

## DECEMBER 2021

BK Custom Baits – Bill Kunz  
Creekside Tackle - Ken Eddie  
Dead Stick Bait Company- David Coy  
Dobyns Rods-Gary Dobyns  
G-Money Baits-Tray Williams  
Pro Worms-Sandy Uecker  
Valley Rod and Gun

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!**



### FRESNO BASS CLUB MEMBERS,

Well, the month of December brings many things to look forward to one of which is our annual Tournament of Champions. This year we had a total of 19 anglers qualify for the TOC either via points or events fished for the year.

Lake McClure was once again set as this year's TOC location. One if our club's most favorite lakes to fish because of the number of fish caught there each year. This year the lake was extremely low, but the fish were still biting. The only problem was most were struggling for quality bites.

In the end, Bob Jones pulled out the TOC win with an impressive five fish limit of 10.68 with the tournament big fish of 2.68.

Bob said he threw shad-colored worms and jigs in 20 feet of water in the McClure Point / Cottonwood areas. Congratulations Bob!

Second place and Third place came down to literally a couple drops of water, but when the scales settled, Ron Red would lock in second place with a five fish limit that weighed 8.84 lbs.

Ron said he fished a spinnerbait early then transitioned to finesse techniques including a Texas rig, shakey head and darter head in 20-30 feet of water all over the main lake. Way to go Ron!

Third place went to Mark "I wish I had a couple more drops of water in my bag" Corrente who lost a second-place finish by .01 ounces! Mark's five fish limit weighed 8.83 and good enough for Third Place.

Mark said he fished the main lake with jigs and Texas rigs in 20-40 feet early then transitioned to 0-5 feet after 11 am.

Rounding out the top five were Matthew Mendes with 8.79 and Jose Guzman with 8.62. Great job gents, wish I could have been there!





## TOC RESULTS:

LAKE	McClure				
PLACE	NAME	NO. FISH	FISH ALIVE	BIG FISH	TOTAL
1	Jones, Bob	5	5	2.68	10.52
2	Red, Ron Sr	5	5	2.10	8.84
3	Corrente Mark	5	5	1.88	8.83
4	Mendes, Mathew	5	5		8.79
5	Guzman, Jose	5	5	1.90	8.62
6	Taylor, Ted	5	5	2.20	7.97
7	Perez, Jesse	5	5	1.96	7.93
8	Hinojosa, Eddie (NM Feb'21)	5	5	1.69	7.75
9	Tamez, Chris	5	5	2.02	7.56
10	Miralez, Ricardo (NM Jan'21)	5	5	1.69	7.10
11	Jue, Gary	5	5	1.54	7.06
12	Rowles, Bill Sr	5	5	1.73	6.94
13	Paris, Chris	5	5		6.78
14	Munoz, Sal (NM Feb'21)	1	1		1.84
	Hass, Harold	0			0.00
	Turner, Tim	0	0		0.00
	Kunz, Bill	dnf			0.00
	Rowe, Seth (RM Jan'21)	dnf			0.00
	Rowles, Bill Jr	dnf			0.00
	TOTALS	66	66	2.68	106.53

For their efforts, the top three took home the following:

PLACE	NAME	PAYOUT	BIG FISH	OPTIONS	TOTAL
1	Bob Jones	\$580.00	\$160.00	\$320.00	\$1,060.00
2	Ron Red Sr.	\$348.00		\$192.00	\$540.00
3	Mark Corrente	\$232.00		\$128.00	\$360.00

### **2021 AWARDS BANQUET**

The 2021 Awards Banquet will take place on January 29, 2022 @ the Yosemite Falls Café located at 4020 N. Cedar in Fresno.

Member's meals are free, and guests are required to pay \$26 per plate. The meal will consist of Chicken, Tri-tip, rice pilaf, salad, and a beverage. I believe the supplied beverages are water and tea. Additional drinks are available at a cost.

Payments for the banquet must be made at our January 2022 monthly meeting or directly to Chris Tamez **BEFORE** our January 2022 meeting.

### **FRESNO BASS CLUB 2022 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:**

DATE	WATER	RAMP
01/16/2022	Millerton	Fresno Ramp
02/13/2022	McClure	Barrett South
03/26-27/2022 (2 Day Event)	Don Pedro	Flemming Meadows
04/24/2022	Delta	B&W Resort
05/21-22/2022 (2 Day Event)	Clear Lake	Konocti Vista
06/12/2022	Delta	B&W Resort
07/16-17/2022 (All Night Event)	Don Pedro	Flemming Meadows
08/13/2022	Pine Flat	Deer Creek
09/18/2022	Delta	B&W Resort
10/15-16/2022 (2 Day Event)	Delta	B&W Resort
11/20/2022	McClure	Barrett South
12/11/2022	McClure	Barrett South

## **BASSMASTER NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

Many people have asked about how we did at the Bassmaster National Team Championship so here is a brief synopsis.

Cory Kerber and I qualified for the Bassmaster National Team Championship via the 2021 CenCal Elite Team Circuit. This year's tournament was held at Alabama's Lake Eufaula on December 8-11<sup>th</sup>.

179 teams from the US and Canada fished on days 1 & 2 for the National Team Championship Title. The top three teams after two days moved on and fished individually for the last spot in the 2022 Bassmaster Classic.

Lake Eufaula also known as "The Big Bass Capital of the World" was not fishing well. We spent our pre-fishing marking over 750 brush piles on flats that were anywhere from 100 yards to 1 mile offshore. Most of the piles were in 8-12 feet of water and were holding both spotted and largemouth bass.

Of course, on the first day of the tournament it poured for hours on end and the bite was not very good for us. We weighed in 7 lbs. 13 oz on day 1 and were sitting in 72<sup>nd</sup>. On day two our fish bit and we weighed in 12 lbs. 4 oz for a two-day total of 20 lbs. 1 oz and that moved us into 22<sup>nd</sup> and we cut a check.

It was a great experience, but we truly did not get to see Lake Eufaula at its best. I will attach a link with the final team results if you care to look at them, but to just give you an idea of how tough it was, only 22 of 179 teams weighed in limits on both days and over 100 teams weighed less than 10 lbs. for two days.

[https://www.bassmaster.com/sites/default/files/day\\_2\\_tournament\\_standings.pdf.pdf](https://www.bassmaster.com/sites/default/files/day_2_tournament_standings.pdf.pdf)



## **NEW YEAR'S DAY TOURNAMENT**

For anyone interested in fishing a team tournament on New Year's Day, CenCal Elite and Bass 101 have teamed up again to put on this year's tournament on January 1, 2022, at Pine Flat Lake. Last year they drew approximately 55 boats.

The tournament is from 7 AM – 2 PM out of Deer Creek. Entry fee is \$200 per team. For more information contact David Coy 559-280-8884 or Mark Corrente at 559-284-2768



### **NEXT MEETING:**

**The next meeting for the Fresno Bass Club will be Wednesday January 5, 2022 @ 7 PM at the Yosemite Falls Café located at 4020 N. Cedar Avenue, Fresno CA 93726 (559) 222-7800.**

**Don't forget to bring your money for the banquet**

**Until next time...Tight Lines!**