

Thursday Night Bassin presented by Excel Bass 2010 Season

To all Thursday Night Bassin (TNB) and Thursday Night Tournaments (TNT) Competitors,

I have teamed up with Excel Bass to restructure two well know Thursday night tournaments in the Brainerd lakes area. TNB is a weekly tournament that has been hosted out of Zorbas on Gull Lake for many years. Many TNB anglers have enjoyed many seasons fishing Gull lake but would enjoy a change of pace. I firmly believe that this new multi-lake structure will enhance Gull lakes bass fishing experience. Excel Bass TNT tournaments have been bi-weekly tournaments that travel to various lakes over the course of the season. After much discussion, we have decided to merge these two exciting tournaments together. The details for the new structure are listed below. We tried to take the best of the two tournaments and marry them together in an attempt not to exclude any of the anglers. Yes this is a change but I believe everyone will enjoy it much more. All the feed back up to this point has been very positive and welcoming the new format. The new name will be Thursday Night Bassin presented by Excel Bass.



Overall the new format will ensure a fun, full field tournament every week along with some new and exciting lakes.

The Details

Name: Thursday Night Bassin Presented By Excel Bass (Formally TNT)

Entry fee: \$60 per boat (single or team of two anglers)

Registration: Pre-registration and payment is allowed and encouraged. Onsite registration is allowed however it is a first come first serve basis.

Holdouts: \$7.50 for TOC, \$7.50 for AOY/TOY

Season: 11 weeks. Three weeks on, one off. The off week will be a "fun tournament for anyone who wanted to show" No points will be awarded and no TOC or AOY hold out. Just a fun one for the off weeks so it doesn't require them to fish it.

TOC: TOC qualification would be by top 10 point leaders with a minimum of 7 of the 11 regular tournaments fished. Blast off will be by points finish.

Boats: 24 boat max per week

Side Pots: \$10 big bass pot, no big bucks pot

Additional fees: A single annual membership fee of \$25

The basis of the new format is to host tournaments on a rotating circuit of lakes with Gull lake hosting the most (4 tournaments). Many lakes will host two or three tournaments over the course of the season. This will be a weekly tournament on Thursdays with three weeks fishing and one week off. (The off week will host a tournament not related to points or attendance. The off week is on various lakes in the area for fun.) The entry fee is \$60 but the format is changed to a per boat basis. This mean you can fish either single or with a team member. This allows anglers who fish as a team to keep the cost down to \$30 an angler.

Big bass is optional and is a separate side pot of \$10 cash per boat. There will be no big Buck pot for (former TNT anglers). All boats fishing will be part of the points race for Angler/Team of the Year

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(AOY/TOY). The AOY/TOY with the highest points will receive the AOY/TOY pot at the end of the season along with a plaque(s). There is a \$7.50 hold out per boat per week for this pot. Based on a full field, almost \$2000 will go to the AOY/TOY. The top ten boats in the point's race will compete in the Tournament Of Champions (TOC) for the TOC pot plus a \$55 entry fee for the TOC. There is a minimum requirement to fish 7 of the 11 regular tournaments. There is a \$7.50 hold out per boat per week for this TOC pot. Based on a full field, almost \$2000 will go to the TOC pot so the teams will be fishing for approx \$2500.

There is a membership fee of \$25 for excel bass which is good for any of the tournaments presented by Excel Bass. In addition, you receive a membership card that provide discounts to numerous area businesses for anything from retail purchases to lodging and even prop work. The membership card discounts are worth way more than the \$25 you pay.

One major change from TNB is pre-registration and payment is encouraged. We still accept onsite registration however it is a first come first serve basis and pre registration counts now.

Administrative Notes:

All participants will be required to sign a liability wavier. Participants under the age of 18 must have a waiver signed by their parent or guardian. They are very welcome to participate in the weekly events and I encourage it. All boat must have functioning live wells with some form of recirculation or aeration, if not, you cannot fish in it and will be refunded you money if paid.

Sponsors:

I want to personally thank all the sponsors who make this tournament series possible. Without their support, it is impossible to host successful events like this one. Support our sponsors who support you.



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Best Regards,

Scott Wielenbreg
TNB Director