# IFBBA 20th Anniversary Team Buddy Tournament

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Arthur Bronson, IFBBA Founder

Arthur Bronson is a native of Kansas City, Missouri. He learned how to fish as a child under the guidance of different fishing organization. With his his grandfather Finis Green, Sr. and uncles Finis "Sonny" Green Jr., and Joe Wright. Every summer his grandfather, Finis Green who was well known chef in Sedalia, Missouri, would take Art to work with him. While he worked, he would let Art go to Flat Creek, which ran through Sedalia, MO to fish. As a teenager he learned the fundamentals of bass fishing from his uncles. He would later hone his newly acquired skills at Lake Placid, MO. Art continued to bass fish while serving in the military and while in college. Fishing was an enjoyable past time for Art but a chance meeting would soon change all that.

In 1974, while shopping in a fishing store, a fishing lure distributor approached Art. The gentleman recognized Art from his past time spent fishing on the banks at a nearby lake. He offered Arthur a sponsorship to fish at an upcoming tournament in the area. Arthur agreed and with only two poles, plastic worms and a few crank baits he entered the "Bass Casters of America" (BCA) tournament.

The first day, Arthur led the tournament. The second day, he placed second.....behind Bill Dance! Bill won the tournament. After wards, Bill motion for Art to join him at his truck where he gifted Arthur several hundred strike king spinner baits.

Art continued to enter the BCA events and won two of their national tournaments but was never able to obtain additional sponsorship. During his years of active tournament participation, he worked as a fishing lure distributor for the infamous Jim Keck of Central Florida. On a bet, Arthur became the host of a cable network television show called "Fisherman's Hangout". The show ran from 1990-1991. From 1991-1995 he hosted "Hook, Line and Sinker: A Fishing Story.

After the show ended in spring of 1995, Art realized there was a need for a unique and experience from his years as a tournament fisherman and affiliation with other fishing organizations such as SABBA and Quad state, Arthur felt the need to create an organization that would be inclusive and diverse of all Bass fishermen and fisherwomen, not limiting the to a particular geographical region. From his vision, the International Federation of Black Bass Anglers (IFBBA) was born.

The IFBBA has grown tremendously since then. It started out with only eight members 7 men and 1 woman. Other anglers locally and nationally shared his vision the numbers grew. The IFBBA now boast over 120,000 members worldwide. The first 20 years has been filled with as many successes and challenges but Art is still committed to his initial vision: No Borders between Bass Fishermen.

Art currently resides in Concord, NC with his wife, Sabrina Hafer Bronson.

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#### James "Jay Striker" Barnett

Born in the great city of Atlanta Georgia, James grew up fishing as a large part of his life, the son of two hardworking parents. Parents who taught the values of treating people right, hard work, getting an education and always understanding that life is about choices and consequences.

In 2004 James began a chapter in his life as a tournament bass angler and has been competing ever since. James is heavily involved in building relationships in the bass fishing industries and has been able to compete against some of the best competition in the country. Working with some of the best sponsors in the industry such as Wrap City Vinyl, Nitro Bass Boats, Bass Pro Shops, Swormin Hornet Lures, Oxygenator, Duckett Fishing, Powerpole, Farley Outdoors, Hinkle Marine, JJ's Magic, provides James the opportunity to compete and win on many different levels in bass fishing.

James served in the military from 1991-2003 and worked with the most elite forces in the U.S. Military to include the 82<sup>nd</sup> and the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Divisions, U.S. Army Rangers, Special Forces and many joint task forces from around the world. This is where

James earned the nickname "Jay Striker". Upon completing his service in the military James again found his calling back to the lakes he grew up fishing. James is very active on the social media networks such as Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, under the handle "Jay Striker". Being involved with the social media allows James to meet new anglers from around the world. He has since formed the fishing community known as "Striker Nation" where all things are about fishing. Take time to check out his website at <a href="https://www.jaystriker.com">www.jaystriker.com</a>. Reach out and say hi.



#### Stats:

Family: Wife Christy and three daughters, Raquel, Taylor, and Legend

**Education:** Masters of Business Administration

Hobbies: Bass Fishing, Business, Cars

**Favorite Water:** Lake Guntersville, Lake Chickamauga **Favorite Structures:** Grass, Rock, Docks, Points, Brush Piles

Favorite Lures: Crankbaits, Gigs, Drop Shot, Fish Head Spin, and Shaky Head

Favorite Saying: "Follow Your Dreams, or end up working the rest of your life; for someone else who did"

#### Stephen Tyson, Jr

Is from Camden, Arkansas. Born April 13, 1994 he is the second oldest of three children born to Stephen Tyson, Sr and Wendy Winfrey Tyson.

