to change the bylaws and/or tournament rules for the season. Again by making your motions at our all-important January meeting, your suggestions are reviewed by the CRB Board, and brought forward to the all-important Feb CRB Meeting for majority vote and enactment. As an example, our Tournament Director, Mark Forbes, has taken as many who responded, and put together a projected CRB Tournament Season 2012, based on your input. Notice, probably more "lake" locations than CRB has possibly ever seen. This was, however, your "voice" to be heard. Also, another huge change was moving our traditional CRB Cabin Fever Classic to the fall from the spring to enhance attendance for an "Open" for CRB and thank goodness, get us out of those freezing winds that we have seen so many years with CRB that time of year in early spring! So, see you on January 3rd for your voice to be heard, in what I believe one of the best years, 2012, which CRB has ever seen! Happy New Year 2012!!



Tim, "The Prez", shows Joe his TOC/CRB Custom Monogram Jacket



Joe shows off his CRB tights!



Nick Fitzsimmons stand up to receive big bass of year award..6.08lbs.

Proposed 2012 Tournament Schedule

Hi folks! Putting this schedule together sure has me thinking about fishing! Two orders to Tackle Warehouse in the last couple of weeks.

Thanks to Tim prodding folks for input, I received several either full or partial schedule suggestions from members. I put them all in a spreadsheet and came up with the most popular choices for each month, and that became the proposed schedule. Some spots (such as Cullaby with 81% selection) were really easy; others were close.

NOTE: This is the PROPOSED schedule. We will be open for discussion at the meeting. Everything is subject to change, so if something is left off, someplace you don't want to go, whatever, we can discuss at the meeting. Every year, there are several modifications to the schedule before we adopt it. — Mark

Date	Venue
3/24/2012	Cullaby Lake, OR
4/21/2012	Celilo Park, OR
5/5/2012	Spincast fun fish, Mystery Spot (60 mi radius)
5/13/2012	Riffe Lake, WA
6/9/2012	Silver Lake, WA
6/23/2012	Fun Fish Sprint, Kalama, WA
7/21/2012	Stevenson, WA
8/11/2012	Bingen, WA
9/3/2012	Labor Day Brown Bag Fun Fish, Stevenson, WA
9/15&16/2012	Crow Butte, WA
10/13/2012	Boones Ferry, OR (Wilsonville)
10/27/2012	TOC

Cabin Fever Classic

We also asked at the last couple of meetings and at via email for ideas on the CFC. Frankly, we've had little input.

However, both Jim Miller and Zip Decker suggested having the CFC on September 8th, at Portco. Both suggested similar names, basically "The CRB Open". Let's talk about this at the January meeting.

PACIFIC BOATLAND

WELCOMES



Headline Speaker Ranger & Mercury Pro **JOHN MURRAY**

Accomplishments:

- 6 Classic Qualifications
- 2 time US Open Champion
- 2 million in career earning
- 31 prize boats

Guest Speaker on Columbia River Tactics

Renaud Pelletier

Date: Saturday Feb. 18th

Time: Store hours 9am – 4pm
Presentations begin at Noon

Special Offers: Discounts on Ranger apparel, oil, gear lube, batteries or anything ordered during this event

Contest: Flip/Pitch contest with proceeds going to local youth clubs

**Food & refreshments
will be provided**



Chase "Ox" Eaton



This is from the Northwest Bass webpage and lets help Ox any way we can. He is a really great kid going through a tough time.

Most that have fished Northwest Bass have had a chance to meet a very special young man, Chase "The Ox" Heaton. You know him as the dude that checks your boat live wells prior to blast off, as the dude wearing the red vest on the point or in the boat time checking your flight returns, and you know him as that big quiet kid that helps me (actually does most of the work) set up and tear down tournament headquarters. But Chase is so much more: He is a stoic 18 year old fighting to stay healthy. Just one week after the 2011 Northwest Bass Championship Chase was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Yep, he has cancer and is currently undergoing chemotherapy here in Spokane. To date, Chase has undergone five chemo sessions and is doing as well as can be expected. His dad says some days are better than others, but over all Chase has kept an amazingly positive attitude, adopting the catch phrase "Never Forget, Life is Good"! Ones mental outlook when faced with the challenge of cancer is so important. And Chase is proving to be an inspiration as well as a "Never Give Up" fighter. Yet another reason we call him "The Ox".

Northwest Bass, Nixon's Marine, Washington State Federation Nation and the Inland Empire Bass Club (as "the Team") are requesting your financial support in an effort to truly make a dream come true for the entire Heaton family. Helping to bring this dream to fruit is Jon Stewart, B.A.S.S. Senior Manager. I am pleased to announce that Jon has received approval from his management team to give Chase and his dad (Regan) a VIP weekend at the 2012 Bassmaster Classic!!!

In short, the deal is as follows: We, being "the Team," will need to arrange and pay for travel to and from Shreveport, Louisiana, and for some meals. B.A.S.S. will put Chase and Regan up in the host hotel where all the anglers are staying. Someone (most of the time it will be Jon Stewart himself or the Louisiana President, Kevin Gaubert) will pick them up from the airport and take them to launches, weigh-ins, and any dinners and other functions that they can squeeze them into. The Ox will get V.I.P passes allowing him to go back stage, to the service yard, inside the launch area and much, much more. While there are still details to work out regarding on site activities, it sounds as if B.A.S.S. will be rolling out the red carpet!!! Additionally, if we can send them a day early (media day), Jon thinks that he can arrange for Chase to hang out with Mike Iaconelli, or whomever he would like. Again, all we have to do is get him there and cover some minor meal expenses.

While Chase's parents have already committed to getting him to Louisiana come hell or high water, I personally know that funds are tight. Chase's chemo sessions cost nearly \$10,000.00 a piece. Insurance pays around eighty percent of these costs (thank goodness) but the remaining expenses are being covered by Regan and Jill.

Sooooo, I guess the best way to ask this is the direct way. Can you and will you help a great kid, who is in small ways showing us how to be better people, achieve a dream come true by donating whatever amount you can to the "Chasing The Cure" effort? All money received will be used by the family to defray travel costs and create everlasting memories. Additionally, for Chase's part, he will be asked to take on-site photos as well as provide commentary relative to classic activities as they happen. This info will be posted to Facebook daily. As the events unfold, Chase will be our man on the scene!!!

Before I close, I must offer thanks for your dedication to our sport and thanks in advance for your thoughts and prayers.

If you can help, checks should be written out to Regan and Jill Heaton and can be sent via Northwest Bass to P.O. Box 825, Veradale, Washington 99037. Again, we so appreciate any help you can provide. We would also like to thank B.A.S.S. for allowing "The Ox" to be so much a part of this special event.