

Innsbrook Fishing Club

News Letter



INNSBROOK

Winter 2019

BASS – LENGTH TO WEIGHT RATIO

As you get ready for some spring bass fishing, you can estimate the weight of a bass by referring to these lengths to weight ratios. These are for bass that have a 100% relative weight (RW) ratio so if your fish are below 80% of the weight, then you might have a stunted or crowded bass issue in your lake.

10 Inch = 0.625 lbs. or 10 Oz

11 Inch = 0.688 lbs. or 11 Oz

12 Inch = 0.75 lbs. or 12 Oz

13 Inch = 1.125 lbs. or 18 Oz

14 Inch = 1.438 lbs. or 23 Oz

15 Inch = 1.813 lbs. or 29 Oz

16 Inch = 2.25 lbs. or 36 Oz

17 Inch = 2.813 lbs. or 45 Oz

18 Inch = 3.25 lbs. or 52 Oz

19 Inch = 3.875 lbs. or 62 Oz

20 Inch = 4.5 lbs. or 72 Oz

21 Inch = 5.31 lbs. or 85 Oz

22 Inch = 6.19 lbs. or 99 Oz

23 Inch = 7.125 lbs. or 114 Oz

24 Inch = 8.19 lbs. or 131 Oz

It has been a long cold, wet winter at Innsbrook. Mother Nature has not been kind but Spring is just around the corner. The arrival of the Basspro/Cabelas Spring Fishing Sale flyer made me forget about the single digit temperatures and snow. It is time to think about fish and more importantly, fishing at Innsbrook.

Our club continues to recruitment people interested in the lakes and fishing at Innsbrook. The results from the recent club survey are being tabulated and preliminary information reveals the following:

- + 90% of our members are property owners.
- + 60% of members have owned property for longer than 5 years.
- About 1/3 of members are not on a lake.
- Around 80% said fishing was a reason to purchase or visit IBK.
- Largemouth Bass are the most often targeted fish species.
- People would like Smallmouth Bass and Walleye fishing added.
- Quarterly newsletter, meetings, and tournaments were preferred.
- Everyone would like a weekly fishing report.

At our Spring Club meeting, we will have more information related to the survey. If you have not participated, please do so before March 10th so we can get your response. Thank you for taking the survey.

The number of people who have found out about the Club through the Innsbrook Newsletter, Facebook, Webpage and word of mouth is amazing. We have over 250 email addresses for individuals who have a shared common interest in fishing and our lakes. Please keep referring people to the club.

With spring almost here, we have several opportunities to get involved to meet other members and help our lakes improve. Our spring habitat day has been moved to March 30 due to bad weather. On April 13, we will have a booth at the Innsbrook Open House at Charrette Creek Commons to promote the club. Paddlefish harvesting is being scheduled to correspond to warming water temperatures. Fish stockings are being scheduled around April 1.

Fishing Club Dues

The Fishing Club depends on everyone's support to provide activities, resources and fun events. The last several years we have had several key people donate to support the club. We would like to encourage your personal support for the club. Dues helps pay for our events, activities, tournaments, attendance prizes, habitat restoration projects, fish stocking, newsletters and website hosting.

Thank you to the members who have renewed their membership for 2019. If you have not, please consider joining.



Membership Pin 2019

Membership Levels:

Children under 16 years of age	Free	- Membership Pin, Email blasts and Newsletter
Friend Level	\$25.00	- Membership Pin, Email blasts and Newsletter
Tournament Level	\$50.00	- Friend Level plus - Free Entry into 3 Club tournaments in 2019
Lake Master Level	\$100.00	- Tournament Level plus - One Mossback Root Wad Artificial Fish Structure
Lake Captain Level	\$300.00	- Lake Master Level plus - One Mossback Root Wad Artificial Fish Structures - Free lake analysis and habitat day on your lake



Also, remember a membership could be a birthday, special gift or maybe a thank you for a friend who has taken you fishing at IBK. You can mail a check payable to "**Innsbrook Fishing Club**" to:

Mark Birchler, Treasurer
Innsbrook Fishing Club
761 Carman Meadows
Manchester, MO 63021



Thank you for your continued support.

Come on Spring!

Fish Stocking

In November, 250 Walleye were stocked for the first time in Lake Wanderfern. Data from our electroshock surveys and from recommendations from our fishery biologist suggested this stocking due to the high number of Green Sunfish. Walleye will go into the rocks to catch and eat Green Sunfish. Walleye will not reproduce in a lake since they need a stream bed for spawning. We are planning to stock 250 Walleye each year for the next two years. Please do not keep any Walleye if you catch one. Try to record a length and or weight if possible. A picture would be great to share. If Wanderfern is successful, we will be adding Walleye to other lakes in the future.



