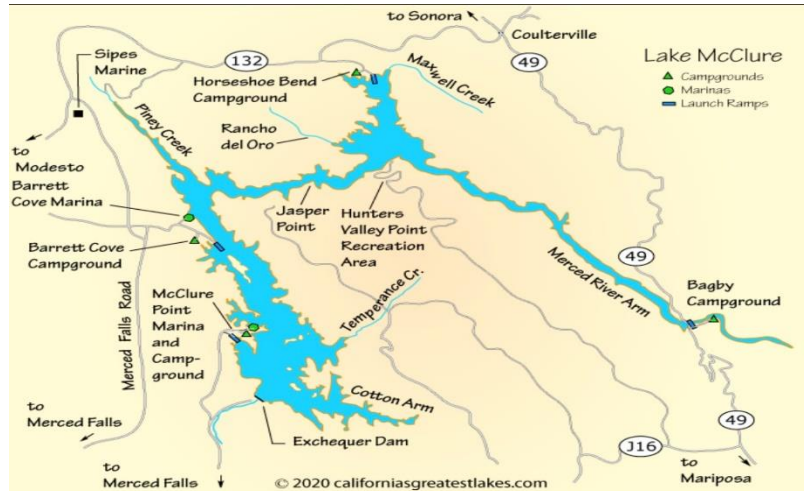


HERE IT IS-ALL THE LATEST

NOVEMBER 2024

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

Lake McClure



FRESNO BASS CLUB MEMBERS,

The final stop of the 2024 FBC regular season was Lake McClure. This tournament would determine the 2024 Tournament of Champions qualifiers, 2024 Anglers of the Year in both the Boater and Non-Boater categories as well as 2024 Rookie of the Year.

Reports leading up to this event indicated a good bite for numbers of bass, but the quality was still lacking. Reports also indicated the fish were eating top water, under-spins, and jigs.

Several anglers headed up to the lake on Thursday and began pre-fishing for the tournament. The weather on Thursday and Friday was somewhat unstable with mostly cloudy skies, variable winds and even some rain showers on Friday. Many of us saw only

an 8% chance of rain and left our rain gear in the truck only to be left feeling like a drowned out wet rat after the 8% rain showers came to fruition!



Although the weather was not perfect, the fishing was outstanding leading up to our event. Several of the anglers who were pre-fishing indicated they were easily catching 10-13 lbs. a day and that the overall quality of fish had improved from the prior reports. In addition to the unstable weather leading up to our event, there was a 42-boat tournament scheduled on Saturday that would put additional pressure on the fish.

On Saturday we woke up to clear skies and temperatures in the low thirties which left our boat covers full of ice. Most of us figured Saturday (the day after the front) would lead to a tougher bite, but that was not the case. Most anglers reported that the solid bite for two pound plus spotted bass continued or even improved.



Evidence of the continued solid bass bite was also displayed at the 42-boat Christian Bass League weigh-in where 41 of 42 teams weighed-in limits of bass. Twenty-five teams had limits of 10 lbs. or better with the top team weighing in a 16.00-pound bag.

FBC members Kelly and AJ Duncan participated in the Christian Bass League tournament and weighed-in a whopping 15.26 lbs. and enough to take third place. Congratulations Kelly and AJ!



After seeing AJ and Kelly's impressive weight, everyone knew they would be a threat to reckon with on Sunday. Most of us hoped that they had burned up all their fish on Saturday LOL!

After Saturday's weigh-in our anglers were optimistic that the solid bass bite would continue on Sunday. Well, as usual, the bite took a turn for the worse on Sunday, whether it was from the all the fishing pressure or the weather itself, the bite definitely changed.

Bill Kunz said during pre-fishing, he and Jimmy Arnold were able to put 10 lbs. in the boat just about every morning by 8:00 AM. On tournament day that was not the case, in fact, Bill said he began to catch several smaller fish which was not the case any of the three days prior to our tournament.

Regardless of the conditions, someone always figures them out, and this month the winner of our event was none other than Kyle "Rip-bait" Reynolds. Kyle brought in a limit weighing 13.13 lbs. for the WIN!

