

**TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE
GEORGIA BASS FEDERATION, INC.**

TO: GBCF Club President/Secretary and TSC TEAM CAPTAIN

SUBJECT: 2007 GBCF TOP SIX CLASSIC [TSC] TOURNAMENT

The recipient of this memo is requested to furnish a copy to the Club President or Secretary and to the Club TSC Team Captain as soon as is practicable. It is also suggested that the Club ask a member who is connected to the Internet to print out the GBCF WEB (www.gabassfed.org) page on the 2007 TSC for the Team Cpt. It will be available o/a 28 October. If your Club is **not** planning on entering a team in the 2007 TSC, **be sure that your Chapter has completed ALL of the requirements to stay affiliated with the GBCF.** (See page 13, New GBCF Handbook on Website)

The Clubs entering the 2007 TSC - read on! The TSC is a team tournament and the Club Team Captain is a key element in the smooth functioning of the TSC. There is a continuing problem with Clubs not understanding the importance of the Team Cpt. Appoint a Team Cpt, appoint him early. Please “mark” the TSC Entry Form with this information. Provide her/him with a copy of this memo. Review with her/him the pages to insure there is complete understanding. It is quite obvious when the Team Cpt arrives for registration who has not been well briefed. The briefings are the first step to make your Club team successful.

Watercraft Liability Insurance [WLI] Policies. Each year there are about two dozen policies presented that do not clearly state Watercraft Liability Insurance or show a start and ending date for the coverage or use undefined codes. A major problem exists when the WLI coverage is part of a Home Owner’s policy. Three major insurance company policies cause 95 % of the problems. If the boat owner is in doubt have the insurance agent prepare a memo to the GBCF Tournament Committee stating the policy number, amount of Watercraft Liability coverage and the **start and ending date** of the policy.

Reminder - the amount of WLI coverage is \$300,000 **or** \$100,000 of WLI in conjunction with a one million dollar “umbrella” liability policy. In this case the boat owner must have clear copies of both policies.

NOTE: The policy must state Watercraft Liability. If this is a rider on the Home Owner's policy it may only list the code HO-75 and the coverage amount. General Liability coverage is NOT sufficient on a Home Owner's policy as several companies deny that this coverage applies to watercraft. Second, the Specification Page must show a **beginning** and **ending date!** Comments such as **"Continuous Coverage"** and **"Non-expiring"**, etc. are **not legally sufficient!** There are a number of large, quality insurance companies, that we see many policies that produce terrible specification pages. If your team has an insurance question, call the Tournament Director [229] 247-4553 before arriving at the tournament site.

The 2007 TSC is scheduled for Lake Seminole to be conducted on Monday and Tuesday, 19 and 20 of March 2007 from the Earl May Boat Basin. The three days of Official Practice are Friday March 16 through Sunday March 18, 2007 ending at 1:30 pm. (Ga. Time) **Note: ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST SIGN A RELEASE WAIVER BEFORE OFFICIAL PRACTICE BEGINS. (See TSC Checklist for details)**

This memo has three parts, a **Requirement Check List**, the **Schedule of Events** and a **Boat Safety Procedure**. The GBCF places great emphasis on the non-boater partner to insure her/himself they are in a safe boat. Remember the Georgia Safe Boating Laws require a 100 foot No Wake zone between any boat under power and other stationary boats, swimmers, developed banks, bridges, piers, docks and in narrow channels.

We suggest the team captain, in addition to reading this memo thoroughly, will need to check for additional information on the GBCF Website at (www.gabassfed.org) from November 2006 through March 2007. The **Team Cpt** would also benefit by having a copy of this TSC Memo to read.

If requirements on page 13 of the (NEW) GBCF Handbook are completed, the earliest date the Tournament Committee will accept entry forms for the 2007 TSC will be by Completing the **TOP SIX ENTRY FORM on the GBCF Website "ONLY"** no sooner than 12:00:01 am. January 1, 2007. The final day for submitting an entry from the Website to the 2007 TSC is Wednesday, March 14, 2007. Entries will be accepted on Registration Day. Your Date and Time of entry will be determined by the Timestamp on your Entry Form **and** whether requirements are met **"On Time"**. The Tournament Committee will be happy to answer your questions after you have looked for the answer in the (NEW) GBCF Handbook and TSC Memo, posted on the GBCF Website (www.gabassfed.org) and/or called or contacted your assigned Area Director by E-Mail or Phone.

