



Dear GLBC participants & staff-

It is with a heavy heart and much trepidation that we have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Great Lakes Bowfishing Championship due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation. The decision was not an easy one, as this would have been our 37th annual event. But the health and safety of all who participate in and volunteer to work our event, as well as all the local people who would have contact with our group, has to be our first priority. There will be more fun tournaments in the future. We want everyone to be there for it when we return.

We did not feel like we could wait any longer to make the call, as everyone must plan ahead. We do. You do. The people and businesses in the Caseville area do. There are just too many uncertainties at this point. Will there be lodging and camping? Will there be restaurants? Will we even be permitted to have gatherings above a certain number? Nobody can say for certain right now.

At this point, we can only apologize for having to do this. Nobody is happy about it. We will provide refunds to everyone. Or if you prefer, we can apply your entry fee to next year's event and your spot will be locked in. I have to say that we are more than a bit touched that so many of you have posted comments indicating for us to just keep your money as a donation. Thank you so much! You guys (& gals) are the best. But we are not going to accept that. These are tough times for many people. The foundation will be fine financially this coming year. In fact, there are many concerns as to whether some of the summer camps and events we help support are even going to take place in the coming months. So, we are good on our end. We are hoping that you and yours are good on your end as well. But we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

We will start making plans for our 2021 tournament. I'm thinking we may need a virally infected carp character on our T-shirts and buttons for next year! LOL! Again, we apologize for interrupting an event we know you all have come to love and enjoy. But we all know that the main reason this event is so cherished by everyone is the gatherings and camaraderie among a lot of great people. We do not feel that this level of socializing will be a possibility just four weeks from now.

So, until next year, here is wishing you all the very best and praying that all of you and your families stay safe and healthy. We will miss you, but certainly looking forward to seeing all of you next year!

Best regards!

Bob & Colleen Easterbrook.