

Happy Holidays!

Finally, it's starting to feel like winter in the Midwest. Maybe now the ducks and geese will start flying south for the winter. So far it has been a pretty dismal season. My time at home is quickly running out, and I was hoping to get a few good hunts in before heading back out on Tour. Sitting on the Mississippi Flyway waterfowl hunting can be phenomenal at times. I'm hoping to catch just a few of those phenomenal days.

I just got back from our PAA Board Member retreat. It was a grueling three days, but we managed to grind out a tremendous amount of work in a short period of time. Items on the agenda included setting dates, rules, and details for our Bass Pro Shops PAA Tournament Series. Looks like the first of four events will start on July 8th. We're still working on location contracts, so that information will be announced in the coming months.

In addition to competing in all the PAA events, I also placed deposits on the BASS Southern Opens and the FLW Tour. I'm really excited about next year's schedules. There are some really good new lakes on the list, as well as a few old favorites with Okeechobee first on the lineup. In past years I've done really well there, but the last two events have been a toss. It's been a while since I've competed on the lake, so I'm excited to see the changes.

I hope everyone was able to watch the TTBC airing on CBS. I was pleasantly surprised at the amount of airtime that I received for finishing in 7th place. All in all it turned out to be a really good show, and I'm looking forward to qualifying for the TTBC again next year....we'll be going back to Lake Conroe.

Congratulations to Robbie from Tennessee – December's Fan Club Winner!!

Tip of the Month: There is no doubt about it, Humminbird manufactures awesome electronics. I've been running the 997c side imager for several years now, and I can't live without it. An item of safety that I also carry in my boat is a Submersible Marine VHF Radio. The unit offers 10 weather channels and NOAA Weather Alert and won't break the bank....great Christmas gift. It's better to be safe than sorry and be prepared when bad weather is rolls in.

Bass wishes,
Chad