

HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

September 2023

BK Custom Baits – Bill Kunz
Creskide Tackle - Ken Eddie
Dobyns Rods-Gary Dobyns
G-Money Baits-Tray Williams
Pro Worms-Sandy Uecker
Valley Rod and Gun

LAKE NEW MELONES



FRESNO BASS CLUB MEMBERS,

Lake New Melones is known for its large population of both largemouth and spotted bass. It's also known for its population of record sized fish caught on a variety of swimbaits. Well, based upon its reputation it would be a great choice for the club, right? WRONG!!!

This year New Melones has been in a terrible funk. Local guides have talked about how the size and numbers of quality fish have all but disappeared. Many of the guides I have spoken to have confirmed that small sized bass have been the rule this year.

Many club members fished Melones in June for the last CenCal Team event of the year and that was a grind as well, but at least a few quality fish showed up during that event and it wasn't difficult to catch a limit of 7-8 lbs. Well, throw all that out the window as well!!!

No matter how tough the bite is, we will always have a winner and this month's winner is none other than Captain Ron Red Sr! Ron went up a couple days earlier to do a little pre-fishing, but said the bite was pretty tough or so he said. Ron is pretty tight lipped and doesn't say much so you have to be careful when he says the bite is pretty tough because that is when he excels.



Ron had a five fish limit that weighed in at 9.30 lbs. Ron also had big fish of the tournament; a 2.94 lb. largemouth. Ron saw me on the water at about 10:30 and he already had his limit. Ron said he caught his three best fish first thing in the morning on a Zara spook in Mormon creek then finished out his limit with two squeakers on a darter head. He only caught 5 keepers and was done by 9:30.

Second place went to Jose Guzman. Jose weighed in a five fish limit for 9.22 lbs.



Jose said he caught all of his fish throwing a hologram shad ned rig in 30-40 foot of water. Jose said he had at least six limits of keepers on a 150-yard stretch of bank.

Third place went to you know who.....Kyle "I'm always in the money" Reynolds. Kyle weighed in five fish for 7.98 lbs. Kyle said he threw a rip bait the majority of the day and that his arm was about to fall off! Actually, I think it's the hat. The fish like to get in the shade which makes them easier to catch.

Kyle said he started his day in Mormon Creek where he caught his best fish of the day on a popper. He moved to an island top, started throwing a rip bait and finished out his limit

by 7:30. After that Kyle moved to the main lake by the spillway and fished rocks in 30-60 feet with a Creekside jig and a tube making a few minor upgrades to his limit.



Fourth place went Gary Jue. Gary spent a few days pre-fishing as well and said the bite was tough for him as well. Gary brought in a five fish limit for 7.70 lbs.



Gary said he caught his fish on the main point of Glory Hole where the road comes down, an island in Angels Arm and finally another island as you head upriver. Gary said he caught his fish on a rip bait and shad colored Pro Worms on a drop shot.

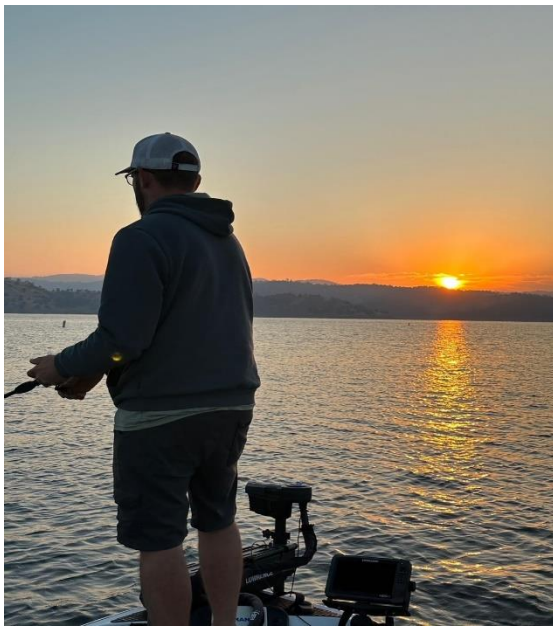
Rounding out the top five was non-boater Christian Lopez who brought in a five fish limit weighing 7.40 fishing out of the back of Paul Shafer's boat. Christian caught all his fish on a drop shot in 20-25 feet of water using a 6" Plum Berry Roboworm.

