

# MEET THE BASSMASTER CLASSIC ANGLERS



**Gerry Jooste (Central Division)**  
Harare, Zimbabwe.  
Age: 47.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 3.  
Times in the money: 3.  
Total entries: 7.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 0.

**Top 5  
2004 CITGO Bassmaster  
Open Championship.**



**Bradley Stringer**  
Huntington, Texas.  
Age: 32.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 0.  
Times in the money: 5.  
Total entries: 13.  
First-place finishes: 1.  
Top-10 finishes: 2.



**Greg Hackney**  
Gonzales, La.  
Age: 32.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 2.  
Times in the money: 27.  
Total entries: 32.  
First-place finishes: 2.  
Top-10 finishes: 17.



**Chris Baumgardner**  
Gastonia, N.C.  
Age: 45.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 3.  
Times in the money: 47.  
Total entries: 78.  
First-place finishes: 1.  
Top-10 finishes: 13.



**Edwin Evers**  
Mannsville, Okla.  
Age: 31.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 4.  
Times in the money: 54.  
Total entries: 78.  
First-place finishes: 3.  
Top-10 finishes: 19.



**Cliff Pace**  
Petal, Miss.  
Age: 25.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 0.  
Times in the money: 9.  
Total entries: 17.  
First-place finishes: 2.  
Top-10 finishes: 5.



**Gary Klein (admitted to field July 12)**  
Weatherford, Texas  
Age: 48  
Times in Classic: 22  
Times in the money: 175  
Total entries: 257  
First-place finishes: 8  
Top-10 Finishes: 63

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**Fishing in July**

It's summertime, and the fishing will not be easy for the field of 47 anglers in Pittsburgh for the 35th annual CITGO Bassmaster Classic.

According to an unscientific and highly subjective seat of the fishing pants survey of local bassing experts, tournament competitors will be "burning a lot of gasoline" moving from spot to spot and "wearing out their casting arms" if the usual July conditions — hot weather and low flow — prevail.

**Putting up big numbers**

About 1.6 billion anglers spent \$5.4 billion on boats and boating accessories, in the last Fish & Wildlife survey. American fishermen spend 557 million dollars per year with a rod in hand and \$20 billion on freshwater fishing overall.

**2004 Classic Champion**



**Takahiro Omori**  
Emory, Texas.  
Age: 35.  
Classic titles: 1 (2004).  
Times in Classic: 3.  
Times in the money: 65.  
Total entries: 153.  
First-place finishes: 5.  
Top-10 finishes: 23.

**Top 10 2005 Bassmaster Elite 50 Series**



**Kevin Van Dam.**  
Kalamazoo, Mich.  
Age: 38.  
Classic titles: 1 (2001).  
Times in Classic: 14.  
Times in the money: 130.  
Total entries: 165.  
First-place finishes: 9.  
Top-10 finishes: 55.



**Mike Iaconelli**  
Runnymede, N.J.  
Age: 33.  
Classic titles: 1 (2003).  
Times in Classic: 5.  
Times in the money: 49.  
Total entries: 79.  
First-place finishes: 4.  
Top-10 finishes: 21.



**Davy Hite**  
Prosperity, S.C.  
Age: 40.  
Classic titles: 1 (1999).  
Times in Classic: 10.  
Times in the money: 75.  
Total entries: 135.  
First-place finishes: 6.  
Top-10 finishes: 31.



**Zell Rowland**  
Montgomery, Texas.  
Age: 48.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 13.  
Times in the money: 121.  
Total entries: 234.  
First-place finishes: 5.  
Top-10 finishes: 33.



**Gerald Swindle**  
Hayden, Ala.  
Age: 36.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 5.  
Times in the money: 53.  
Total entries: 96.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 16.



**Aaron Martens**  
Leeds, Ala.  
Age: 33.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 5.  
Times in the money: 55.  
Total entries: 77.  
First-place finishes: 3.  
Top-10 finishes: 25.



**Chad Morgenthaler**  
Coulterville, Ill.  
Age: 39.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 1.  
Times in the money: 30.  
Total entries: 47.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 8.



**Dean Rojas**  
Grand Saline, Texas.  
Age: 34.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 3.  
Times in the money: 51.  
Total entries: 83.  
First-place finishes: 2.  
Top-10 finishes: 14.



**Rick Clunn**  
Ava, Mo.  
Age: 59.  
Classic titles: 4 (1976, '77, '84, '90).  
Times in Classic: 28.  
Times in the money: 213.  
Total entries: 302.  
First-place finishes: 14.  
Top-10 finishes: 97.

**INSIDE**

Rick Clunn, know as The Master for his meditative approach to fishing, is hoping to earn his fifth Bassmaster Classic title this weekend. His record surpasses any other angler's in the Classic's 35-year history.



**Larry Nixon**  
Bee Branch, Ark.  
Age: 55.  
Classic titles: 1 (1983).  
Times in Classic: 23.  
Times in the money: 174.  
Total entries: 258.  
First-place finishes: 14.  
Top-10 finishes: 84.

**Top 25  
2005 CITGO Bassmaster  
Angler of the Year  
Standings**



**Marty Stone**  
Linden, N.C.  
Age: 39.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 2.  
Times in the money: 43.  
Total entries: 85.  
First-place finishes: 2.  
Top-10 finishes: 6.