Kyle said he found a little point on Saturday in the river canyon just past Piney Creek that was holding quality fish. Kyle said he caught four fish there on Saturday and decided that was where he was going to start.

On Kyle's first cast of the tournament with his shad-colored rip-bait, he caught the big fish of the tournament a 4.55 lb. spotted bass. On his very next cast he caught his second biggest fish of the day. Kyle said he quickly put 11 lbs. in the boat by 6:50 AM. Kyle said that bite died quickly so he headed up to Bagby but didn't do so well. Kyle then headed back to the main lake where he made a few smaller culls, but he knew he would need a few better culls to have a chance at the win.

Late in the day, with about 30 minutes left in the tournament, the clouds moved back in, and the wind began to blow. Kyle said he picked up his rip-bait one last time and made two good upgrades after 2:30 that gave him the win. Congratulations Kyle!



Second Place went to Bill Kunz. Bill had been on a solid Jig and worm bite all week long. Bill said his bite was improving every day and the fish had been moving shallower each day. The majority of his fish were caught in 5-20 feet with a few shallower and a few deeper.

Bill had pre-fished for three days prior to this tournament as he was in the running for the AOY title. Bill said he normally doesn't do well in the November tournament and has finished in tenth place for the past three years in a row. He only had a 12-point lead on Mark Corrente and knew if he performed the same as he had for the past three years, he would most likely lose the points race.

Bill said he was catching his fish alternating between a brown jig and a six-inch Pro Worm. Each day and sometimes each hour was slightly different, and the fish would either bite the jig or the worm, but you had to keep alternating until the fish would let him know what they wanted.

Bill was fourth to blast off and figured he wouldn't have an issue getting his starting spot, but low and behold boat number 3 (Kelly Duncan) pulled right up on his starting spot. Bill said Kelly got the "juice" and so he just continued down the bank catching one good fish. Bill headed toward his second spot only to find Bob Jones sitting on that spot. Bill headed up river to one of his best spots, but the wind was still howling through the canyon which made it difficult to fish, but he was able to finish out his limit for about 8 lbs.

Bill headed back to the main lake and tried to get on his starting spot but now AJ Duncan was sitting there. Obviously, Bill had found one of the Duncan's key spots that helped them secure third place on Saturday, but he could not get on it.

Bill decided to head to Cottonwood where he had located schools of bait on Thursday. Bill was able to cull one fish there on a jig to give him 8.5 lbs. Bill then headed to the McClure Point / Temperance areas where he culled three more times giving him his final weight of 12.00 pounds and enough for second place and to secure the 2024 AOY Title.



Third place went to Timmy Wells. Timmy had been away from the club since earlier in the year working his family's asphalt business, Coast to Coast Seal Coating Inc. If you need some work done these guys do an Impressive job! Plus, it keeps Timmy off the water LOL!

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Timmy also just returned from the 2025 Bass Nation Nationals at Grand Lake of the Cherokees in Oklahoma. Timmy said it was cold wet and rainy which made for some tough fishing.

Timmy came back from Oklahoma just in time to participate in the McClure event. Timmy is always a threat on McClure as we all witnessed in February when he dominated field with a 19.64 lb. bag and won the tournament by 8.5 pounds.

This tournament, Timmy brought in a five fish limit weighing 11.66 lbs. and enough for third place. Timmy said he caught all his fish in the Temperance and Cottonwood areas running points in 25-35 feet of water. Timmy was throwing an A-rig, Neko rig and Texas rig to catch his fish. Great Job!



Fourth place went to Paul “Trumpy Bear” Shafer who brought in a limit of fish weighing in at 11.38 lbs. Paul was ecstatic because he put a “whooping” on Bill Rowles Senior. For those of you not aware, Paul and Bill have an on-going side bet every tournament and Paul got the best of Bill this month!

Paul said he caught his first limit of fish on plastics on the main lake and Cottonwood areas. Paul said he later culled out all of those fish with jig fish in 35 feet of water. Good Job Paul!



Fifth Place went to Kelly Duncan who brought in a five bass limit for 11.10 lbs. Unbelievably, his son AJ Duncan also brought in a five bass limit for 11.10 lbs., but Kelly's big fish of 3.02 broke the tie giving him fifth place and leaving AJ in the dust.

