

HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

March 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,

Well, let's start by saying everyone's favorite word for the Delta.... WINDY, WINDY, WINDY and did I say WINDY!!!! For those of us who spent a few days pre-fishing just prior to our tournament we should have brought a kite.



Friday's winds were 25-35 MPH with gusts to 50 MPH with a surprise down pour at about 3:00 PM just in time to soak those anglers pulling off the water. Saturday's winds weren't much better, 25-35 MPH, but then luckily on Sunday we got a reprieve and the winds dissipated to the point we could actually fish.

In addition to the weather, we had multiple tournaments occurring at the same time. The Wild West Bass Trail was there Friday through Sunday. Then on Sunday, there were three tournaments out of B&W alone which made launching and recovery a little on the slow side, but we all pulled together and helped each other out so it wasn't too bad.

Pre-fishing was hit or miss for most anglers and the word on the street was that an overall smaller cut of fish was the norm and some anglers were even struggling to catch a limit. However, there

were two pre-fish hogs caught on Saturday, one 7.78 by Corey Squires and one 7.38 by Shawna Austin. Corey caught his fish on a swim jig and Shauna caught hers on a black Whopper Plopper. Congrats on the nice fish!!



Tournament day brought sunny skies and lighter winds and 34 anglers eager to catch some Delta fish. We launched our boats early (0430) to beat the competition but limited our blast off to 5 mph until safe light. The morning tempos were a little on the cool side compared to the two days prior and the morning tide was still on its way out which meant moving water and that we would catch the last part of outgoing and the first part of incoming which normally means good fishing.

When the day was over, Walt Austin was the big winner! Walt brought in 20.97 lbs. of Delta bass anchored with a beautiful 10.97 lbs. Delta beauty! Walt was secretive when I spoke to him about how he did it and it was like pulling teeth to try and have him give up any details on his honey hole. This is all I could get out of him.

Walt said he caught the big one in the same general area that his wife caught the big one on Saturday and on the same bait, a black Whopper Plopper. Walt said he fished the East Delta and caught the remainder of his fish Neko rigging a senko. Congrats, next time we're putting a GPS tracker on your boat!



Second place went to Tim “the kid” Turner who had a solid bag of 13.92 lbs. Tim fished in the Mokelumne River all day and caught most of his fish from one tule berm. Tim said, like others, the bite got tough after the tide swing. Tim caught his fish flipping the tules with two baits, an old school “Zipper” worm and a black and red senko. Good Job Tim!!



Third place went to Danny “I’m back” Marshall. Danny who has always been a top contender on the Delta finally got back on track. Danny said he was all over the Delta looking for one big bite, but he never got that bite. He caught the majority of his fish on crankbaits, mainly the Luhr

jenson Speed trap in both Delta Craw and Bluegill. Danny's best fish came punching vegetation throughout the day.



Rounding out the top five was Fourth place Harold Hass with 11.84 lbs. and Fifth place Mark Corrente with 11.60 lbs.



ADDITIONAL DELTA PICTURES



June's Sponsor Spotlight



This month's sponsor spotlight will focus on Dobyns Rods. Gary Dobyns started Dobyns Rods 16 years ago when he was living in California. His business was based out of Yuba City, CA before he left for the great state of Texas two years ago. We definitely miss his smiling face!

Gary deeply appreciates the grass roots fisherman and has been a sponsor of the Fresno Bass Club for the past several years. Gary provides the club with great products at discounted prices. These items are the rods that members win each month and at the end of the year awards banquet.

Not only does Gary have rods in his inventory but he also has a great selection of Dobyns Baits which include Football Jigs, the D-nail nail weight, spinnerbaits and D-swim jig heads for you're a-rigs or small plastic swimbaits.

Dobyns has a huge line-up of rods and you don't have to be rich to buy a Dobyns rod. Gary currently has seven different series of rods. The Colt series starts out at \$79.00 or you can go straight to his top of the line Xtasy series at \$550. Gary has five other series in-between the Colt and Xtasy (Fury, Sierra, Sierra Micro guide, Champion XP, Champion HP) that cover the gamut in terms of specific bait uses.

If you don't own a Dobyns Rod then next time you're looking for a rod, check out his catalog on-line or go to one of his dealers if need to hold one. But his rod actions are right on in terms of buying for specific techniques.

Please take time to check out the Dobyns Rods website or click on the link below to see his 2020 catalog.

http://dobynsrods.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Dobyns-Catalog_2020_final_web.pdf

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Upcoming:

At this point in time we do not have a meeting scheduled for the first Tuesday in July 2020 due to the on-going COVID-19 restrictions that are still in effect.

As of today, June 15, 2020, we plan on having the night tournament at Don Pedro on Saturday/Sunday, July 11 & July 12, 2020. The tournament will at 6pm-midnight then first weigh-in. The second half of the tournament will be from 1am-7am.

If you plan on fishing this event, please contact Ron Red no later than 7 pm Tuesday July 7th, 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 be sure to check your emails as the tournament situation is still fluid at many of the lakes and things are subject to change.

Until next time...Tight Lines!