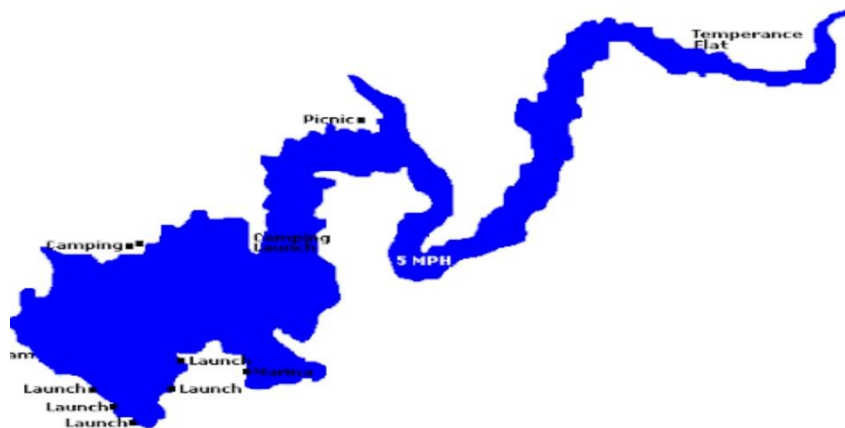


HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

August 2023

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

LAKE MILLERTON



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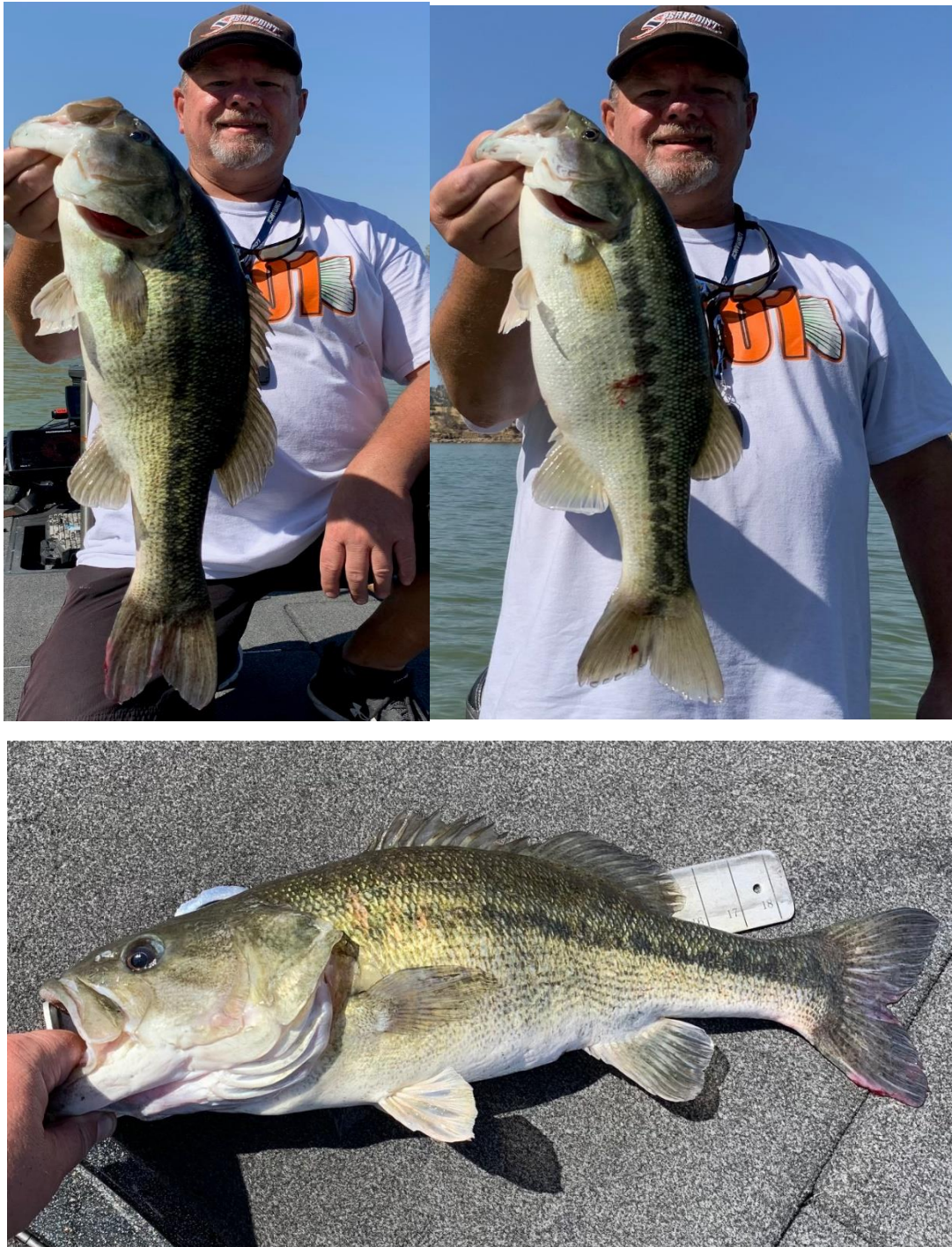
Our second night tournament of 2023 was set for August 19th & 20th at Millerton Lake. The lake had already dropped once to minimum pool and filled back up to where the water was going over the spillway. The fishing had been great all year despite the fluctuating water levels and the dirtier than normal water clarity.

