

Columbia River Bassmasters

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July-20

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*** July Meeting ***

VIRTUAL (via your computer, tablet or phone)

Tuesday, July 7th @ 7:30pm

Meeting Agenda

Mark Call meeting to order/Guest Intro
 Members Fishing Reports
 Vince Treasurer's Report

OLD BUSINESS

Mark/Zip Tournaments:

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Show and tell (anything bass related)
 ZIP Draw for both days at Boardman



I can't cut this line, it's too expensive. Besides, my experience as a top-notch fisherman tells me it's only a small snag.

MAY & JUNE MEETING MINUTES

9 Members joined the May Zoom meeting including former member Jevon and guest Husten Pettit. Anthony talked about some luck fishing ponds while the Osborns mentioned their really good day out of Hood River. Frank and Mark didn't have much luck the day of the meeting. Mark led a show and tell including a carabiner to hold his plug where he wouldn't forget it since you're required to travel without it in. 7 members joined the June meeting. Mark and Zip relayed that cancelling the Hood River tourney was a wise idea because the conditions were horrible. Some discussion was had regarding the group definitely preferring the Columbia but realized the Willy is worthy of being a backup. Zip showed how he ties the Alberto knot for braid to mono.

Newberg 06/27/19 Results

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	# Fish	Big Fish	Weight	AOY Pts	Co-AOY Pts
1	Bob Judkins	Vince Reiser	5	3 lb 01 oz	9 lb 11 oz	101	100
2	Joe Slaven	Shauna Slaven	5		7 lb 10 oz	96	n/a
3	Zip Decker	Eugene Branham	5		6 lb 06 oz	92	92
4	Rick Beko	Tony Del'Arcipetre	5		5 lb 08 oz	88	88
5	Mike Ieletzky	Patrick O'Keefe	5		4 lb 15 oz	84	84
6	Mark Forbes	Jesse Jans	4		3 lb 01 oz	80	80

1st Place: Bob Judkins & Vince Reiser - 9 lb 11 oz

Bob and I started about a 30-minute boat ride downstream from the ramp in a spot that dropped from about 5' down to 15'. I started out trying topwater but quickly switched because I couldn't figure out how to work it with the current and wind. Bob proceeded to put 1lb in the boat with his swimbait and dropshot. But after a little bit we started to see fish boil on the middle-river side of the boat and quickly switched to spooks. THE TOPWATER BITE WAS ON. The best I've ever experienced. Sometimes it took 3 swipes for the fish to finally hook up. We quickly loaded the boat with all about the same size fish - 1lb 5oz. After it died down, Bob took us a little further downstream to another spot he thought would be good for topwater. He was right. Bob caught his big fish actually working the spook down-stream. After that died we worked our way back upstream to an obvious spot he thought would have already been fished since it has a shallow rocky area, a laydown and a ledge. It must not have been because we were able to upgrade 3 of our keepers by about 5 oz each throwing swimbaits, dropshots and crankbaits.

2nd Place: Joe & Shauna Slaven - 7 lb 10 oz

No Report



SWIMBAITS--A MUST FOR EVERY TACKLE BOX OR BAG

By Bob Judkins

I was introduced to swimbaits by my non-boater partners at Columbia River Bassmasters about five years ago. I was impressed by the size of fish they caught. I had never used them for bass—just for crappie and they worked well.

So many options to choose from: Paddle Tail, Fork Tail, Jointed, and Hard Body—from three inches to over six inches. Some were too big or too fat for me, as I was not comfortable using them.

Keitech Easy Shiner 4" is what I use now in three colors: Silver Flash Minnow, ProBlue/Red Pearl, and Sight Flash. I use all three to see if one is better than another. It doesn't seem to make a difference—they just catch fish.



Rigging: I prefer Owner Darter Head 1/4 ounce on a 2/0 hook, or I use a 3/8 ounce head when the wind is blowing too hard. (Does the wind blow in the Gorge?)



I do Super Glue baits to the jig head at home. On the water, if I run out of pre-rigged jigs, I don't super glue them.



Equipment: Rod - spinning rod 6' 6", 1/4 to 5/8 ounce lure, 6-12 pound line.

Reel - Shimano NASCI 2500

Line - Main line 10 pound FireLine Fused Crystal; 5-6 foot leader; 8 pound Yo-Zuri Hybrid Fluorocarbon/nylon hybrid.



Technique: Make a long cast up current and swim the bait close to bottom. I had a hard time learning this! If fished too slowly, it hangs up on the bottom; too fast, it runs too far off bottom. (SECRET: when a fish gets off, let the bait fall to the bottom. He thinks he killed it, or his buddy will steal it. He will probably come back and get it. It works!)

Swimbait (continued)

Keitech are soft baits. Smallmouth Bass will rip them up, but they are still usable. Missing a tail? Still use them. It is hard to do but they still work. The fish don't know the tail is gone. I know some tournament friends who won a big tournament on Shasta Lake using swimbaits with no tail.

The head of the swimbait will get torn up; turn bait sideways and reuse. This is an In-Fisherman trick. They rig this way when the bait is new. Now your bait is real torn up. Cut off what is no good and re-rig. It is smaller, but it still works.

My swimbait rod has become one of my favorites. It is easy to fish shallow or deep and takes the place of most of my crankbaits. Now is the time to use them. I use them other ways also, but that's another technique.



Remaining Schedule				
Ramp	Lake/River	Date	Meet Time	Alt Location
Boardman	Columbia River	07/18/20		
Boardman	Columbia River	07/19/20		
Stevenson	Columbia River	08/22/20		
Hood River	Columbia River	09/19/20		
TBD	TBD	TBD		
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DAC - Celilo	Columbia River	10/11/20		