In early April, we will be adding additional forage base fish, Bluegills and Black crappie, to lakes Innsbrook, Aspen and Alpine. These lakes have had significant habitat improvements and numerous stunted bass have been removed the last few years. This habitat provides the needed protection for young of year (YOY) offspring. By stocking larger size forage fish (4 – 6 inches), we can enhance the food chain to grow largemouth bass. Furthermore, by introducing new fish we enhance the genetic makeup of the lake with the existing fish population.

We have created a unique partnership with Optimal Fish Food and South Dakota State University (SDSU) to help stock several lakes this spring. In our previous newsletter, it was reported Frieden Lake would be stocked for a traditional largemouth bass population. Due to our partnership with Optimal and SDSU, we will be introducing SMALLMOUTH BASS to Innsbrook. This is a special opportunity for us and our partners. Frieden will be stocked with a forage base of Redear Sunfish and Smallmouth bass this spring. Two fish feeders will be installed to provide additional nutrition. Fish growth rates, sizes and weights will be monitored the next few years by a SDSU graduate student. You are welcome to fish Frieden. **PLEASE RETURN ALL FISH.** Take a picture, record the length and share with the club.



Frieden Lake Nearing Full Pool

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE, ADD, RELOCATE OR STOCK FISH FROM OTHER LAKES DURING THIS CRITICAL TIME FRAME.

Our partners will also help us stock the lake at Charrette Commons with Bluegill. This is the lake immediately behind the stage area. This lake will be an opportunity to create a rearing or grow out pond for bluegill. This will be a wonderful lake for young children or people learning how to fish.



Optimal Fish Food will be provided to supplement nutrition in the lake. SDSU will monitor the progress over the summer to provide us data on how we might use a similar strategy in other lakes. In addition, as these bluegills grow, we now have a source of large bluegills to stock in other IBK lakes. Again, you are welcome to fish, but **PLEASE RETURN ALL FISH AND DO NOT RELOCATE OR STOCK FISH FROM OTHER LAKES.**

Club Tournaments

We have scheduled the following Fishing Club tournaments in 2019:

Memorial Day Tournament	7 am to noon
July 4th Tournament	All day
Labor Day Tournament	7 am to noon

In addition, IBK Property Owners Associate will be hosting tournaments in April and October. Check out the IBK calendar for all these events.



Upcoming Events and Activities:

Saturday, March 30, 2019 – 8:00 am to Noon

Fish Habitat Work Day for Lake Wanderfern and Alpine

We will be meeting at the dam between Wanderfern and Alpine to help install fish habitats and structures in both lakes. We will have teams working on both lakes at the same time. A big Thank You to Midwest Block & Brick who provided our concrete blocks at a huge discount! Please come out to help! Learn where the best spots to fish will be!!



Saturday, April 11, 2019 – 8:00 am to Noon

Charrette Commons Open House

Join us to talk about and promote the fishing club. An excellent opportunity to meet other members and learn more about upcoming activities and the best fishing techniques.

Stay Connected and Informed

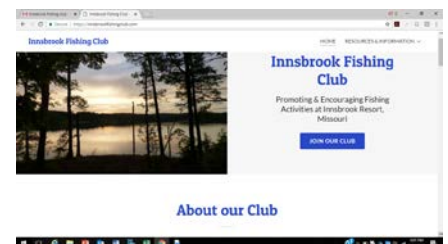
Fishing club members can stay informed several ways. We regularly post information to Facebook, send email communications, newsletters and maintain a website. The website link is:

<http://www.innsbrookfishingclub.com/>

You can also sign up on Facebook at:

“Innsbrook Fishing Club – Group”, at this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1758235011089741/>.



Drop us your email or send this along to another friend or family member that would like to connect with us at:

Innsbrookfishingclub@gmail.com

We try to promote all activities and events in several different ways. If your email has changed recently, please update your email with our data base.

Volunteers Needed

Looking for volunteers to help with Fishing Club activities and events. Members and their participation help make our club great. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other fishing club members. If you have a topic or event you would like to arrange or promote, please let us know so we can schedule it! Thanks to everyone who has helped in the past! Areas where assistance is needed:

- Organizing Tournaments
- Leading Club Events
- Volunteering to Help
- Reporting Weekly on Fishing Activities

Fishing Club Mission ***"Education, Conservation, Friendship"***

The membership of the Innsbrook Fishing Club is committed to enhance the aquatic environment of Innsbrook lakes, provide educational opportunities for our community and promote fishing as a community activity to be enjoyed by all.

- ***To protect, restore and manage Innsbrook lakes to support an environment for aquatic life, especially fisheries.***
- ***To work as one with community leadership to develop and proactively manage an effective fish stocking program to create a sustainable fishery capable of producing record setting fish.***
- ***To provide advice and resources that build skills and knowledge for maintaining a healthy aquatic environment across Innsbrook.***
- ***To provide educational opportunities for our members and the community.***
- ***To schedule and manage community activities for fun and recreation of all ages.***

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