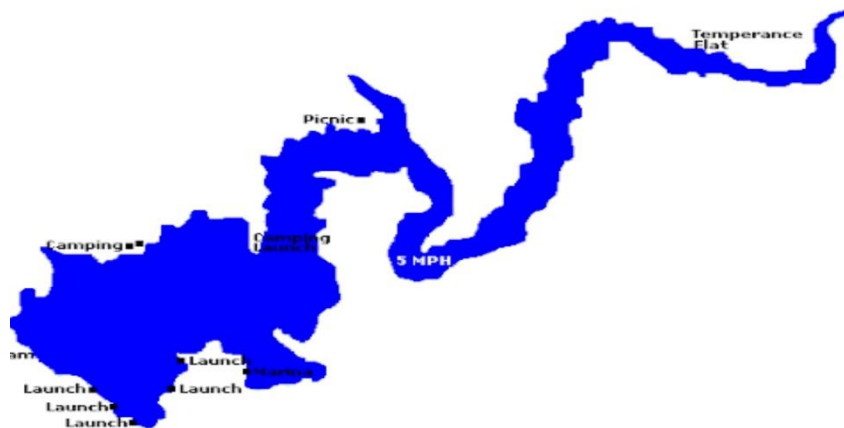


HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

JULY 2024

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

LAKE MILLERTON



FRESNO BASS CLUB MEMBERS,

July 2024 brought members of the Fresno Bass Club back home to Millerton lake for what is normally an outstanding night bite. As we all remember, last year's night tournament at Millerton in August 2023, brought strange weather including a nasty thunderstorm and a huge down pour. This year we had clear skies and a full moon, but the kicker was the 19 previous days of 100–114-degree weather. The scorching temperatures elevated the lake's surface temperature to the upper 80's in the morning to the low 90's in the afternoon / evening.

In the weeks leading up to our tournament there had been a tremendous top water bite that was producing quality fish. As the tournament date drew closer, the top water bite all but disappeared as the lake began its annual draw down. According to the California Water Exchange, Millerton dropped 24 feet from July 1st to July 20th a little more than a foot per day on average. No good news, that's for sure!

There were a couple of people who had been on the water pre-fishing for the event and all of them said they did not catch a limit and struggled to just get a bite. There was a small tournament on the Wednesday before our tournament that was made up of 11 two-man teams. There were no limits, and the tournament was won with only two fish.

On Saturday July 20th, the Sierra club had a tournament with 16 boats. The winning team's weight was only 5.76 lbs. with a 3.63 big fish in their bag. More bad news!

Club members arrived for check-in at 5 PM and were met with a scorching temperature 106 degrees. By the time the 7 AM weigh-in took place, the temperature had dropped to a comfortable 75 degrees, a 31-degree swing in temperature, but unfortunately it didn't help the bite.

In this case most people were hoping just to catch a few fish and maybe a limit if they got lucky. Well, no matter what the conditions are, someone is always going to catch enough weight to win the event. But first here is the breakdown of how we did as a whole.

There were a total of 22 anglers in our event. There were only three (5) fish limits the first half and three (5) fish limits the second half. The majority of our anglers caught either 1 or two fish each half with a few catching 3 or 4 fish. Only one angler caught a (5) fish limit each half. There was a total of 102 fish weighed-in (48 the first half and 54 the second half) for a total of 106.42 lbs., an average of 1.04 lbs. per fish. All I can say is BRUTAL!!

At the end of the first half the top three anglers were Bill Kunz (7.56 lbs.), Jeremy Champ (7.44 lbs.) and Mark Corrente (5.29 lbs.). Ron Red had the biggest fish of the first half that weighed 3.88 lbs.



Everybody went out thinking the second half would be better as it normally is, but there was nothing “normal” about this tournament. When the anglers came in for the second weigh-in the consensus was that the fishing actually got tougher during the second half although there was a slight uptick in the number of keepers caught, most reported a much slower bite.

At the end of the second weigh-in, Bill Kunz remained on top, weighing-in a second (5) fish limit of 5.77 lbs., giving him a grand total of 13.27 lbs. and enough to secure the win.



Bill pre-fished during the day on Thursday and only caught two keepers, both on a crankbait up river. Bill said he blasted up river with several other boats and was able to catch “two squeakers” before heading back to the main lake just before dark.

