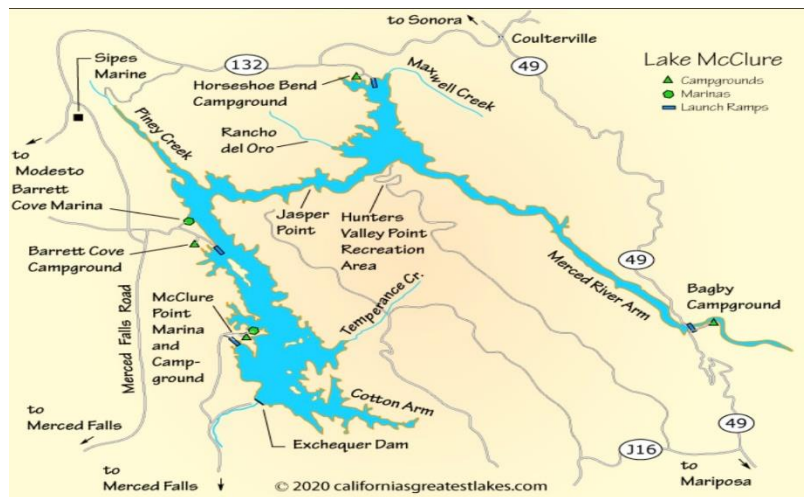


HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

FEBRUARY 2022

BK Custom Baits – Bill Kunz
Creeside 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

Lake McClure Tournament



FRESNO BASS CLUB MEMBERS,

Lake McClure in February usually means big fat spotted bass and largemouth eagerly feeding in preparation for the pre-spawn. The weather was beautiful for the last couple of weeks and the warmest weather was set to be on tournament weekend. I was there pre-fishing on Thursday and knew it would be shorts weather by tournament day! I made sure I texted Tim Turner to let him know that shorts would be allowed in February!

No matter how cold it gets, there is always this person



My pre-fishing was horrible to say the least. I launched out of McClure Point on Thursday and stayed in the 5-mph zone all day long. I caught two fish over two pounds early then a few small keepers to finish my limit, but my non-boater, Jimmy Arnold only managed one keeper during pre-fish.

This was not the norm for McClure in February, and we were stumped to say the least. The other issue, besides simply getting bit, was where to concentrate your efforts. We caught fish from 0 to 50 foot and everywhere in-between without seeing many fish on the graph. Based upon all of this we knew it was going to be a tough bite.

Tough bite or not, someone always figures them out and there is always a winner. This month's winner was Ron Red Sr. Ron didn't say whether he figured them out or just got lucky and landed on them, but what he said was he moved around a lot throughout the day. Ron said he caught his fish deep early and shallow late in the day. All of Ron's fish came from Piney Creek to the mouth of the river just above Horseshoe. Ron said he caught all his fish on worms but did not elaborate on the technique due to an upcoming tournament. Congratulations Ron on winning this one with an impressive 10.63 lbs. limit anchored by a 3.58 big fish,



Second place went to new club member David Heirendt. David said he caught his first four fish in Piney Creek all before 10:00 am on plastics in 25 feet of water. He threw the plastics Texas rigged with an 1/8 oz weight. His fifth fish came out of Cottonwood on a drop shot in 40 feet of water. Dave caught one last keeper that did not help the cause off a main lake point in 44 feet of water. Overall, he said the bite was tough and he got lucky to catch all good quality fish including his big fish of 2.53 lbs. David's five fish limit tipped the scales at 10.16 lbs. Congratulations David!!



Third place went to another new club member, Cory Kerber. Cory did have time to pre-fish for the club tournament, but his team partner (me) told him how tough the bite was on Thursday. Cory, coming off a two-day Bass Nation win at New Melones decided he would just go fishing and let the fish tell him what they wanted. Cory found that the better fish for him were in 0-15 on the main lake. Cory fished a 6" Texas rigged Pro Worm to catch his limit. Cory did not want to say too much as he has an upcoming tournament there as well. Cory weighed in five fish for 8.48 lbs. Congratulations Cory!



Rounding out the top five was Jessie Perez Sr. in fourth place who weighed in five fish for 8.27 lbs. and Bob Jones who weighed in five fish for 8.55 lbs. Bob would have had third place, but the dead fish penalty of a half pound knocked him down to 8.05 lbs. and 5th place.



