

Hello Everyone,

I'm finally home after my last stint on the road and just in time to participate in the Midwest Bass Classic on my home lake, Crab Orchard. Like old times, I partnered with longtime friend Dennis Heape. It's been a while since I've been on the lake, so we ran some of our old spots and hauled in almost 24-pounds to take the win. It was a great day of fishing and certainly a good opportunity to catch-up with friends that I seldom get to see anymore. I'm giving a nod to the "Original Lunker Lure Buzz Bait in Sexy Shad" for helping us bag our five.

Unfortunately, Lewis Smith Lake was not my friend this time around. I had a good practice and was hopeful for a good tournament. Typical of the season with bass in a full blown, post spawn pattern my plan descenigrated during the event and I posted one of my worst tournament finishes, 131st place.

The FLW event on Ouachita was better, I finished 40th, but it was one heck of a brutal tournament....extremely hot and a tough grind. I was around a lot of large fish that were in a funk with lock jaw. Finally I managed to haul in a kicker fish on the last day. My Tour Diary is up, so read all about it www.chadmorgenthaler.com.

The final FLW tour event of the season is on Lake Guntersville AL, which starts June 23rd. I've managed to spend some pretty good practice time on the lake trying to become better acquainted with the layout. It is quite an amazing lake and loaded with large bass. Catching a limit is not in question here it's going to be all about size.

Starting June 7th my annual 8-week pro tip series with The Southern Illinoian begins. If you're not able to pick-up a paper, log on to www.thesouthern.com and check out the tip and video.

Last month I reported my re election to the Professional Anglers Association Board of Directors. A few weeks ago I was honored to be nominated and I accepted the President's positions. I have a lot of work ahead of me, but I'm up for the challenge.

Congratulations to Allan from Helena, MT – June's Fan Club Winner!

Tip of the month: Fishing Vegetation

When scouting for thick vegetation during summer months look for areas holding grass and weeds with deep water near by. As the sun gets high and other patterns dissipate, I've found this is the best time to target bass in the thickest areas of the vegetation. The sunlight helps the photosynthesis process within the vegetation, which in turn helps the plant life to release more oxygen. The weeds provide bass with a cool, shady place to hangout while avoiding the noontime heat.

Bass wishes,
Chad