

# HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

**July 2023**

BK Custom Baits – Bill Kunz  
Creekside 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 Night Bonanza!!



### FRESNO BASS CLUB MEMBERS,

Well, Summer is upon us and that usually means hot weather and six-hour daytime tournaments, but for FBC members it means night-time bass fishing.

This year's weather really hasn't been the typical valley summer heat with day-time temps above 100 and night-time temperatures in the 80's. Instead, we have had mild summer days with the occasional 100-degree days and very high-water levels.

This month's tournament weather was in the mid to high 80's when we arrived at the ramp and dropped into the mid to low 60's as the night progressed. It actually got cold, and some anglers chose to put on their raingear to keep warm. I was glad I brought a couple sweatshirts otherwise I would not have made it through the night.

Fishing lake McClure at night has always been fun because you can usually catch numbers of fish and size all night long. Well, this year was much different, like most lakes this year McClure is in a bit of a funk and it's hard to just catch fish period!

The club members who pre-fished said that catching fish was tough enough while it was still light out, but once it got dark, the bite was non-existent. The word spread like wildfire and most of us were dreading the long dual weigh-in tournament. It was going to be a long night, but if there is an upside, at least it wasn't hot.

The night tournaments at McClure have generally been won by throwing some sort of reaction bait, like a spinnerbait, crankbait or topwater. This year it was won with the same type of tactics, but you had to stick to your guns and hope for the best.

The winner for the 2023 McClure night tournament was none other than Mr. Spinnerbait himself, Tim Turner. Tim concentrated his efforts on the main lake from Barrett South to McClure Point. Tim caught some small fish early on a small swimbait but switched up to a white spinnerbait and went to work. Tim had his limit before it got dark and proceeded to catch approximately 11 keepers before the first weigh-in.

Tim brought in a limit the first half weighing 9.83 anchored by the second big fish of the tournament a 3.62 lb. spot.

For the second half, Tim threw a spinnerbait and a jig on rocky points in the main lake. Tim only came in with four fish in the second half, but said he lost 4 big ones on the jig. Tim's second half weight was 7.64 giving him 17.47 lbs. and enough for the win!



Second place went to Bill Kunz. Bill started down near McClure Point but wasn't able to get on the point itself, so he had to settle for scraps farther down the wall. Bill fished three smaller points on the wall with deep water nearby.

He started off throwing a Keitech swimbait on his custom swimbait head. He said he caught three keepers in the first thirty minutes and lost a fourth swinging it in the boat and watching it bounce off the deck and back into the water. Bill left that area and headed to the wall across from the marina just before dark. Bill picked up a Bill Norman shad colored crankbait and was able to catch his last two keepers to fill out his limit. After dark it got tough, but he caught a few more on the crank and was able to cull twice throwing a Pro Worms 6" purple death on a drop shot. Bill's first half limit weighed 8.08 lbs. and had him sitting in second place.

For the second half, Bill started at the Marina wall and worked all the way down to Barrett South catching three keepers on a black Picasso spinnerbait. At about 2:30 he moved to an island top across from Temperance. Bill utilized his drop shot to catch roughly ten keepers off the island top. At dawn Bill tried to get on McClure Point, but Ken Eddy was camped out there, so he had to fish one of the smaller points down the wall he got bit earlier in the first half. Bill caught another limit on the drop shot that culled one and then picked up a spook and caught two more fish that culled for him.

Bill's second half weight was 9.36 lbs. giving him a grand total of 17.44 lbs. but not enough to beat out Tim Turner.



Third place went to Paul Shaffer who only brought in a total of eight fish (four each half) for a grand total of 14.21 lbs. enough for third place and a crisp one-dollar bill from Bill Rowles Sr.

Paul said he fished Arnold Bay and Piney most of the tournament. He caught all of his fish on a drop shot in 5-10 feet of water. Before dark Paul said he threw a 6" Pro Gold worm and after dark he threw a 6" Pro Morning Dawn with the majority of his fish coming after dark on the morning dawn.

Paul didn't get his picture taken at the weigh-in but he was spotted earlier in the evening in Arnold Bay sacking them up!.



Fourth place went to Kyle Reynolds who brought in a total of seven fish for both halves for a total weight of 13.51 lbs. Kyle also brought in a 3.64 lb. largemouth which edged out Tim Turner for big fish honors.

Kyle said he fished mostly in the main lake and caught his fish on a jerkbait before the sun went down and then a jig after dark. He also caught one nice keeper on a black chatterbait.





Rounding out the top 5 was Justin Barton. Justin said he focused on outside current points in the river and creek channels. The majority of his fish were caught using a walking type topwater before dark and early in the morning. After dark he resorted to a Texas rig which caught a few but those bites were far and few between.

I did not get a picture of Justin at weigh-in, but he did catch this beautiful 5.7 lb. largemouth on a topwater during practice.



### **TOURNAMENT TOTALS:**

Total Anglers:	25
Total Fish Weighed-in:	126
Average Fish Caught/Angler:	5 fish (Two halves Combined)
Average Fish Weight:	1.62 lbs.
Biggest Bass:	3.64 lbs.

As you can see from the above numbers the bite was super tough. Out of a possible 10 fish per angler that could be weighed in the average per angler was only 5 fish. Only one angler brought in two five fish limits.

