

HOOSIER COHO CLUB

April 2018

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April is finally here, Spring has sprung and fishing season is just around the corner, but Old Man Winter does not want to give up. He sure is making it very difficult for all of us to get our boats ready and back out on the water. With that being said, I would like to remind everyone that the tournament time is approaching quickly.

As we approach the 44th Annual Horizon Bank Coho Classic, please take time to check out our new and improved Hoosier Coho Club website and Facebook page. It is there that we can communicate information regarding other new changes we have implemented, such as the new Coho Capital Derby (sponsored by the LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau) that will be held the week in between the Pro-Am and the Classic. Another HUGE improvement for this year's Classic tournament is the increased winning payouts.

We hope you all find our changes to be positive improvements. We are working very hard to make Michigan City a sought-after fishing tournament destination.

Our next General Membership meeting will be Saturday April 14th at the MC Yacht Club at 4pm (Central time). Please plan to attend the meeting to learn what is new and exciting with your club! BRING A FRIEND...we always enjoy seeing new faces.

We are also open to new ideas, please attend our meetings and be involved--help make the Hoosier Coho Club great again!!

Hope to see you all on the water soon!

Sincerely,

Bruce Brown

President

Hoosier Coho Club



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Complete club information and tournament results can found on the Hoosier Coho Club Website

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MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Hoosier Coho Club to promote, preserve, and encourage wise management of anadromous fish (fish ascending streams and rivers to spawn) wherever they may be.

Further goals of the Club are to encourage strict observance of sport fishing laws and practices while denouncing all persons known to be in violation of these laws and practices.

The membership encourages research and development programs related to our sport. The Club also serves as a source of collecting and dispersing information regarding tackle, fishing techniques, laws, legislations, pollution problems, disease, meetings research, and all other pertinent information relating to anadromous fish.

New Member Drawing Winner

For the free Amateur Entry to the

Horizon Bank Coho Classic

Kirk Arnold

APRIL CLUB MEETING

When: Saturday: April 14th 4:00 PM

Where: Michigan City Yacht Club (downstairs)

Program: Past Tournament Champions
Arnie Arrendondo (Phoenix)
John Messina (Nail Bender II)

Both captains will be speaking on their tournament insight and successful tips for fishing past and present Hoosier Classic Tournaments.

Arnie is out of Wisconsin and John comes from Illinois waters. Great guys and great fisherman both, bring a friend and come loaded with questions.

Food and beverages will be available before and after the meeting upstairs in Bartlett's Fish Camp.

DON'T MISS THIS EVENT—YOU WILL LEARN A LOT TO ADD TO YOUR TOURNAMENT PLAN OR REAFFIRM WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING.

Rainy Day Reading

The Death and Life of the Great Lakes, by Pulitzer Prize finalist **Dan Egan**, is an interesting read about the "ecological catastrophe happening before our eyes" and the far-ranging and devastating effects of invasive mussels.

Egan details how a EPA decision, perceived harmless at the time, to not regulate the discharge of ballast water by ocean-traveling ships unleashed a "cancer" via "biological pollution which can't be fixed by plugging a pipe or capping a smokestack. It does not decay and does not disperse. It breeds."

An excerpt from the book can be read at <http://nautil.us/issue/46/balance/the-cancer-of-the-great-lakes>.

HORIZON BANK HOOSIER COHO CLASSIC

With the 2018 tournament time just around the corner it is needed to thank a few people for all that they have done to help put this tournament together.

The 2018 Tournament Committee consists of the following core individuals: Bruce Brown, Joel DeVries, Brad Kreighbaum Mike Taylor, and Bill Weisimann.

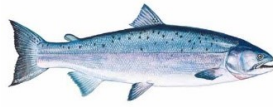
The entire board of directors for the Hoosier Coho Club has also been involved in many logistical and background efforts.

With the change in location to the Pavilion the Michigan City Yacht Club everyone has been involved in making this year's event one of the best ever.

Please see the week's events and schedules along with rules and registration forms at the HCC Club website. Hoosiercohoclub.org

This new and improved website has been the creation of Amanda Brown & Jeff Carlin. All of the technical aspects are a result of Jeff's fantastic computer skills and talents. Amanda has been key in design graphics and page creation.

A huge thank you goes out to club member Thomas Taylor for his design skills in creating this season's informational flier and the club's add in the Tournament Trail Magazine.



