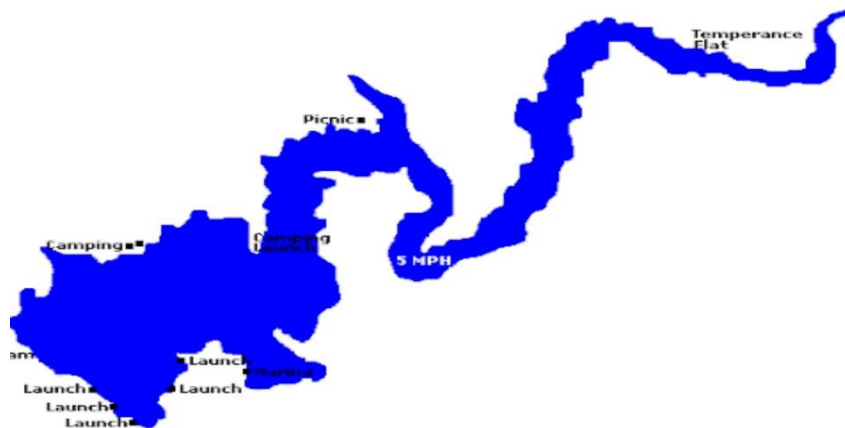


HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

JANUARY 2024

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

LAKE MILLERTON



FRESNO BASS CLUB MEMBERS,

Well, the last time we were at Millerton was in August 2023 for our second night tournament of the year. It was the first time I recall ever having it rain during a summer time tournament. Anyway, the bite back then wasn't much better for numbers, but the quality was surprisingly good.

In the month of January, the bite is normally heating up and the quality fish start to show themselves. At this time last year, it was taking 17+ pounds to win a tournament and you were lucky to get a check with 12 pounds. Fast forward to January 2024 and all I can say is WHAT HAPPENED????

We all know the lake rose and fell several times throughout 2023 due to the large in-flows of water and the reported maintenance on the dam. When the water was down in the heat of the summer the quality fish were willing to bite, but as the lake fell for the second time and then began to rise, the bite tapered off and anglers went from catching numbers of decent fish to your lucky if you can catch a fish over 1.25 lbs.

Pre-tournament chatter on the street was that most people were catching 6–7-pound limits, that is, if they could even catch a limit.

Bill Kunz had the opportunity to pre-fish twice before this tournament. On the Wednesday before the tournament he and his non-boater had approximately 20 keepers over 13", but his best five only went about 8.5 lbs. He went back up on Friday and only caught three keepers for about 3.5 pounds. So, it appeared the lake was being consistently inconsistent.

Tournament morning started out with it raining at check-in with the rain stopping by blast off. That was probably the best news of the day as nobody wanted to be cold and wet on a lake where the fishing stinks.

After a day of grinding on the water, the man who came out on top was non other than Bob Jones. I talked to Bob just before blast-off and he said he wasn't feeling too confident based upon his pre-fishing during the week but said he did "Okay" one day. Bob brought in a five fish limit for 9.63 anchored by a fat 2.63 lb. spot. Bob said he fished main lake points with jigs in 40-60 feet. A little birdie said he caught his limit in the first 20 minutes of the day. Congratulations Bob!



Second place went to Bill Kunz. Bill continued to struggle to get quality bites and spent his day rotating through about 20 spots on the main lake. It seemed as though If the fish were there, he would get bitten immediately, but if he didn't get bit within a few minutes, he would just move onto the next spot. Bill fished finesse style Pro Worms in 35-55 feet. Bill's five fish limit weighed 8.26 lbs.



Third place went to our new tournament director, AJ Duncan. AJ did an excellent job as our new TD and after one event he is now ready to resign...Lol. (Just kidding). AJ fished with his girlfriend Amber Navarro who reportedly put AJ on the fish. All joking aside, AJ and Amber had three fish in the 2.5 – 2.75 lb. category which is a feat for how tough the bite was. Amber caught a 2.47 lb. fish out of the back of the boat that AJ said he needed for the win. AJ's limit weighed in at 8.23 lbs. just shy of second place. Way to go!