Of course, just a few weeks before our event, they pulled the plug a second time and the water that was literally at the top of the first parking lot began to fall at a rate of about 1.5 feet per day. Many club members had been up pre-fishing and there were lots of reports that the lake was not fishing like it had been and the bite had really gotten tough.

Bill Kunz and Jimmy Arnold made it to the lake twice before the tournament to work on Bill's trailer and then fish until about noon. On their first trip, two weeks before our tournament, they headed upriver first thing in the morning and a couple hours later they still hadn't had a bite. They came back down to the Fine Gold / Sky Harbor area and started catching small non-keeper fish. They continued fishing on their way back to the main lake and at about 10:30 they started catching a few decent fish. Jimmy Arnold hooked a 3.5 lb. largemouth out of the back of the boat and then Bill stuck a 4 lb. spot

and a few minutes later another one over 5 lbs. But, as quick as the bite turned on it turned off again.

The next weekend, one week before our tournament, they stayed on the main lake and tried to find more areas similar to the prior week. The water had dropped over 8 feet and They could not catch fish in the same areas as the week prior, but Jimmy Arnold did manage a 3.5 lb. spot on a jig.





Based on the very sporadic bite they found, Bill & Jimmy planned on throwing reaction baits to cover a lot of water hoping to just catch a limit each half.

A few days before the tournament the national weather service began talking about Hurricane Hilary and how it was expected to make landfall on Saturday / Sunday and push moisture northward from southern California. The potential was there for the hurricane to arrive early and cause storms for us on tournament night. The majority of the members had never fished a night tournament in the rain, so this would be a first. What's worse than fishing in a tournament in the rain? Fishing in a night tournament in the rain!



Well, ole Hilary didn't disappoint! She brought a huge influx of moisture to the Central Valley starting on Saturday evening right about check-in time. While we were checking in boats, members' families were texting about a huge thunderstorm with high winds and heavy rain hitting about 35 miles southwest of the lake. Looking at the radar it was headed right for us. It was right about this time that those members who didn't bring their rain gear began to cringe!



Shortly after our 6PM blast off, those dark clouds pulled in over the lake accompanied by thunder, lightning, heavy winds, and lots of rain! The storm lasted until approximately 7:30 before moving off to the north. Once the storm cleared the area, the winds eventually subsided to the point that they became manageable.



This month's winner was Bill Kunz. Bill brought in a limit for both halves. His first half limit weighed 7.15 and his second half weighed 12.51 for a total weight of 19.66 lbs. Bill's second half limit was anchored by a solid 4.96 lbs. just short of the magical 5 lb. progressive pot.