Stephen started his bass fishing journey at the tender age of 15 months when his father's passion for fishing led him to take Stephen with him. He put Stephen in a life jacket, gave him a fishing pole and tied a rope between his son and the steering wheel so he wouldn't fall out of the boat! Stephen remembers this and says it is something he will never forget! That was how his love for fishing began! He began fishing club tournaments at the age of three, along with his father. At the age of sixteen all he wanted for his birthday was his fishing license making it possible for him to fish bigger tournaments such as FLW Outdoors, Bass Masters, Mr. Bass of Arkansas, and the IFBBA tournament trail.

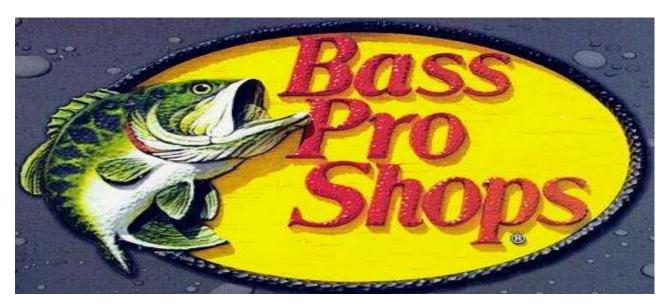
During the last four years, he has fished the BFL weekend series where has consistently earned enough points to be a regional season qualifier. Most recently, he was named the IFBBA Angler of the Year. Stephen considered it an honor when he was selected to represent the IFBBA at the most recent IC-AST convention in Orlando, Florida. He got great joy from meeting famous anglers and potential sponsors. It was a very memorable experience for him.

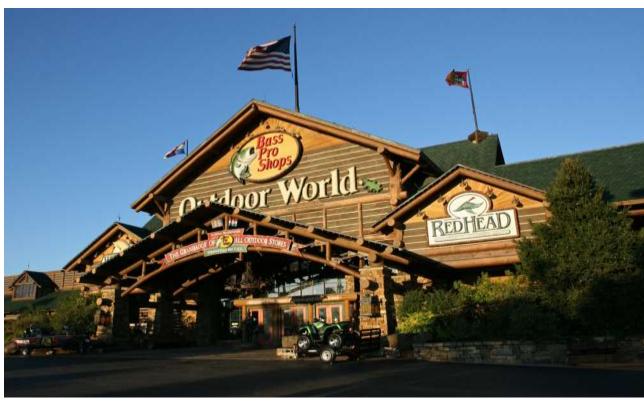
Looking forward, Stephen hopes his abilities will continue to draw the attention of sponsors. He has done well so far, attracting sponsors who have recognized his unique skills and enthusiasm. He is looking forward to the day when those same skills and enthusiasm land him the big one!

Yeah boyeeeeee!



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# **IFBBA MEMBERS**







Top from left: IFBBA President, DeMon Givens, and Carlos Zambrano. Bottom from left, Candace Brown and Torica Whitty.