REGISTRATION: (also see the Events schedule). PLEASE prepare a team notebook and have the Team Cpt or Team Alternate register the entire team. The team should forward in advance the money for the **GBCF DUES \$90.00, TSC ENTRY FEE \$ 400.00, BIG FISH POT, \$30.00** (\$5 per tm mbr) or for **TSC CAPS, \$12.00 each or 6 for \$60.00**. Please make all checks payable to the Georgia Bass Federation [GBCF] and mail to the **GBCF Treasurer, NOT** the Tournament Director.

DO NOT SEND TOP SIX ENTRY FORMS TO THE GBCF TREASURER,

THE TSC ENTRY FORMS WILL GO TO THE GBCF SECRETARY BY FILLING OUT THE FORM FROM THE GBCF WEBSITE. PLEASE SUBMIT FROM WEBSITE ONLY. (www.gabassfed.org) Please send updates as soon as you make a change to the Team.

THE “TOP SIX ENTRY CHECK” WILL BE ACCEPTED STARTING WHEN YOU RECEIVE THIS MEMO, UNTIL March 14, 2007. DO NOT mail Checks that week as the Treasurer may not receive them before she leaves for the tournament site.

NOTE: GBCF DUES (\$90.00) ARE DUE NO LATER THAN DEC 31, 2006.
(As per page 13, GBCF Handbook)

SEND CHECK FOR GBCF DUES, TOP SIX, (ENTRY FEES, BIG FISH POT, or HATS) TO:

**DENISE FORBES-GBCF TREASURER
335 Bearcreek Trail
Hampton, GA 30228**

Do NOT send by registered mail as per Denise works and will not be available to sign for the documents.

The GBCF experiences two major administrative problems with TBF/FLW cards on a continuing basis. The first is Club TBF membership, **ALL Club members MUST be members of TBF and FLW.** The second is the use of “nicknames”. This really creates a problem when the FLW Card has one name and the GBCF roster has another name. All records should list the name as it appears on the angler’s checking account. Both of these problems have legal implications that are beyond the scope of the GBCF Staff. We ask for your cooperation in this matter. Please list the angler’s correct name on the entry form.

Top Six 2007 Checklists

2007 Top Six Classic [TSC], March 19 – 20, 2007, Lake Seminole.

CHECK LISTS

[] Club Officers please refer to GBCF Handbook page **4 Article II, Section 2** and **Page 13** for the requirements to maintain active membership in the GBCF.

[] Has the Club submitted the Officer Administration Form (page 17 GBCF Handbook) from the GBCF Website within 30 days of any election or other change of Club officers?

[] Has the Club submitted all Creel Census Reports to Dr Carl Quertermus for all 2006 Club Tournaments. Reports will **only** be accepted by filling out “Creel Census” form from the website for each tournament. All of these reports are due NLT 30 Days after the Clubs last tournament

[] Has the Club submitted a report of its’ **2006 Youth Project(s)** to the GBCF Youth Director Gerry Healey? See pages 15 or 16 of the GBCF Handbook. All reports are due **NLT 30 days after the event or NLT December 31, 2006**

[] Have ALL the Club Members joined the **TBF and FLW**. The TBF dues are \$15 per member due on or **before December 31, 2006**. These dues provide the liability insurance for the Club. These dues and updated roster to be mailed to GBCF Secretary Van Foster Jr.

[] Has the Club paid its’ annual **GBCF dues** of \$90 for 2007? This payment is due on or **before December 31,2006**. **Check to be mailed to GBCF Treasurer**

[] Will the Club send a representative to the General Membership Meeting on Sunday, March 18 at Earl May Boat Basin?

[] Has the Club appointed a Team Captain [Tm Cpt]?

[] Has the Team Cpt been provided a copy of this memo.

[] Has the Team Cpt been provided a copy of GBCF Hdbk pages 13, and 24 through 29? Has the Tm Cpt made a thorough study of this document?

[] Have the team members to include alternates been selected, boaters and non-boaters, and have they committed to go? Have they been briefed?

[] Is the Team Cpt identified? Have Back-up boats been designated by marking the appropriate box on the entry form on the website ?

[] Has the Entry Form been filled out and submitted from the GBCF Website (www.gabassfed.org) according to the instructions on the website?

[] Has the **Entry Fee [\$400]** made payable to the GBCF and the Big Fish Pot and Cap money been **sent to the GBCF Treasurer**?

[] Has the Entry Form been submitted prior to Wednesday, March 14, 2007?

