

HERE IT IS - ALL THE LATEST!

NOVEMBER 2019

FRESNO BASS CLUB MEMBERS,

Well, November at Lake McClure was more like October as far as the weather goes. Calm cool mornings turning into warm and enjoyable afternoons. Normally by this time of year, the water temperature is in the mid to upper 50's, but not this year. The unusually warm water temperatures of approximately 61-64 degrees and dropping water levels had the bass scattered throughout the water column.

Catching fish was not a problem, but catching quality fish was the issue. Word on the street prior to the tournament was a 9 lb. limit was going to fair pretty well under the current conditions. In addition, there was a small team tournament on Saturday with a winning weight of 11 lbs. With that in mind, I believed our draw tournament would be won with approximately 10 lbs.

After Bill Kunz's horrible finish last month at the Delta and falling behind Corey Squires in the AOY race he pretty much figured the odds were slim to none in making up the four-point deficit so he just went fishing and let the chips fall where they may.

And here is where and how all the chips fell...

Mark "I never pre-fish" Corrente stayed true to form and used his past knowledge of Lake McClure to secure the victory. Mark came to the scales with 10.23 lbs. of Lake McClure spotted bass and edged out second place by just .18 lbs. Mark concentrated on the main lake and caught all his fish on a Texas rigged Pro Worm in 25-35 feet of water. This was Mark's second victory in a row and boosted him up the AOY point standings. Congratulations Mark!



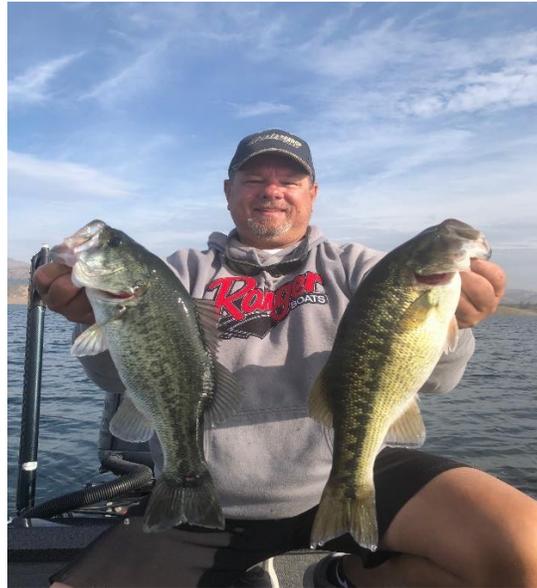
Second Place went to Danny “I only throw swimbaits” Marshall. Danny threw the old swimbait but didn’t get any takers. Danny hung in there and pursued other viable tactics that helped him bring 10.05 lbs. of bass to the scales including the tournament big fish a beautiful and fat 3.70 lb. largemouth. Danny fished secondary points on the main lake with a drop-shot, Texas rig, Carolina rig and brass-n-glass. Great Job Danny!



Third place went to Jeremy “I’m always in the options” Pitts. Jeremy weighed in 9.41 lbs. of bass including the tournament’s second big fish, a 3.08 lb. largemouth. Jeremy concentrated his efforts on main lake points. Jeremy caught his fish on using a six-inch worm on a shakey head in 35-60 feet of water.



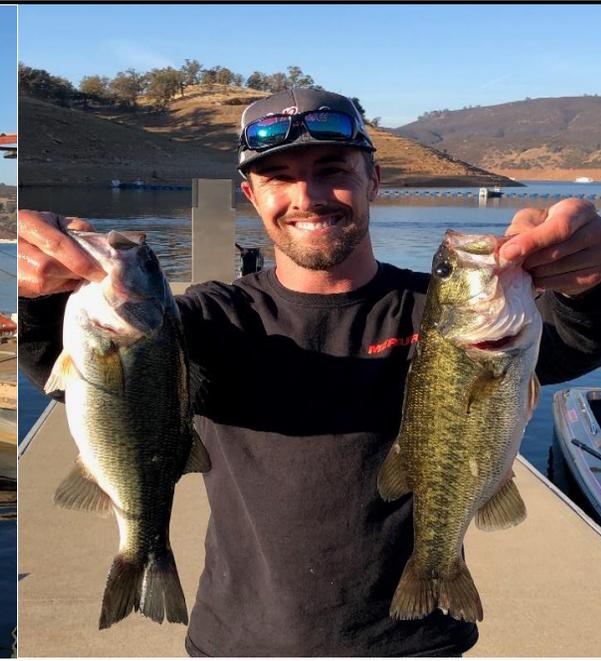
Fourth place went to Bill “I’m the new webmaster” Kunz. Bill weighed in a *non-impressive* limit of 8.79 lbs. Bill caught all his fish on main lake points in 45-70 feet of water. The technique that worked best for him was dead sticking a Texas rig with a six-inch worm. He pre-fished during the week and found a few 2.5 lb. fish, but knew it was going to take a little luck to get one of them on game day. Here are a couple nice ones from his pre-fish on Thursday.



