

**TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE
GEORGIA BASS CHAPTER FEDERATION.**

TO: GBCF Chapter President/Secretary and TSC TEAM CAPTAIN

SUBJECT: 2006 GBCF TOP SIX CLASSIC [TSC] TOURNAMENT

The recipient of this memo is requested to furnish a copy to the Chapter President or Secretary and to the Chapter TSC Team Captain as soon as is practicable. It is also suggested that the Chapter ask a member who is connected to the Internet to print out the GBCF WEB (www.gabassfed.org) page on the 2006 TSC for the Team Cpt. It will be available o/a 17 November. If your Chapter is not planning on entering a team in the 2006 TSC, please be sure that your Chapter has completed ALL of the requirements to stay affiliated with the GBCF. (see page 14, New GBCF Handbook on Website)

The Chapters entering the 2006 TSC - read on! The TSC is a team tournament and the Chapter Team Captain is a key element in the smooth functioning of the TSC. There is a continuing problem with Chapters 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 chapter 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 2006 TSC is scheduled for Lake Clarks Hill to be conducted on Monday and Tuesday, 24 and 25 of April 2006 from the Wildwood Park. The three days of practice are Friday April 21 through Sunday April 23, 2006 @ 2:00 pm. (Ga. Time)

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 read the GBCF Newsletter “Bigmouth” on the GBCF Website at (www.gabassfed.org) from November 2005 through April 2006. The Team Cpt would also benefit by having a copy of this TSC Memo to read.

If requirements on page 14 of the (NEW) GBCF Handbook are completed, the earliest date the Tournament Committee will accept entry forms for the 2006 TSC will be by Completing the **TOP SIX ENTRY FORM on the GBCF Website** **“ONLY”** no sooner than 12:00:01 am. January 1, 2006. The final day for submitting an entry from the Website to the 2006 TSC is Wednesday, April 19, 2006. 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 (From the Website), Bigmouth newsletter, posted on the GBCF Website (www.gabassfed.org) and/or called or contacted your assigned Area Director by E-Mail or Phone.

REGISTRATION: See the Events schedule. PLEASE prepare a team notebook and have the Team Cpt or Team Alternate register the entire team. The team may 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 a **TSC CAPS, \$12.00 each or 6 for \$60.00.** Please make all checks payable to the Georgia B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation [GBCF] and mail to the **GBCF Treasurer, not** the Tournament Director.

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

THE ENTRY FORMS WILL GO TO THE GBCF SECRETARY BY FILLING OUT THE FORM FROM THE GBCF WEBSITE. PLEASE SUBMIT FROM WEBSITE. (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 APRIL 17, 2006. DO NOT mail Checks that week as the Treasurer may not receive them before they leave for the tournament site

REMEMBER : [GBCF DUES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN DEC 31, 2005.](#)

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**

The GBCF experiences two major administrative problems with B.A.S.S./ESPN on a continuing basis. The first is chapter membership, ALL chapter members **MUST** be members of B.A.S.S. and members of the National B.A.S.S. Federation. The second is the use of “nicknames”. This really creates a problem when the B.A.S.S. Card has one name and the B.A.S.S. Federation card 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 2006 Checklists

2006 Top Six Classic [TSC], April 24 – 25, 2006, Lake Clarks Hill.

CHECK LIST [Please refer to page 14 of the GBCF Handbook]

A. Chapter is NOT entering the 2006 TSC Tournament.

Chapter Officers please refer to GBCF Handbook pages **5 Article 2, Section 2** and **Page 14** for the requirements to maintain active membership in the GBCF.

Has the chapter submitted the Chapter Administration Form from the GBCF Website within 25 days of any election or other change of chapter officers?

Has the Chapter submitted all Creel Census Reports to Dr Carl Quertermus for all 2005 Chapter 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 Chapters last tournament

Has the Chapter submitted a report of its’ **2005 Youth Project(s)** to the GBCF Youth Director? See pages 16 or 17 of the GBCF Handbook. All reports are due **NLT Saturday, December 31, 2005**

Have the Chapter Members joined the **National B.A.S.S. Federation**. The dues are \$15 per member due on or **before December 27, 2005**. These dues provide the liability insurance for the chapter. These dues and updated roster to be mailed to B.A.S.S./ESPN.

Has the Chapter paid its’ annual **GBCF dues** of \$90 for 2006? This payment is due on or **before December 31,2005**. **Check to be mailed to GBCF Treasurer**

Will the Chapter send a representative to the General Membership Meeting on Sunday, April 23 at Patriots’ Park?

Has the Chapter 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 3,4,5,14 and 26 through 31? 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 designated by marking the appropriate box on the entry form.