Bill had been catching his fish on Keitechs, crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and jigs, but the storm shut down his swimbait bite as they kept short biting the tails off the bait. So, Bill picked up a crankbait and started hooking the fish that had been hitting the swimbait.

The first half Bill stayed on the main lake throwing a Bill Norman Deep-Little-N in a Shad color. He ended up breaking the bill off one crankbait and losing a second to some rocks at the end of the first half. Bill had two of those cranks and now he had none!

Since he lost the two other cranks, Bill had to tie on another color Deep-Little-N for the second half. Bill stayed on the main lake for the second half as well. This half, he never put the crankbait down and eventually it paid off. The majority of his fish came from 8-12 feet on rocky points or submerged rocky outcroppings.

Second Place went to Matthew Mendes. Matthew also brought in double limits. His first half limit weighed 6.94 and his second half limit weighed 10.82 for a grand total of 17.76. Matt had a big fish of 4.19 lbs.



Matthew said he fished the main lake for the first half throwing jigs on the bank. Matthew caught “a ton” of fish but nothing of substantial size. The second half, Matthew fished the river where he said he didn’t get a single bite for two hours. He picked up a shad colored 5XD crankbait and fished about a half mile of bank and got the right bites.

Third place went to Kyle Reynolds. Kyle only weighed-in a total of eight fish but his big fish, a 5.24 lb. largemouth, during the second half was enough to boost him into third place and claim the tournament big fish as well as the big fish progressive pot.



Kyle said he bounced around the main lake during both halves. He caught about ten fish in the first hour on a rip-bait early, but only two of them kept. The remainder of his keepers came on a Creekside Sculpin light jig without a trailer and a BK Customs underspin with a Keitech shad colored swimbait. Kyle caught plenty of fish in the first half, but only five small keepers.

The second half Kyle fished the same areas catching his first keeper of the second half on the island at the five-mph buoy. His second keeper came on the west side of Winchell’s Cove and his third and final keeper came near the swimming area close to the Fresno ramp.

Fourth Place went to Bob Jones. Bob weighed in 6.69 lbs. the first half 4.18 lbs. the second half for a grand total of 10.87 lbs.

Bob said he fished senkos the first half between Sky Harbor and Finegold and fished the second half on the main lake throwing jigs.

Fifth Place went to Tim Turner. Tim weighed in four fish the first half for 5.10 lbs. and five fish for 5.63 lbs. the second half. His total weight for his nine fish was 10.73 lbs.

Walt Austin gets an honorable mention for bringing in the biggest limit for the first half. Walt brought in a five fish limit for 9.81 lbs. giving him the lead by almost three pounds after the first half. Unfortunately, Walt blanked the second half, but only dropped to sixth place.



MILLERTON RESULTS:

LAKE	Millerton (Night)								
PLACE	NAME	FISH	DEAD	FISH	BIG	DAY 1	DAY 2	DEDUCTION	TOTAL
		DAY 1	FISH	DAY 2	FISH	WEIGHT	WEIGHT		WEIGHT
1	Kunz, Bill	5		5	4.96	7.15	12.51		19.66
2	Mendes, Mathew	5	1	5		7.44	10.82	0.50	17.76
3	Reynolds, Kyle	5		3	5.24	6.83	8.59		15.42
4	Jones, Bob	5		4		6.69	4.18		10.87
5	Turner, Tim	4		5		5.10	5.63		10.73
6	Austin, Walt	5		0	2.83	9.81			9.81
7	Corrente, Mark	3	3	5		3.01	7.58	1.50	9.09
8	Baron, Rusty	5		2		5.63	2.58		8.21
9	Red, Ron Sr.	3		4	2.29	4.64	3.31		7.95
10	Barton, Justin	2		5		2.46	5.01		7.47
11	Albidrez, John	1		5		1.03	6.01		7.04
	Parsons, Scott (Guest)	5		0		6.34			6.34
12	Shafer, Paul	3		2	1.41	2.74	2.81		5.55
13	Heirendt, David	4		0		5.14			5.14
14	Duncan, A.J.	4		0		4.56			4.56
15	Avedikian, Amy	2	1	2		2.26	2.68	0.50	4.44
16	Privet, Nick	1	1	0		4.13		0.50	3.63
17	Eddy, Ken	3		0		3.00			3.00
18	Perez, Jesse Jr.	2		0		2.87			2.87
19	Ruacho, Jerry	2		0		2.40			2.40
20	Taylor, Ted	1		1		1.21	1.00		2.21
21	Rowles, Anne	1		0	2.06	2.06			2.06
22	Arnold, Jim	1		1		0.92	0.85		1.77
23	Navarro, Amber	1		0		1.07			1.07
24	Lopez, Christian	1		1			0.93		0.93
25	Rowles, Bill Sr.	1		0		0.91			0.91
	Curtis, Walter			0					0.00
	Perez, Jesse Sr.			0					0.00
	Duncan, Kelly (WD)								0.00
	Jue, Gary (WD)								0.00
	TOTALS	75	6	50	5.24	99.40	74.49	3.00	170.89

