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TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR REPORT 2018 BY HENDRIK PRETORIUS

1. Overview:

In this report I will be highlighting some important information regarding the competitions that were held in the Year 2018. This report will consist of information on which were used to ensure a successful event. Other information will give some insights on the catch statistics of the Year 2018.

2. Captains Meeting Agenda for all NBAA Tournaments:

This is the procedure to be followed for all the tournamnets held by the NBAA. This year the captains meetings were done by Mr R. Grant and by myself.

1. Welcoming of all
2. Opening with prayer
3. Welcoming of new members and guests
4. Thanking of all sponsors by tournament director.
5. Non-Boaters looking for boat space
6. Medal presentation of previous competition
7. Tournament Rules and Regulations:
- 7.4. Explaining the gate, the gate procedure, the no-wake area, the no-angling area
8. Timing of tournament
- 8.1. Synchronizing of watches
- 8.2. Confirming start time of tournament and end time of tournament
- 8.3. Determining of safe light and possible dangerous conditions procedure
9. Tournament director to advise on special arrangements for tournament
10. Tournament director to advise on danger spots on water
11. Handing over to weigh-master to explain the previously determined random selection of start sequence
12. Weigh-master to start tournament, by setting competitors off and explained by tournament director.

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3. Weigh-in Procedure for all NBAA Tournaments:

1. The weigh-in station trailer is to be used at all NBAA tournaments. Sponsor advertising is to be proudly displayed at all tournaments.
2. The NBAA's certified scale will be set up on within the weigh-in station and must be 100% level at all times. Factors such as wind and vibration must be taken into account when setting up the scale.
3. The weigh-master will lay-out weigh-in bags to be used by all competitors, for the transporting of fish from the boat to the weigh-in station as well as for the carrying of fish back to water after the weigh-in procedure is completed. Competitors may make use of their own weigh-in bags. No fish 'lipped' or carried to the weigh-master will be accepted.
4. The weigh-master will place two totes in front of the weigh-in station, to be used to hold the weigh-in bags.
4. The competitor will fetch a weigh-in bag (black) from the weigh-master and proceed back to his boat. The competitor will put sufficient water into the weigh-in bag, place fish into the weigh-in bag and proceed back to the weigh-in station.
5. The competitor will then stand in line, at a courteous distance from the weigh-master, and wait his / her turn for his / her fish to be weighed. Competitors may ask / instruct boat partners to assist with the weigh-in procedure. No other competitors (from other boats) are allowed to weigh other competitor's fish.
6. No competitor is allowed to crowd, jostle or impose on the weigh-master.
7. A competitor may ask the weigh-master to jump the que (line), only if the competitor has a fish that is "turning" and may die at any stage. It is the weigh-masters discretion to allow this.
8. Once it is the competitors turn, as indicated by the weigh-master, the competitor will place his complete weigh-in bag (black) into the left-hand side tote, standing in front of the weigh-in table. The competitor will also ensure that a release bag (blue), including sufficient water inside of the release bag, is ready for his / her weighed-in fish.
9. Upon instruction given by the weigh-master, the competitor will take each fish from the weigh-in bag (black) and place them onto either the scale or the measuring tape, as requested by the weigh-master, to be weighted and measured individually.
10. The competitor has the opportunity to have each fish re-weighed, by requesting the weigh-master for a re-weigh. The competitor also has the obligation to check that all the weights are read and recorded correctly, by the weigh-master.
11. After each fish is weighed and measured, the fish will be placed into an empty release bag (blue) containing some water, inside of the tote, standing to the right-hand side, in front of the weigh-in table. The now empty weigh-in bag (black) will be handed to the next competitor, wanting to fetch fish from his / her boat.

