

HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

NOVEMBER 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,

The Fresno Bass Club always looks forward to the November tournament at Lake McClure. The fish are usually nice and fat and biting well. This year's weird weather patterns have the water temperatures warmer than normal and the fish on a tough bite.

Out of the 24 anglers who participated in the tournament, only (14) anglers managed a five fish limit. Only two fish over (and I mean barely over) two pounds were brought to the scales. There was a total of (98) fish brought to the scales for a grand total of 108.21 lbs. a measly 1.1 lbs. per fish average.

Yet despite all these terrible statistics, one thing is for sure, there will always be one winner at the end of the day. On this very tough day, member Jessie Perez rose to the top of the field with a five fish limit weighing in at a "hefty" 6.42 lbs.!



In my exclusive one on one interview with Jessie, he told me he fished the main lake most of the day. He threw a one two punch consisting of a Roboworm on a darter head and a Don lovino worm on a Texas Rig both on “green weenie” type colors. Jessie caught his fish spread out anywhere from the bank to 40 feet. Jessie caught his last cull fish with about 45 minutes left in the tournament. That fish bumped his weight up by 0.3 lbs. which in the end was the key fish to give him the win and edge out second place finisher Bill Rowles Jr. Congratulations Jessie!

Second place went Bill Rowles Jr. who brought in a five fish limit weighing 6.29 lbs. Bill might have won this event had Jessie not culled that fish in the last 45 minutes of the tournament.



Bill said he had a mediocre pre-fish, so he decided to just go throw a spinnerbait and cover some water. He concentrated his early morning efforts in the Horseshoe bend area. He caught his first limit on a War Eagle shad colored spinnerbait before 7:30. After that Bill headed toward the main lake and caught a few fish on a Keitech swimbait that upgraded his limit. Great Job Bill!!

Third Place went to “Mr. Consistent,” Jose Guzman. Jose brought in five tiny morsels that tipped the scales at 5.97 lbs.



Jose started catching his fish shallow early in the day fishing a 4.5" Roboworm on a darter head. Jose keyed in on main lake rocky points and caught about 20 keepers throughout the day. As the day went on, Jose moved out deeper to 60' of water where he was able to cull up to his monster bag of 5.97 lbs. Congratulations Jose!

Fourth Place went to Scott Parson with an amazing five fish limit of 5.93 lbs.



Finally, fifth place went to Ken Eddy who weighed in five fish for 5.690 lbs. including the tournament big fish of 2.05! That right tournament big fish was 2.05 lbs. which is normally the average weight per fish this time of year. Ken caught his big fish on a River2Sea S-waver on a main lake point. Finally, a fish without its ribs showing. Nice one Ken!



ANGLER OF THE YEAR RACE

Well November is when the coveted FBC Angler of the year is decided. This year's race was close just like any other year, but after a shortened "COVID-19" season, Mark Corrente remained on-top after throwing out each angler's worst finish this tournament this season.

Ron Red Sr. was in the lead by 33 points going into McClure, but after doing some math he realized he would have to win McClure to hang on to the lead. Well based upon what you have read already you know Ron didn't win McClure therefore your 2020 FBC Angler of the Year is Mark Corrente! Congratulations Mark!

Speaking of Mark, I think it's only appropriate to advise our membership of another one of Mark's accomplishments this month. Mark was not at McClure because he qualified for the TBF National Semi-finals at Lake Shasta where the top 2020 California TBF anglers faced off against the top Arizona TBF anglers for a chance to move onto the National event held in the spring of 2021 at the Red River in Louisiana.

Mark was the highest finishing California Angler and earned his way to the Red River. If Mark can win the Red River event, he will get \$100,000 and the Living the Dream Package which consists of a 2021 Ranger Bass Boat and a 2021 Chevrolet tow vehicle plus all

entries into the 2022 MLF/FLW Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit. Wishing you the best of luck in this once in a lifetime opportunity!



NON-BOATER AND ROOKIE OF THE YEAR RACE



The Fresno Bass Club always encourages individuals without boats and young anglers to join our club. The FBC offers non-boaters and young anglers a pathway to compete in local bass tournaments.

