

HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

AUGUST 2021

BK Custom Baits – Bill Kunz
Creekside Tackle - Ken Eddie
Dead Stick Bait Company- David Coy
Dobyns Rods-Gary Dobyns
G-Money Baits-Tray Williams
Pro Worms-Sandy Uecker
Valley Rod and Gun

Pine Flat Night Tournament



FRESNO BASS CLUB MEMBERS,

Pine Flat, like every other lake in California, has had its water levels dropping like crazy since June. The lack of rain last winter and poor state water management policies have left our lakes high and dry. You would think this would concentrate the bass and maybe help the bite which has been terrible at Pine Flat for the last year. Well, it appears it didn't help the bite as the number of limits brought to the scales was scarce, only 6 out of 24 anglers would weigh-in in a coveted five bass limit.

Rumors from the anglers who pre-fished was that the bite was good a couple of weeks ago but had since toughened up as the full moon approached. Anglers said during pre-fish, they were catching decent fish before dark then it would shut off like a switch at dark and you couldn't buy a bite.

Well as Mark Corrente would say "Pre-fishing is over-rated!"

Tournament day conditions weren't too bad. The daytime temperatures dropped into the mid-90's and there was a slight breeze. The smoke from the fires made it appear cloudy and the moon turned almost a blood red in the hazy night skies.

Same Picture two different exposures: Courtesy of Chris Tamez Photography.



I personally did not get to pre-fish and had not been on the water since the last FBC tournament in June. I heard the bite was good and I heard the bite was bad, so I just went fishing.

I started out by running all the way upriver just short of Sycamore Creek and started throwing topwater. I didn't even get a look, so I started throwing a drop shot and a texas rig without any success. After about 15 minutes I headed outside of the 5's and started to hop around hitting Billy Creek, Windy Gap, Edison Point, the Dam, Zebe Creek and finally landing on the steep wall across from Lombard's at about 8:10 pm. At this time, I had only caught two dinks and was struggling. I thought I might actually blank!

At about 8:30 it was like someone threw a switch and the fish instantly started to bite. I worked about half-way down the wall and instantly had caught three keepers, so I turned around and ran the same stretch catching another 5 or 6 keepers. My first limit only weighed about 7.5 lbs., but I was glad to have that. I stayed and made three more full passes on the same stretch and eventually culled up to my winning weight of 9.79 lbs. I caught 3-4 limits on that stretch and my biggest fish was a 3.05 pound largemouth that hit my drop shot on the fall off a rocky outcropping. All my fish came on a drop shot with a 6" Pro Worm in Purple Death or a 6" skinny Roboworm in MM III.



Second place with 9.64 lbs., went to ever consistent Mark Corrente. Mark caught all of his fish on a 4" texas rigged Pro Worm in Purple Death. Mark fished from Zebe Creek to Trimmer and everything in-between. Mark said he could not get bit before dark as well. After dark, Mark struggled to catch five fish, but managed to do so as well as catch the big fish of the tournament a nice plump 4.60 lbs. largemouth. Congratulations Mark!



Third place went to Mr. Edward Hinojosa who weighed-in a solid five fish limit of 8.77 lbs. Eddie said the bite was tough for him as well and he did not catch his fish until the last two hours of the tournament. Eddie fished a 7" Roboworm in MM III on a 3/16 Picasso tungsten weight. Eddie said he caught all his fish on the main lake just outside of Deer Creek. Congratulations Eddie!



Fourth place went to Jessie Perez who said he caught all his fish on a 6" texas rigged Pro Worms purple death with red flake. Jessie said he fished the main lake near island park for his five fish that topped the scales at 7.55 lbs. Way to go Jessie!



Rounding out the top five was Tim Turner. Tim came in with only four fish that weighed 6.39 lbs. Tim said he tried to force feed the fish a spinnerbait but only caught four fish. Tim said he covered a ton of water, but they just didn't want the blade.



Well with this heat wave I thought I would try a little something different to help stay cool and catch more fish. What do you think? I hope your laughing Tim or I'm in real trouble!



OR Maybe I'll try this in October!