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12. Once all the fish are weighed, the competitor will take the now full (full of his / her weighed fish) release bag (blue) out of the right-hand side tote, and make this ready for the next competitor, ensuring that a new release bag is ready for the next competitor.
13. The competitor will then carry his / her weighed fish, inside of the release bag (including some water inside of the release bag), back to the water.
14. The competitor will then empty his / her weighed fish back into the dam. This is preferably done from the back of a boat, so as to ensure that no fish fall onto land and / or into to shallow water, potentially harming the fish.
15. The competitor will then return the empty release bag, back to the weigh-in station.
16. It is each competitor's own responsibility to ensure that all fish are released safely and that all fish swim away healthy. Failure to do so, may be reported to / by the tournament director and / or to the tournament director by other competitors.
17. Dead Fish:
 - 17.1. Dead fish must be brought to the weigh-in area inside of a weigh-in bag, individually and not with other, live fish.
 - 17.2. Dead fish must be announced to the weigh-master. They will be weighed and then the weigh-master will place them in a separate tote, behind the weigh-in table.
 - 17.3. Dead fish will remain there until the end of the tournament and may be disposed of at the weigh-master / tournament director's discretion and with their allowance.
18. Only a signed weigh-in sheet will verify the anglers catch for that tournament day. Failure to sign the weigh-sheet will result in a disqualification for that day's catch.
19. Each competitor is obliged to weigh-in his own fish and may only weigh in the catch of fellow boat occupants. Fish, of fellow anglers of other boats, may not be brought to the weigh-in station.
20. Competitors, guest anglers, bystanders etc. may NOT carry fish to and / or from the weigh-in station without the use of a weigh-in bag (black) or a release bag (blue). The weigh-master has the right halt weigh-in procedures immediately and reprimand anglers of this transgression. The weigh-master will forward this matter and the identified individuals to the tournament director, who will take up procedures against these anglers.
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4. Catch Statistics for NBAA Year 2018:

The year has proven to be a better year for all anglers who took part in the competition hosted by the NBAA. The overall catch statistics have shown a tremendous increase in fish that were caught on tournament days. Following will be some general statistics about the amounts and weights of the fish that were caught.

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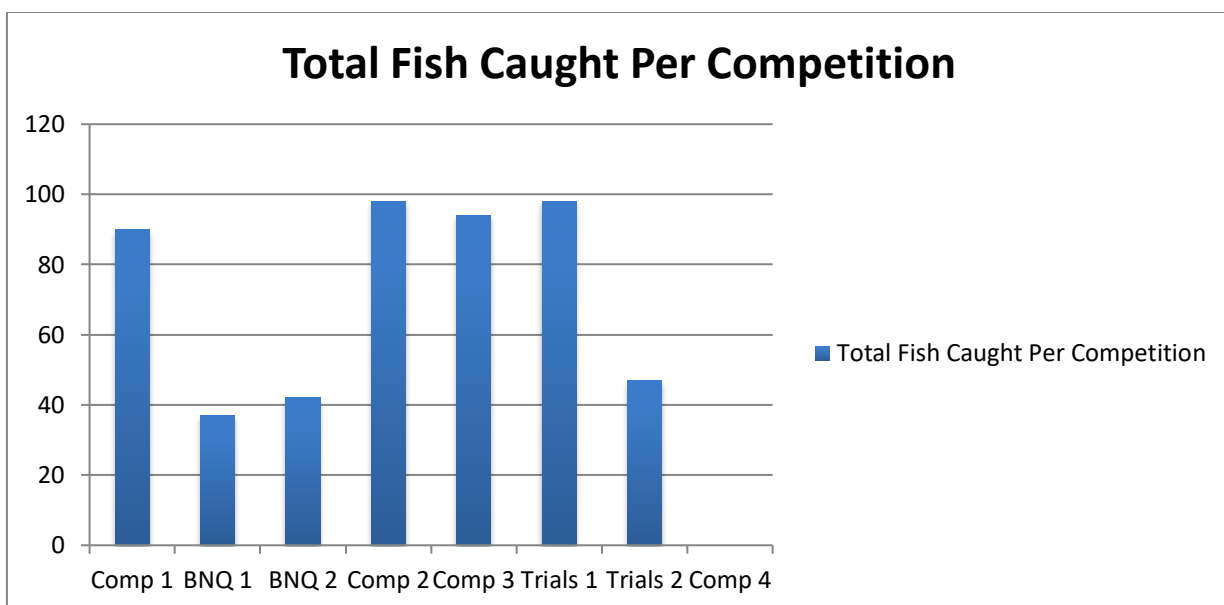
The NBAA has hosted 3 National Competitions, 2 Day BNQ event and the National Trials thus far. There is still 1 National Competition to be held on the 24th of November.

The total amount of bass caught for the year of 2018 is 506 bass giving an average of 72 bass per tournament day in total. This excludes the competition coming up on the 24th of November.

