

HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

FEBRUARY 2020

**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,

Spring is just around the corner and the bass are starting to move up from their winter haunts to find a place to spawn. What does that mean to bass fisherman? That means it's the time of year where "Big Bass" start to show up at the scales and this month's tournament didn't disappoint.

The big bag of the tournament wasn't even a full bag so to speak. This guy only had three fish, but boy did he have one of those "Big Bass." Rick Uecker, brought in a total of three fish, that's right three fish that topped the scales at a whopping 12.56 lbs. His three fish bag was anchored by the tournament big fish of 8.32 lbs. Way to go Rick!!

Rick said he caught all his fish on main lake points in the Temperance area. Rick was split-shotting a Pro Worms leech from the bank to 30 feet. That's right I said it, "split-shotting". For all you new up and coming anglers, split-shotting was very popular back in the 1980's, but like other techniques has gone wayside to the 100's of other bass catching techniques that have evolved over the years. A few of us still remember how to employ that technique, but most people don't consider it a Big Bass technique. Well, Mr. Uecker just proved them wrong.

Rick was using a Pro Gold with red flake leech on his split-shot rig when the big girl bit at about 9am. Rick thought it was a rock until he felt a little "tap-tap" and set the hook. The fight was on and he wrestled with the fish for about 10 minutes before finally landing her. Rick weighed in two other spotted bass that had a combined weight of 4.24 lbs. He also lost two other good fish throughout the day that would have given him a five fish limit. BUT who needs five fish when your big fish weighs more than half of the field's limits? Rick was in all the options and in the progressive big fish pot which hadn't been won in months, so Rick hit the jackpot! \$\$\$\$\$\$

I wasn't there to take the pictures this month, so thanks to both Nick Beck and Michael Cantu for snapping this month's photos.



Second Place went to long time Fresno Bass Club Member Walt Austin with 11.31 lbs. Walt caught most of his fish in the Cottonwood Creek arm. Walt had pre-fished the area and found numbers of fish in 25-35 feet of water on Saturday. On Sunday the graph was blank, so Walt decided to keep them honest and throw to the bank with a neko rigged worm. Low and behold, Walt started catching largemouth right on the bank. Once the sun came out that bite was over. Walt only had four fish by 11:00 so he pulled chocks and headed up-river to the Horse-Shoe Bend area.

Once up-river, Walt concentrated on 25-35 feet and finished out his limit with some spotted bass. Congratulations Walt!



Third place went to Joe Alanis with a limit weighing 10.27 lbs. Joe Spent most of the day down near the mouth of Cottonwood Creek and dam area. Joe was shaking a worm shallow and caught several fish throughout the day. Good Joe!



Fourth place went to Time Turner with a five fish limit weighing 10 lbs. even.



The remaining results can be found on the website or by clicking the following link.
<http://www.fresnobass.org/resources/McClure+Results+2-20.pdf>

ADDITIONAL PICTURES



Every month this year I will introduce one of our sponsors to you. Please remember to support those that support us. This month's spotlight is on Sandy Uecker and Pro Worms.