Tournament Stats:

We had a total of 26 anglers that fished the tournament. Out of a possible 130 fish only 105 were caught. The total weight of the 105 fish was 152.46 lbs., an average of 1.45 lbs. per fish. Out of 26 anglers there were only 13 five fish limits, so only 50% of the field had a five fish limit.

ADDITIONAL MELONES PICTURES

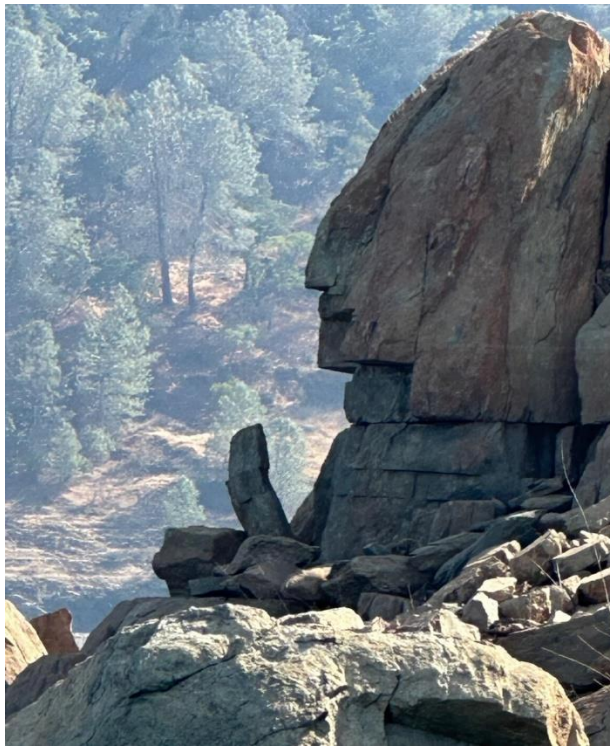
The following pictures were taken by Jennifer Smith



Something is wrong with your pattern if you're catching people's underwear!



At lastly, Jennifer said she couldn't resist and had to take a picture of a place she named "Happy Rock."



MELONES RESULTS:

LAKE	New Melones								
PLACE	NAME	50pts	NO.	FISH	DEAD	BIG	WEIGHT	REDUCTIO	TOTAL
		Pts	FISH	ALIVE	FISH	FISH		0.5 (dead)	
1	Red, Ron Sr.	50	5	5	0	2.94	9.30	0.00	9.30
2	Guzman, Jose	49	5	5	0	2.34	9.22	0.00	9.22
3	Reynolds, Kyle	48	5	5	0	1.76	7.98	0.00	7.98
4	Jue, Gary	47	5	5	0	2.47	7.70	0.00	7.70
5	Lopez, Christian	46	5	5	0		7.40	0.00	7.40
6	Rowe, Seth	45	4	4	0	2.23	7.37	0.00	7.37
7	Perez, Jesse Sr.	44	5	5	0	1.73	7.32	0.00	7.32
8	Rowles, Bill Sr.	43	5	5	0	1.61	7.15	0.00	7.15
9	Short, Jeff	42	5	5	0		7.11	0.00	7.11
10	Smith, Jennifer	41	4	4	0	2.70	6.87	0.00	6.87
11	Albidrez, John	40	5	5	0		6.67	0.00	6.67
12	Eddy, Ken	39	5	4	1		7.10	0.50	6.60
13	Duncan, Kelly	38	5	5	0	1.73	6.52	0.00	6.52
14	Avedikian, Amy	37	5	5	0		6.32	0.00	6.32
15	Paris, Chris	36	5	5	0		5.89	0.00	5.89
16	Privett, Nick	35	4	4	0		5.83	0.00	5.83
17	Jones, Bob	34	4	4	0		5.79	0.00	5.79
18	Taylor, Ted	33	4	4	0	1.92	5.51	0.00	5.51
19	Rowles, Anne	32	4	4	0	1.51	5.31	0.00	5.31
20	Turner, Tim	31	4	4	0		5.09	0.00	5.09
21	Yelton, Justin (NM Sep 23)	30	3	3	0		3.99	0.00	3.99
22	Barton, Justin	29	2	2	0		2.81	0.00	2.81
23	Duncan, A.J.	28	2	2	0		2.65	0.00	2.65
24	Perez, Jesse Jr.	27	2	2	0		2.44	0.00	2.44
25	Kunz, Bill	26	2	2	0		2.30	0.00	2.30
26	Shafer, Paul	25	1	1	0		0.82	0.00	0.82