PINE FLAT NIGHT TOURNAMENT RESULTS & YTD RESULTS:

LAKE	Pine Flat Nite		NO.	FISH	DEAD	BIG		DEDUCTION	
PLACE	NAME	FISH	ALIVE	FISH	FISH	WEIGHT	0.5 (dead) 1.0 (short)	TOTAL	
1	Kunz, Bill	5	5	0	3.05	9.79	0	9.79	
2	Corrente Mark	5	5	0	4.60	9.64	0	9.64	
3	Hinojosa, Eddie (NM Feb'21)	5	5	0	2.25	8.77	0	8.77	
4	Perez, Jesse	5	5	0		7.55	0	7.55	
5	Turner, Tim	4	4	0	2.77	6.39	0	6.39	
6	Red, Ron Sr	5	5	0	1.39	6.24	0	6.24	
7	Hinososa, David	3	3	0	3.69	5.64	0	5.64	
8	Guzman, Jose	4	4	0		5.56	0	5.56	
9	Calderon, Lazaro	5	4	1		6.01	0.5	5.51	
10	Mendes, Mathew	4	4	0		4.79	0	4.79	
11	Paris, Chris	3	3	0		4.09	0	4.09	
12	Jones, Bob	3	3	0		4.06	0	4.06	
13	Hass, Harold	3	3	0		3.06	0	3.06	
14	Arnold, Jimmy (NM Feb'21)	2	2	0		2.66	0	2.66	
15	Rowles, Bill Jr	2	2	0		2.41	0	2.41	
16	Miralez, Ricardo (NM Jan'21)	1	1	0		1.39	0	1.39	
17	Taylor, Ted	1	1	0		1.14	0	1.14	
18	Munoz, Sal (NM Feb'21)	0		0		0.00	0	0.00	
19	Ramirez, Andrew (NM Aug'21)	0		0		0.00	0	0.00	
20	Ramirez, Jose (NM Aug'21)	0		0		0.00	0	0.00	
21	Rowles, Bill Sr	0		0		0.00	0	0.00	
22	Shafer, Paul	0		0		0.00	0	0.00	
23	Tamez, Chris	0		0		0.00	0	0.00	
24	Uecker, Rick	0		0		0.00	0	0.00	

PLACE	NAME	TOTAL
1	Kunz, Bill	392
2	Jones, Bob	370
3	Mendes, Mathew	358
4	Tumer, Tim	343
5	Red, Ron Sr	310
6	Perez, Jesse	309
7	Rowe, Seth (RM Jan'21)	305
8	Corrente Mark	302
9	Rowles, Bill Sr	301
10	Arnold, Jimmy (NM Feb'21)	294
11	Hinojosa, Eddie (NM Mar'21)	293
12	Guzman, Jose	292
13	Hass, Harold	292
14	Rowles, Bill Jr	291
15	Paris, Chris (NM Mar'21)	251
16	Jue, Gary	245
17	Hinososa, David	223
18	Tamez, Chris	211
19	Mirelez, Ricardo (NM Jan'21)	211
20	Calderon, Lazaro	207
21	Shafer, Paul	192
22	Taylor, Ted	190
23	Munoz, Sal (NM Feb'21)	138
24	Nelson, Zechariah	136
25	Beck, Nick	116
26	Botu, Brian (NM Jan'21)	103
27	Hinojosa, Charlotte (NM Mar'21)	103
28	Squires, Corey	102
29	Houlker, Dustin	84
30	Eddy, Ken	76
31	Austin, Walt	75
32	Taylor, Byron (RM Apr'21)	67
33	Uecker, Rick	43
34	Lutz, Larry	39
35	Evans, Victor	39
36	Hernandez, Hector (RM May'21)	38
37	Rodriguez, Robert (RM Jan'21)	35
38	Ramirez, Andrew (NM Aug'21)	6
39	Ramirez, Jose (NM Aug'21)	6
40	Renoylds, Kyle (NM Feb'21)	3
41	Theissen, Grant (NM Feb'21)	3

TOURNAMENT TOTALS:

Anglers: 24
Total Fish: 60
Dead: 1
Total Weight: 83.18 lbs.
Average Weight: 1.39 lbs.

SEPTEMBER TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

When: September 19, 2021
Where: Millerton, Fresno Ramp
Sunrise: 6:43 AM
Moon: Waxing Gibbous (91% Full)
Check-in: Late Check-in no later 5:45 AM
Blast off: Approximately 0620 AM at the 5 MPH buoy
Weigh-in: 3:00 PM Launch Ramp Parking Lot

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting for the Fresno Bass Club will be WEDNESDAY September 1, 2021 @ 7 PM at the Yosemite Falls Café located at 4020 N. Cedar Avenue, Fresno CA 93726 (559) 222-7800.

Until next time...Tight Lines!