Bill then fished a steep wall in the narrows between Finegold creek and the main lake. The crankbait was only catching small fish, so he switched up to a drop shot with a Pro Worms Purple Death and a Green Pumpkin worm with a chartreuse tail. Bill was able to catch the rest of his limit on a drop shot and culled one time to his final weight of 7.56 lbs.

The second half, Bill blasted to the East Bay area where he caught one fish before the bite shut down for him. Bill went back to the same area where he caught his fish the first half and picked up a black spinnerbait. He caught four more small keepers to fill out his limit. Bill finished off the day fishing the main boulder point of Winchell’s Cove and the island just outside the five MPH zone. Bill caught one keeper at each location culling up to his final weight of 5.77 lbs. and the winning weight of 13.27 lbs. Bills fish were all caught out of 10-15 feet of water around big boulders and rock piles.

Second place went to returning club member Junior Lor. Junior was fishing as a co-angler out of Kyle Reynolds boat. Junior said during the first half he caught a total of three keepers up river. He caught one keeper on a Rapala Freeloader and two more keepers on an LA Custom Jig. During the second half, he caught his first keeper on the LA Custom Jig and then around 3:30 AM he caught his second keeper, a 5.76 spotted bass on an OG BGC wake gill. Junior's last keeper came on an Oxblood Robo Worm on a drop shot. His grand total for (6) fish was 11.06 lbs., and he also took big fish of the tournament with the 5.76 spot. The good news for the rest of us was Junior was not in the Progressive Big Fish pot so it's still alive! Congratulations Junior!



Third place went to Mark Corrente. Mark said he caught his limit the first half in the river on Pro Gold Red before it got dark. Marks first half (5) fish limit weighed 5.29 lbs. and had him sitting in third place. Mark said all his fish were located in 5-15 feet of water.

Mark said he threw a Pro Worms Purple Death the second half for a (5) fish limit that weighed 5.54 lbs. giving him a grand total of 10.83 lbs. and enough to secure third place. Great job Markie Pooh!



Fourth place went to Cory Kerber. Cory utilized a Pro Worms Leech in Pro Gold Purple Flake on a 3/16 TX rig and a 9–12-foot shad colored crankbait. He said he fished the leech very slowly on isolated rock piles in 15'-20' on the main lake. He said he had about a dozen bites each half but failed to execute and capitalize on them in the first half. Cory weighed in a total of (7) fish for 10.68 lbs. and a fourth-place finish.

Rounding out the top five was AJ Duncan with (7) fish totaling 10.50 lbs. AJ said all of his fish came in the river on cranks except for his big fish (3.56) that came on a mad mouth jig. Congratulations AJ, too bad you didn't get your picture taken so now you get the monkey!



MILLERTON RESULTS:

LAKE:			Day 1	Day 2	Day 1 BIG	Day 1	Day 2	Total	Day 1	GRAND	
PLACE	NAME	PTS	# FISH	# FISH	FISH	WEIGHT	WEIGHT	WEIGHT	DEDUCTION	TOTAL	
		Pts			DEAD				0.5 (dead)		
					Tourney				1.0 (short)		
1	Kunz, Bill	50	5	5		2.55	7.56	5.71	13.27	0.00	13.27
2	Lor, Junior	49	3	3	1	5.76	3.50	8.06	11.56	0.50	11.06
3	Corrente, Mark	48	5	4		2.28	5.29	5.54	10.83	0.00	10.83
4	Kerber, Cory	47	2	5		2.80	3.88	6.80	10.68	0.00	10.68
5	Duncan, A.J.	46	3	4		3.56	3.76	6.74	10.50	0.00	10.50
6	Champ, Jeremy	45	5	1		2.44	7.44	1.56	9.00	0.00	9.00
7	Eddy, Ken	44	4	3	1	0.00	4.70	4.02	8.72	0.50	8.22
8	Austin, Walt	43	1	5		0.00	0.84	6.69	7.53	0.00	7.53
9	Red, Ron Sr.	42	2	2		3.60	4.71	2.51	7.22	0.00	7.22
10	Jones, Bob	41	1	3		2.46	0.90	6.11	7.01	0.00	7.01
11	Albidrez, John	40	2	3		0.00	3.71	2.88	6.59	0.00	6.59
12	Rowles, Bill Sr.	39	1	5		0.00	1.35	4.95	6.30	0.00	6.30
13	Arnold, Jim	38	3	2		1.69	2.84	2.81	5.65	0.00	5.65
14	Heirendt, David	37	2	2		2.13	1.92	3.32	5.24	0.00	5.24
15	Reynolds, Kyle	36	2	1		0.00	2.79	1.33	4.12	0.00	4.12
16	Duncan, Kelly	35	2	1		0.00	2.10	0.80	2.90	0.00	2.90
17	Tillman, Chris	34	2	1		0.00	2.03	0.85	2.88	0.00	2.88
18	Lopez, Christian	33	0	2		0.00	0.00	2.14	2.14	0.00	2.14
19	Mendez, Matthew	32	2	0		0.00	2.12	0.00	2.12	0.00	2.12
20	Skyers, Andrew	31	1	1		0.00	0.96	0.82	1.78	0.00	1.78
21	Shafer, Paul	30	0	1		0.00	0.00	1.22	1.22	0.00	1.22
22	Rowles, Anne					0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTALS		48	54	1	5.76	62.40	74.86	137.26	1.00	136.26

