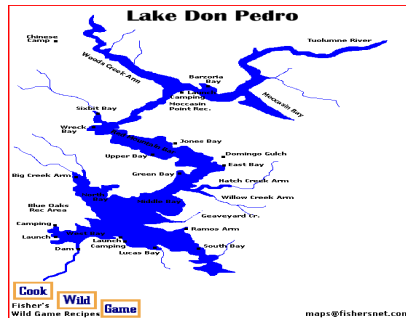


HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

March 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, the third stop for the 2021 Fresno Bass Club was originally slated for Lake New Melones near Angel's Camp, but the ole COVID made sure we couldn't fish there. After being told the Federal Bureau of Reclamation had cancelled all tournaments on New Melones until further notice, the board had to look for another lake and we were lucky enough to secure a permit for Lake Don Pedro our usual stop in March.

The weather leading up to tournament week had been stable, but the water was still cold. Many team tournaments just prior to ours had been won with just 14-15 pounds and big fish being only 4-5 lbs. And, of course, the week of our tournament, the weather took a turn for the worse with predictions of rain and a cold front moving through the area.

I had pre-fished the Friday before tournament week (3/12/21) and located bass on main lake points and drop-offs just outside the major creek arms. I caught those fish in 45-55 feet of water and caught a mixture of Spotted Bass and Largemouth Bass. Most of the bass were in the 1.75-2.5 lb. class and catching a 10-12 lb. limit wasn't too difficult.

Fast forward to the Thursday before the tournament (3/18/21) and all those fish I had found the week before had begun their springtime migration toward the spawning areas. I could still catch a couple fish in those same areas, but most of the fish had moved on toward secondary points and were moving shallower.

On Thursday (pre-frontal) and Friday (day of the front) the fish were very shallow early in the morning and then moved out to about 20-25 feet. On Friday, during the storm, the fish were pretty much on the bank most of the day but wouldn't hit any moving baits. On both days we managed to catch about 12 lbs. a day.

Fast forward to Saturday and Sunday (post-frontal) and I was able to catch them shallow early, but then it became a grind after 10:00 each day just to get a bite.

The Sierra Club was also there fishing a two-day event and after day 1, their leading weight was 10.08 and a lot of their guys had just 2 or 3 fish.

Well regardless of the conditions or of the mood of the fish, there's always going to be a winner and thankfully, this month it wasn't Tim Turner again!

Yours truly was lucky enough to make the right decisions this month a take the win with a mixed bag of spots and largemouth for a total weight of 13.50 lbs. including the big fish of the tournament of a 3.56 lb. spotted bass.

Based upon what I found with the early bite and then getting tougher for me, I decided to stay close by and maximize my fishing time. Because of all the tournaments being held lately and all the fish being released in Flemming Meadows, I decided to just start there and see what would happen.

I began fishing secondary points in the Flemming Meadows area and immediately started catching fish. The fish in the morning were in 10-15 feet on the inside of secondary points. I caught an 11 lb. limit, including the big fish of the tournament, by 7:15 and began to cull-up slowly. I left Flemming Meadows and went to the mouth of Hatch and Willow where I culled a few fish then headed back to Rogers where I fished a few wind-blown pockets and culled-up again. From there I headed to West side of the main lake and bounced around the inside of the main lake points and ended the day back inside Flemming Meadows and culled a couple more times to my final weight.



All of my fish were caught shaking a 3/16 oz. Texas rig with a 7" Oxblood worm.

Second Place went to Mr. Facebook Live himself, Jose Guzman who seems to always be fishing during the week and streaming live as he walks down the ramp to get into the boat.

Jose fished the Rogers Creek arm from Ramos / Rodriguez all the way to the orange fence just inside the Roger's Creek 5 mph buoys.

Jose began by throwing a prizm shad ned rig in 0-10 feet of water and later switched up to throwing a drop shotted 4.5" MM III in shallow wind-blown pockets. Jose's limit topped the scales at 11.83 lbs. Congratulations Jose!



Third Place went to another well-known angler, Corey "I always throw a jig" Squires. Corey weighed in an impressive 11.26 lbs.

Corey said he spent most of his day in Graveyard fishing green ¼ oz jigs “super slow.” He left Graveyard about 10:00 and began running main lake points with his jig. Congratulations Corey!

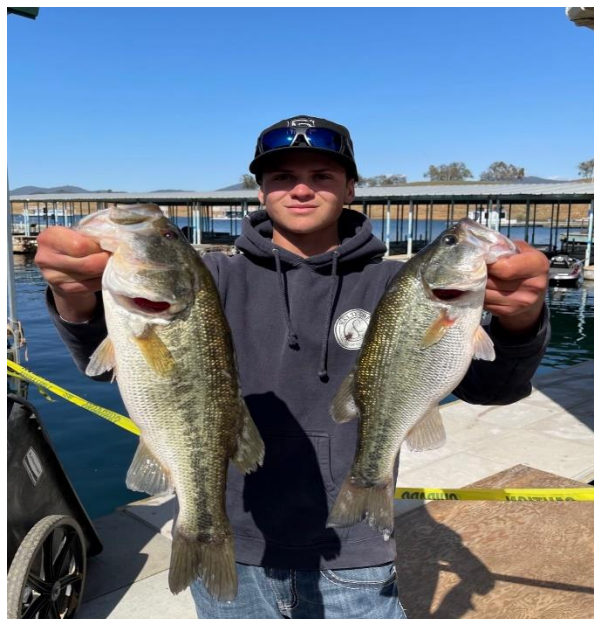


Fourth place went to Bob “I can still catch them” Jones. Bob weighed in the third 11 lb. bag of the tournament that topped the scales at 11.08 lbs.

