

Keowee Angler 2017 Tournament Descriptions and Schedule

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For 2017 Keowee Anglers will run the following tournaments.

- 4 Random-Match Team Tournaments: April, May, October, November
- Random-Match Team-Member of the Year
- Longest Fish of 2017 Competitions

2017 Bass Team-Tournament Information

Random-Team bass tournaments are scheduled: **April 5-6, May 3-4, October 4-5, and November 1-2.** Partners are randomly assigned, with one exception: if a member has brought a new member into the Club, that member may request to fish with that new member in the first tournament in which both are able to fish.

The tournament registration deadline is Monday midnight two weeks before the tournament. Participants will be informed of their team partners on the following day.

Each tournament has two components, event team prizes for the longest bass caught in the event, and team scores for the Random-Match Team-Member-of-the-Year contest (prizes issued at end of the year).

The tournament director will match partners with most experienced anglers with the least-experienced anglers as we are a learning/teaching club; and will match members without boats to those with boats.

Team members should make every attempt to match schedules and practice fishing as much as possible.

If a registered participant must drop out for any reason, the remaining team member may not fish alone. The Tournament Director will try to find an alternate partner for the remaining team member.

Fishing Time - Each team will pick its own 4-hour fishing time during the Wednesday or Thursday of the tournament ending no later than Noon on Thursday. The team must select one and only one period of 4 consecutive hours to fish during that period before starting to fish the tournament. If you don't like your catch, you may not pick another 4 hours.

Each team member is limited to two rods at a time and each rod used for trolling needs to be designated as to which team member is fishing with it. If an Alabama or umbrella rig, or similar device is used, it cannot have more than two baits/lures that contain hook(s). If the rig has more than two arms, then all additional lures/baits on the rig must not have any hooks.

Bass (largemouth, spots, smallmouth or red eye) must have a minimum length of 12 inches to qualify.

Fish must be measured rounded down to the nearest 1/4 inch using a ruler with a vertical stop and 1/4-inch graduations, with the bass' mouth closed, nose against the vertical stop, and the tail pinched for maximum length.

To qualify, results must be submitted by the beginning of the Awards Luncheon on an Official Tournament Result form emailed to the registrants before the tournament starts. Complete the form following the directions in the form, and each team member must sign to form for the catch to count.

Each team must record the length of each of the bass caught by each individual team member, identify the up to 3 legal bass caught by one team member and up to 2 legal bass caught by the other team

member, culling is allowed.

The prizes for each tournament event go to the teams with the longest single bass. Each member of the team with the longest fish receives \$30. For the 2nd longest each team member receives \$25. Similarly, for the 3rd place \$20, for 4th place \$15, for 5th place \$10, and for 6th place \$5. In case of a tie the prize money for each of the tied positions is pooled and then divided equally to all team members in the tied teams. For these tournaments there will be no tiebreaker. Teams tied for a particular prize in a tournament will share that prize and the next lower prize(s).

Each team's total catch by the 3-2 rule will be used to score the Random-Match Team-Member of the Year 2016 Tournament described below.

Awards Luncheon starts at 1 PM on the Thursday of the tournament. Members who sign up for food at the luncheon are responsible to pay for their own food. To qualify for a tournament award, at least one member of the team must attend the luncheon and be prepared to share how the team caught their bass. If both are not available for the award luncheon, the team submits to the tournament director their filled-in and signed official result form and a detailed written description of where/when/how they caught their fish. NOTE: it is expected that when one team member's boat is used exclusively by the team, the team member whose boat is not used, as a thank you, will pay for that boat owner's lunch at the Award Luncheon.

If there is a weather delay or other change of date, the Tournament Director will advise all participants by 9 PM the Tuesday of the tournament week and also attempt to change the luncheon commitments along with the tournament. If for some reason shifting the luncheon is not possible, then the luncheon will continue on the original Thursday as planned, people who signed up for the luncheon will be responsible for paying for a lunch if they do not show, and the presentation of awards will be handled on a different date as announced by the tournament director. In that case, a monthly meeting will follow the luncheon, and a new tournament date may be communicated at that time if it was not already communicated in the original weather-delay communication.

Random-Match Team Member of the Year 2017

The Random-Match Team Member of the Year awards recognize the individual Keowee Anglers with the best, accumulated team scores during 3 of the 4 team tournaments.

