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Volunteers Make it Happen! Thank you from the lady anglers of LBAA!!!

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Left to right: Doug Ward, Don Day, Greg Warner, Larry Valentine, Mike Baxter

The holidays are here and it's a good time to reflect on those that make a difference and volunteer their support for the LBAA. At each of the tournaments, these volunteers, rise early, work hard, and perform tasks that are critical for a well-run tournament.



Don Day talking with Teresa Ehret while Mike Baxter weighs Teresa's fish. Photo by Doug Ward, LBAA Photographer.

Mike Baxter and Don Day help hold a nice five fish limit that Pro Angler, Robbie Hartline, weighed in. Great photos by Doug Ward, LBAA Photographer.



Don Day, Emcee for the Lady Bass Anglers, is from Alabama. Also known as “The Voice” for the quality of his skills in announcing and interviewing the anglers.

Don has provided his talent for the ladies since 2011. He is so impressed with the uniqueness of lady anglers; the ladies love of the sport, the determination to catch fish and grow a women’s pro bass tour, the camaraderie and the friendships that develop across the country between the LBAA anglers. Don commented, “Many new anglers comment, ‘I am so glad I did this’ or, ‘How awesome it is to be welcomed and accepted into this group, ‘feels like family’.”

Don gets an early start on tournament mornings, setting up his sound system and displaying the US Flag. After the ladies blast off, he said he enjoys breakfast with the other staff and the angler’s husbands and then he heads out and rides around the local area. Don has many interests outside of LBAA. He enjoys fishing, bird hunting, riding his motorcycle. Also, is co-host along with his friend, Rick Redmon, on the Alabama TV show, “*Venture Outdoors.*”

In addition to thanking Don for what he does for LBAA, we’d like to recognize and thank Don for his military service. Don served in the Navy in 1967-1971. He was a Gunners Mate and spent time in Viet Nam in 1969. Thank you!

For 2017, Don sees the ladies continuing to work toward making the tour better thru their drive and determination!

Mike Baxter, Weigh Master for the LBAA, as seen above weighing Teresa Ehret’s fish. Mike travels from Alabama and has been volunteering since his daughter, Christian Baxter, started fishing with the LBAA in 2014.

Mike commented that the volunteers all work together to make the tournaments go smoothly. Besides weighing the fish at weigh-in, Mike has jumped in and helped with setting up the weigh-in trailer, launching the ladies boats, and discussing the logistics with Greg Warner, Tournament Director.

When Mike is not helping at the tournament or fishing himself, he is involved with “Fish Life,” a sportsman media group from Alabama. They do weigh-ins for local tournaments or other clubs.

His career involves “collision repairs”.

Talking about 2017, Mike said he likes Texas and is excited about going to Sam Rayburn. In fact, if he quits his job, it’ll be because he wants to fish Sam Rayburn and would find it tempting to stay. 😊



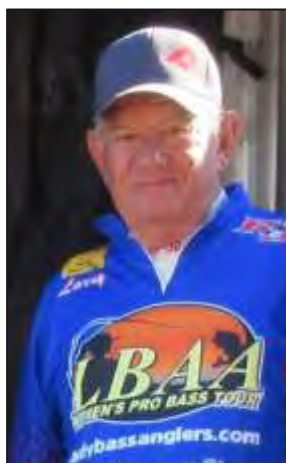
Doug Ward, Photographer for LBAA, travels all the way from the state of Washington, with his wife/co-angler, Bonnie Ward. Doug has captured many LBAA moments thru his camera lens; from 5-fish limits, Big-Fish, smiles, groups, etc. If he was to remind the anglers of what to do to take a good picture, he said to remember to take off your sunglasses and smile and look at him and his camera. 😊

Doug's day starts at the morning blast off, taking photos and assisting with the boat launch, as needed. While the ladies are fishing, he often enjoys breakfast with the other staff or maybe heading out for a round of golf... and be back in time for the afternoon weigh-in to capture more great pictures.

During the day, the ladies often call him by nicknames, like "Mr. Bonnie" or "Dougie".

Other activities that Doug enjoys are fishing, snowmobiling, and work. Doug is a mechanic.

For 2017, he is looking forward to helping LBAA grow.