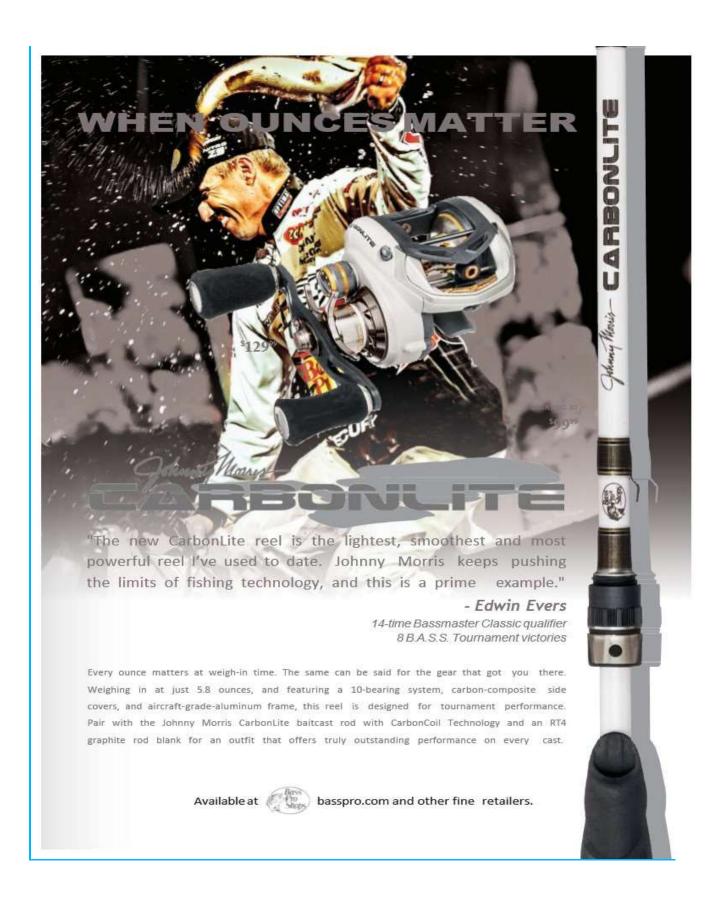






#### **IFBBA WALL OF CHAMPIONS**

Participant	Title	Tournament	Location	Year
Arthur Bronson	Champion	First IFBBA Tournament	Lake Stockton	1996
Arthur Bronson	Champion	IFBBA Classic	Lake Percy Priest	1997
Arthur Bronson	Champion	IFBBA Classic	Table Rock	1998
Alex Russell	Champion	IFBBA Classic	Pickwick Lake	1999
Charlie King	Champion	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Lake Stockton	2000
Charlie King	Champion	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Lake Bob Sandlin	2001
Chuck Byrd	Champion	IFBBA Classic	Truman Lake	2000
Scott Ventimilgila	Champion	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Lake Bob Sandlin	2000
Samuel Yeara	Champion	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Lake Hannabanilla	2003
Don Horn	Champion	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Lynn Valley Lake	1996
Jeff Stockdale	Angler of the Year	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Lone Star Lake	2001
Fillipo Invernizzi	Champion	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Lake Hannabanilla	2004
Fillipo Invernizzi	Champion	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Lake Bosenilla	2007
Arthur Bronson	Buddy Champions	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Hillsdale Lake	2004
Ed Mahany	Buddy Champions	ii bb/( rour. fraii Everic	Timodale Edite	2001
Brian Templeton	Buddy Champions	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Truman Lake	2013
Scott Ventimilgila	, ,			
Steve Earle	Buddy Champions	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Lake of the Ozarks	2014
Scott Ventimilgila				
Lance Beasley	<b>Buddy Champions</b>	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Mississippi River	1998
Lem Lamkins				
Dave Dawson	Buddy Champions	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Truman Lake	1998
Ray Heredia	Buddy Champions	Diversity Buddy Tourna-	Truman Lake	2010
Howard Sterling		ment		
Mark Loftis	Buddy Champions	Alex Russell Memorial	Lake Charleston	2002
Raymond Johnson	B 11 61 ·	Buddy		2002
Rob Rhea	Buddy Champions	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Bone Creek Lake	2003
Zac Udock Zac Udock	Buddy Champions	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Lake of the Ozarks	2005
Morne De Beers	Buddy Champions	IFBBA TOUI. ITAII EVEIIL	Lake of the Ozarks	2003
Wayne Dixon	Buddy Champions	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Lake Dardanelle	2014
Jared Allen	IFBBA Champions	ii bb/( roun fran Evene	zake zaradnene	2011
DeMon Givens	Buddy Champions	IFBBA Classic	Lake Bob Sandlin	2013
Trey Harpel	, ,			
Mark Weise	Buddy Champions	IFBBA Classic	Lake of the Ozarks	2012
Kelly Powers				
Tyrone Phillips	<b>Buddy Champions</b>	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Lake Dardanelle	2014
Randy Billingsley				
Macy Hinson	Buddy Champions	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Lake Armistad	2013
Raul Cordero				
D. Robles	Buddy Champions	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Lake Armistad	2013
Manuel Pena	D. H. Cl.	JEDDA To a Tooli 5	Laba Filir	2045
Jimmy Steed	Buddy Champions	IFBBA Tour. Trail Event	Lake Falcon	2015
Richard Cremo				1



#### IFBBA LOGOS THROUGH THE YEARS



#### 1995-2004

The first logo was originally designed by Finis Bronson, Arthur's son.



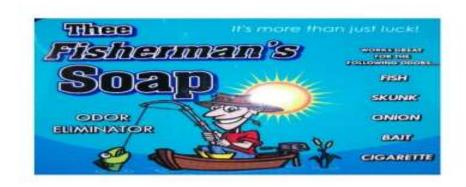
#### 2004-2015

The logo was redesigned by Arthur Bronson. The flags in the lower part of the logo represent the countries that have black bass in fresh water. This logo will appear on a white or black background.