2018Coho Capital Derby

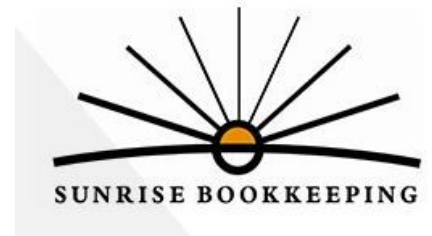
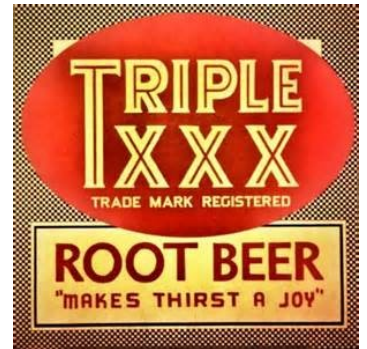
**Sponsored by LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau April 27-May 4, 2018
\$2500 in PRIZES!! FREE ENTRY TO ALL HOOSIER COHO CLUB MEMBERS!!**

OFFICIAL RULES

- 1. Contest runs from 12:01 am CST on April 27, 2018 and ends at 5:30pm CST on May 4, 2018.**
- 2. Cash prizes will be given for the BIGGEST catch for each of the 5 species (listed below): \$300-1st Place, \$100-2nd Place, \$50-3rd Place and also a cash prize will be given for the SMALLEST catch for each of the 5 species. The 5 species will include--Chinook(King)Salmon, Coho Salmon, Brown Trout, Steelhead, and Lake Trout.**
- 3. All fish MUST be weighed in at the official scale each day. Scales will be open from 3:30pm--5:30pm CST each day. Official scale will be located at the Washington Park Marina Fish Cleaning Station.**
- 4. Prizes will be awarded to winners at the Coho Classic Captain's Meeting on Friday May 4th at the Pavilion at the MC Yacht Club.**
- 5. Each Hoosier Coho Club Member can only have ONE fish per species on the leaderboard. Contestant's bigger fish replaces smaller catch for each species weighed.**
- 6. All state and federal regulations will apply-DNR rules.**
- 7. Contestants must leave from and return to Michigan City port.**
- 8. Fish are subject to inspection by judges and may be disqualified at the discretion of the contest judges.**
- 9. Contestants may fish from boat, pier, or shore.**
- 10. Contestants MUST be a Hoosier Coho Club member.**

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PAST HOOSIER CLASSIC CHAMPIONS

1975 LaPoloma (H. Neitzel) 1976 Slickcraft I (V. Sherrod) 1977 Slickcraft II (A. Pelt)
1978 Sueya (D. Goodwille) 1979 Riptide (P. Hubinger) 1980 Bon Ali (G. Duesing)
1981 Dreamweaver (P. Ruboyiannes) 1982 DeJudge (C. Hartman) 1983 Sting (T. Snyder)
1984 Finlander (A. Laaksonen) 1985 Seldom Idle (P. Miller) 1986 Dreamweaver (P. Ruboyiannes)
1987 Sting (T. Snyder) 1988 DeJudge (C. Hartman) 1989 Rainmaker (R. Regau)
1990 Y Knot (B. Kelsey) 1991 Dreamweaver (P. Ruboyiannes) 1992 Running Bare (C. Lewen)
1993 Pro King (D. Neidlinger) 1994 Big Mac (B. MacPherson) 1995 Buffalo Bill (J. Bauer)
1996 Y Knot (B. Kelsey) 1997 Finweaver (R. Laaksonen) 1998 Bar Four (M. Jones)
1999 Finweaver (R. Laaksonen) 2000 Sara Kate (R. Ingram) 2001 Blue Fairways (G. Magee)
2002 Sea Flea (B. Butts) 2003 Fish Burner (C. Rose) 2004 Finweaver (R. Laaksonen)
2005 Pro: (R. Boonstra) Am: Manistee Mama (E. Walden)
2006 Pro: Blue Runner (G. Schaefer) Am: Nail Bender Too (J. Messina)
2007 Pro: Finweaver (R. Laaksonen) Am: Salmon Hawk (C. Elenz)
2008 Pro: Fuzzy Bear (C. Stopcznski) Am: Giv-N-In (T. Early)
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2010 Pro: Blue Fairways (W. Laaksonen) Am: Utopia (T. Peterson)
2011 Pro: Just I More (L. Richmond, Jr.) Am: Happy Hour (E. DeCraene) 24U Uncle Bud (B. Roche)
2012 Pro: Breaktime (J. Bellman) Am: King's Ransom (J. McGovern) 24U Peel'N'Good (E. Peele)
2013 Pro: Fin Scout (J. DeVries) Am: Salmon Hawk (C. Elenz) 24U King Machine (C. Schultz)
2014 Pro: Breaktime (T. Wiatrowski) Am: Salmon Hawk (C. Elenz) 24U Lucky Lady (N. Gill)
2015 Pro: Flat Out (D. Baker) Am: Nail Bender Too (J. Messina) 24U: Plane to Sea (S. Qualizza)
2016 Pro: Pro: Phoenix (Arnie Arrendondo) Am: Nail Bender Too (J. Messina)

2017 MOTHER NATURE