Larry Valentine

Larry Valentine from Kentucky is an all-around go getter! Larry has been volunteering since 2014, at the time his wife, Glyn Ellen, started fishing with the LBAA. He noticed things needed to get done and stepped in. Now, he assists with checking live wells first thing in the morning and then, if the tournament is "offsite", he does an "alive/dead count" at the ramp. Plus, he helps launch & retrieve the boats. He commented on how well the volunteers, "See what needs to be done and then just do it."

Biggest reason he volunteers and supports LBAA is his wife's love of fishing. He said fishing LBAA makes his wife happy – she loves fishing LBAA and he doubts anyone loves fishing more than Glyn Ellen. He said, "If I make her life better, it's better for me too."



In addition to LBAA, he loves to fish with his wife and they are passionate about their three grandsons, ages seventeen, fifteen, and fourteen. All three are active in sports!!!

In 2000, Larry retired as a Mechanical Engineer with a natural gas pipeline company. He spent almost 35 years in this career.

We'd also like to thank and recognize Larry's military background. He chose to enlist in the Air Force. Part of his six years of service was spent in basic training and waiting to attend officer's school. The natural gas company asked specifically if Larry could be switched to the reserves – they needed and valued him. 😊



Larry taking a photo of Glyn Ellen

Greg Warner, Tournament Director, is from Kentucky. Greg's responsibilities involve overseeing the rules, the weigh-ins and making sure everything runs smoothly and fairly. Each tournament, he must familiarize himself with the lake, determine areas that are off limits and check what the local lake's size limits are. He focuses on having a well-run tournament, arranging for the details for good take offs in the morning to a good weigh-in at the end of the day plus, deciding on where to set up the weigh-trailer and getting the help to get it set up.

Greg has been a volunteer since the idea of lady anglers forming their own tour was conceived in 2010 and LBAA was created.

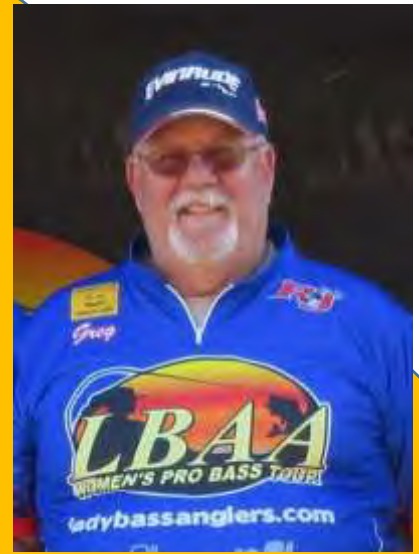
Greg strongly believes in the importance of a women's pro tour.

He wants a place for future generations, including his own granddaughters, to have a place to compete.

If you ever hear someone referred to as "Sparky," it's very conceivable that they are talking about Greg. Greg and his wife Deb were struck by lightning while on their boat (see the June 2016 BLOG).

Greg works for Jet-A Marina in the parts and service area.

For 2017, Greg sees more growth for the LBAA. He said there are Co-anglers that are planning to move up to the Pro-Angler side plus, there are new Pro's joining the trail.



Greg Warner



Deb & Greg Warner



Mike Johnson, stepping lively to the "Bump Table"



Lisa and Mike Johnson, model patriots

Mike Johnson, the official "Bump Table" operator. Mike has the responsibility of checking all fish to make sure they are the legal size. Often, Mike will do the fish checks when the anglers get off the water, before they head to the weigh-in. Mike gets to handle a lot of bass during the tournaments.

☺ Mike, also known as "Big Mike" has a busy day just like the other volunteers. Besides being the "Fish Bumper" he also is very helpful with setting up the weigh-trailer and anywhere else he is needed. Besides fishing, Mike and his wife, Lisa, enjoy riding their motorcycles across the country. When not fishing or playing, Mike and Lisa are busy running their tree service company, Johnson Tree Service in Alabama.

In appreciation of Mike's service in the Marines, we would like to be sure to thank him for his service!



David Hudson

Traveling from Arkansas, **David Hudson**, has taken on the responsibility of getting the weigh-in trailer to all of the tournaments. Plus, he takes care of the trailer, helps set it up and take it down. One tournament, was most challenging when the rig broke down. The volunteers all stepped up (Doug Ward, Mike Baxter, David Hudson, Don Day) until the problem was identified, parts retrieved, and the repair completed.



Thank you from the anglers of the Lady Bass Anglers Women's Pro Bass Tour!!!