As you can see from the results, I'm not sure which night tournament was worse, McClure or Millerton. Only 125 out of a possible 260 fish were caught. The overall average fish only weighed 1.36 lbs., but we did have three fish over four pounds and one fish over five pounds weighed in.

YEAR TO DATE POINTS

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PLACE	NAME	TOTAL
1	Reynolds, Kyle	333
2	Baron, Rusty	313
3	Barton, Justin (NM Jan'23)	302
4	Kunz, Bill	300
5	Red, Ron Sr	298
6	Taylor, Ted	267
7	Albidrez, John	261
8	Corrente Mark	258
9	Rowles, Bill Sr	256
10	Duncan, A.J.	255
11	Perez, Jesse Sr.	254
12	Tumer, Tim	248
13	Shafer, Paul	240
14	Avedikian, Amy (NM Jan'23)	225
15	Jones, Bob	223
16	Rowe, Seth	216
17	Arnold, Jimmy	204
18	Perez, Jesse Jr.	203
18	Heirendt, David	203
20	Eddy, Ken	202
21	Ruacho, Jerry	196
22	Rowles, Anne	173
23	Guzman, Jose	161
24	Duncan, Kelly	160
24	Lopez, Christian	160
26	Jue, Gary	155
27	Kerber, Cory	153
28	Paris, Chris	152
29	Smith, Ryan	135
30	Mendes, Mathew	134
31	Calderon, Lazaro	130
32	Tamez, Chris	111
33	Austin, Walt	102
34	Smith, Jennifer	95
35	Short, Jeff	93
36	Privet, Nick (NM May'23)	89
37	Botu, Brian	82
38	Placentia, Sal	53
39	Curtis, Walter	49
40	Rowles, Bill Jr	42
41	Gomez, Marco (NM Mar'23)	41
42	De La Fuente, Javier	37
42	Navarro, Amber (NM Jun'23)	37
44	Agtang, Timothy (NM Mar'23)	36
45	Hass, Harold	33
46	Taylor, Byron	32
47	Cantu, Michael	28
48	De La Fuente, Javier Jr.	10
48	Uecker, Rick	10
50	Champ, Jeremy	9
50	Pitts, Jeremy	9
52	Pena, Irwin	7
53	Barton, Brody (NM Jan'23)	6
54	Gutierrez, Alfred	2
54	Lutz, Lary	2
54	McGovern, Rick	2
54	Munoz, Sal	2
54	Uecker, Sandy	2

SEPTEMBER TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

Date: September 23, 2023
Hours: Safe-light – 3 PM
Location: New Melones; Glory Hole Ramp
Check-in: TBD @ the September Meeting

The next FBC meeting will take place on Wednesday September 6th, 2023, at 7 PM. The meeting will be held at the Yosemite Falls Café located @ 4020 N. Cedar in Fresno.

See you there!!!