Just like the AOY race, the non-boaters, and new members (Rookies) have an opportunity to compete for their own Titles. This year is kind of a special year because one person won both the non-boater and rookie of the year race. Not only was it the same person, but it was one of our young anglers who accomplished these two goals.

17-year-old Matthew Mendes of Lemoore rose to the occasion this year and finished 4th overall in the AOY points Race but won the Non-Boater of the Year and Rookie of the Year Titles. Congratulations to Matt on a job well done!

BIG FISH OF THE YEAR

This year's overall big fish of the year goes to Walt Austin for his 10.57 lb. Delta piggy! Congratulations on a beautiful fish!



2020 FBC TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS QUALIFIERS

This year's TOC qualifications were slightly tweaked to align with the number of tournaments held due to Covid-19. Below the wild card entries required participation in (9) tournaments but we changed that to (7) for the 2020 season. Congratulations to the (15) 2020 TOC qualifiers.

More info on the date, time and location will be sent to the participants soon via email.

TOC (Tournament of Champions)

- A. The top 10 anglers will advance to the TOC
- B. Members participating in a minimum of 9 tournaments will also qualify for TOC
- C. TOC lake location will be determined by the prior TOC participants at the prior year TOC.
- D. The TOC location will be off limits Monday – Friday prior to the TOC. Prefishing on the Saturday before is allowed.

PLACE	NAME	TOTAL	TOTAL Less 1
1	Corrente Mark	408	408
2	Red, Ron Sr	441	400
3	Guzman, Jose	426	391
4	Mendes, Mathew (NM Jan'20)	372	372
5	Squires, Corey (RM Jan'19)	370	370
6	Turner, Tim (RM Jan'20)	346	346
7	Hass, Harold	336	336
8	Jones, Bob	362	334
9	Jue, Gary	358	331
10	Nelson, Zecariah (NM Jan'20)	341	315
11	Shafer, Paul	294	294
12	Calderon, Lazar (RM Jun'19)	291	291
13	Eddy, Ken	283	283
14	Smith, Scott	281	281
17	Hinososa, David (NM Jan'20)	253	253

2021 FBC BOARD MEMBERS

During the November 2020 FBC general meeting the following members were voted in to serve as Board members during the 2021 season.

President: Ted Taylor
Vice President: Paul Shafer
Secretary: Gary Jue
Sgt. At Arms: Larry Lutz
Tournament Dir.: Ron Red Sr.
Weighmaster: Mark Corrente
Web Master: Bill Kunz
Member at Large: David Hinojosa
Member at Large: Jose Guzman
Member at Large: Jesse Perez

YEAR END AWARDS BANQUET

As of right now, the 2020 Awards Banquet is scheduled for **Saturday, January 16, 2021**, at the Yosemite Falls Café located at Ashland and 99 in Fresno. All members are invited free of charge and are encouraged to bring the rest of the family as well. There will be no charge for members, but there is an additional cost for family members who don't belong to the club.

An additional email will be sent out with further details on the cost, but normally children under 10 eat free and those 11-17 eat for a discounted price and non-member adults will pay per a per plate cost. As soon as those details are finalized, I will send them out in an email.

REMINDER!!!!

Your 2021 membership dues will be payable at the December 2020 meeting. For you to compete in the first tournament of 2021, your dues must be paid in full. Annual dues are \$50 per member so make sure you bring enough moolah to pay for everything.

MANDATORY STATE CURFEW

For those of you who plan on going fishing, including our TOC, between Saturday November 21, 2020 thru Monday December 21, 2020, be aware that Governor "Newscum" aka little Hitler, has taken away your civil rights to freely travel between the hours of 10:00 pm and 5:00 am.

But don't despair as our common-sense local law enforcement officials have vowed not to enforce Newscum's unconstitutional mandate. On Friday November 30, 2020, ABC 30's Morning Round-up confirmed that local law enforcement will not be enforcing this mandate. You can read the article at ABC 30 or on their app.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Upcoming:

The December meeting will be on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at Ranchos Liberty Café in Madera. The address for the meeting location is listed below. If you have any questions, please contact President Scott Smith.

Ranchos Liberty Café
37193 Avenue 12, Suite 6A
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Until next time...Tight Lines!