**Terry Scroggins.**  
Palatka, Fla.  
Age: 37.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 1.  
Times in the money: 25.  
Total entries: 40.  
First-place finishes: 2.  
Top-10 finishes: 5.



**Dave Wolak**  
Warrior Run, Pa.  
Age: 28.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 0.  
Times in the money: 17.  
Total entries: 21.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 3.



**Jeff Kriet**  
Ardmore, Okla.  
Age: 36.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 1.  
Times in the money: 41.  
Total entries: 90.  
First-place finishes: 1.  
Top-10 finishes: 7.



**Skeet Reese**  
Auburn, Calif.  
Age: 36.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 5.  
Times in the money: 65.  
Total entries: 88.  
First-place finishes: 2.  
Top-10 finishes: 24.



**Ron Shuffield**  
Bismarck, Ark.  
Age: 49.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 13.  
Times in the money: 121.  
Total entries: 195.  
First-place finishes: 7.  
Top-10 finishes: 32.



**Mark Tucker**  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Age: 45.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 3.  
Times in the money: 37.  
Total entries: 71.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 11.



**David Walker**  
Sevierville, Tenn.  
Age: 40.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 4.  
Times in the money: 35.  
Total entries: 56.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 11.



**Kevin Wirth**  
Crestwood, Ky.  
Age: 43.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 5.  
Times in the money: 71.  
Total entries: 135.  
First-place finishes: 1.  
Top-10 finishes: 19.



**Preston Clark**  
Palatka, Fla.  
Age: 41.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 0.  
Times in the money: 9.  
Total entries: 11.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 3.



**Scott Rook**  
Little Rock, Ark.  
Age: 45.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 3.  
Times in the money: 50.  
Total entries: 78.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 10.



**Tim Horton**  
Muscle Shoals, Ala.  
Age: 33.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 5.  
Times in the money: 62.  
Total entries: 83.  
First-place finishes: 3.  
Top-10 finishes: 15.



**George Cochran**  
Hot Springs, Ark.  
Age: 55.  
Classic titles: 2 (1987, '96).  
Times in Classic: 19.  
Times in the money: 146.  
Total entries: 241.  
First-place finishes: 7.  
Top-10 finishes: 50.



**John Crews**  
Jetersville, Va.  
Age: 27.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 0.  
Times in the money: 20.  
Total entries: 37.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 4.



**Jay Yelas**  
Tyler, Texas.  
Age: 40.  
Classic titles: 1 (2002).  
Times in Classic: 14.  
Times in the money: 136.  
Total entries: 199.  
First-place finishes: 5.  
Top-10 finishes: 52.



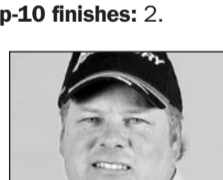
**Ishama Monroe**  
Modesto, Calif.  
Age: 31.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 1.  
Times in the money: 39.  
Total entries: 83.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 8.



**Jeff Reynolds**  
Platter, Okla.  
Age: 32.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 1.  
Times in the money: 24.  
Total entries: 45.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 4.



**Andre Moore**  
Scottsdale, Ariz.  
Age: 33.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 0.  
Times in the money: 14.  
Total entries: 26.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 2.



**Mike Reynolds**  
Modesto, Okla.  
Age: 40.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 3.  
Times in the money: 36.  
Total entries: 51.  
First-place finishes: 1.  
Top-10 finishes: 6.



**Tom Biffle**  
Wagoner, Okla.  
Age: 47.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 11.  
Times in the money: 117.  
Total entries: 209.  
First-place finishes: 2.  
Top-10 finishes: 36.



**Brian Snowden**  
Springfield, Mo.  
Age: 33.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 1.  
Times in the money: 33.  
Total entries: 57.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 4.



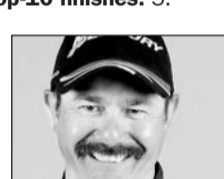
**Stacey King**  
Reeds Spring, Mo.  
Age: 56.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 10.  
Times in the money: 103.  
Total entries: 200.  
First-place finishes: 2.  
Top-10 finishes: 29.



**Jimmy Mize**  
Ben Lomond, Ark.  
Age: 50.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 2.  
Times in the money: 33.  
Total entries: 64.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 4.



**Luke Clausen**  
Spokane Valley, Wash.  
Age: 27.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 1.  
Times in the money: 26.  
Total entries: 40.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 5.



**Greg Gutierrez**  
Red Bluff, Calif.  
Age: 43.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 0.  
Times in the money: 12.  
Total entries: 25.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 2.

**2005 BASS Federation  
Region Champions**



**Ed Cowan (BASS Federation National Champion and Eastern Division)**  
Greeley, Pa.  
Age: 46.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 1.  
Times in the money: 8.  
Total entries: 26.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 1.



**Jami Fralick (Northern Division)**  
Martin, S.D.  
Age: 30.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 0.  
Times in the money: 4.  
Total entries: 24.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 0.



**Jeff Hager (Southern Division)**  
Alexis, N.C.  
Age: 50.  
Classic titles: 0.



**Dave Palmer (Western Division)**  
Roseburg, Ore.  
Age: 38.  
Classic titles: 0.  
Times in Classic: 0.  
Times in the money: 1.  
Total entries: 1.  
First-place finishes: 0.  
Top-10 finishes: 0.