Bob said he started catching fish first thing in the morning throwing a shad colored ned rig in a foot of water. From 6:45- noon Bob struggled to get bit, but after 1:00 he started throwing a Merritt Gilbert “Casper” worm on a Carolina rig to finish out his limit. Great job Bob!



Rounding out the top five was “young gun” Mathew Mendes last year’s FBC Rookie and Non-boater of the year. Mathew caught one rip fish off a bridge piling early then went to a Texas rigged to finish out his 10.73 lb. Limit. Way to go Matt!



DON PEDRO RESULTS:

		50 pts	NO.	BIG	
PLACE	NAME	Pts	FISH	FISH	WEIGHT
1	Kunz, Bill	50	5	3.56	13.50
2	Guzman, Jose	49	5	3.05	11.83
3	Squires, Corey	48	5	2.91	11.26
4	Jones, Bob	47	5	2.55	11.08
5	Mendes, Mathew	46	5	3.26	10.73
6	Jue, Gary	45	5	3.23	10.60
7	Red, Ron Sr	44	5	2.70	10.35
8	Rowles, Bill Sr	43	5	1.93	9.55
9	Tumer, Tim	42	5	2.44	9.51
10	Botu, Brian (NM Jan'21)	41	5	2.44	9.02
11	Perez, Jesse	40	5	2.22	8.94
12	Tamez, Chris	39	5	2.79	8.72
13	Austin, Walt	38	5	2.24	8.60
14	Paris, Chris (NM Mar'21)	37	5		8.36
15	Beck, Nick	36	4	2.85	8.34
16	Houlker, Dustin	35	4	2.60	8.01
17	Calderon, Lazaro	34	5	2.13	8.00
18	Hinojosa, Eddie (NM Feb'21)	33	5	1.63	7.99
19	Rodriguez, Robert (RM Jan'21)	32	4		6.78
20	Arnold, Jimmy (NM Feb'21)	31	3	2.92	6.68
21	Lutz, Larry	30	3	2.51	5.81
22	Hass, Harold	29	4	1.54	5.64
23	Munoz, Sal (NM Feb'21)	28	3	2.25	5.10
24	Rowles, Bill Jr	27	2	2.52	4.60
25	Mirelez, Ricardo (NM Jan'21)	26	3	1.97	4.60
26	Hinojosa, Charlotte (NM Feb'21)	25	3	2.26	4.56
27	Nelson, Zechariah	24	2	2.39	4.12
28	Hinososa, David	23	3		3.30
29	Shafer, Paul	22	2	1.90	2.96
30	Rowe, Seth (RM Jan'21)	21	2		2.87
31	Taylor, Ted		DQ		
			122	3.56	231.41

DON PEDRO TOTALS:

31 Anglers, 122 fish, total weight of 231.41 lbs., average fish 1.89 lbs.

YEAR TO DATE AOY POINTS

PLACE	NAME	TOTAL	BIG FISH
1	Kunz, Bill	151	3.56
2	Turner, Tim	150	3.18
3	Jones, Bob	135	2.55
4	Mendes, Mathew	132	3.26
5	Red, Ron Sr	132	2.70
6	Rowles, Bill Sr	131	1.93
7	Jue, Gary	129	3.23
8	Rowles, Bill Jr	124	2.52
9	Rowe, Seth (RM Jan'21)	121	2.66
10	Hinososa, David	104	1.48
11	Mirelez, Ricardo (NM Jan'21)	104	1.97
12	Nelson, Zechariah	104	2.39
13	Squires, Corey	102	2.91
14	Guzman, Jose	98	3.05
15	Perez, Jesse	93	2.22
16	Tamez, Chris	93	2.79
17	Hinojosa, Eddie (NM Mar'21)	89	2.17
18	Calderon, Lazaro	84	2.13
19	Arnold, Jimmy (NM Feb'21)	73	2.92
20	Hass, Harold	73	1.54
21	Shafer, Paul	70	1.90
22	Hinojosa, Charlotte (NM Mar'21)	65	2.26
23	Corrente Mark	49	1.54
24	Taylor, Ted	48	1.68
25	Botu, Brian (NM Jan'21)	47	2.44
26	Austin, Walt	41	2.24
27	Houlker, Dustin	41	2.60
28	Paris, Chris (NM Mar'21)	40	0.00
29	Beck, Nick	39	2.85
30	Evans, Victor	39	0.93
31	Eddy, Ken	38	0.00
32	Lutz, Larry	36	2.51
33	Rodriguez, Robert (RM Jan'21)	35	0.00
34	Munoz, Sal (NM Feb'21)	31	2.25
35	Renoylds, Kyle (NM Feb'21)	3	0.00
36	Theissen, Grant (NM Feb'21)	3	0.00
37	Uecker, Rick	3	0.00

ADDITIONAL PEDRO PICTURES









APRIL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

When: April 24-25, 2021 (Two Day Event)
Where: CA Delta, B&W Resort
Check-in: Check-in Starts at 0445, no later than 0515, B&W Parking Lot
Blast off: 0545
Weigh-in: B&W Ramp @ 3:00 pm both days

MAY TOURNAMENT INFO

Because of the extremely low water conditions at Eastman, we will most likely have to reschedule our May event to another lake. More Details to follow via emails as they become available.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting for the Fresno Bass Club will be Tuesday April 6, 2021. Details regarding the meeting location will follow via emails and Facebook.

Until next time...Tight Lines!