[] CHANGES – Update TSC Entry Form from the website through Wednesday, March 14 or after any change made to the team. After that date, present a revised Entry Form at registration. The team will **NOT** lose their Timestamp “SPOT” in line for the back-up boat list if updated forms are submitted from the website.

[] **Have all Team Members signed an official waiver form? Waiver Form will be available on the GBCF Website www.gabassfed.org The whole Team will sign one form to cover the team and alternates. The signed form must be Mailed, Faxed, or E-mailed to the Secretary before Official practice begins.**

[] Do ALL offered boats, primary or back-up have the required Watercraft Liability Insurance coverage? Is the boat owner the operator? Company owned boats are “borrowed boats”.

[] Do all Team Members and alternates have 2007 GA. Fishing license?
Note: Some fishing areas may require Florida Fishing license. Check the States regulations for more information.

[] Has the Team Captain “photocopied” all Competitors documents for his notebook? Have the key elements of each Competitor’s and alternate’s information been **Hi-Lited in YELLOW?**

- [] TBF/FLW Card (TBF and FLW cards are one in the same)
- [] Current Fishing Licenses (as needed by state Regulations)
- [] Insurance Documents
- [] Boat Registration Cards
- [] Waivers form signed by ALL team members and alternates

[] **Registration**: Starts at **8:00 am** on Friday, March 16, 2007 at the Earl May Boat Basin and **terminates at 12:00 noon**. (Ga. Time). Please register your team as early as possible! This is a **“4 HOUR”** Registration period. The key members of the Tournament Committee will be located at the Earl May Boat Basin.

[] All team members/Alternatives have been briefed to be **“Off the Water” by 1:30 pm Sunday March 18, 2007 to attend mandatory meetings and Partner Draw.**

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

2007 GBCF Top Six Classic Tournament Earl May Boat Basin, Lake Seminole

	GBCF Top Six Classic [TSC] Tournament Memo to all Chapters.
Dec 1, 2006 through March 14, 2007	<p>Appoint a Team Cpt, select team with alternates, provide Team Mbrs and alternates with a thorough briefing and a copy of the TSC memo. They should also visit the GBCF Website (www.gabassfed.org) for the 2007 TSC memo available o/a OCT 28. Confirm, then photocopy each Team Members and alternates, TBF/FLW card, <u>2007 Georgia Fishing License</u> and if offering boat, the <u>Boat Registration card</u> and the <u>Watercraft Liability Insurance [WLI] Specification page.</u></p> <p>Official “Waivers Form” signed by all team members and alternates Mailed, Faxed. or E-mailed to GBCF Secretary</p> <p><u>Please Hi-Lite</u> [yellow only] all key elements, i.e. names, dates, amounts, etc. on All Documents. This Helps registration go quickly.</p> <p>ALL GBCF DUES(\$90) ARE DUE BEFORE DEC 31, 2006</p>
March 14, 2007, Wednesday	Last date to update TSC entry forms from the GBCF website. After this date bring a revised Entry Form to registration.
March 16, 2007 Friday	<p>Three days of Official Practice begins at first light on Lake Seminole.</p> <p>Team Registration begins at the Earl May Boat Basin at 8 am until 12:00 noon. The Team Cpt registers the team. Teams registering late will be assessed a \$100 penalty.</p>
March 17, 2007 Saturday	GBCF Board of Directors Meeting at 6:00 pm to 9:00pm at Earl May Boat Basin, Chamber of Commerce Building.
March 18, 2007 Sunday All Times are GA. Time	<p>All meetings are scheduled for the Earl May Boat Basin.</p> <p><u>Official Practice terminates on Sunday, March 18 at 1:30 pm.</u></p> <p>1:30 pm All Competitors/Alternates <u>“Off Tournament Waters.”</u></p> <p>2:00 pm Team Captains meet with your assigned GBCF Director. <u>Be on time!!</u></p> <p>2:30 pm GBCF General Membership Meeting and Partner Draw <u>ALL competitors must be present.</u></p> <p>Sponsor and Support Recognition, Tournament Safety Briefing, Drawing for Flight Order, Flight Drawings by Computer - Both Days</p>

SCHEDULE of EVENTS
2007 GBCF Top Six Classic Tournament
Earl May Boat Basin, Lake Seminole

