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FISHING AT A QUANTUM LEVEL

## Greetings from the Utah B.A.S.S. Federation Nation

Hello everybody

Winter finally seems to be over, the ice is gone in most places and the fishing and tournament season is under way. The UTBFN is ready to excel once again in 2009, all the tournament dates are set in stone and the permits are in hand, so mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing everyone at the first event of the year which is a buddy tournament on the 18th and 19th at Lake Powell. This event is set up for all those folks that are pre-fishing the Bullfrog Open and would like a chance to earn some cash while practicing, it is a great opportunity to earn some money to cover your pre-fish expenses and possibly earn your entry fee into the Bullfrog Open. The State Team Qualifier event is on track to hopefully surpass last years events with more contestants, more positions paid back and more prizes for all the contestants. It is everyone's responsibility to grow the UTBFN, get the word out, get new members signed up and lets make this the premier tournament of the intermountain west, and in Utah.

Please welcome 2 new clubs to the UTBFN for 2009, they are the Salt City BASSMASTERS led by Greg Kemp and the Western Utah BASS Anglers (WUBA) led by Wayne Crowder, we are grateful for having both clubs as part of the UTBFN.

The Tournament Rules and By-Laws for 2009 have been updated and are posted on the www.utbfn.net website for your reading pleasure, please ensure that you give them a review since there have been some changes and updates for this years tournaments.

Rick Culver UTBFN President

## Utah B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Youth News

There are a few items that I want to pass along for everyone to remember. I am sure that there are a few young men or women you guys know that would love the opportunity to get involved with fishing. Perhaps their parents don't fish, so they just don't have the same chance to wet a line like we enjoy. So, my hope for the 2009 season is that each and every one of you will commit to introducing one of your friends to fishing this year. It is a gift that will last a lifetime, and they will have you to thank for helping them get started. Imagine...of all the gifts you can give someone, introducing them to the outdoors, and fishing especially is something they can enjoy for their entire life.

2009 promises to be one of our best seasons ever. For starters, gas prices are coming down, so we will get a road trip to Pelican as the first tournament of the year. Start saving your money now...it should be fun. The biggest news for the BASS Federation youth is that our two state champions for 2008—Chase Skinner and Tyler Rollman— will now be official members of the 2009 Utah State Team, joining the adults in Washington at the Western Divisional. Not only will they compete for a chance to go to the Junior BASSMASTERS National Championship, they will also be helping our adult team win the Western Divisional!

The proposed schedule and dates for 2009 are:

April 26<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Pelican Lake

July 18<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Rockport

August 22<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday) Jordanelle

Scott Hausman UTBFN Youth Director

**VOLUNTEER BOAT CAPTAINS ARE NEEDED AT ALL THE EVENTS, contact Scott Hausmann 801- 831- 8846**



**Buddy Tournaments at Lake Powell, Bullfrog Marina**

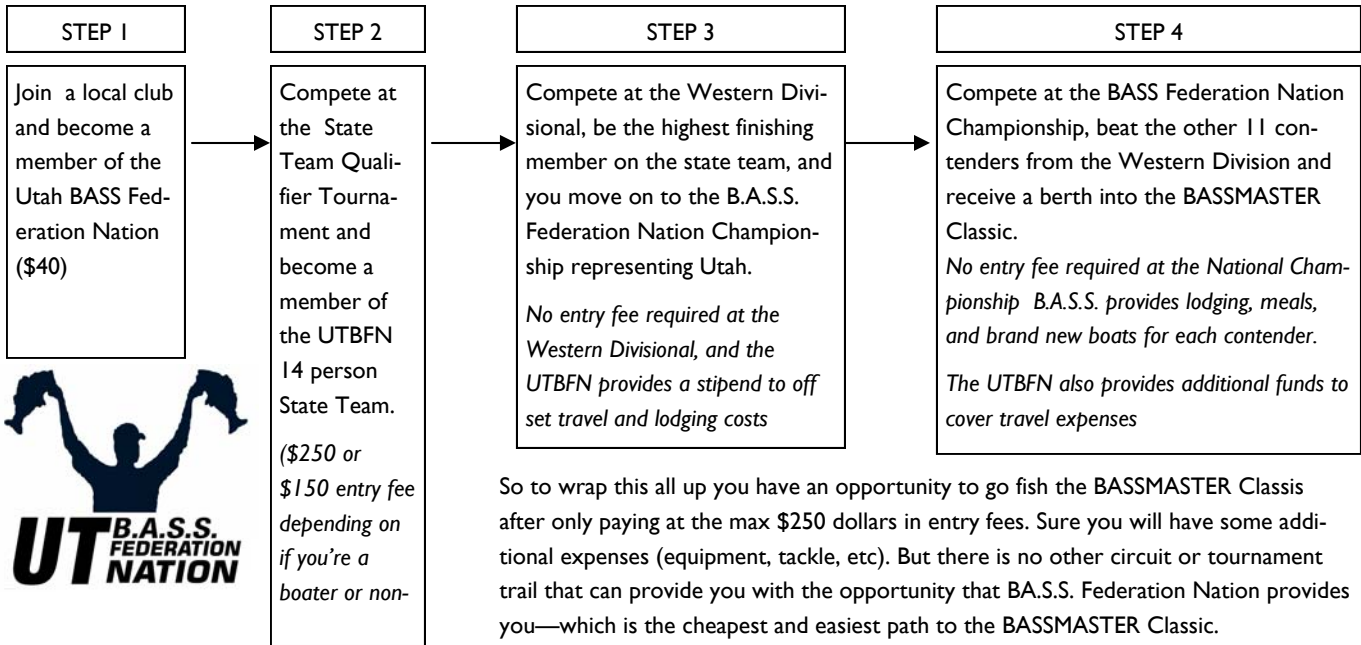
18-19 April, 2009 and 24-25 October 2009 (both these events are the weekend prior to the Bullfrog OPEN, so if you are going to pre-fish for the BF OPEN you may as well win some money).