It takes a lot of work to make sure these deep caught fish survive and even then, we lose a couple here and there. If you fish for deep fish in tournaments long enough it will happen to you as well.

Bob Jones has been fishing for a long time and is a big advocate of keeping his fish alive and it still happened to him. So, it's very important that we all do our best to fizz our fish and use live-well water treatments to help our fish recover in our live wells.

Earlier this month while fishing the Bass Nation, I was catching my fish out of 45-65 feet. I fizzed every fish I caught immediately after catching them and put them in the live-well. Even though I heard the air escaping when I "fizzed" them, doesn't mean I let enough air out or on the other hand let too much air out. I had to keep checking my fish every 5-10 minutes to ensure they were recovering properly.

If a fish is still floating after your initial "fizz," you have a couple of choices, you can fizz the fish a second time (not recommended in my opinion) or you can utilize "Flip clips" which attach to the fish's Ventral or Pelvic fins not to be confused with the pectoral fins. The Ventral or Pelvic fins are located on the front bottom of the fish while the pectoral fins are located on the side of the fish just rearward of the gill plates.

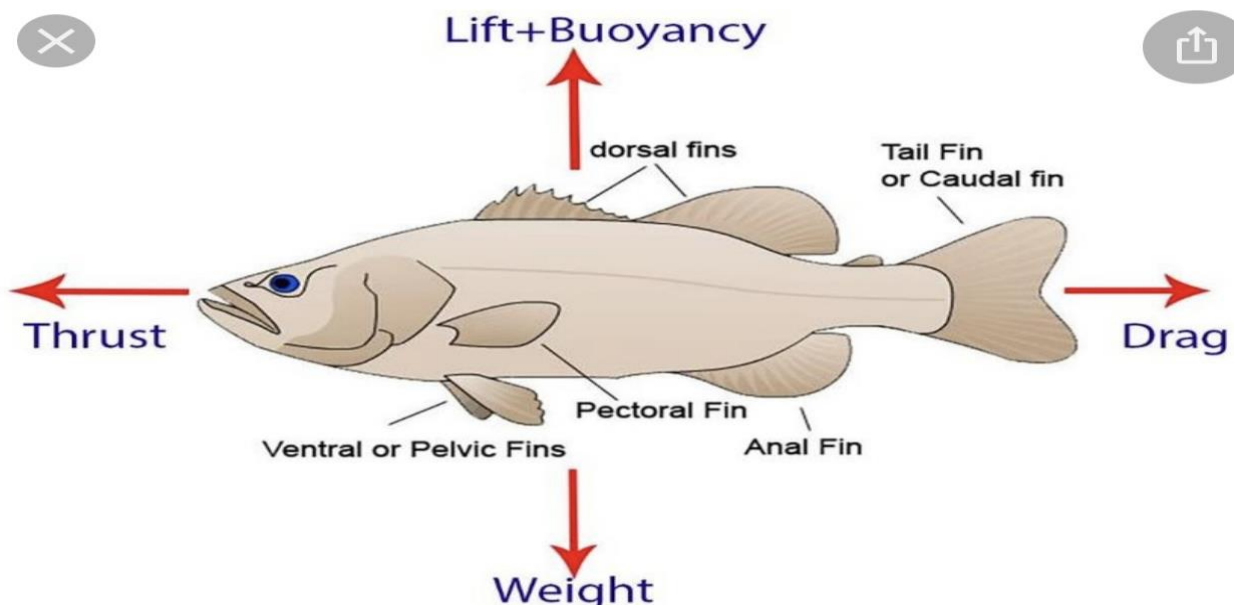
These weighted clips will force the fish to sit upright in the live-well and allow them to breathe normally versus breathing on their side causing undue stress to the fish. Sometimes one clip is enough, sometimes you may need two clips. Fish can shake the clips off, so you should continue to monitor your fish throughout the day.

If you let too much air out of a fish by squeezing its belly, the fish may lay flat on the bottom of your live-well and may not survive the day. In my opinion, I'd rather not let enough air out and utilize the flip clips than to let too much air out and have the fish laying on the bottom of the live-well for the rest of the day stressed and breathing with only one set of gills.