March 19, 2007 Monday	<p>6:00 am (Safe Light) First Flight Starts Short Break ----- Second Flight Starts Short Break -----Third Flight Starts</p> <p>2:30 First Flight Returns -----(Boats # 1 thru 44) 3:00 First Flight Returns -----(Boats # 45 thru 90+)</p> <p>3:30 Second Flight Returns -----(Boats # 1 thru 44) 4:00 Second Flight Returns -----(Boats # 45 thru 90+)</p> <p>4:30 Third Flight Returns -----(Boats # 1 thru 44) 5:00 Third Flight Returns -----(Boats # 45 thru 90+)</p>
March 20, 2007 Tuesday	<p>6:00 am (Safe Light) First Flight Starts -(Reverse order) Short Break ----- Second Flight Starts--(Reverse order) Short Break ----- Third Flight Starts ---(Reverse order)</p> <p>12:30 First Flight Returns -----(Boats # 90+ thru 45) 1:00 First Flight Returns ----- (Boats # 44 thru 1)</p> <p>1:30 Second Flight Returns -----(Boats # 90+ thru 45) 2:00 Second Flight Returns -----(Boats # 44 thru 1)</p> <p>2:30 Third Flight Returns -----(Boats # 90+ thru 45) 3:00 Third Flight Returns -----(Boats #44 thru 1)</p> <p>4:15 pm Awards Ceremony</p>

Boat Inspection both days. Boats will be inspected by flight in numerical order starting at 5:50 am. There will be a short break between each flight. The **Tournament Committee will check Live Wells [clean] and their Aeration System, the Navigation Lights, PFD's [fit strapped and zippered] and Kill Switch for function.**

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Georgia Bass Federation
Tournament Committee
BOAT SAFETY INSPECTION

The Georgia Bass Federation [GBCF] relies on the Non-Boater Partner to insure her/himself that the assigned Tournament Boat is safe for a days fishing. The Non-Boater Partner should determine the location and condition as a minimum of the following items:

[] **Fire Extinguisher**, Type B,C or A,B,C. Is it in the “Green”?

[] **Bilge Pump(s)**, is the sump free of litter? Turn pump ON - Is it running?

[] **Throwable**, Know the location!

[] **Sounding Device**, Is it operational?

[] **Location of the Master Switch**, Bilge Pump Switch and Navigation Light Switch. Now the boat team may proceed to the dock by flight in numerical order for the GBCF Tournament Committee to inspect the boat for the following:

[] **Navigational Lights**, installed and operational.

[] **Live Wells, open**, clean and the Aeration System is operational.

[] **PFD’s [Life Vests]**, USCG Approved - Type I, II or III Fit and must be zippered, hooked, and snapped secure.

[] **Kill Switch** [Electrical Interrupt], Functional and is attached to the operator.

The Inspector will then ask the team for their flights time of return.

The boat will then idle to the designated Release Point to begin the days fishing.

Safety 2007: The GBCF TSC is attracting many new anglers each year whose only tournament experience is weekend pick-up tournaments. We are certainly happy to see these new TSC competitors. A few of these anglers seem unaware of our emphasis on safety. Unsafe or risky boat operation is unacceptable. **The non-boater has RIGHTS in the safe operation of the boat during the TSC. A safety point of emphasis for all competitors is the non-boater has the right and duty to tell the boater to slow down if he/she is concerned about her/his safety. This is absolute! No exceptions, NONE! This will be a point of emphasis in the TSC. See Rule 6.**

Boat - All boats offered for use in the competition will have a chair type seat in place on the back deck. This is an ADA requirement and the right thing to do. Exceptions may be granted in advance only by the Tournament Director. The boater will provide one large empty compartment for the use of the non-boater. **ALL BOATS PRESENTED FOR USE IN THE TOURNAMENT SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY TEAM CAPTAINS AS TOURNAMENT READY.**

HOTEL INFORMATION

ALL PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE 12% SALES TAX (7% STATE/5% LOCAL)

Tournament Headquarters: Charter House Inn= \$ 60.00 per night

Contact person: Charity Kemp, 1-800-768-8550, reservations 229-246-8550.

Hotel list :

Jamison Inn - Leslie Bernier, 229-243-7000 = \$ 69.00 per night

Super 8 Motel: Mike Patel, 800-800-8000, 229-246-0015 = \$ 45.00 per night

Days Inn: 229-248-6300 (call for price)

Camp/RV - "The Place to Be" RV park @ Boat Basin 229-246-5802 or
www.theplace2brv.com

Full hook-ups, bath houses, cable, water, sewer, boat storage.

David Brantly – Manager/Owner

Area Contact: Vanessa Arthur, Special Projects Coordinator,

800-243-4774, 229-246-4774, Fax - 229-243-7633.