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PLACE	NAME	TOTAL	TOURNAMENTS
			FISHED (9 required for WC)
1	Kunz, Bill	341	7
2	Corrente, Mark	333	7
3	Eddy, Ken	320	7
4	Duncan, A.J.	310	7
5	Shafer, Paul	263	7
6	Arnold, Jim	256	7
7	Jones, Bob	234	5
8	Red, Ron Sr.	231	5
9	Rowles, Bill Sr.	204	5
10	Lopez, Christian	201	6
11	Kerber, Cory	200	4
12	Tillman, Chris NM Mar' 24	193	5
13	Reynolds, Kyle	190	5
14	Heirendt, David	190	5
15	Albidrez, John	182	4
16	Jue, Gary	176	5
17	Champ, Jeremy	164	4
18	Navarro, Amber	157	5
19	Austin, Walt	157	4
20	Duncan, Kelly	148	4
21	Skyers, Andrew NM Mar' 24	145	4
22	Wells, Timmy NM Jan' 24	143	3
23	Squires, Corey	135	3
24	Ruacho, Jerry	130	4
25	Avedikian, Amy	117	3
26	Calderon, Lazaro	111	3
27	Paris, Chris	108	3
28	Mendes, Mathew	106	3
29	Smith, Ryan	98	2
30	Rowles, Anne	96	3
31	Baron, Rusty	95	2
32	Turner, Tim	91	2
33	Lor, Junior NM Jun' 24	89	2
34	Smith, Jennifer	78	2
35	Barton, Justin	76	2
36	Taylor, Ted	71	2
37	Curtis, Walter	61	2
38	Placentia, Sal	51	2
39	Cantu, Michael	50	1
40	Privett, Nick	49	1
41	Short, Jeff NM Apr' 24	48	1
42	Privett, Nick	47	1
43	Guzman, Jose	45	1
44	Rowe, Seth	44	1
45	Agtang, Timothy	38	1
46	Rowles, Bill Jr.	34	1
47	Botu, Brian	28	1
48	Calderon, Allen NM Apr' 24	27	1
49	Austin, Shauna	14	1
50	Hass, Harold	10	0
51	Uecker, Rick	8	0
52	Uecker, Sandy	8	0
53	Bigler, McKay NM Mar' 24	6	0
54	Williams, Tray NM Mar' 24	4	0
55	Barton, Bailey	2	0
56	Casarez, Elijah	0	0
57	Guzman, Joel NM Apr' 24	0	0
58	Privett, Elijah NM May' 24	0	1

AUGUST 2024 TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

Date: AUGUST 17-18, 2024 (All Night)
Hours: 6 PM-12:00 AM / 1 AM-7 AM
Location: Pine Flat
Check-in: Deer Creek
Sun Set: 7:46 PM
Moon Rise: 6:54 PM
Moon Set: 8-18-24 @ 4:45 AM
Moon Phase: Waxing Gibbous (91% Full)

The next FBC meeting will take place on Wednesday August 7th, at 7 PM. The meeting will be held at the Yosemite Falls Café located @ 4020 N. Cedar in Fresno.

NO MORE LATE SIGN-UPS WITH OPTIONS SO BE SURE TO GET YOUR ENTRY IN BEFORE THE MONTHLY MEETING OR ATTEND THE MEETING AND SIGN-UP IN PERSON!!

See you there!!!