February's Sponsor Spotlight

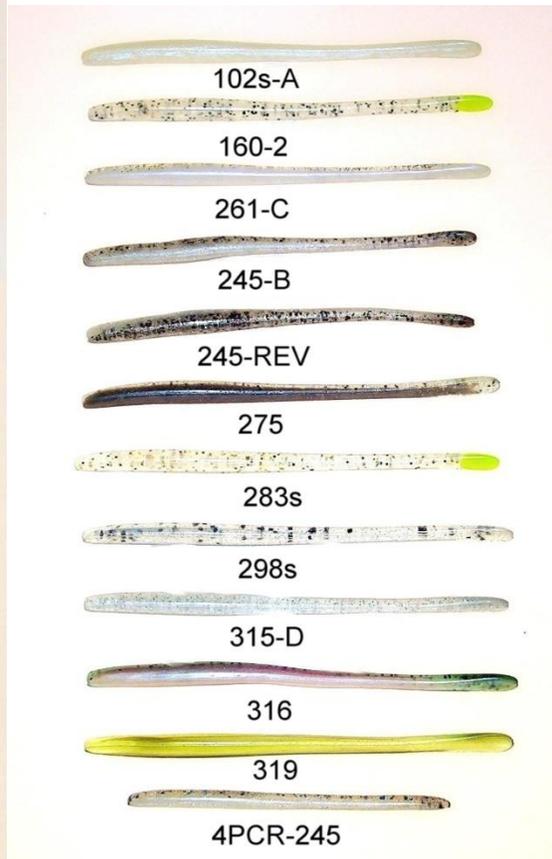
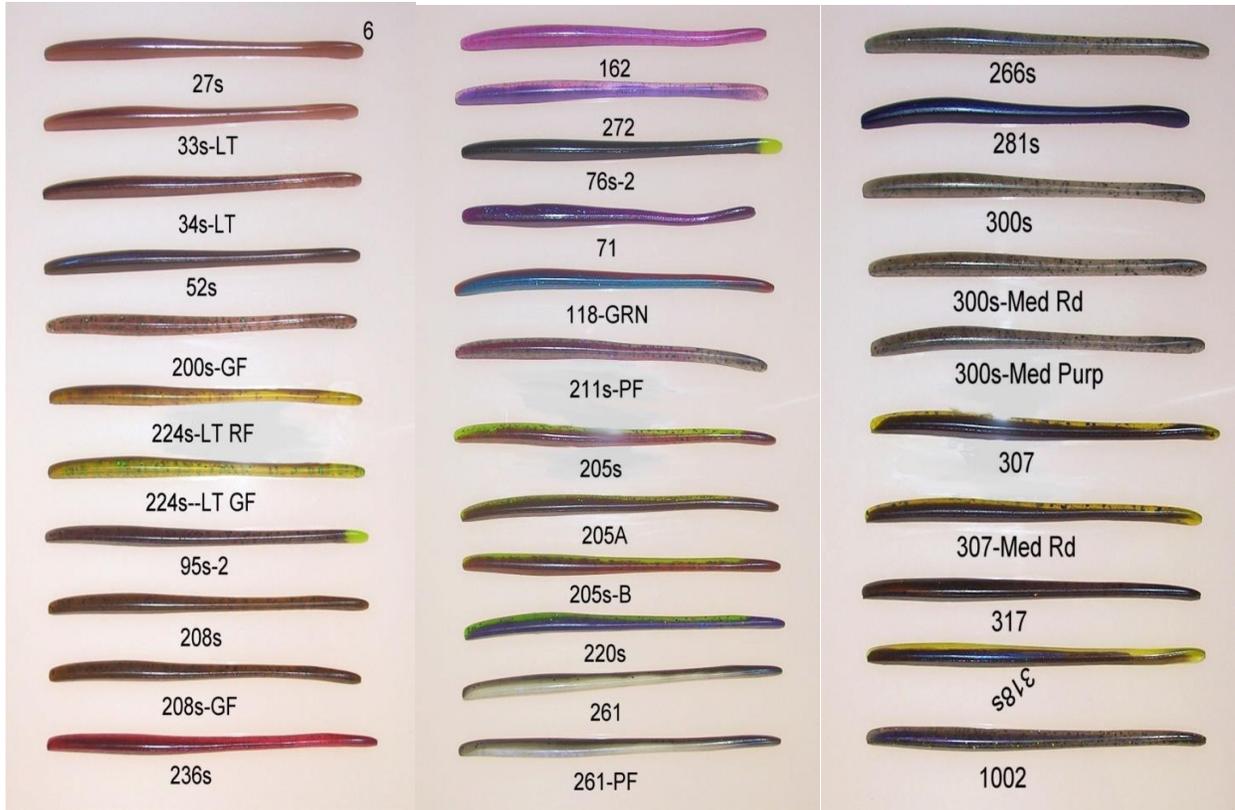


Pro Worms was established in the late 1970's by Gary and Debbie Enn. In 1992, Rick and Sandy Uecker bought Pro Worms and continue as the proud owners to date.

Pro Worms has been a sponsor of the Fresno Bass Club for over 20 years and continues to donate products to the club on a regular basis.