Fifth place and this month’s First out of the Money (FOOM) was Lazer “I wish I had a Ranger” Calderon. Lazer’s catch tipped the scales at 8.45 lbs. For his efforts, Lazer will get a free tournament sponsored by Ed’s Marine Service. Ed’s Marine wants to remind you that they offer FBC members a 10% discount, so be sure to tell them you are with the Fresno Bass Club when you take your boat in for service.



ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



AOY UPDATE

Corey “I’m a bride’s maid again” Squires entered the McClure tournament with a four-point advantage over second place Bill Kunz. Bill knew he would need a lot of luck on his side to pull off the AOY and in order to do so the stars would have to align just right. First, Corey would have to stumble, and Bill would have to catch them. Second, Bill would have to depend on other club members finishing high enough to make up the four-point deficit should Corey stumble.

Well, the stars aligned for Bill and the unthinkable happened. Corey stumbled and weighed in a scroungy 7.03 lbs. an even *less impressive* limit than Bill’s *non-impressive* limit.

At the end of the day, Bill managed to finish 4th and Corey finished 13th. Bill made up the 4-point deficit and some. Bill now had a 5-point lead over Corey or at least he thought.

Since this tournament was one of Corey’s worst finishes of the year (very impressive) this McClure tournament became his second throw out and just like that “Boom” Cory regained 2 points leaving Bill with a very slim 3-point lead, technically just one FBC meeting.

But if Corey was to hire a bass hitman to “whack” Bill or sabotage his truck so he can’t make the December meeting then Bill and Corey would end up being tied for AOY. So now what would happen? Well, even if Bill missed the next meeting and they tied for AOY points, Bill has the big fish of the year at 7.55 lbs. so in the unlikely event Corey had Bill “whacked” and Bill missed the meeting, Bill would still win AOY and would be buried with his plaque.

So, at this point it appears that Bill has secured the 2019 AOY Title and the second place “Always a bride’s maid never a bride” curse will continue to haunt Corey for at least another year. On a serious note, Corey is a great fisherman and has had numerous second place finishes in various circuits this past year. He is always a force to reckon with and will continue to be a threat in the years to come.

2019 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

2019 Tournament of Champions to be held on Sunday December 8th at Lake McClure. Launching out of Barret South. Details to follow at the December meeting.

2019 TOC QUALIFIERS

1. Bill Kunz
2. Corey Squires
3. Mark Corrente
4. Ron Red Sr.
5. Jose Guzman
6. Danny Marshall
7. Gary Jue
8. Larry Lutz
9. Roger Lockhart
10. Harold Hass
11. Paul Shafer
12. Ted Taylor
13. Byron Taylor

BANQUET INFORMATION

The 2019 end of season banquet will be held on Friday, January 10, 2020, at Burrito King located at 319 N. Gateway Drive, Madera, CA. Seating will start at 5pm and food will be served at 6pm with a raffle following dinner.



The banquet is starting a little earlier this year because Madera has an ordinance that any gatherings of over 25 people require security after 9 pm. This way we will have plenty of time to eat, present awards and enjoy the raffle.

MENU

Choice of beef or chicken enchiladas
Chili Verde
Rice and Beans
Chips and Salsa

Members eat free. Each additional adult \$25, Children 10-16 years of age \$10 and kids under 10 eat for free.

See you all at the next meeting and tight lines!!

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IMPORTANT:

Upcoming:

Next up, FBC TOC @ Lake McClure on Sunday December 8, 2019. We will be blasting off out of the Barrett South ramp. This tournament will take place on the Waxing Gibbous moon, which is 3 days before the full moon. Sunrise will be at approximately 6:57 am, so safe light should be somewhere around 7:20 am.

Next club meeting is Tuesday December 3rd at the Denny's on Blackstone and Herndon. Meeting starts at 7pm. If you won't be there and plan to fish, make sure you get your entry in.