

July E-Newsletter

The final FLW event of the season took place on Lake Guntersville last week. With such an awesome fishery I knew the weights would be huge and the field tight. I don't normally pre practice because so much can change during the off limits period, and prior knowledge of the way things were is not always a good thing. This time I decided to make an exception and spent a week on the lake before cutoff. It was simply awesome.

Things did change by the time I returned, the bite was a little off and it was hard to relocate the large schools of fish, but being Lake Guntersville there was still a lot of fish to be caught no matter what pattern you decided to pursue.

The lake held up to its reputation throughout the three tournament days by producing large stringers. However, only a few anglers were able to capitalize on the patterns that produced the heavier weights. For three days I jumped back and forth between a shallow grass pattern and a deep ledge bite. Simply put, I did not capitalize on my bigger bites. For me this tournament was a series of Murphy's Law moments. Read all about my mishaps in my Tour Journal www.chadmorgenthaler.com.

Unfortunately a few bad tournament finishes this season took me out of the running for the Forrest Wood Cup. I wish the 30 anglers good luck on Lake Lanier next month!

One Series ends and another one begins. The first event of the Bass Pro Shops PAA Tournament Series kicks off on Lake Cherokee, TN July the 8th. I've never fished this lake so it's all new territory, but I'm looking forward to it due to the lake's layout and the water willow. Maybe some of my home lake rules will apply. Checkout all the details at www.fishpaa.com

Observer spots are still available for the upcoming PAA event. Find all the details on the PAA's website under Tournaments.

Don't forget to register for my Special Olympics Benefit Tournament on Rend Lake IL. Registration and banquet on August 27th with a one day tournament on the 28th. This year the Hibdon family, Guido and Deon will join us for the event. Don't miss the opportunity to meet these two legends of the sport.

Congratulations to Brandon of Roseville, Minnesota - July's Fan Club Winner.

Tip of the month: Fish Care

During the hot summer months it's very important to take extra steps to care for your catch. Livewell water needs to remain at least 10 degrees cooler than lake temperature. Adding ice periodically throughout the day will do the trick. Add Rejuvenade often especially after flushing and replacing tank water. To maintain a good oxygen level I add a cap full of hydrogen peroxide. Turn your recirculation pump on and never shut it off. It's a lot of extra work, but well worth the time and investment.

Bass wishes,
Chad Morgenthaler