The Random-Match Team Member of the Year is a stratified competition. Members are stratified once a year before the first tournament. Stratum A contains the Keowee Anglers members presumed to be the better anglers because they have won the most Club prize money and caught more tournament fish over the years, or have distinguished themselves in some other way. Stratum B contains all new members and any renewed members who have won little or no prize money from the club in previous years. The list of member strata for the year will be published in advance of the first tournament of the year. For each stratum there will be 4 prizes: 1st Prize of \$30, 2nd Prize of \$25, 3rd Prize of \$20, and 4th prize \$15 to be awarded at the regular Club meeting in December.

In each random-match team tournament event described in the previous section, teams include a member from each stratum to the extent possible. Each team records the length of each bass caught by each individual team member, identifies the up to 3 legal bass caught by one team member and up to 2 legal bass caught by the other team member and reports this information on the Official Tournament Result Form submitted for each tournament. (NOTE: if one team member has caught 3 bass, and gets another on the line, that member may not hand the rod to their partner in the boat to land. However, the team member may land the 4th fish and use that 4th fish to cull a smaller fish from the original 3 to increase the size of that angler's 3 best bass.)

The team results from each tournament will be added together to create the cumulative score for each member as follows:

- Each Team Member will be assigned their team score for each event as described above.
- Keowee Anglers member will use up to 3 tournament scores. If a member fishes in all 4 tournaments, then the Tournament Director will use the best 3 of the 4 scores.

Keowee Anglers Longest Fish of 2017 Competitions

Each year, Keowee Anglers runs for its members a Longest Fish competition for any fish species. All fish must be legal length for the species and caught this year by legal means in Lake Keowee between January 1 and December 31 inclusive.

Photographs are required for entries in this year's contest. The picture must include the entire fish, head to tail and the ruler WITH VERTICAL STOP AND ¼-INCH GRADUATIONS you used to make the measurement with the nose of the fish against the stop and with the ruler markings legible near the tail. (If the fish flops, put it back on the ruler and take another picture ... fish are tough and won't die being out of water for the time it takes to get a good picture.) A second picture with you holding the fish is not required, but is more interesting as a web site photo if you can take and submit such a picture without damaging the fish.

NOTE: This competition is related to the Random-match Team Tournaments by the principle that no fish will qualify for two cash prizes. So any bass that wins a cash prize in any of the Random-Match Team Tournaments during the year is disqualified from this competition. Any fish, including a bass, that is caught during the Random-Match Team Tournaments and does not win a cash prize at that tournament may be submitted for this Longest Fish of the Year competition, as long as its entry is accompanied by the required picture.

Prizes for fish caught this year will be awarded for each species at next year's January meeting. The "Bass" category includes the following species in a single category: Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, Red-eye-Bass, and related crossbreeds. In the Bass category, a cash prize of \$30 will be awarded for the longest bass. The prize for 2nd longest bass will be \$25. Then 3rd through 10th places will each be awarded \$20, and 11th through 20th places will each get \$15. In other fish species categories, 1st place winners will receive \$15 and 2nd place winners \$10.

Any large bass that win cash prizes during our Random-Match Team Tournaments and are in the size range of the winners of this Longest Fish of 2016 competition, will receive honorable mention when these awards are presented, but no cash prize for this competition.

Each angler is limited to submitting only their best fish in each species category, though they can submit an entry for any number of categories.

If you catch a game fish that is not in one of the categories below, send the required picture with ruler to Bill anyway, and we will create a new category.

- Largemouth/Spotted/Red-Eye/cross-breed Bass
- Smallmouth Bass
- White Bass
- Crappie
- Sunfish
- Catfish
- Carp
- Perch
- Trout

In any case of issues or challenges, the decision of the Tournament Director is final.

All entries must be accompanied by information filling in the form below. Send entries to by email to keoweeangler@gmail.com or by snail mail to Bill Walker, 8 Sail Maker Court, Salem SC 29676-4115

Keowee Anglers Longest Fish of Species for 2017 Entry Form

Species category for the fish:

Length of the fish (round down to nearest ¼ inch):

Name of the Keowee Anglers member that caught the fish:

Date of catch:

Time of day of catch:

Bait or lure used with lure color:

Fishing technique (e.g. casting, trolling, jigging, bobber fishing, bottom fishing)

Estimated depth of water:

Estimated depth of lure:

Lake structure and features near the catch:

Story (optional):

Attach picture (required):