



Lunkers Unlimited Newsletter

IN THE NEWS

2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Slot Limits and Bass Tournaments

Alabama has recently imposed a slot limit of 14" to 20" on specific bodies of water to combat fish mortality due to tournaments. Bass tournaments take pride in their treatment of bass, often claiming a survival rate of 90%. Recent studies in Alabama cite a mortality rate of 45%, rising to between 50% and 80% for summer tournaments. This has spawned a debate among anglers and tournament directors. Here are two articles from [Wired2 fish](#) and one from [BassFan](#) that discuss the impact of slot limits on bass tournaments, and some possible remedies. Click on the links: [Wired2Fish-1](#), [Wired2Fish-2](#), and [BassFan](#).

Record Bowfin Caught in New Jersey

Frank Hubert recently caught a 12 lb. 10 oz. Bowfin (aka mudfish, mud pike, dogfish, grindle, grinnel, swamp trout, and choupique). This is a new state record, besting the previous NJ record by more than a pound. Unlike Lunkers, he was actually targeting the Bowfin and successfully released the fish after getting an official weight. Read about it [here](#).

Announcements:

- Congratulations to Tony Copack for finishing first in the 2024 season points standings, and Adam Copack for 2024 Big Bass weighing 6 lbs 0.4 oz.
- The 2025 meeting and Lunkers fish-off schedule is pending and will be published once lodging arrangements are complete.

January

21st – Monthly meeting

February

18th – Monthly meeting

March

18th – Monthly meeting

April

15th – Monthly meeting

2024 Season Standings

	Angler	Lbs./oz.	No. of Fish	Points
1.	Tony Copack	113.03	68	346
2.	Kevin Marz	96.14	59	335
3.	Rocky Roush	84.11	48	334
4.	Adam Copack	103.01	54	329
5.	Bob Jabs	81.00	45	324
6.	Doug Berman	57.14	33	311
7.	Jimmie Griffiths	42.01	39	287
8.	Brian Franc	69.09	29	271
9.	Jim McCarthy	40.14	22	229
10.	Warren Stidolph	46.03	26	227
11.	John Gorgol	23.12	19	174
12.	Mark Urba	34.14	19	143
13.	Bob Cunningham	5.08	26	140
14.	John Zentmeyer	1.02	1	41

2024 Big Bass: Adam Copack - 6 lbs. 0.4 oz.

2025 Tournament Schedule

Location	Dates	Lodging	Ramp	Signup Deadline

2025 Meeting Schedule - All meetings are combined general and board unless designated.

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| January 21 st | July |
| February 18 th | August |
| March 18 th | September |
| April 15 th | October |
| May 20 th | November |
| June | December |

