

HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

JANUARY 2020

FRESNO BASS CLUB MEMBERS,

So, Let's see, where to start? Well, this was the first time the FBC has fished Lake Millerton in years due to all the new state regulations on outboard motors. The lake had been fishing well since mid-December but has recently been hammered with anglers pre-fishing and participating in other tournaments. In addition to the heavy pressure, the water levels have consistently been on the rise, putting the fish and bait on the move.

The weather this week had been a mixture of sun and clouds and it seemed to me the fish bit better on the sunny days. Of course, on tournament day the weather was cold, overcast and dead calm.

Most of the recent team tournaments have been won with 10-11 lbs. except for the New Jen tournament where the winners had 15 lbs. Having all this in mind, I figured it was going to take 9-10 lbs. to win our club tournament.

During the week of our tournament, I spoke to a few anglers who said the fish had lock jaw and a limit was difficult to come by. One of these anglers, who was crying the blues during pre-fish, was Ron Red Sr. who said after several trips he still could not catch a limit. (liar, liar pants on fire!!!) Why do I say that, because Ron went from not being able to catch a limit to both he and his co-angler brining in limits including Ron brining in the winning bag.

Ron "liar, liar pants on fire" Red blasted up the river first thing and fished from the 35 mph zone up for the first part of the morning. Ron's Co-angler, Dustin Houliker managed to catch the first three fish on a hula grub, before Ron even got a bite. When the hula grub bite quit, Ron switched to a drop shot to finish out his limit which included his big fish of 3.13 lbs. Ron spent the rest of the day bouncing around on the main lake throwing a Texas rig and culling up to his final weight of 9.61 lbs. Ron said he concentrated in the 40-foot depth range most of the day. Maybe it was Stacey's snacks that gave you the edge? Congratulations Ron!!

Ron's fish were so big they wouldn't fit on page one of the newsletter !!!



Second place went to Ted “the bass slayer” Taylor who brought in a solid bag of fish weighing 9.16 lbs., Ted only caught a total of five fish all day, catching his fifth fish with about an hour to go. Unfortunately, one of his fish didn’t make it and Ted suffered a ½ pound penalty. Luckily for Ted, the ½ pound penalty did not affect his second-place finish. Ted caught his fish on a variety of baits including a ned rig, drop shot and TX rig. He fished the main lake all day and concentrated in depths of 45-55 feet for much of the day. Great job Ted!!



Well, I'm sick of writing about this guy, especially since he goes cold turkey to every tournament and still manages to catch them every time. Very depressing for the rest of us who spend hours pre-fishing and can't beat him.

Third place went to Mark "I still don't pre-fish" Corrente whose limit topped the scales at 7.94. Mark fished the river and main lake. Mark caught all of his fish on a 4" Texas rig pro gold with red flake. Mark caught his fish in 35-50 all day long. Way to go Mark!



Fourth place and last in the “moola” was Bill Kunz. Bill fished a 4” Texas rig worm all day on the main lake at depths of 45-55 feet. Bill’s limit weighed a “whopping” 7.51 lbs.



I was informed that our sponsored "FOOM" (First out of the Money) award was discontinued this year, so unless we find another sponsor for this award it will no longer apply. I still think the "FOOM" should get acknowledged so I will give this month's 'Honorable mention' to fifth place Dustin Houlker who weighed in 7.21 lbs. from the back of Ron Red's boat.

Big Bass of the tournament honors went to returning member Chris Conway who stuck a beautiful 3.80 spotted bass. Nice fish Chris!!



ADDITIONAL PICTURES







I wanted to spend a little time talking about our 2019 Awards banquet. I want to give a special thanks to Jose and Isabel Guzman for taking the extra time to make all the caramel coated apples and tabletop décor for the banquet. They did a wonderful job which was appreciated by all. Thank you, Jose and Isabel!

Next, I wanted to thank Julie Beck for taking time to find the great cake that was served for dessert. The cake was delicious, and Nick did a great job serving the membership. Thank you, Julie and Nick!

Lastly, I would like to thank each of the sponsors who donated product to the club for the banquet raffle.

**Creekside Tackle - Ken Eddie
Dead Stick Bait Company- David Coy
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Every month this year I will introduce one of our sponsors to you. Please remember to support those that support us. This month's spotlight is on David Coy and the Dead Stick Bait Co.

January's Sponsor Spotlight



David Coy is the proud owner of the Dead Stick Bait Company in Exeter, CA. David has owned the tackle company for approximately 7 years and has donated product to the Fresno Bass Club for the past two years. David is married to Vicky and has a son named Gage who is a die-hard bass fishing machine.

David and Vicky also run the CenCal Elite Team circuit in the Central Valley. This team circuit allows the top teams in the valley to qualify to participate in the Bass Nation National Team Championship every year. For more details on their tournaments go to their website cencalelitebass.com.

David produces various styles of soft plastic baits including, paddle tail swimbaits, creature baits, "trick worm" style straight tail worms, "Senko style" stick baits and a few hard baits such as under-spins and umbrella rigs.

All of David's soft plastics are all made utilizing aluminum injection molds. As far as colors go, he can make the most popular colors on the market or he can custom match the color of your favorite bait. Here a few examples of his baits from my tackle box.

If you want to visit Dave's shop or order some Dead Stick Baits from him just give him a call at 559-280-8884. The Fresno Bass Club thanks you for your support.





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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Upcoming:

The next club meeting will be held at 7pm on 2/4/20 at the Denny's restaurant located on the Northeast corner of Herndon and Blackstone. We will be taking sign-ups at the meeting for the next tournament at Lake McClure on 2/23/20. We will be blasting off out of the Barrett South launch ramp and weighing in at the marina.

This tournament will take place on the New Moon, Official sunrise will be 0635 and safe light will be about 0620.

This will be a big tournament if someone catches that elusive 5 lbs. or better fish at McClure. The progressive pot has been untouched for months.

If you can't make the meeting but have already attended a meeting and paid your dues, you can have a fellow club member sign you up. This tournament is usually a good pre-spawn bite for the spots.

Hope to see you all there and if you bring a friend who joins the club, you will get a free basic tournament entry. In addition, if you are a boater, your friend can fish with you for their first tournament.