

HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

May 2021

BK Custom Baits – Bill Kunz
Creskide 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, due to the low water conditions at Lake Eastman, we had to scramble to find another place to fish once again. Ron Red was able to talk to Fish and Game and secure a permit for Lake Don Pedro launching out of Blue Oaks.

As usual, we weren't the only tournament on Don Pedro for the weekend. On Saturday there was a 70 boat BBT team tournament out of Flemming Meadows and on Sunday, the California Bass Federation was holding a dual region tournament out of Flemming Meadows. All the pre-fishing and the big tournament on Saturday was surely going to make it toughen up by Sunday. Throw in a couple hundred pleasure boaters, skiers and a couple float planes and "wala" the makings for a tougher bite.

The weather was beautiful on Friday, high temperatures and just enough wind to get a little reaction bite going. Overall, the catching was good, but the quality was less than one would expect from Don Pedro.

My partner and I caught several keepers on Friday and our big fish was a 2.89 afternoon super spook fish on the edge of a mudline. Other than that fish, we had a handful of fish over two pounds with most of the fish being in the pound and a half to three quarters of a pound range. In addition, it seemed like we caught more largemouth than spotted bass. One thing we did key in on Friday was the better bass seemed to be on steeper banks and if there was a slight mudline its was even better.

On Saturday, a small cold front moved through the area and there was a ten degree drop in temperature with a brisk wind all day long. We still caught fish, but the number of fish we caught was about half the number we caught on Friday.

On Sunday morning you could tell the difference in the cooler morning air temperatures and the lack of wind. Nothing like fishing a pressured lake, under post spawn and post frontal conditions, right?

Well, no matter what the conditions are or how the fish are biting there will always be a winner and this month it just happened to be me.



I started out in Big Creek fishing the river channel side of an island which had decent fish on it Friday. I started out with my spook and didn't even get a look, so I knew something had changed. My partner and I picked up some Texas rigged worms and proceeded to catch a few keepers before leaving the area.

The next stop was a steep rocky wall on the outside of Big Creek. Here again we got fewer bites than Friday, but we were able to both finish out our limits by about 0830. From there we headed to middle bay and fished another steep wall where we were able to upgrade and cull a few fish.

After about 11:00 AM it really slowed down for us as we moved out to the main lake to try and get a kicker. We caught a few fish here and there, but nothing that would get us over the 9.5 lbs. mark.

At approximately 2:40 PM I pulled into a small cut on a steep wall inside Rogers. Both my partner and I culled two fish each. The two fish I culled gave me another pound and put me at my winning weight of 10.59 lbs. My partner culled up to 9.90 and it was time to head to weigh-in.

All of our fish on Tournament day came on a 3/16 oz Texas rig with various 6" worms. The color did not seem to matter, but you had to throw it within inches of the bank and if they didn't hit it in the first five feet reel it up and cast again. If you had a mudline, it was even better.

Second place went to Seth Rowe, who literally lost this one by a drop of water. Seth weighed in a five fish limit for 10.57 lbs. and a mere .03 ounces from victory.



Seth fished the middle bay area all day. He caught an early limit on a zara spook then found fish pushing bait on the bank in the same area. Seth targeted those fish with a Super Fluke for the remainder of the day. Seth said most of those fish were 1.75 lbs. with an occasional 2 pounder mixed in. Seth said the fish pushed bait on and off all day long in the same area and he stuck with the fluke the rest of the day. Congratulations Seth!

Third place went to the young and very consistent Matthew Mendes. Matthew's five fish limit topped the scales at 10.49 lbs. which included the tournament big fish of 3.06 just edging out Chris Paris' 3.00 lbs. fish.



Matthew started in Big Creek throwing a topwater bait first thing and landing a few keepers. When the topwater bite died, he pulled out a jig and finished out his 8 lbs. limit by 7:30. After catching his limit, Matthew ran up the river and caught his big fish by dropping a darter head worm down the side of one of the bridge pilings. After catching his big fish, he ran back to the main lake where he ended up culling one more time. Great job Matthew!

Fourth place went to long time club member Harold Hass. Harold started his day on the main lake point of Jenkins Hill throwing a whopper plover. Harold got an early limit on the whopper plover then upgraded through-out the day throwing neko rigged worms. Way to go Harold!



