



Glen Andrews

Who is the best bass angler you ever knew? Ask that question to many of the sport's formative pros and you are likely to get an answer you may not recognize, Glen Andrews. Pro's like Bill Dance, Bobby Murray and Jerry McKinnis all extol his prowess. Bobby Murray wrote, "Glen is probably the greatest angler that no one has ever heard of. However, his influence on modern bass fishing is unparalleled by any other angler." Jerry McKinnis wrote, "In my business you can imagine how many times someone asks, who the best bass fisherman you ever knew was? You're probably not going to know this man, but Glen Andrews is my reply. I had a wonderful career and I owe a lot of it to Glen."

Glen came to prominence as a fishing guide with the impounding of the White River and the creation of Bull Shoals Lake, nestled in the Ozark Mountains of southern Missouri and northern Arkansas. He was active in the infancy of tournament fishing, garnering the following titles: 1962, 1963 and 1965 Missouri State Champion, as well as 1965 Arkansas State Champion. He was also the runner-up in the 1962 and 1963 World Series of Sport Fishing, before finally claiming the title in both 1965 and 1966.

Glen founded the Andrews Bait Company in Rogers, Arkansas and was the first to package plastic worms with hooks and slip sinkers, including information on how to utilize a slip sinker rig. He also manufactured a tail spinner lure called the Helicopter, which predated the famous Mann's Little George, and closely resembled the famed Pedigo Spinrite.

Glen was an author, penning the book, “Techniques of Bass Fishing” in 1974. He also wrote the syndicated “Angler’s World” column for several years and was a teacher at fishing seminars in the 60’s and early 70’s.

Glen’s history and his perspective on the history of professional bass fishing are captured in a new book written by his son, D. Shane Andrews and Jeremy Miller. The book is titled, “An Impossible Cast”, and is published by Whitefish Press. It is highly recommended for anyone who wants to learn more about this true bass fishing great and tournament pioneer.

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