

HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

January 2021

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

FRESNO BASS CLUB MEMBERS,

Well, it seems like the ole COVID just won't go away! It appears the state and other governmental agencies haven't closed lakes down entirely, but some have put an end to tournament fishing and camping until further notice. As a result, Pine Flat has been getting a lot of the local tournament pressure as it remains open for tournaments for now.

There were high hopes for big bags as the pre-fishing for the previous tournaments were producing 15-20 lb. bags for some anglers, while other anglers struggled to catch five keepers. Well as the fishing pressure increased, the overall weights decreased as well as the chances of catching a five bass limit.

Although the New Year's Day tournament took over 17 lbs. to win, most of the field struggled to catch five fish. Fast forward to the day before our tournament and the Kerman Club winner had a whopping 6.43 lbs. To say that took the wind out of our sails would be an understatement. But regardless of how tough the bite is, there always has to be a winner.

This month's champion is no stranger to the winner's circle. He may be big, old, bald and ugly, but the fish don't seem to care. Congratulations to Tim "the kid" Turner who has now won the last two FBC events. (TOC and Pine Flat).

Tim said he fished the main lake all day and struggled to get bit like everyone else. He ended up catching two fish on a Keitech swimbait, two "Lefty Lures" jig fish and two fish on Pro Worms. All of Tim's fish came in less than 20 feet of water. Tim also had the tournament big fish of 2.05 lbs. Great job Tim!

Second place went to Bill "you better learn to fizz your fish" Kunz, who learned the hard way that if you don't practice "fizzing" your fish, it can cost you. In this case it cost him the win. A word to the wise, you should practice fizzing your bass during pre-fish so that on tournament day, it doesn't come back and bite you in the @\$%#!

Anyway, Bill had been pre-fishing quite a bit over the last month and just kept following his fish. In mid-December, he found a school of largemouth in trees in 15-20 feet of water just above Trimmer. Most of these fish were largemouth with a few spotted bass in the mix. As the weeks passed the fish migrated toward the main lake and got progressively deeper. Three days before the tournament Bill found a decent school of fish on a rocky

wall with trees between Billy Creek and Trimmer but come tournament day they were gone.

Bill fished his way toward the main lake on the same wall and eventually about 11 am came up with a small limit out of 20-30 feet of water. Bill continued hopping down Windy Gap toward the main lake and at about noon stumbled onto a point that was holding largemouth in 50-60 foot of water. Bill caught several more keepers off this one point and had to fizz all of them. Come weigh-in time one of those fish didn't make it and cost him a half pound. (Yes I'm pouting Tim)

All of Bill's fish were caught on a 3/16-ounce Texas rig throwing both a 4.5" and 6" Aarons Magic worms and fishing it very slowly from 20-60 feet on bluffs and points with trees.

Third place went to Corey Squires who also fished the main lake all day. Corey caught all of his fish throwing a 5" green Neko rigged Yamamoto senko. Corey caught about eight keepers all day long and concentrated his efforts in and around trees in the 35–45-foot range. Good job little buckaroo!

Rounding out the top five was Jessie "Oops I lost my trolling motor" Perez who took fourth place with 6.03, narrowly beating Mark "I flip baby clothes" Corrente who had a whopping 6.02 lbs. Congratulations to all of the top five anglers!



Tim Turner 1st Place



Bill Kunz 2nd Place



Corey Squires 3rd Place



Jessie Perez 4th Place

Additional Pictures



Jose Guzman 8th Place



Paul Shafer 9th Place



2020 AWARDS SUMMARY

Because we are not having a banquet this year, here is a summary of the awards presented for the 2020 season.

2020 President's Award: Andrew Popp-Dinuba High School Principal for his support of youth fishing and the support of his new High School Bass Fishing Club.

2020 Sponsor Awards: For the continual support of the Fresno Bass Club and the fishing industry: B&W Resort, Dobyn's Rods, Ed's Marine Service, Valley Rod and Gun

1st place (AOY): Mark Corrente

2nd Place: Ron Red Sr.

3rd Place: Jose Guzman

4th Place: Matthew Mendes

5th Place: Corey Squires

Non-Boater of the Year: Matthew Mendes

Rookie of the Year: Matthew Mendes

TOC Champion: Tim Turner

Congratulations to all for their outstanding accomplishments!

