#### HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

#### JULY 2020

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,

The Corona virus closures have made mad houses out of the lakes that are open. We all saw or heard about Don Pedro's lines before we even showed up. The weekend before anglers pre-fishing warned us about launching lines extending out beyond the pay booth at Flemming Meadows. Most of us just thought it was because of the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, but I guess we were wrong.

At noon on Saturday my phone rang, and I was told the launching lines were once again out beyond the pay booth again and that the lake was hosting a "Parade of Lights" that night. Well, that was all I needed to hear, with that I unhooked my boat and decided I would pass on this month's tournament. A decision I'm glad I made based upon the crowds and how tough the fishing turned out to be.

Only six out of twenty anglers had double limits and only three had caught a total of nine fish. But somebody still has to win regardless of how tough it was, and this month's champion was Tim Turner.

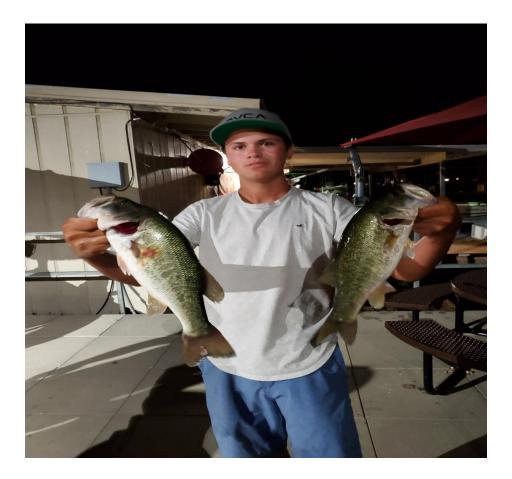


Tim spent Friday night pre-fishing the lake and the word coming back was the bite was tough. Tim found some fish during pre-fishing, but he didn't know if they would be enough to get the job done. Well when the fat lady finally sung, Tim came out on top with a combined two half weight of 17.71 for ten fish, a whopping 1.71 lb. per fish average. Tim's big fish was only 1.91 so his fish were very consistent in size.

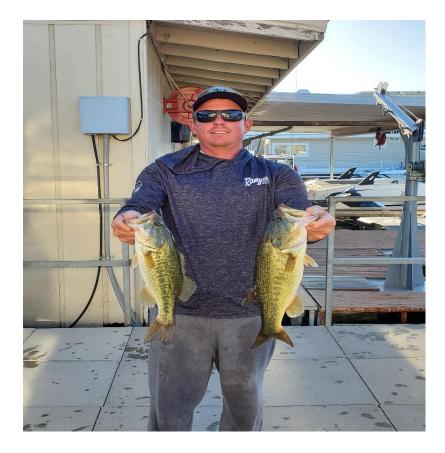
Tim said he caught most of his fish throwing a rip bait all night long, but when he would get tired, he would pick-up a worm. Of the ten fish Tim brought to the scales, eight keepers came on the rip bait and two came on the worm. CONGRATULATIONS Tim!!

Second place went to one of our new members this year, Matthew Mendes. Matthew caught two limits out of the back of Scott Parson's boat. Matthew almost pulled off the win but fell 1/10 of an ounce short with his combined ten fish limit of 17.61 lbs.

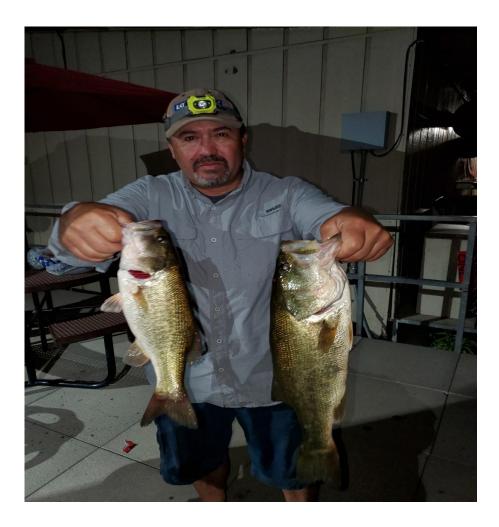
Matthew said he finessed all his fish from the back of the boat throwing a drop shot and jig. His fish came from 10-20 feet of water on the main lake. Great job Matthew!



Third place went to a person whose name we hear a lot, Corey Squires. Corey weighed in two limits for a combined total of 16.56 lbs. Corey caught his fish Texas rigging a brush hog and throwing deep diving crankbaits in the middle lake area. Corey also had big fish of the tournament; a healthy 2.96 lb. largemouth that came on a crankbait during the second half of the tournament. Good Job Corey!



Fourth place and last in the "moola" was Jose Guzman. Jose caught two limits of fish for a combined weight of 14.93 lbs. Jose spent the night fishing in the Big Creek area of the lake. During pre-fish, Jose caught fish on drop shot and a darter head. Jose threw a "double rig" which he described as a drop shot rig with a quarter ounce darter head and worm as his drop shot weight. He caught a total of six keepers per half with a big fish of 2.91. His fish were caught from the bank to 20 feet in steeper walls. Good job Jose!



#### JULY SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT





# Creekside Custom Tackle

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This month's sponsor spotlight will focus on Creekside Custom Tackle by Ken Eddy. Ken has been a long-time member and supporter of the Fresno Bass Club. Over the years Ken has provided the club with several items for the club raffle and provided it's members with quality custom products for those in need.

Ken started "Fish on Tackle" in 2003 and was selling his products wholesale to 7 different tackle stores. In 2006, Ken sold "Fish on Tackle" to a family friend. In late 2007, Ken started Creekside Custom Tackle because he felt there was a need for a quality product at a reasonable price.

Ken currently offers jigs made from round rubber or silicone in sizes from ¼ ounce to 1 ounce. Ken has a wide assortment of jig heads and styles available for purchase. His services include matching existing jigs and designing custom colors for your personal edge.

Prices range from \$2 up to \$3.25 per jig. You can check out some of Ken's fine work on his Creekside Custom Tackle Facebook page.

Ken has provided me and others in the club with custom made jigs for years and all I can say is they flat out catch fish! If you haven't tried them yet, give Ken a call at (559) 706-4089 and order yourself some quality jigs to try on your next fishing trip!

Three of Ken's most popular jigs are pictured below. If you order any of these, you <u>WILL</u> catch fish. From top to bottom, Green Sculpin, Purple Sculpin and finally Sculpin Light.



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Upcoming:

At this point in time we do not have a meeting scheduled for the first Tuesday in August 2020 due to the re-closure of indoor activities by Comrade Newsome. The newest round of restrictions once again closes all indoor activities so restaurants will not be available at this time to host our meeting.

Next month's tournament is scheduled for August the 8, 2020 at Pine Flat. This tournament is scheduled as a six-hour night tournament. As of today, July 14, 2020, the Army Corp of Engineers is still allowing tournaments with COVID-19 precautions in place.

If you plan on fishing this event, please contact Ron Red no later than 7 pm Tuesday August 4, 2020 and let him know if you are a boater or non-boater. The draw will take place in advance and you will have to pay at the lake like we did at the Delta. Remember to bring an entry form, exact change, or a personal check.

#### PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR UPDATES AS THINGS ARE FLUID AND CHANGE ALMOST DAILY.

Until next time...Tight Lines!