#### IFBBA: Always fishing.







# Brenda Mareth

While growing up in San Antonio Texas, I spent most of my childhood in the outdoors fishing, hunting and camping. I can remember fishing with my grandpa as far back as six years of age. We fished the banks of rivers and jetty fishing at the coast. I absolutely hated the bobber fishing and would always pick out cool looking lures to throw. My grandpa finally got me my first Zebco 202. I fished all my life and in 1989 a friend introduced me to tournament angling with the South Texas Bass N Gals and fishing club tournaments. In 2007 my daughter asked me to fish saltwater tournaments with her. We fished Saltwater Sweeties. Babes on the Bay. We competed with over eleven hundred lady anglers, frequently finishing in the top spots.

I have been very active in the sport of fishing since 1989 when I joined San Antonio Bass Club. I became their first woman president holding that position for many years, along with other officer positions with them. During that same year, I was Lady Angler of the Year and garnished the same honor several times during the years. Desiring to become more proactive with the sport, I became the President of San Antonio Metropolitan League of Bass Clubs in 2010, a position I still hold today. Bass clubs from around San Antonio formed the METRO League to have a voice on issues concerning fishing and involvement with our Texas youth for the future of our State and the promotion of the sport. I am currently Director at Large for Texas Association of Bass Clubs (TABC). TABC sits on the board of



the Texas Outdoor Partnership, a group of conservation organizations throughout the State of Texas.

I love to fish and just being on the water is my sanity pill. Of all the years of my fishing and travels, the things that have meant the most to me is the people I have met and the friendships that I have shared.

Currently I hold the position of PR/Marketing Director with the IFBBA which I am very proud to be a part of. At my real job, I am an office manager with a part time job as a beauty advisor.

I am very blessed with three children and eleven grandchildren.

As far as my future in fishing it all goes to my love and dedication to the sport of fishing and the outdoors. I have a saying, "You Gotta Believe."









#### **Carlos Thomas**

is from Memphis,

Tennessee and loves the outdoors. As a youngster he went catfishing for fun. As he grew older he decided to challenge his angling skills by trying bass fishing. According to Carlos it was challenging to make the fish bite. He watched a lot of television, especially fishing shows. Every time he'd come across a fishing channel it caught his attention. He wanted to be that guy on TV catching those fish. From that point on Carlos would study and learn what he could about bass fishing to put himself in contention to be a true bass pro.

His favorite angler is Mike Iaconelli. He admires the way that Mike works hard to be good, yet he remains humble. Like Mike, Carlos wants his hard work to pay off. Carlos loves a challenge.

Carlos' favorite lake to fish is Lake Okeechobee. Every moment on the "Big O" keeps him on the edge every single second. At any moment on that lake you can pull out a complete giant. At this point in his career he doesn't have a favorite bait. He is still trying to find it but plans on collecting a very versatile arsenal.

So far Carlos has a top five finish in the FLW Conference Qualifying Tournaments,



top ten finish in the Bass Master Nationals Qualifying Tournaments and took first place Conference champs Illinois State University (ISU) Lunker Junkies at the Illinois State Tournament.

While currently attending Illinois State University, majoring in Finance, Carlos is



fishing The FLW collegiate tours, Bass

Master collegiate tour, Boat US, and IFBBA tournaments. Most recently Carlos had the opportunity to speak at the St. Louis Boat show as a pro angler.

In his quest in becoming a solid pro angler, Carlos is affiliated with FLW, Illinois State University Fishing Club, the International Federation of Black Bass Anglers (IFBBA) and Bass Master. His future is bright and his skills rapidly improving. Watch out Mike!

#### **Che Johnson**

Che Johnson hails from Waseca, MN. He brings an impressive amount of bass fishing knowledge to HSM. With fifteen years of tournament fishing experience, His achievements include twenty-five tournament wins and two" Team of the Year" championship titles. Che continues to fish tournaments from Minnesota all the way down into Missouri. Angler circuits include the Denny Super 30 NABC, and he is currently on the waiting list for the Bass Master Open Circuit.

When Che isn't in the tournament grind he likes to volunteer at charity fishing events, especially those involving veterans and wounded warriors. He is committed to expanding his involvement in the Wounded Warrior Foundation.

