



## 2016 Tournament Recap

July 13, 2016

### WBT Members,

Congratulations to the Trailer Park Buoys, Gunnar Meger and Sam Blundell for taking 1st this weekend on Clearwater, catching a blistering 23.05 lbs, the 5.05 lb Clam Outdoors Big Bass of the Day, and expanding their Team of the Year points lead! Despite fishing in a smaller, borrowed boat with both of their rigs in for repairs, these guys came out on top to capitalize on an aggressive frog bite.

I know TPB will do their best not to stumble as there are still 4 tournament days left and a competitive group right behind them. Of note, the parity of the 11 trailing teams is astounding, with *less than 12 points* separating them collectively, so nothing is assured at this point in the season!

#### **Other Exciting Clearwater Notes:**

- Highest Total Weight ever caught on Clearwater at 207.00 lbs (7/22/2012 174.90 lbs\*12 boats , 7/28/13 162.50 lbs, 6/1/14 142.35 lbs)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Overall Team Bag in WBT History 23.05 lbs Trailer Park Buoys (23.82 lbs caught by Shake-N-Bake on 6/5/2016 on Lake Mille Lacs).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Average Weight per Team for an individual event in WBT History 14.79 lb average (1<sup>st</sup> Mille Lacs 6/2016 17.49 lbs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Koronis 6/2015 15.53)

#### 2016.... Best Year in WBT History?

We are collectively putting up historic numbers this year. Besides having the top 2 team weights weighed in on Mille Lacs and Clearwater, 2016 is trending to be the **Highest Total Weight caught in a season and Highest Average Weight per Team!** Here are the average team weights from prior years:

2011 – 9.66 lbs 2012 – 10.65 lbs 2013 – 11.38 lbs 2014 – 9.36 lbs 2015 – 11.17 lbs 2016 – 15.20 lbs (after 3 tournaments)

#### What does this all mean?

Well, without a doubt we've had some solid lakes and conditions to fill up our tanks but I also believe it is a **credit to all of you buying into knowledge sharing and camaraderie**. WBT Members are putting the lake puzzle pieces together better than ever and I hope you all feel the same collective improvements. Let's see what kind of pace we continue on as we get into the second half of the year on Prior, Minnetonka, and Woman Lake!

#### **Thank You to Our Sponsors!**

Thank you to <u>Clam Outdoors and Polar Trailers</u> for providing the big bass award. <u>Pabst Blue Ribbon</u> for the refreshments and fun headbands, and to <u>Lewis & Wright Bass Technologies</u> for providing a pack of 4.5" hand poured drop shot worms! Please go out to their sites, like them on Facebook and tag their products in your fishing posts.



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**Results:** Attached are the results, WBT History and a picture of the results board.

**Facebook & Pictures:** Pictures and results are also posted on the <u>Walser Bass Tour Facebook page</u> by Jesse Larson. Send him and I any pictures from the weekend and he can get them loaded to the album out there as well. I will be looking to send pictures to PBR and Lewis & Wright Bass Technologies.

**Next Up – Prior Lake on Sunday, July 31**st. I will be sending out a separate email highlighting the blast off order and tourney details.

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