



## 2012 Tournament Recap

**Congratulations to Team Shake N' Bake on their 1<sup>st</sup> Place Finish!** You guys patterned and found the right fish this weekend, nice work! I want to say thanks to Dan Krocak for setting up the Mission Lake accommodations, they were fantastic for what *the WBT touts* – *camaraderie and education*.

**Results** – Go to the Walser Bass Tour website at <http://wbt.fiveand1.net/> to view all the updates. If you see any errors on these results or incorrect info on the website itself, please let me know. (You might have to refresh your browser to see the updates.)

**Pictures** – Pictures for Big Marine have been added. Check out the [WBT Facebook page](#) for Mission Lake pictures as this will probably have them before the website does.

**Saturday Night Meeting** – As the second year of the WBT wrapped up, we were pretty fortunate to have valuable dialogue with each other. We noted these conversations on the website with a link to minutes. Key takeaways were:

- Increasing the total team count, looking at potential new payout scenarios,
- Required “tell-all” for top money winners of each tournament,
- 2013 lake suggestions,
- Having a January meeting to finalize these items in question and vote on lakes.

**January Meeting** – Date and time of this is tbd but 2012 members will be invited to vote on 2013 lakes, entry fees and payout structure. Oh...and it will be a good time to talk smart, have some beers and compare what Christmas presents came from Bass Pro Shops.

**September 15 2012 | Saturday night of the TOC, 18 members partook in an open dialogue with each other to discuss 2012 and areas for enhancement in 2013.**

**# of Boats:** Members voted to 15 boats for 2013 and broaden the competitive field.

**Entry Fees:** In order to see increased payouts, group originally voted on increasing the entry fee by \$50 per team. This will be rescinded and sent out for silent vote; results announced in January.

**Payouts:** Members would like to see if payouts can be adjusted, scenarios will be presented at the January meeting for existing members to vote on.

**Ringers & Jackpotters:** We don't want them. Continue subjective qualifications when interviewing potential new members in 2013.



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**Early Spring Tourney:** Members discussed pre-season tourney either in Wisconsin or Iowa. This will require additional considerations for whether this tourney would apply to 2013 Team Points. As such, will be discussed at the January Meeting.

**Post-Tourney Education:** With education as a core value of the WBT, members unanimously voted to move to a more detailed catch experience from the top money winners of each tournament. *Winners will be required to explain in-depth of what they threw, why they threw it, what their approach was, adjustments made during the day, etc.* This will be a more involved than the standard team sharing which will continue. . New ruling will be enforced starting with the end of the 2012 TOC tournament!

**Suggested 2013 Regular Season Lakes :** *(List will not be this exclusive in January)* Clearwater, Green Lake (Spicer), Waconia, Koronis, Minnetonka (different time of the year), Mille Lacs, Rush Lake, N/S Center, Mississippi River (Wabasha or LaCrosse).

**Suggested 2013 Regular Season Lakes :** *(List will not be this exclusive in January)* Gull Lake, LEech Lake, Miltona, Le Homme Dieu, Deer Lake, Otter Tail, Shell Lake (WI), Hunter Lake, Roosevelt Lake

**Suggested 2013 Other Lakes :** Okoboji (Iowa), Mississippi River, Lake Wissota and Chamequeon Bay (both Wisconsin)