Che is sponsored by South Side Marine and Phoenix Boats. Like all aspiring professional anglers, he is always seeking additional sponsors.

In the off season, Che is an avid bow hunter. You'll find him parked in a stand waiting out that next big trophy deer.

For additional information on Che please visit his personal page, Che Johnson Outdoors.









### Leonard McGregor



Leonard McGregor of Centerville, Iowa will be 84 years young May 27th of this year. He is lifelong angler who has been active with the IFBBA since 1998. Over the years, he earned the name "Big Bass Leonard" because he won big bass pots on Kentucky Lake and Lake Stockton. He has fished Truman Lake, Pickwick, Bone Creek, Lake of the Ozarks, La Cygne and Lake Bob Sandlin. Leonard still takes the Greyhound bus to the closet tournaments. One of the most sincere human beings on this earth is good old Leonard. You can always count on him.



# IFBBA MEMORIES









The first IFBBA Tournament winners on Lake Stockton, MO in 1996.



One of the IFBBA's youngest members, granddaughter Kamren McDonald helps out at the Bass Pro Shops pavilion at the Kansas City Black Expo!

# **IFBBA Members**



The IFBBA's oldest member, Leonard McGregor preparing for a day on the water



Juan Carlos Montero, Spain

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**Angler brothers without borders** 



**Shane Baaken and Brian Templeton** 

**Buddy Perry** 



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Tyrone Phillips, IFBBA angler and seminar presenter



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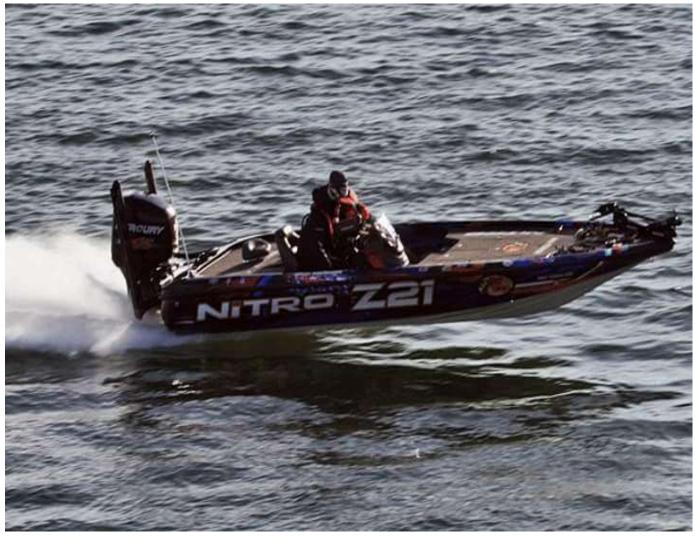


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# Todd "Big Daddy" Woods

Todd Woods has been fishing competitively for over twenty-nine years. His passion for bass fishing started at the age of ten, in Diamond Bar, CA where he would sneak onto the golf course, and fish the ponds while his dad played golf. When Todd was seventeen, he joined a local southern California Bass club. Within two years, Todd earned the title of "Angler of the Year." Following the purchase of his first bass boat at eighteen, Todd fished every day he had off and even fished after he got off work. He dreamed of competing at the highest level.

Todd was twenty-three when he entered his first professional bass tournament. In the early 90's, Todd fished in any tournament he could such as the Red Man and W.O.N. Bass tournaments. During that time, he amassed a couple of wins, several top ten's, and came in third twice in the A.O.Y. standings.

Now, at the tender age of fifty-one, Todd has reignited his passion for a career in fishing. Over the last year, "Big Daddy" Woods has had some of the best finishes since the early 90's – cashing in roughly 80% of the tournaments he entered. Notably in 2014, Todd finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the prestigious U.S. Open at Lake Mead in Nevada.

Todd has a great family support system. He and his wife Jennifer have been married for 24 years. When their schedules permit, they enjoy spending time together pre-fishing.



Jennifer is Todd's #1 fan. They have three adult children: Johnny (32), Jeffery (27), and Micah (22).

On and off the water, Todd represents his sponsors at sport and trade shows as well as the internet. He is active on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. When Todd's not fishing, he saves lives serving in the Los Angeles County Fire Department. He has been with the department for over 25 years, and is currently a fire captain at a station in San Dimas, California. He will soon retire from the fire department, and has future plans to work in the fishing industry. With his reinvigorated passion, Todd has no plans to retire from fishing!



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Bass Pro Shops' Johnny Morris' historic meeting with IFBBA





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