**State Team Qualifier is at Flaming Gorge Reservoir**

**Lucerne Marina 31 July—2 August 2009 ENTRY FORM IS ON THE WEBSITE**

**Ticaboo Turkey Bowl at Lake Powell, Bullfrog Marina, 28-29 November 2009**

**ROAD TO THE BASSMASTER CLASSIC**



**2009 UTBFN STATE TEAM**

BOATERS

- Rob Johnson
- Mike Powell
- Steve Porter
- Kevin Dawson
- Paul Reutlinger
- Greg Pink

NON BOATERS

- Don Allphin
- Jerry Frahm
- John Veenstra
- Wayne Crowder
- Bret Felner
- Tim Rawlings

ALTERNATES

- Rick White
- Angelo Messina

**ITEMS FOR SALE**

- 2005 Ranger Z20, with 225 Yamaha, New GPS front and back (Lowrance 520C and 522C) first \$20,000 takes it, contact Mike Powell 801-836-0218
- 2008 Ranger Z20, low hours, tournament ready, Yamaha VMAX 225, lowrance front and back, 36-volt Minn-Kota 101, 4-bank charger, new batteries, warranty remaining, \$43,000 OBO Paul Reutlinger 801-891-2880
- Trophy Plus 4-blade 25 pitch propeller, excellent shape, \$300.00 Thayne Ferguson 801-278-1976
- 1999 Viper 201D with 225 Mercury Optimax, Lowrance front and back, 4 blade SS prop, 24 v Motorguide 767, new batteries, flywheel, water pump, and hydraulic steering, - www.utbfn.net

If you have not seen the new and improved website please give it a review at [www.utbfn.net](http://www.utbfn.net). Mike Hendrickson is the UTBFN Information Officer and handles the wizardry of designing and running the website. Our thanks and appreciation go out to him for the spectacular job he has accomplished so far.

If you have any ideas or feedback on what you would like to see please let us know.

# INFORMATION UPDATES



**Contingency Programs associated with being a B.A.S.S. Federation Nation member**

**Triton Alliance Program**—rewards Triton Boat owners with additional money, the further you advance the more \$\$ you can earn. The only thing you have to do is ensure your Triton is registered with Mercury Marine. You provide them the serial number from your boat, motor, Lowrance electronics and Motorguide trolling motor prior to competing in any sanctioned events. You do not have to be the original owner. See the following website for details. <http://espn.go.com/winnercomm/outdoors/bassmaster/pdf/AllianceProgram.pdf>

**Toyota Bonus Bucks**— Be the registered owner of a 2007 or newer Toyota Tacoma, Tundra, Sequoia or 4Runner and they will pay you Bonus Bucks along each step of the way as well, its simple and easy, see the following website for details.