REMINDER!!!!

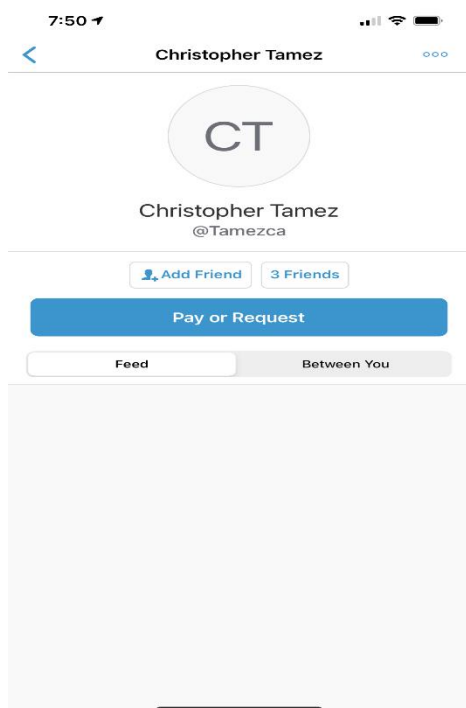
Your 2021 membership dues will be payable before you are eligible to fish a 2021 FBC event. Annual dues are \$50 per member so make sure you take time to pay your dues before the next event or with your next entry.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Since we will not be having in-person meeting, please continue to sign-up for events as outlined below.

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions the following step-by-step process has been developed in order for you to join the club and continue fishing 2021 club events.

- 1.) Please download the two above attachments
- 2.) Fill out the New Member Form (Only if you are a New Member). Cost for a new member will be \$50 (This Form is only needed the first time you join the club)
- 3.) Fill out the Entry Form for the monthly tournament you wish to enter. Cost will be \$30 minimum plus any option preferences you choose up to a max of \$75.
- 4.) If you are a returning member and need to renew your annual membership add the \$50 annual dues to your first tournament Entry Form of your season and mark the form appropriately
- 5.) Once you have completed the above forms that apply to you, you must ensure your Forms and payment are received by the FBC Treasurer no later than 7PM the first Tuesday of every month you want to fish
- 6.) You can mail the forms and payment to Chris' address listed below **:
- 7.) If you do not think your payment and entry will arrive by 7 pm the first Tuesday of the month you may deliver the Forms and payment directly to Chris
- 8.) If your payment is not received in time, per FBC rules, your entry will be considered late, you will be charged an extra \$10 and will not be allowed to enter the options
- 9.) Chris has offered another payment option if you think your payment won't make it to him in time. In a case where you are not sure if your payment will make it to Chris by the deadline, you have the option of sending him the payment via the VENMO app. For the purpose of sending him money via Venmo, his email address is boxcarxb@gmail.com or you can search Venmo for Christopher Tamez@tamezca



- 10.) If you decide to use this alternate method, you must call Chris at 559-356-8654 **before the deadline** to let him know you are sending him the funds via VENMO, in addition, you must take pictures of your applicable forms and text the pictures to him at the same phone number so he can print them out.

FBC TREASURER

****Chris Tamez****

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After Chris has received all the entry forms and monies, he will put together a spread sheet with boater and non-boater names which will be provided to the FBC tournament director and Secretary no later than 7 pm on the first Wednesday of the month. At 7pm on the first Wednesday of the month, the Club Tournament Director and Club Secretary will conduct the draw for the tournament. The Secretary will compile the names of the boaters and non-boaters onto a tournament Roster which will be provided to the FBC Webmaster no later than 10 PM first Wednesday of the month. The Webmaster will then email the tournament roster and all applicable tournament information (check-in time, launch ramp, weigh-in site etc.) to the club membership no later than 7 PM the first Thursday of the month.

If a member decides to sign-up late, they must do so in accordance with the FBC Rules found on our website. Remember that late entries are charged a \$10 late fee and are not allowed to enter the options.

If you have any questions regarding how to sign up and pay your dues, you may reach out to any board member.

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Until next time...Tight Lines!