SEPTEMBER YEAR TO DATE POINTS (RAW)

(SEE PAGE 7)

SEPTEMBER YEAR TO DATE POINTS WITH TWO THROWOUTS

(SEE PAGE 8)

PLACE	NAME	RAW	TOURNAMENTS
		TOTAL	FISHED (8 required for WC)
1	Reynolds, Kyle	383	8
2	Red, Ron Sr	350	8
3	Barton, Justin (NM Jan'23)	333	8
4	Kunz, Bill	328	7
5	Baron, Rusty	315	7
6	Albidrez, John	303	7
7	Rowles, Bill Sr	301	8
8	Taylor, Ted	300	8
9	Perez, Jesse Sr.	298	7
10	Duncan, A.J.	285	8
11	Turner, Tim	281	7
12	Shafer, Paul	267	8
13	Avedikian, Amy (NM Jan'23)	264	7
14	Rowe, Seth	261	6
15	Corrente Mark	260	6
16	Jones, Bob	259	7
17	Eddy, Ken	241	7
18	Perez, Jesse Jr.	230	7
19	Guzman, Jose	212	5
20	Rowles, Anne	207	7
21	Lopez, Christian	206	5
22	Heirendt, David	205	6
23	Jue, Gary	204	5
24	Arnold, Jimmy	204	7
25	Ruacho, Jerry	203	8
26	Duncan, Kelly	198	6
27	Paris, Chris	190	5
28	Kerber, Cory	153	3
29	Smith, Ryan	142	4
30	Smith, Jennifer	138	4
31	Mendes, Mathew	136	3
32	Short, Jeff	135	3
33	Calderon, Lazaro	130	4
34	Privett, Nick (NM May'23)	126	3
35	Tamez, Chris	111	3
36	Austin, Walt	104	2
37	Botu, Brian	82	2
38	Placentia, Sal	53	2
39	Curtis, Walter	51	2
40	Agtang, Timothy (NM Mar'23)	43	1
41	Rowles, Bill Jr	42	1
42	Gomez, Marco (NM Mar'23)	41	2
43	Navarro, Amber (NM Jun'23)	39	2
44	De La Fuente, Javier	37	1
45	Hass, Harold	33	1
46	Taylor, Byron	32	1
47	Yelton, Justin (NM Sep' 23)	32	1
48	Cantu, Michael	28	1
49	Barton, Bailey (NM Sep'23)	10	1
50	De La Fuente, Javier Jr.	10	0
51	Uecker, Rick	10	0
52	Champ, Jeremy	9	0
53	Pitts, Jeremy	9	1
54	Pena, Irwin	7	0
55	Barton, Brody (NM Jan'23)	6	0
56	Gutierrez, Alfred	2	0
57	Lutz, Larry	2	0
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OCTOBER TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

Date: October 15, 2023
Hours: Safe-light – 3 PM
Location: Pine Flat, Deer Creek
Check-in: TBD @ the October Meeting

The next FBC meeting will take place on Wednesday October 4th, 2023, at 7 PM. The meeting will be held at the Yosemite Falls Café located @ 4020 N. Cedar in Fresno.

See you there!!!