[www.toyotatrucksbonusbucks.com/](http://www.toyotatrucksbonusbucks.com/)

Both these programs provide reciprocal funds to the UTBFN, for 2008 we should receive approximately \$3500 from TOYOTA and \$1100 from TRITON/MERCURY/LOWRANCE/MOTORGUIDE. This is a WIN-WIN program for you and the UTBFN so please register. If you need assistance or have questions please contact me at 801-732-9646. Thanks.

**MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009 = 65 dues paid in full members, WE NEED MORE MEMBERS ! HELP YOUR UTBFN! GET THE WORD OUT!**

THANKS TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE UTAH BASS FEDERATION NATION for supporting our fellow fisherman by donating a full scholarship to the REEL RECOVERY PROGRAM.

Reel Recovery was founded in 2003 by a group of avid fly-fishers, inspired by their fishing buddy's ongoing battle with brain cancer. Witnessing first-hand the beneficial impact fly-fishing provided their friend, they created Reel Recovery to provide the same opportunity for other men battling the disease. Combining expert fly-fishing instruction with directed "courageous conversations", the organization provides men with all forms of cancer a unique opportunity to share their stories, learn a new skill, form lasting friendships and gain renewed hope as they confront the challenges of cancer.

For additional details on how you can help go to

<http://www.reelrecovery.org/>

**IMPORTANT—IMPORTANT—IMPORTANT—IMPORTANT**

Make sure you renew your fishing license, have the quaggi mussel certificates for your boat and vehicle, information on invasive species and the documents you need in your boat can be found at [www.utbfn.net](http://www.utbfn.net)

The UTBFN has joined the National Fish Habitat Action Plan for details please go to the following link <http://www.fishhabitat.org>

**Thanks to Triton Boats, Mercury, Motorguide, Lowrance, Toyota, Pure Fishing, Optima Batteries, NK Products Rock Tamers, Evan Williams, Sportsman's Warehouse, Cache Custom Lures, Quantum Fishing Tackle, Plano, Keel Guard, Creative Graphics, Dobyns Rods, and Phillips Fishing Products, for their continued support.**

**Please support our sponsors.**



Lowrance, a world-leading brand in marine electronics since 1957 and GPS navigational systems since 1992, announced at the Bassmaster Classic in Shreveport, Louisiana, its introduction of a new side-viewing sonar technology option for its powerful line of HDS (High Definition System) multifunction displays. Available in 2009, the Lowrance sideviewing sonar technology depicts the underwater world of bottom and structure in photo-like presentations.

- Presenting an advanced new dimension in bottom and structure viewing, Lowrance side-viewing sonar delivers the same legendary total-sonar performance that anglers have come to expect from Lowrance. In addition, the side-viewing sonar works in tandem with existing high-definition 2D sonar displays – powered by the built-in HDS Broadband Sounder. A simple, cost-efficient add-on module, the new side-viewing technology is easily networked using Lowrance Ethernet connections, allowing anglers to enjoy the Lowrance sonar advantage on all HDS displays mounted on their boat. Designed by the leader in recreational fishfinder innovation, the new Lowrance side-viewing sonar option is welcome news for serious and pro anglers, as well as those involved in underwater search and recovery, marine archeology and marine ecology sciences. Full details, pricing and a projected 2009 availability date for the new Lowrance side-viewing supplemental HDS sonar technology option is expected to be released at the American Sportfishing Association's ICAST trade show in Orlando, Florida in July.

Lowrance, also announced the introduction of Sierra, its next-generation handheld GPS. Featuring touch-screen operation, a high-accuracy 3D digital compass and barometric altimeter, the Sierra provides sensor-enhanced navigation and better situational awareness capabilities than other products on the market. Pre-loaded with high-detail outdoor maps and fully functional right out of the box, the Sierra is the flagship of Lowrance's new Endura line of handheld GPS devices\*.

Designed for versatility, Sierra provides never before seen expansion capabilities. The device contains 4GB of internal memory and provides a micro SD expansion slot supporting up to an additional 32GB of storage for mapping, pictures and MP3 audio files. The pre-loaded content includes Intermap's Accuterra™ high-resolution topographic maps, extensive outdoor trail networks and Points of Interest, as well as the NAV-TEQ® road network for the contiguous 48 states with an upgrade option for full-featured turn-by-turn navigation. In addition, Lowrance offers a full range of optional mapping content including Fishing Hot Spots® and other national and international map content. Fully customizable, the Sierra accepts many public domain files and community-based content such as GPX trails and general outdoor POI's.