AJ and Amber fished worms and jigs on main lake points in 40-60 feet.

Fourth place went to Ken Eddy. Ken was up late on Saturday night playing a gig with his band. Unfortunately, he got up in time for the tournament and was able to rustle up a few fish. Ken weighed-in five fish for 7.93 lbs. Ken had been catching his fish on swimbaits, jigs, and tubes in the river and on the main lake. Ken said he tried to swing a 2 lb. S-Waver fish over the gunnel and unfortunately it shook free and cost him some weight.



Rounding out the top five was Tim Turner. Tim said he caught his fish out on the Fresno Flats. Tim caught all his fish utilizing Pro Worms in 40-65 feet using an extremely, super slow presentation. When I saw Tim, he was spot locked in the wind and sitting on the back deck fishing really slowly. I think he said he briefly fell asleep at one point Lol.



Justin Barton caught the tournament's biggest bass. Justin said he caught the 2.88 lb. big fish on a shad-colored deep diving crank bait. Justin was fishing big boulders in the river arm and caught the fish first thing in the morning then nothing!



ADDITIONAL MILLERTON PICTURES



MILLERTON RESULTS:

LAKE	Millerton							
PLACE	NAME	NO.	FISH	DEAD	BIG	WEIGHT	DEDUCTION	TOTAL
		FISH	ALIVE	FISH	FISH		0.5 (dead) 1.0 (short)	
1	Jones, Bob	5	5	0	2.67	9.63	0.00	9.63
2	Kunz, Bill	5	5	0	2.24	8.26	0.00	8.26
3	Duncan, A.J.	5	5	0	2.76	8.23	0.00	8.23
4	Eddy, Ken	5	5	0		7.93	0.00	7.93
5	Turner, Tim	5	5	0	2.43	7.62	0.00	7.62
6	Albidrez, John	5	5	0	2.38	7.34	0.00	7.34
7	Rowe, Seth	5	4	1		7.64	0.50	7.14
8	Red, Ron Sr.	5	5	0	1.52	6.20	0.00	6.20
9	Wells, Timmy	5	5	0		6.07	0.00	6.07
10	Corrente, Mark	5	5	0	1.88	5.96	0.00	5.96
11	Reynolds, Kyle	5	4	1		5.98	0.50	5.48
12	Squires, Corey	5	5	0		5.30	0.00	5.30
13	Paris, Chris	4	4	0		5.09	0.00	5.09
14	Calderon, Lazaro	5	5	0		4.79	0.00	4.79
15	Rowles, Bill Sr.	4	4	0	1.40	4.50	0.00	4.50
16	Barton, Justin	2	2	0	2.88	3.67	0.00	3.67
17	Mendes, Mathew	3	3	0		3.07	0.00	3.07
18	Heirendt, David	3	3	0		2.65	0.00	2.65
19	Navarro, Amber	1	1	0	2.47	2.47	0.00	2.47
20	Duncan, Kelly	2	2	0		2.37	0.00	2.37
21	Jue, Gary	2	2	0		2.23	0.00	2.23
22	Lopez, Christian	2	2	0		1.97	0.00	1.97
23	Arnold, Jim	1	1	0		1.57	0.00	1.57
24	Austin, Walt	1	1	0		1.54	0.00	1.54
25	Avedikian, Amy	1	1	0		1.22	0.00	1.22
26	Ruacho, Jerry	1	1	0		1.19	0.00	1.19
27	Shafer, Paul	1	1	0		1.12	0.00	1.12
28	Curtis, Walter	1	1	0		1.06	0.00	1.06
29	Plasencia, Sal	1	1	0		0.95	0.00	0.95
	Kerber, Cory	0	0	0		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Smith, Jennifer (WD)	0	0	0		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Smith, Ryan (WD)	0	0	0		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Cantu, Michael (WD)	0	0	0		0.00	0.00	0.00

FEBRUARY 2024 TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

Date: February 11, 2024
Hours: Safe-light – 3 PM
Location: Lake McClure
Check-in: Barrett Cove South Ramp

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

See you there!!!