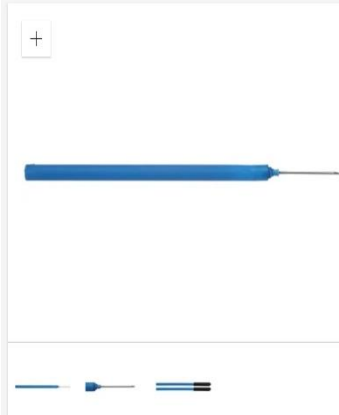
When fizzing a fish properly, you should do it in the live-well where you can see the air bubbles coming out of the fizzing needle and at the same time feel the fish start to neutralize as air exits its bladder. The fish will be floating and pushing up against your hand initially, but once you let the proper amount of air out of its bladder, you will feel the fish start to neutralize and not push up against your hand as much.

After putting deep caught fish in your live-well, you should always add a water treatment like Rejuvenade to the water to help the fish recover.

At Melones two of my fish were not doing well after being fizzed, I had to take the fish out of my live-well and spend about five minutes trying to revive each fish in the lake water by moving it back and forth in allowing water to flow over their gills. Once I did this, I utilized the flip clips to upright the fish in the live-well and turned my oxygenator and my live-well pumps on high and added some more Rejuvenade to the live-wells. Both fish had already started to lose their color and I was worried they were not going to make it, but both came back to life and survived. By the end of the day all my fish looked great, recovered, and swam away without any problems.



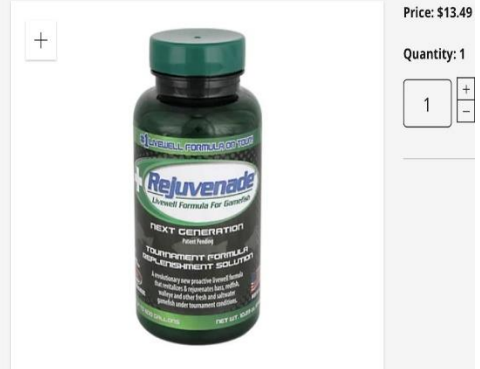
Fishlife Fizz Needles 2pk



Flip Clip Fish Stabilizing Fin Weights 3pk



Bass Medics Rejuvenade Livewell Treatment
290gm Jar



**T-H Marine Oxygenator Livewell
Oxygen Generator**

Fizzing Needles: \$7.49 (2) per pack
Flip Clips: \$4.49 (3) per Pack
Rejuvenade: \$13.49 (10.23 oz) per bottle
Oxygenator: \$130.00

I hope this information helps you keep your catch alive to be caught again another day!

TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

LAKE	McClure					
PLACE	NAME	NO.	DEAD	BIG	DEDUCTION	TOTAL
		FISH	FISH	FISH	0.5 (dead) 1.0 (short)	
1	Red, Ron Sr	5	0	3.58	0.00	10.63
2	Heirendt, David (NM Jan'22)	5	0	2.53	0.00	10.19
3	Kerber, Corey (NM Jan'22)	5	0	2.06	0.00	8.48
4	Perez, Jesse	5	0	2.03	0.00	8.27
5	Jones, Bob	5	1	1.82	0.50	8.05
6	Short, Jeff (NM Jan'22)	5	0	2.40	0.00	8.04
7	Rowles, Bill Sr	5	0	1.60	0.00	7.95
8	Levitt, Bill	5	0	2.25	0.00	7.93
9	Turner, Tim	5	0	1.70	0.00	7.61
10	Kunz, Bill	5	0	1.60	0.00	7.53
11	Shafer, Paul	5	0	1.71	0.00	7.42
12	Albidrez, John	5	0	1.70	0.00	7.37
13	Calderon, Lazaro	3	0	4.58	0.00	7.12
14	Marshall, Dan (RM Jan'22)	5	0	1.60	0.00	7.07
15	Durand, J.P. (NM Jan'22)	5	0	2.10	0.00	6.98
16	Cantu, Michael	5	0	1.75	0.00	6.47
17	Taylor, Ted	5	0	1.66	0.00	6.35
18	Corrente Mark	5	1		0.50	6.26
19	Botu, Brian	5	0	0.00	0.00	6.23
20	Reynolds, Kyle	4	0	2.42	0.00	6.16
21	Duncan, Kelly (NM Jan'22)	5	0	1.33	0.00	5.81
22	Perez, Jesse Jr. (NM'22)	5	0		0.00	5.71
23	Duncan, A.J. (NM Jan'22)	4	1		0.50	5.47
24	Arnold, Jimmy	4	0		0.00	5.36
25	Barron, Rusty (RM Jan'22)	4	0		0.00	5.17
26	Guzman, Joey	4	0	1.48	0.00	4.91
27	Paris, Chris	3	0		0.00	3.95
28	Eddy, Ken	3	0		0.00	3.87
29	Hass, Harold	3	0		0.00	3.26
30	Guzman, Jose	2	0		0.00	2.86
31	Tamez, Chris	2	0		0.00	2.71
32	Rowles, Ann (NM Jan'22)	2	0	1.58	0.00	2.70
33	Jue, Gary	2	0		0.00	2.02
34	Packard, Andrew (NM Nov'21)	1	0	1.49	0.00	1.49
35	Munoz, Sal	1	0	1.25	0.00	1.25