"The Sierra handheld GPS is the product that premiere outdoor enthusiasts have been waiting for," said Jens-Thomas Pietralla, president and CEO of Navico. "With detailed on-board mapping, tremendous expansion capabilities and access to community content, the Sierra is equally suited for hiking, mountain biking, hunting, backpacking and geocaching, as well as cycling, snowmobiling, off-roading, paddlesports and skiing."

The Sierra offers a user interface optimized for ease-of-use featuring both touch-screen and keypad functionality. Fully waterproof to the IPx7 standard (submersible), the compact Sierra offers a comfortable grip and steel-blue housing with rubberized armoring. The device measures 5.1-inch high x 2.3-inch wide x 1.1-inch deep (130mm x 60mm x 31mm) and weighs a scant 5.8 ounces (165 grams) without two AA batteries. The handheld device includes a high-resolution 2.7-inch color touch screen display, mini-USB port for power and data cables (USB-to-mini USB cable included), and two reinforced attachment loops. The Sierra is protected by a one-year limited warranty.

**Price & Availability:**

The Lowrance Sierra GPS has a suggested retail price of \$549 U.S. and will be available for purchase in May 2009 through authorized Lowrance dealers and distributors. For more information on the Sierra, the complete Endura line and compatible mapping products, visit [www.lowrance.com/Endura](http://www.lowrance.com/Endura), or call 1.800.324.1356 in the USA or 1.800.661.3983 in Canada.

\* The Lowrance Endura line consists of three innovative touch-screen GPS handhelds for the outdoor market: the flagship Sierra – the most powerful and complete out-of-box GPS experience available, the Safari – the most versatile navigator for any outdoor experience, and the Outback – setting a new standard in affordability and ease of use.



# HDS *Ultimate* UPGRADE SALES EVENT



Buy an HDS-5 before July 6, get **\$50 cash back!**  
Or, buy an HDS-7, -8 or -10 before July 6 and get **\$100 back** when you also buy...<sup>1</sup>

**HDS Add-On Option...**

- LWX-1 SIRIUS® Weather Antenna
- LGC-4000 High-Sensitivity GPS Antenna
- StructureScan™ Side-Viewing Sounder (available later 2009)

**Or, Any GPS Handheld Option...**

- NEW Endura™ Models (Out&Back, Safari or Sierra)
- XOG™ Crossover Navigator

Or, An Additional HDS Display!

## Extra Bonus:

**Enter To Win A Fishing Trip with Bassmaster® Classic Champion Skeet Reese!**<sup>2</sup>

PLUS, 25 lucky entrants will win a FREE Lowrance HDS Fishing Jersey.

Find out more on the [Fishing Trip with Skeet Reese](#).



Get a FREE Lowrance fishing cap when you [register online](#) for your HDS 2-year warranty!<sup>1</sup>

**Checkout the following internet address for complete details**

**<http://www.lowrance.com/hds-upgrade?X.src=hdsupgradei>**

# National Park Service Gets the Lead Out!

WASHINGTON – National Park Service visitors and wildlife have something to cheer about today with the agency's stepped-up efforts to reduce lead in national park environments.

"Our goal is to eliminate the use of lead ammunition and lead fishing tackle in parks by the end of 2010," said Acting National Park Service Director Dan Wenk. "We want to take a leadership role in removing lead from the environment."

The new lead reduction efforts also include changes in NPS activities, such as culling operations or the dispatching of wounded or sick animals. Rangers and resource managers will use non-lead ammunition to prevent environmental contamination as well as lead poisoning of scavenger species who may eventually feed upon the carcass. Non-toxic substitutes for lead made in the United States are now widely available including tungsten, copper, and steel.

The NPS will also develop educational materials to increase awareness about the consequences of lead exposure and the benefits of using lead-free ammunition and fishing tackle.

Lead is an environmental contaminant affecting many areas of the world, including our national parks. Lead is banned in gasoline, children's toys, and paint because of its effects on human health. In the United States, there is an accelerating trend to expand efforts to reduce lead contamination associated with firearms and hunting. California and Arizona have recently implemented mandatory and voluntary bans, respectively, on lead ammunition to facilitate California condor recovery. And Yellowstone National Park has had restrictions on lead fishing tackle for years to protect native species and their habitats.

Resource managers recognize that hunting and fishing play an important historical role in the complicated and intensive management of wildlife populations. Because of this history, these activities continue in some parks and, in some cases, even enhance the park's primary purpose to preserve natural environments and native species. The new restrictions on lead will ensure environmentally safe practices are implemented to protect park visitors and lands.