Rounding out the top 5 is none other than Mark "I never pre-fish" Corrente. Mark in his usual style, didn't arrive at the lake until 11 PM the night before the tournament. He didn't tie up or do any preparation until he launched his boat in the morning. He had not fished Don Pedro since last year's night tournament. Well since when has that stopped Mr. Corrente from doing well? I would have to say it never stops him from doing well.

Mark brought in a five fish limit that weighed 9.98 lbs. giving him a fifth-place finish. Mark did not get a picture before dumping his fish, but he did tell me how and where he caught his fish.

Mark started out in Big Creek then moved on to Graveyard and finally the Flume area of the lake. Mark caught three limits of fish on reaction baits (that he would not disclose) and later caught another limit on a senko. Mark said that the bite really got tough for him in the afternoon, and he was unable to cull anything after noon. Good job Mark!

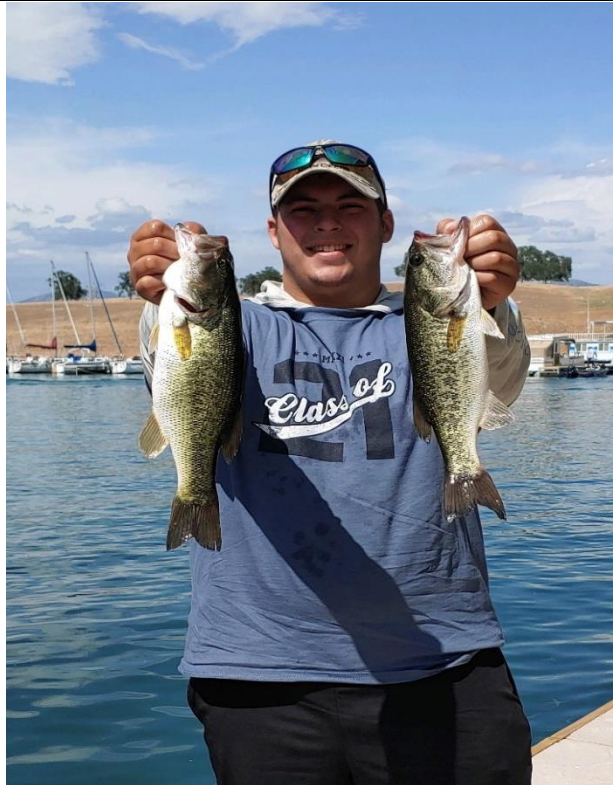
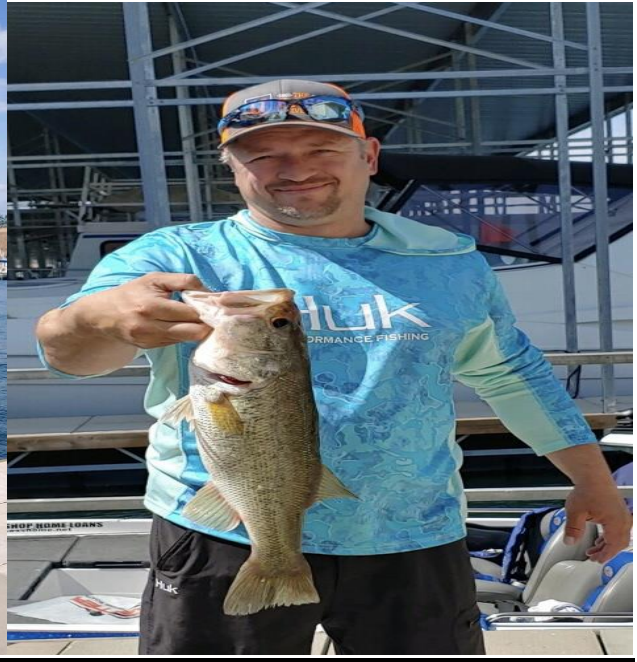
DON PEDRO RESULTS:

