

April 2010 E-Newsletter

Spring has finally arrived and for the majority of the Lake Norman tournament I was able to shed the cold weather gear. Cold front conditions kept the spawn at bay, but the fish were ripe, ready and on the move. Like everyone else I was on the hunt for largemouth, but for the first two days I weighed in a limit of spots. The field is normally really tight on Norman and this tournament was no exception. A couple pounds in either direction can make you a hero or a zero. Unfortunately I didn't find the kicker fish needed to make a large move on day three and landed in 77th place. On a bright note, I fished a clean and consistent tournament, which is very important.

I didn't have a stellar start on Table Rock, but with three days of competition I was fortunate enough to make up ground and finished the tournament in 39th place. Again, I fished clean and considering the brutal conditions, I'm not totally dissatisfied with the results.

My tour diary for both events is up – www.chadmorgenthaler.com

On the way home from Branson I made a stop at Eberlin Boats in Hermann MO to attend their open house. Eberlin is now a dealer of Phoenix Boats. It was a great day with great people – read all about it at www.724outdoors.com

Saturday April 10th I'll be at Tamaroa Bait and Feed Store in Tamaroa, IL for their spring open house. There was a great turnout last year and we're hoping for the same this spring. If you're in the area, stop by, say hello and talk fishing.

Next up on the Tour line-up is Ft. Loudoun/Tellico Lakes, Knoxville TN. The last time I competed on this system was June of 2008. Unfortunately I didn't light it on fire, so I'm glad we're going back during pre spawn conditions. This will put a new spin on things and fish more toward my strengths.

Mark your calendars for the 5th annual Tournament to benefit Special Olympics Illinois on Rend Lake. The format change from a two day to a one day tournament was a success last year and will continue this year. **Banquet and silent auction August 27th – Tournament August 28th. For entry forms contact Jeff Henson with SOILL at 800-392-0562.**

In addition to Locker Blogger, I'm now on Face Book. You can find my pages at Chad Morgenthaler and ChadMorgenthaler.com. Sign-up and follow along.

Congratulations to Troy from Carterville IL – April's Fan Club Winner!

Tip of the Month – El Grande's new line of plastics

El Grande lures known for big baits and big fish is expanding their soft plastic product line to include new killer colors and style combinations. The products are currently being tested – log on to www.elgrandelures.com the middle of April for test results. Also new tube colors are available and can be purchased through www.doubledigitbassin.com.

Bass wishes,
Chad Morgenthaler