

HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

AUGUST 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,

This month's tournament was once again a night tournament, but this one was close to home and only six hours. Personally, I like the all-night tournaments with two weigh-ins, but I'm sure most were happy that this was only six long hours as the bite really shut down from the previous week.

The week before, during the full moon, Mark Corrente put on his Bass 101 all night dual weigh-in tournament at Pine Flat. I had pre-fished three days prior to that tournament and found a great topwater bite before dark. The best bite I found was throwing a white buzz-bait or white whopper popper 90 right on the bank from Windy gap to the temp break. All three days of pre-fish I caught at least two limits of largemouth before dark and another couple limits after dark on a spinnerbait, crankbait, and Texas Rig.

Well, what I can tell you I learned was the increased boat traffic on the weekend muddied up the clear water and killed the evening topwater bite. The best five fish pre-fishing limit I could come up with was about 10 lbs. Tim Turner on the other hand had one of those special days pre-fishing a caught a 16-17 lb limit.

The Bass 101 tournament was a chance for some FBC members to pre-fish and what they found was a solid bite on the full moon. The first half of the tournament my partner and I had two spots over four pounds and a five-pound lead going into the second half. We figured a 7-pound limit would lock it up for us, but as usual, the ole "Corey Squires" curse hit us hard. The second half we choked and only brought 5.89 pounds to the scales and ended up losing by .11 pounds and missing a check by .06 pounds. OUCH!!!

The top five Bass 101 team tournament weights looked like this for ten fish and a dual weigh-in:

1. 19.51
2. 19.46
3. 19.40
4. 19.09
5. 18.74



Pre-fishing 4.25 and 4.75 lb Spots

Those weights and quality of fish made those who fished look forward to the upcoming FBC tournament the following weekend.

Boy oh boy the difference one week and about 15 feet less of water can make. The FBC tournament had a total of 26 anglers hit the water with big smiles in anticipation of a solid night bite. Well...that didn't happen. And I figured out what happened, the fish were wearing masks!



The 26 anglers brought only 60 out of a possible 130 fish to the scales and only five anglers weighed in a limit. Only one fish over two pounds was caught and that was a three-pounder caught by the winner, Tim Turner.

Tim brought in one of the five limits brought to the scales including the tournament big fish. Tim's total weight was 9.19 pounds.

Tim fished up-river (what was left of it) throwing a white spinner bait before dark and a black spinnerbait after dark. Great job Tim!!



Second place went to the club's professional "second place finisher" Corey Squires. The always a bride's maid never a bride curse struck again. Corey brought five fish to the scales for a whopping 6.35 pounds.

Corey fished Windy gap and threw a shad colored crankbait until dark then switched up to a Texas rigged brush hog. Corey said he caught 15 keepers and all his fish came out of 10 feet of water or less.

Third place went to Mark Corrente whose five fish limit topped the scales at 6.28 pounds but good enough for third place.

Mark fished the river between Trimmer and Big Creek and caught his fish on spinnerbait, jigs and worms in 10 feet or less. Way to go Mark!

The remaining top ten weights:

4 th : Morgan Swisher	6.08
5 th : Chris Tamez	5.46
6 th : Matthew Mendes	5.45
7 th : Bill Kunz	5.11
8 th : Reece Smith	4.89
9 th : Ron Red Sr	4.63
10 th : Jose Guzman	3.99

Bass 101 held a boater's only draw tournament in conjunction with our FBC draw tournament and one of their anglers, Dusty Mart stuck a 7 pound pig! Nice Fish Dusty!!



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***WILL RETURN NEXT MONTH**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Upcoming:

At this point in time we do not have a meeting scheduled for the first Tuesday in September 2020 due to the re-closure of indoor activities by Comrade Newsome. The newest round of restrictions once again closes all indoor activities so restaurants will not be available at this time to host our meeting.

Next month's tournament is scheduled for September 20th, 2020 at the California Delta. This tournament will be held out of B&W Resort and will once again be a full day's fishing tournament.

If you plan on fishing this event, please contact Ron Red no later than 7 pm Tuesday September 1, 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 by mail or by dropping off a check at Ron Red or Nick Beck's house. Remember to bring an entry form, exact change, or a personal check.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR UPDATES AS THINGS ARE FLUID AND CHANGE ALMOST DAILY.

Until next time...Tight Lines!