LAKE	Don Pedro	FISH	DEAD	BIG	DEDUCTION	
PLACE	NAME	ALIVE	FISH	FISH	0.5 (dead) 1.0 (short)	TOTAL
1	Kunz, Bill	5	0	2.47	0	10.59
2	Rowe, Seth (RM Jan'21)	5	0	2.60	0	10.57
3	Mendes, Mathew	5	0	3.06	0	10.49
4	Hass, Harold	5	0	2.50	0	10.00
5	Corrente Mark	5	0	2.03	0	9.98
6	Arnold, Jimmy (NM Feb'21)	5	0	2.38	0	9.90
7	Paris, Chris (NM Mar'21)	4	1	3.00	0.5	9.76
8	Beck, Nick	5	0	2.47	0	9.40
9	Red, Ron Sr	5	0	2.07	0	9.34
10	Guzman, Jose	5	0		0	9.30
11	Houlker, Dustin	5	0	2.04	0	9.24
12	Turner, Tim	5	0		0	8.52
13	Taylor, Ted	5	0	1.74	0	8.45
14	Perez, Jesse	5	0	2.07	0	8.20
15	Jones, Bob	5	0	2.03	0	7.93
16	Hernandez, Hector (RM May'21)	5	0		0	7.90
17	Rowles, Bill Sr	5	0	1.89	0	7.44
18	Hinososa, David	5	0		0	7.24
19	Jue, Gary	5	0	2.12	0	7.21
20	Mirelez, Ricardo (NM Jan'21)	5	0	1.60	0	6.45
21	Rowles, Bill Jr	4	0		0	6.36
22	Nelson, Zechariah	5	0	1.73	0	6.21
23	Shafer, Paul	4	0	2.03	0	6.20
24	Botu, Brian (NM Jan'21)	3	0	2.10	0	5.19
25	Munoz, Sal (NM Feb'21)	2	0	2.32	0	3.71
	Squires, Corey		0		0	0.00
	Uecker, Rick		0		0	0.00
	TOTALS	117	1	3.06		205.58

MAY YEAR TO DATE POINTS

PLACE	NAME	TOTAL	BIG FISH
1	Kunz, Bill	251	5.04
2	Turner, Tim	242	3.70
3	Jones, Bob	226	5.63
4	Mendes, Mathew	224	5.12
5	Rowe, Seth (RM Jan'21)	218	4.16
6	Rowles, Bill Sr	217	3.13
7	Red, Ron Sr	214	4.08
8	Jue, Gary	207	3.23
9	Rowles, Bill Jr	203	3.50
10	Guzman, Jose	190	3.50
11	Perez, Jesse	172	3.85
12	Mirelez, Ricardo (NM Jan'21)	170	3.20
13	Hass, Harold	165	4.71
14	Arnold, Jimmy (NM Feb'21)	161	3.06
15	Corrente Mark	149	5.19
16	Shafer, Paul	145	5.39
17	Hinojosa, Eddie (NM Mar'21)	142	3.75
18	Hinososa, David	140	1.48
19	Nelson, Zechariah	136	2.39
20	Tamez, Chris	126	5.26
21	Paris, Chris (NM Mar'21)	122	3.82
22	Calderon, Lazaro	120	2.60
23	Taylor, Ted	116	2.91
24	Beck, Nick	116	2.85
25	Botu, Brian (NM Jan'21)	103	2.44
26	Squires, Corey	102	2.91
27	Munoz, Sal (NM Feb'21)	90	2.83
28	Houlker, Dustin	84	2.60
29	Eddy, Ken	76	0.00
30	Austin, Walt	75	3.49
31	Hinojosa, Charlotte (NM Mar'21)	65	2.26
32	Evans, Victor	39	0.93
33	Hernadezs, Hector (RM May'21)	38	0.00
34	Lutz, Larry	36	2.51
35	Rodriguez, Robert (RM Jan'21)	35	0.00
36	Taylor, Byron (RM Apr'21)	28	0.00
37	Renoylds, Kyle (NM Feb'21)	3	0.00
38	Theissen, Grant (NM Feb'21)	3	0.00
37	Uecker, Rick	3	0.00

ADDITIONAL PEDRO PICTURES





JUNE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

When: June 13, 2021
Where: Pine Flat, Deer Creek Ramp
Sunrise: 0540
Moon: Waxing Crescent
Check-in: Check-in Starts at TBD
Blast off: Approximately 0515
Weigh-in: Deer Creek Ramp @ 3:00 pm

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting for the Fresno Bass Club will be Tuesday June 1, 2021 at the Yosemite Falls Café located at 4020 N. Cedar Avenue, Fresno CA 93726 (559) 222-7800.

Until next time...Tight Lines!