[] 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, April 19, 2006? There is a **\$100.00 late fee** for all entries Timedated after April 19, 2006.

[] CHANGES – Update TSC Entry Form from the website through Wednesday, April 19 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 list if updated forms are submitted from the website.

[] * Do all Team Members and alternates have current membership in the National B.A.S.S. Federation and in B.A.S.S./ESPN through mid-June? Team Cpt **should** check this before photocopying.

[] 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 2006 Ga. or SC. Fishing Licenses?

[] 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?**

- [] B.A.S.S./ESPN Card
- [] National Federation Card
- [] Current Fishing Licenses
- [] Insurance Documents
- [] Boat Registration Cards

[] **Registration: Starts at 8:00 am** on Friday, April 21, 2006 at the Patriots’ Park and **terminates at 1:00 pm.** (Ga. Time). Please register your team as early as possible! This is a **“5 HOUR”** Registration period. The key members of the Tournament Committee will be located at the Patriots Park.

[] All team members/Alternatives have been briefed to be **“Off the Water” by 2:00 pm Sunday April 23, 2006 to attend mandatory meetings and Partner Draw.**

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

2006 GBCF Top Six Classic Tournament Wildwood Park, Lake Clarks Hill

	GBCF Top Six Classic [TSC] Tournament Memo to all Chapters.
DEC 1 2005 through APRIL 19, 2006	<p>Appoint a Team Cpt, select team with alternates, provide Team Mbrs and alternates with a thorough briefing and a copy of this memo. They should also visit the GBCF Website (www.gabassfed.org) on the 2006 TSC available OCT 28. Confirm, then photocopy each Team Members and alternates <u>B.A.S.S./ESPN Card</u> and <u>National B.A.S.S. Federation card, 2006 Georgia or South Carolina 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><u>Please Hi-Lite</u> [yellow only] all key elements, i.e. names, dates, amounts, etc. on All Documents.</p> <p>ALL GBCF DUES(\$90) ARE DUE BEFORE DEC 31, 2005</p>
APRIL 19, 2006, Wednesday	Last date to update TSC entry forms from the GBCF website. After this date bring a revised Entry Form to registration.
APRIL 21, 2006 Friday	<p>Three days practice begins at first light on Lake Clarks Hill</p> <p>Official Practice terminates on <u>Sunday, April 23 at 2:00 pm.</u> Team Registration begins at the Patriots Park at 8 am until 1:00 pm. The Team Cpt registers the team. Teams registering late will be assessed a \$100 penalty.</p>
APRIL 22, 2006 Saturday	GBCF Board of Directors Meeting at 6:00 pm to 9:00pm at Belaire Conference Center off Belaire Rd. behind Wingate's Inn
April 23, 2006 Sunday All Times are GA. Time	<p>All meetings are scheduled for the Patriots Park Gym.</p> <p>2:00 pm Team Cpts meet with your assigned GBCF Director. <u>Be on time!!</u></p> <p>2:00 pm All Competitors/Alternates <u>“Off Tournament Waters.”</u></p> <p>2:30 pm GBCF General Membership Meeting. ALL anglers must be present.</p> <p>Sponsor and Support Recognition, Tournament Safety Briefing, Drawing for Flight Order, Flight Drawings by Computer - Both Days</p>

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 Wildwood Park, Lake Clarks Hill

APRIL 24, 2006 Monday	6:00 am (Safe Light) First Flight Starts Short Break ----- Second Flight Starts Short Break -----Third Flight Starts 2:30 First Flight Returns -----(Boats # 1 thru 44) 3:00 First Flight Returns -----(Boats # 45 thru 90+) 3:30 Second Flight Returns -----(Boats # 1 thru 44) 4:00 Second Flight Returns -----(Boats # 45 thru 90+) 4:30 Third Flight Returns -----(Boats # 1 thru 44) 5:00 Third Flight Returns -----(Boats # 45 thru 90+)
APRIL 25, 2006 Tuesday	6:00 am (Safe Light) First Flight Starts -(Reverse order) Short Break ----- Second Flight Starts --(Reverse order) Short Break ----- Third Flight Starts ---(Reverse order) 12:30 First Flight Returns -----(Boats # 90+ thru 45) 1:00 First Flight Returns -----(Boats # 44 thru 1) 1:30 Second Flight Returns -----(Boats # 90+ thru 45) 2:00 Second Flight Returns -----(Boats # 44 thru 1) 2:30 Third Flight Returns -----(Boats # 90+ thru 45) 3:00 Third Flight Returns -----(Boats #44 thru 1) 4:15 pm Awards Ceremony

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 B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation
Tournament Committee
BOAT SAFETY INSPECTION

The Georgia B.A.S.S. Chapter 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 2006 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.**