Wenk adds, "The reduction and eventual removal of lead on park service lands will benefit humans, wildlife, and ecosystems inside and outside park boundaries and continue our legacy of resource stewardship."

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE DETAILS ON HOW TO PROTEST AGAINST THIS MADNESS OR WHOM TO SEND A LETTER VOICING YOUR DISPLEASURE WITH THESE ACTIONS THEN CONTACT STEVE PORTER [sporter07@hotmail.com](mailto:sporter07@hotmail.com)**

Costa Del Mar and BASS partner to offer natural resources scholarships.

Again this year, BASS Conservation and Costa Del Mar sunglasses will be awarding 6, \$2000 college scholarships. These scholarships are renewable each year for 4 years if requirements are met. To be eligible for a scholarship, a student must be seeking a degree in the natural resources field. Applicants must also be a BASS member as well as belong to the BASS Federation Nation or have an immediate family member who belongs to the BASS Federation Nation. Another \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a post-graduate student for a maximum of two years. For more information and/or a BASS Conservation scholarship application, email Steve Porter [sporter07@hotmail.com](mailto:sporter07@hotmail.com) Deadline for entries is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional information and application forms can also be found at: [http://sports.espn.go.com/outdoors/bassmaster/conservation/news/story?page=b\\_con\\_news\\_BASS\\_Costa\\_Scholarship](http://sports.espn.go.com/outdoors/bassmaster/conservation/news/story?page=b_con_news_BASS_Costa_Scholarship)

Sign Up to Protect Wetlands

"We Are Wetlands," a national coalition of conservationists is launching a major new grassroots campaign calling for the restoration of federal wetlands protections. The centerpiece of the campaign is an online petition seeking a minimum of 80,000 signatures.

That's one signature for every acre of natural wetlands lost each year.

"With more than half of our natural wetlands already gone, we need a strong safety net for wetlands that stretches from coast-to-coast," said James D. Range, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) Chairman, who has worked on wetlands protection legislation — including the original Clean Water Act — for more than three decades.

"Those who would destroy natural wetlands have widened loopholes in the Clean Water Act's fabric, meaning that our current safety net is letting critical resources fall through."

"When natural wetlands disappear, a lot of things disappear with them," said Geoff Mullins, TRCP wetlands initiative manager. "These include a lot of things sportsmen care about particularly deeply, like ducks, geese and fish, along with things that everyone cares about, like clean drinking water." For more information and to sign the online petition visit [www.WeAreWetlands.org](http://www.WeAreWetlands.org).

**STATE TEAM QUALIFIER PAY-OUT WILL BE THE SAME AS IT WAS IN 2008, BELOW IS THE EXAMPLE FROM LAST YEAR. PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS, SO GET THE WORD OUT AND GET FOLKS SIGNED UP.**

70% CASH PAYOUT on both the boater division and co-angler division after the tournament expenses are deducted (tournament permit, trophies and Tournament Director Fee). The example provided below is based on a 40 person field (20 boaters and 20 co-anglers). The payout and number of places paid down to will be adjusted accordingly to the total number of contestants in each division.

ALL OPTION POTS ARE 100% PAYBACK (rounded to the nearest five dollars)

**Boater Division**

EXAMPLE (based on 20 boaters)

1ST PLACE = \$1625.00

2nd PLACE = \$975.00

3rd PLACE = \$650.00

4th PLACE = TBD—more than likely a gift card or cash

**Co-angler Division**

EXAMPLE (based on 20 co-anglers)

1ST PLACE = \$925.00

2nd PLACE = \$550.00

3rd PLACE = \$370.00

4th PLACE = TBD—more than likely a gift card or cash

**DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE TO ALL UTAH B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION MEMBERS**

**CULPRIT BAITS**—receive a 15% discount by using the BCC0047 discount code at checkout at [www.culpritstore.com](http://www.culpritstore.com)

**B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Discounts for V & M and Cyclone Baits**—receive 20% off retail pricing, place order either on line at [www.bayououtdoors.com](http://www.bayououtdoors.com) or call in orders toll free to 1-800-762-8397 (make sure you tell them you are a B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Member)

The 2009 B.A.S.S. Western Divisional takes place 11-13 May 2009 on the Columbia River in Washington. You can check out all the action and watch live streaming video of daily weigh-ins at <http://sports.espn.go.com/outdoors/bassmaster/federation/index>



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