

## DBM Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2006

Guest speaker, Gary Donatone was introduced and gave tips on cleaning and maintaining fishing reels. Gary mentioned a few points to keep in mind such as keeping all parts lined up as you disassemble your reel for ease of and proper reassembling. He recommends a total cleaning no less than once a year and preferably after each hard use (tournament). Also use a “drop or two” of oil on bearings and grease on gears. He suggested using oils with low temperature performance characteristics so your reels easily turn in cold weather and don’t gum up during use. If in doubt about the oil you’re using on your reels, put the reel in a plastic bag in the freezer for a couple hours and then check the ease of winding. And if in doubt, have a pro like Gary (720-253-7392) clean your reels for you! Very reasonable!

Club member Larry Rydalch did show and tell with a prototype lizard he hopes to put on the market. He had a home made video of some quality bass he’s recently caught on his new bait in very cold water. Larry also distributed survey sheets for member’s input on sizes, colors, pricing and general opinions on the bait.

Tom Grace gave an update on the upcoming simulated Ice Fishing weekend event at Bass Pro Shops. The club will be volunteering its help with the competition on Saturday (prizes awarded) and the fun fishing on Sunday. BPS is very appreciative of our help.

Don Speas suggested that all State Federation Qualifier info on the Lake Amistad tournament can be found at [www.coloradobassfederation.org](http://www.coloradobassfederation.org)

Don Speas provided info on our annual club awards banquet. The club agreed on having the event at Mickey’s (near 70<sup>th</sup> on Broadway) Saturday, Feb 3. Time and food choices will be provided at the January meeting. The club has agreed there will be one gift certificate awarded per member regardless of the number of guests brought by a member. If a member brings more than one guest and wants a gift certificate for the extra guest(s) they will pay for the extra certificate.

The State B.A.S.S. Federation will have a booth at the International Sportsmen’s Expo (end January).

Welcome back from New Mexico after a year’s absence, member Damon Jones.

The club voted on the 2007 tournament format. Choices were:

3 near (one day) and 3 far (two day) - 5 votes

4 near, 3 far – 18 votes WINNER

5 near, 2 far – 12 votes

Lake selections and dates will be proposed in January. Please provide your preferences/proposals of dates and lakes to board members so we can pare down the selection process.

Tom Grace - Secretary