The total weight of the 506 bass that were caught is 387.389 kg giving an average total weight of 55.341 kg per tournament day. This excludes the competition coming up on the 24th of November.

The average weight per bass per tournament is calculated at 0.733 kg. This shows us a healthy stock of juvenile bass that are present in the two Dams that were fished, Von Bach Dam and Oanob Dam.

Unfortunately we have had some bass making the scale that died during the time span of being caught and kept in the live-well. We had a total of 5 bass that were weighed and confirmed by the Weigh Master to be dead by before he weighed them. There was a repeat offender who has luckily managed to sort out his live-well. The average bass kill per tournament is 0.936 % and the overall average of total amount of bass weight (506)/ total amount of bass killed (5) is 0.989 %. This is an impressive achievement in total, however I urge all anglers to ensure that their live-wells are operational and in a good working condition with the circulation function being one of the most important factors to ensure that the fish have oxygenated water during their time spent in the live-well.

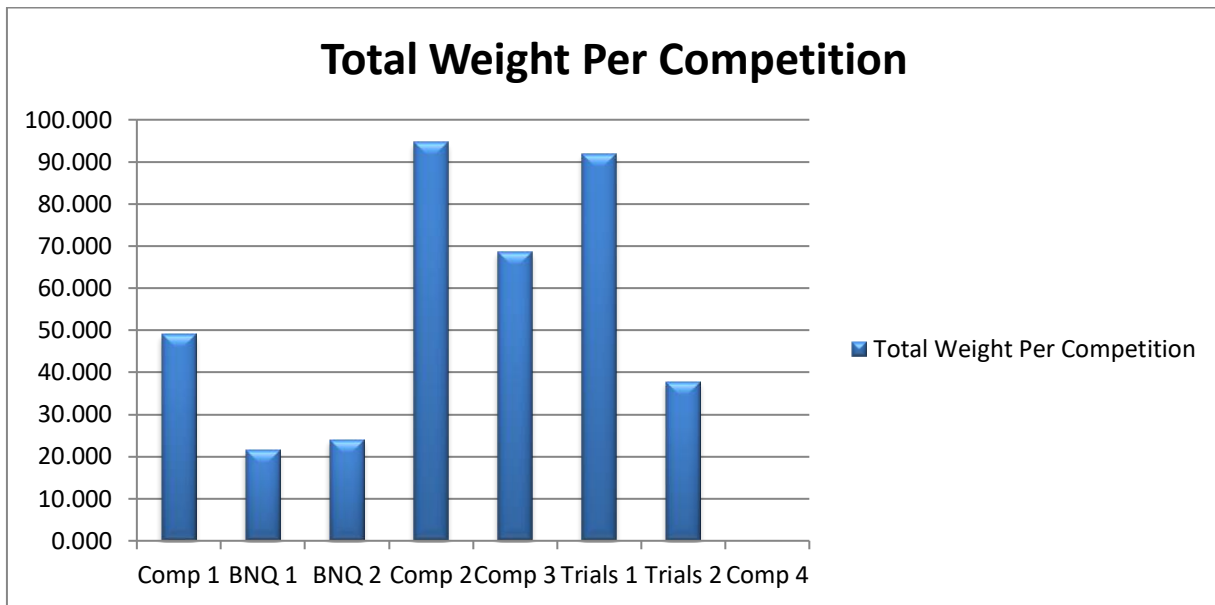


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5. Objections, complaints and misconduct:

We were fortunate that there were no serious accidents on the water during NBAA tournaments.

We had 1 complaint that was sent to EXCO. This complaint was handled in the utmost urgency and best interest of the NBAA. It was clear that some NBAA members were not keeping to the tournament rules and regulations regarding casting distance and etiquette. This will be enforced in the future competitions.

This year we have had 1 disqualification for an angler that did not have his tag number on the board after the Tag board was closed.

6. Weigh-In:

The weigh master did an impeccable job with weighing and recording the data. The duplicate forms used during the first 2 tournaments was very time consuming, especially when the bigger group of anglers would arrive at the weigh station after cut-off time. We have made use of the normal weigh-in sheets which proved to work better and save some time for the weigh master.

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7. Closing statement:

I would like to thank all the NBAA members for the successful year and for keeping within the rules and regulations as stipulated in the NBAA Constitution NBAA House Rules. It was an absolute pleasure to have served this position for the Year 2018.

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