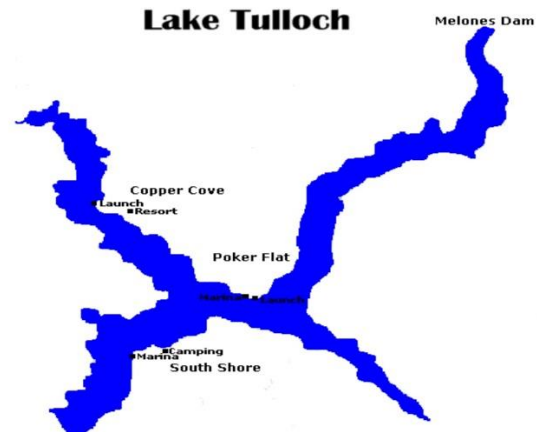


# HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

## April 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 Tulloch April 2023



### FRESNO BASS CLUB MEMBERS,

The third stop for 2023 was a lake we all love and had not been to in about five years, Lake Tulloch. The lake was constructed in 1958 as part of the Tri-Dam project and is managed by the Oakdale and South San Joaquin irrigation districts. Lake Tulloch is fed by the cold-water flows of Lake New Melones.

In the early 90's Tulloch was known for its excellent smallmouth population as it was fed by the cold waters of New Melones. Tulloch was known for its extremely clear water and lack of vegetation. Over the past ten years, the vegetation has begun to show up throughout the lake and the smallmouth population has declined compared to what it used to be, but the largemouth have taken off. The lake is now known to produce largemouth bass over ten pounds and smallmouth bass over four pounds.

Another interesting fact about Tulloch is that it is used to generate electricity. Every 24 hours the water level in Tulloch rises and falls 2-3 feet. The lake is normally drawn down at night to generate electricity and then fills back up during the day.

Well, what has been normal about this year? Pretty much nothing has been normal, and the extreme rains and dirty water seem to have the fish confused. Or maybe just the fishermen are confused?

The pre-tournament dock talk was that approximately 3-4 weeks earlier, the bite was wide-open with limits of 25-30 pounds being commonplace. During that timeframe, the lake got hammered with 30 plus boats a day until the bite died off. Of course, the timing of the bite starting to toughen up would be right when we scheduled our tournament. (Nothing new here!)

Pre-fishing for the tournament was tough for most people I spoke too. Many club members pre-fished at least a week in advance and spoke of how tough it was to get a bite let alone catch a limit.

A few of us showed up on Thursday and spent three days pre-fishing. During this timeframe anglers spoke about the smaller fish to 2.5 lbs. cruising the banks in droves but very skittish and scattering as soon as you tossed a bait in their general direction.

As usual the common hotspots were both Black Creek and Green Springs. Black Creek was a little clearer this year than Green Springs, but the dirtier water in Green Springs seemed to be a little warmer.

On tournament blast off most of the boats headed for the back of Black Creek in hopes of catching some bedding fish while others headed to Green Springs. The only thing these two creeks have in common is that they tend to draw numbers of boats and things tend to get a little crowded.

Despite all the boats, the winner of this month's tournament fished some of the community holes in Green Springs and was able to catch enough weight to grab the win.

Bill Kunz, who was boat 28 and the second to last boat to blast off, did not have high hopes of getting his starting spot so he played a little defense on Saturday by taking a gamble and catching as many fish off the spots he had identified in Green Springs hoping that a couple of the less obvious spots would pay off and they did.

When Bill arrived at the back of Green Springs he found Brian Botu, AJ Duncan and David Heirendt all fishing around the same area. Bill said he only caught three small keepers in the first couple of hours, but he also saw the other anglers catching some better fish as well, but overall, the bite was slow and the quality seemed to have diminished.

Bill was just about to leave the area at about 9AM when he saw a huge ball of bait on his live scope swimming toward an isolated underwater grassy point. Bill said he cast a swimbait to that point and caught approximately 7-8 fish out of that school of bait including the big fish of the tournament, a 5.85 lb. Largemouth. Bill culled a few times and within 30 minutes he went from about 4.5 pounds to 16.5 lbs. Bill caught one more fish at about 1 o'clock, that allowed him to cull to his final weight of 17.02 and good enough for the win.

Bill said during pre-fish he had 1-2 short flurries each day that would give him anywhere from 16-18 lbs. He said the bite for most of the days was extremely slow and hard to even get bit. Bill did not sight-fish and concentrated on throwing reaction baits on shallow grass flats with bait balls on them or in the area.