**McCLURE NIGHT RESULTS (DUAL WEIGH-IN)**

<b>LAKE:</b>	<b>McClure Night</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>BIG</b>	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<b>GRAND</b>
<b>PLACE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b># FISH</b>	<b>FISH</b>	<b>FISH</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
			<b>ALIVE</b>				
				<b>Tourmy</b>			
1	Turner, Tim	9	9	3.62	9.83	7.64	<b>17.47</b>
2	Kunz, Bill	10	10	0.00	8.09	9.35	<b>17.44</b>
3	Shafer, Paul	8	8	2.84	7.65	6.56	<b>14.21</b>
4	Reynolds, Kyle	7	7	3.64	5.89	7.62	<b>13.51</b>
5	Barton, Justin (NM Jan'23)	9	9	0.00	5.88	6.80	<b>12.68</b>
6	Rowles, Bill Sr	7	6	3.48	6.27	5.40	<b>11.67</b>
7	Albidrez, John	9	9	0.00	5.21	6.40	<b>11.61</b>
8	Guzman, Jose	6	6	2.95	7.81	2.91	<b>10.72</b>
9	Heirendt, David	6	6	0.00	3.11	7.48	<b>10.59</b>
10	Duncan, Kelly	7	7	0.00	5.42	4.56	<b>9.98</b>
11	Red, Ron Sr	7	7	2.29	7.06	2.38	<b>9.44</b>
12	Baron, Rusty	6	6	0.00	7.22	2.07	<b>9.29</b>
13	Corrente Mark	7	7	0.00	2.26	6.92	<b>9.18</b>
14	Taylor, Ted	5	5	0.00	3.31	4.30	<b>7.61</b>
15	Jue, Gary	4	3	0.00	4.87	2.55	<b>7.42</b>
16	Eddy, Ken	4	4	0.00	2.75	3.37	<b>6.12</b>
17	Arnold, Jimmy	3	3	0.00	2.93	3.07	<b>6.00</b>
18	Calderon, Lazaro	4	4	0.00	5.56	0.00	<b>5.56</b>
19	Ruacho, Jerry	2	2	3.44	5.54	0.00	<b>5.54</b>
20	Avedikian, Amy (NM Jan'23)	2	2	0.00	1.71	1.55	<b>3.26</b>
21	Perez, Jesse	2	2	0.00	2.58	0.00	<b>2.58</b>
22	Duncan, A.J.	1	1	0.00	1.82	0.00	<b>1.82</b>
23	Rowles, Anne	1	1	0.00	0.00	1.48	<b>1.48</b>
	Perez, Jesse Jr.	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
	Pitts, Jeremy	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>

**YEAR TO DATE AOY POINTS**

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PLACE	NAME	TOTAL
1	Reynolds, Kyle	283
2	Baron, Rusty	268
3	Barton, Justin (NM Jan'23)	259
4	Red, Ron Sr	254
5	Kunz, Bill	248
6	Perez, Jesse	247
7	Taylor, Ted	234
8	Rowles, Bill Sr	228
9	Albidrez, John	219
10	Rowe, Seth	216
11	Duncan, A.J.	216
12	Corrente Mark	212
13	Tumer, Tim	200
14	Shafer, Paul	199
15	Avedikian, Amy (NM Jan'23)	187
16	Jones, Bob	174
17	Arnold, Jimmy	173
18	Perez, Jesse Jr.	170
19	Eddy, Ken	168
20	Heirendt, David	163
21	Ruacho, Jerry	162
22	Guzman, Jose	161
23	Duncan, Kelly	160
24	Jue, Gary	155
25	Kerber, Cory	153
26	Paris, Chris	152
27	Rowles, Anne	141
28	Smith, Ryan	135
29	Lopez, Christian	131
30	Calderon, Lazaro	130
31	Tamez, Chris	111
32	Smith, Jennifer	95
33	Short, Jeff	93
34	Mendes, Mathew	85
35	Botu, Brian	82
36	Austin, Walt	55
37	Placentia, Sal	53
38	Privet, Nick (NM May'23)	52
39	Curtis, Walter	42
40	Rowles, Bill Jr	42
41	Gomez, Marco (NM Mar'23)	41
42	De La Fuente, Javier	37
43	Agtang, Timothy (NM Mar'23)	34
44	Hass, Harold	33
45	Taylor, Byron	32
46	Cantu, Michael	28
47	De La Fuente, Javier Jr.	10
48	Uecker, Rick	10
49	Champ, Jeremy	9
50	Pitts, Jeremy	9
51	Navarro, Amber (NM Jun'23)	7
52	Pena, Irwin	7
53	Barton, Brody (NM Jan'23)	6
54	Gutierrez, Alfred	2
55	Lutz, Lary	2
56	McGovern, Rick	2
57	Munoz, Sal	2
58	Uecker, Sandy	2

**AUGUST 2023 TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:**

**When:** Saturday and Sunday 8/19-20/2023  
**Where:** Millerton Lake, Fresno Launch Ramp  
**Sunset:** 7:44 PM 08/18/2023  
**Moon Phase:** Waxing Crescent (15%)  
**Moon Rise:** 9:16 AM  
**Moon Set:** 9:33 PM **ITS GOING TO BE DARK ALL NIGHT!!**  
**Check-in:** TBD @ next meeting  
**Blast off:** Approx. 6 PM  
**Weigh-in:** Midnight First Half / 0700 Second Half Location TBD @ Meeting

**NEXT MEETING:**

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

**Until next time...Tight Lines!**