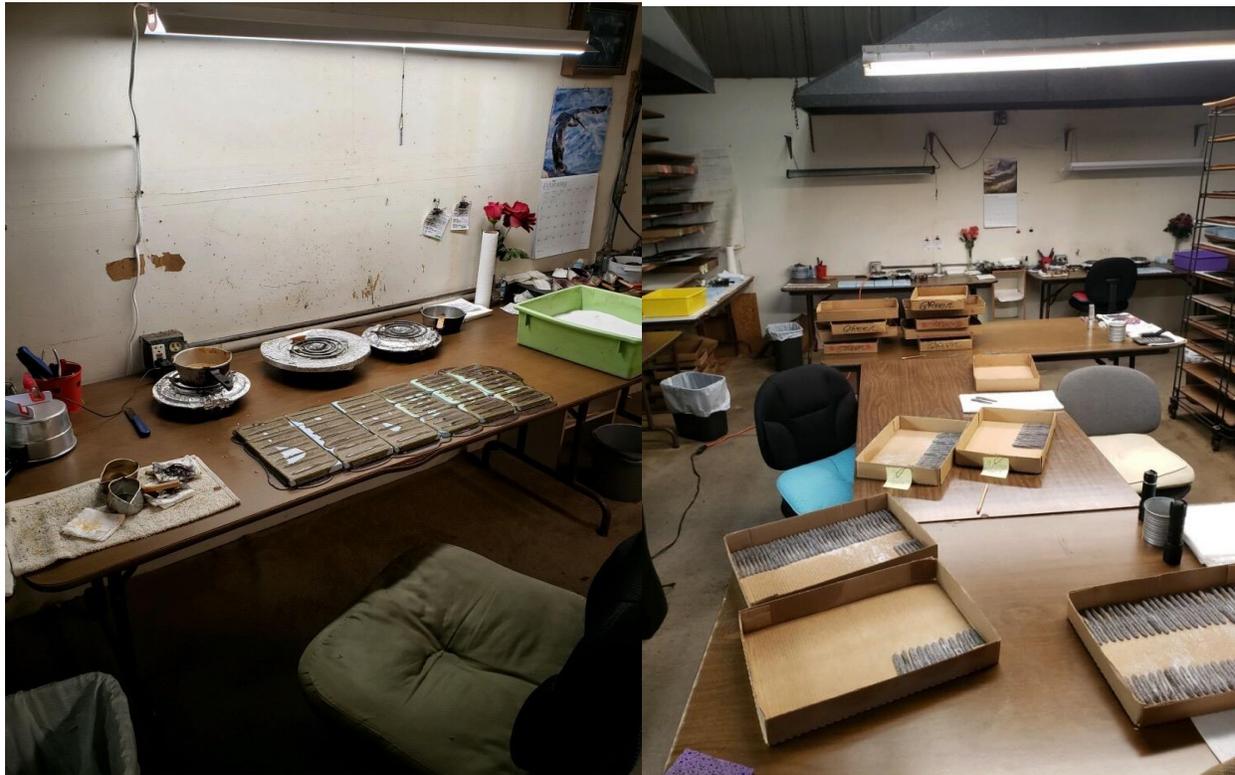
Pro Worms has a variety of hand poured soft plastic baits. Many of the various shapes sizes and colors are still available to view at www.proworm.com.





Locally the only place Pro Worms can be purchased is at Valley Rod and Gun in Clovis or by calling Sandy's shop at 559-291-9108 and placing a custom order directly with her.

Sandy's shop is in one of the industrial park areas of Fresno where she pours all her baits and ships them out to her various retailers.



Sandy's top selling styles are her 6" hand poured worm (6PCR), her 4" mini shaker (the most popular color is the Pro Gold with small red flake).

If your fishing out of town and need some Pro Worms, you can find them on Tackle Warehouse, or you can visit the following locations.

The Bait barn in Waterford, Tackle Tech (Formally Delta Bait and Tackle) in Manteca or Coyote Baits in Coyote.

I can tell you from personal experience if you don't have any Pro Worms in your boat your missing out on catching some key fish.

Please make sure to support our sponsors and tell them you're with the Fresno Bass Club when you visit them.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Upcoming:

The next club meeting will be held at 7pm on 3/3/20 at the Denny's restaurant located on the Northeast corner of Herndon and Blackstone. We will be taking sign-ups at the meeting for the next tournament which will be a two-day event at Lake Don Pedro on 3/14/20 and 3/15/20. We will be blasting off out of the Flemming Meadows launch ramp and weighing in at the marina.

This tournament will take place on the Waning Gibbous moon approximately 6 days after the full moon. Official sunrise will be 0615 and 0613 respectively. Safe Light should be right around 0600 on both days.

The progressive Big Fish pot will start fresh this month and most likely broke again this month.

If you can't make the meeting but have already attended a meeting and paid your dues, you can have a fellow club member sign you up. This tournament is usually a good pre-spawn or spawning bite. Lots of quality fish come to the scales so don't miss out on this one.

Hope to see you all there and if you bring a friend who joins the club, you will get a free basic tournament entry. In addition, if you are a boater, your friend can fish with you for their first tournament.