Big fish honors this month go to Laser Calderon who caught a beautiful 4.58 Spotted Bass. Congratulations Laser!! Only a half-pound shy of getting you the progressive big fish pot that was sitting at



TOURNAMENT TOTALS:

Anglers:	38
Total Fish:	142
Dead:	1
Total Weight:	208.65 lbs.
Average Weight:	1.47 lbs.
Big Fish:	4.58 lbs

ADDITIONAL PICTURES:



BOB JONES YOU RUINED MY PICTURE!!!!!! LOL!!



YEAR TO DATE POINTS:

PLACE	NAME	TOTAL			
			23	Perez, Jesse Jr. (NM'22)	67
			24	Jue, Gary	65
1	Red, Ron Sr	105	25	Eddy, Ken	59
2	Short, Jeff (NM Jan'22)	103	26	Guzman, Joey	53
3	Albidrez, John	101	27	Packard, Andrew (NM Nov'21)	51
4	Kunz, Bill	101	28	Row e, Seth	50
5	Heirendt, David (NM Jan'22)	100	29	Cantu, Michael	47
6	Turner, Tim	100	30	Duncan, Kelly (NM Jan'22)	39
7	Kerber, Corey (NM Jan'22)	98	31	Botu, Brian	38
8	Perez, Jesse	97	32	Mendes, Mathew	37
9	Jones, Bob	94	33	Row les, Bill Jr	37
10	Marshall, Dan (RM Jan'22)	90	34	Arnold, Jimmy	36
11	Lev itt, Bill	86	35	Hass, Harold	34
12	Shafer, Paul	85	36	Ruacho, Jerry (NM'22)	33
13	Barron, Rusty (RM Jan'22)	83	37	Paris, Chris	33
14	Calderon, Lazaro	79	38	Row les, Ann (NM Jan'22)	31
15	Row les, Bill Sr	79	39	Curtis, Walter (NM Jan'22)	29
16	Duncan, A.J. (NM Jan'22)	76	40	Munoz, Sal	22
17	Durand, J.P. (NM Jan'22)	75	41	Mirelez, Ricardo	9
18	Taylor, Ted	75	42	Austin, Walt	6
19	Corrente Mark	73	43	De La Fuente, Javier (NM Feb '22)	6
20	Reynolds, Kyle	70	44	De La Fuente, Javier JR (NM Feb '2	3
21	Guzman, Jose	70	45	Sadler, Payton	3
22	Tamez, Chris	69	46	Sadler, Tasha	3
			47	Theissen, Grant	3
			48	Uecker, Rick	3

MARCH TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

When: Saturday and Sunday March 26 & 27, 2022
Where: Don Pedro, Flemming Meadows Launch Ramp
Sunset: 7:42 PM 7/21/21
Moon: Last Quarter / Waning Crescent
Check-in: TBD @ next meeting
Blast off: Approx. 0530
Weigh-in: 3PM Flemming Meadows Marina

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting for the Fresno Bass Club will be Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022 @ 7 PM at the Yosemite Falls Café located at 4020 N. Cedar Avenue, Fresno CA 93726 (559) 222-7800.

Until next time...Tight Lines!