Second place went to the ever-consistent Cory (without an "e") Kerber. Cory only got one day of pre-fishing in, and he said he did a lot of looking for bedding bass. Cory used his pre-fish time to mark a few beds and spent the first half of the day bed fishing from mid-lake to Black Creek. After that he followed schooling fish that were chasing bait balls in the afternoon. Cory came to the scales with a total weight of 15.39. Great job Cory!







A couple of bonus fish for Cory! Quite a few of our anglers tied into some Brown Trout too.

Third place went to Jeff Short who hasn't fished much this year. Jeff just wanted to let everyone know he isn't rusty and can still catch them. (Show off !!)



Jeff said he went out on Saturday and marked bed fish for ten hours, caught a trout, then marked some more bed fish. On Sunday, Jeff blind cast until the sun came up and then went bed fishing until weigh-in. Jeff caught his bed fish using a Texas rigged craw bait. Jeff brought in 15.26 lbs. and fell just short of catching Cory. Way to go Jeff!



Not only can he catch bass....he can catch Brown Trout too!!

Fourth place went to another consistent angler in our club, Rusty "one r" Baron. Rusty said he spent the day sight fishing in both Black Creek and the main lake. Rusty brought in a five fish limit for 12.91 lbs. securing another top 5 finish. Nice job Rusty!





Rounding out the top 5 for the month of April is a guy who has been in a slump big time! Mark "I used to know how to catch fish" Corrente is back in the mix! Mark, without any pre-fishing, bed fished his way into fifth place with a total weight of 12.48 lbs. Congratulations Mark your back!



## TULLOCH RESULTS AND APRIL YTD POINTS

LAKE	Tulloch									
PLACE	NAME	50pts	NO.	FISH	DEAD	SHORT	BIG	WEIGHT	DEDUCTION	TOTAL
		Pts	FISH	ALIVE	FISH	FISH	FISH		0.5 (dead) 1.0 (short)	
1	Kunz, Bill	50	5	5	0	0	5.85	17.02	0.00	17.02
2	Kerber, Cory	49	5	5	0	0	3.97	15.39	0.00	15.39
3	Short, Jeff	48	5	5	0	0	4.57	15.26	0.00	15.26
4	Baron, Rusty	47	5	5	0	0	3.76	12.91	0.00	12.91
5	Corrente Mark	46	5	5	0	0	3.01	12.48	0.00	12.48
6	Duncan, A.J.	45	5	4	1	0	3.13	12.97	0.50	12.47
7	Guzman, Jose	44	5	5	0	0	2.76	12.36	0.00	12.36
8	Smith, Ryan	43	5	5	0	0	4.08	12.17	0.00	12.17
9	Reynolds, Kyle	42	5	5	0	0	3.77	12.16	0.00	12.16
10	Rowe, Seth	41	5	5	0	0	3.24	11.94	0.00	11.94
11	Barton, Justin (NM Jan'23)	40	5	5	0	0	3.22	11.83	0.00	11.83
12	Calderon, Lazaro	39	5	5	0	0	3.30	11.36	0.00	11.36
13	Taylor, Ted	38	5	5	0	0	2.79	10.97	0.00	10.97
14	Albidrez, John	37	5	5	0	0	0.00	10.41	0.00	10.41
15	Red, Ron Sr	36	5	5	0	0	2.44	9.89	0.00	9.89
16	Perez, Jesse Jr.	35	5	5	0	0	2.60	9.60	0.00	9.60
17	Mendes, Mathew	34	5	5	0	0	0.00	9.33	0.00	9.33
18	Perez, Jesse	33	5	5	0	0	3.44	8.88	0.00	8.88
19	Tamez, Chris	32	5	5	0	0	0.00	8.62	0.00	8.62
20	Jue, Gary	31	5	4	1	0	3.55	9.00	0.50	8.50
21	Botu, Brian	30	5	5	0	0	0.00	7.87	0.00	7.87
22	Arnold, Jimmy	29	5	5	0	0	0.00	7.70	0.00	7.70
23	Jones, Bob	28	4	4	0	0	3.40	7.52	0.00	7.52
24	Avedikian, Amy (NM Jan'23)	27	4	4	0	0	0.00	7.36	0.00	7.36
25	Duncan, Kelly	26	5	5	0	0	0.00	7.22	0.00	7.22
26	Turner, Tim	25	4	3	1	0	0.00	7.46	0.50	6.96
27	Agtang, Timothy (NM Mar'23)	24	5	3	2	0	0.00	7.69	1.00	6.69
28	Rowles, Bill Sr	23	5	5	0	0	0.00	6.51	0.00	6.51
29	Heirendt, David	22	3	3	0	0	0.00	4.99	0.00	4.99
30	Shafer, Paul	21	2	2	0	0	3.22	4.74	0.00	4.74
31	Eddy, Ken	20	2	2	0	0	0.00	4.37	0.00	4.37
32	Ruacho, Jerry	19	3	3	0	0	0.00	4.27	0.00	4.27
33	Rowles, Anne	18	3	3	0	0	0.00	3.72	0.00	3.72
34	Gomez, Marco (NM Mar'23)	17	1	1	0	0	0.00	2.08	0.00	2.08
35	Curtis, Walter	16	1	1	0	0	0.00	1.94	0.00	1.94
36	De La Fuente, Javier	15	1	1	0	0	0.00	0.77	0.00	0.77
	Champ, Jeremy		0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	De La Fuente, Javier Jr.		0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Rowles, Bill Jr		0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Smith, Jennifer		0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Munoz, Sal		dnf	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTALS		153	148	5	0		320.76	2.50	318.26

PLACE	NAME	TOTAL
1	Kerber, Cory	151
2	Kunz, Bill	145
3	Baron, Rusty	144
4	Reynolds, Kyle	137
5	Albidrez, John	137
6	Barton, Justin (NM Jan'23)	129
7	Perez, Jesse	128
8	Rowe, Seth	122
9	Red, Ron Sr	121
10	Tumer, Tim	121
11	Corrente Mark	121
12	Taylor, Ted	118
13	Guzman, Jose	118
14	Duncan, A.J.	114
15	Avedikian, Amy (NM Jan'23)	112
16	Smith, Ryan	102
17	Arnold, Jimmy	102
18	Jones, Bob	100
19	Rowles, Bill Sr	99
20	Calderon, Lazaro	97
21	Duncan, Kelly	93
22	Mendes, Mathew	85
23	Jue, Gary	84
24	Shafer, Paul	83
25	Botu, Brian	82
26	Eddy, Ken	81
27	Heirendt, David	79
28	Paris, Chris	68
29	Ruacho, Jerry	64
30	Perez, Jesse Jr.	63
31	Smith, Jennifer	59
32	Lopez, Christian	56
33	Short, Jeff	54
34	Austin, Walt	51
35	Rowles, Anne	48
36	Gomez, Marco (NM Mar'23)	41
37	Curtis, Walter	38
38	De La Fuente, Javier	33
39	Tamez, Chris	32
40	Agtang, Timothy (NM Mar'23)	28
41	Hass, Harold	27
42	Placentia, Sal	26
43	De La Fuente, Javier Jr.	10
44	Champ, Jeremy	7
45	Pena, Irwin	7
46	Uecker, Rick	6
47	Rowles, Bill Jr	5
48	Gutierrez, Alfred	2
49	Lutz, Larry	2
50	McGovern, Rick	2
51	Munoz, Sal	2
52	Pitts, Jeremy	2
53	Cantu, Michael	0
54	Guzman, Joey	0
55	Smith, Scott	0



**ADDITIONAL TULLOCH PICTURES**













# OFFICIAL PROTEST



It has come to the board's attention that two of our club members were seen engaging in inappropriate Bud Light drinking during the potluck on Friday. As a result of this inappropriate behavior an official protest was filed to have both members "Excommunicated" from the club. The official vote to remove both parties from the club will take place at the May meeting.

In addition to the inappropriate Bud Light drinking, many of the club members were offended by the extremely white hairless legs of the violator on the left!



### **MAY TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:**

**When:** May 21, 2023 (One Day Event)  
**Where:** Lake Comanche (North Shore)  
**Check-in:** North Shore Ramp TBD  
**Blast off:** Approx. 0530  
**Weigh-in:** North Shore @ 3:00 pm (Exact Location TBD)

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting for the Fresno Bass Club will be Wednesday May 3, 2023, @ 7PM at the Yosemite Falls Café located at 4020 N. Cedar in Fresno

Until next time...Tight Lines!