Kelly said he caught all his fish from the marina to Horseshoe fishing wind-blown points with a drop shot and a jig. Nice Job!



MCCLURE TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

LAKE PLACE	McClure NAME	NO.	FISH	DEAD	BIG	WEIGHT	DEDUCTION	TOTAL
		FISH	ALIVE	FISH	FISH		0.5 (dead) 1.0 (short)	
1	Reynolds, Kyle	5	5	0	4.55	13.13	0.00	13.13
2	Kunz, Bill	5	5	0	2.69	12.00	0.00	12.00
3	Wells, Timmy NM Jan '24	5	5	0	2.77	11.66	0.00	11.66
4	Shafer, Paul	5	5	0	3.24	11.38	0.00	11.38
5	Duncan, Kelly	5	5	0	3.02	11.10	0.00	11.10
6	Duncan, AJ	5	5	0	2.57	11.10	0.00	11.10
7	Avedikian, Amy	5	5	0	2.66	11.02	0.00	11.02
8	Eddy, Ken	5	5	0	3.23	10.31	0.00	10.31
9	Corrente, Mark	5	5	0		10.28	0.00	10.28
10	Red, Ron Sr.	5	5	0	2.30	9.98	0.00	9.98
11	Jones, Bob	5	5	0	2.55	9.94	0.00	9.94
12	Lor, Junior NM June '24	5	5	0		9.70	0.00	9.70
13	Rowles, Bill Sr.	5	5	0	2.08	9.52	0.00	9.52
14	Albidrez, John	5	5	0		9.44	0.00	9.44
15	Austin, Walt	5	5	0		9.39	0.00	9.39
16	Agtang, Timothy	5	5	0		9.26	0.00	9.26
17	Guzman, Jose	5	5	0		9.10	0.00	9.10
18	Jue, Gary	5	5	0	2.06	8.91	0.00	8.91
19	Arnold, Jim	5	5	0		8.67	0.00	8.67
20	Sanders, Andi	4	4	0		8.55	0.00	8.55
21	Skyers, Andrew (late check in)	5	5	0		9.45	1.00	8.45
22	Rowles, Anne	5	5	0		7.97	0.00	7.97
23	Paris, Chris	5	5	0		7.85	0.00	7.85
24	Penaloza, Cel	5	3	2		8.64	1.00	7.64
25	Cantu, Michael	5	5	0		7.58	0.00	7.58
26	Ruacho, Jerry	4	4	0		6.57	0.00	6.57
27	Buie, Dan NM Sept '24	1	1	0		1.59	0.00	1.59
	Calderon, Allen NM Apr '24 (WD)	0	0	0		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Calderon, Lazaro (WD)	0	0	0		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Aaron (Guest)	5	5	0	2.23	8.72	0.00	8.72
	TOTALS	134	132	2	4.55	263	2	252

YEAR TO DATE AOY POINTS:

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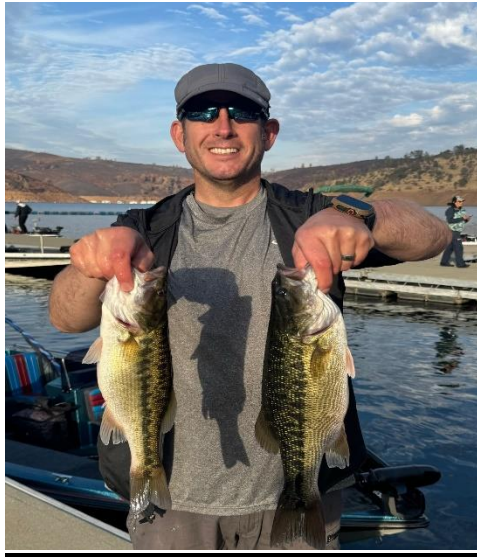
**-TOP TEN TOC QUALIFIERS IN DARK GREEN
-LIGHT GREEN ARE TOC WILDCARD QUALIFIERS**

UNOFFICIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CLUB MEMBERS:

Bill Kunz 2024 Angler of the Year
Jimmy Arnold 2024 Non-Boater of the Year
Chris Tillman 2024 Rookie of the Year

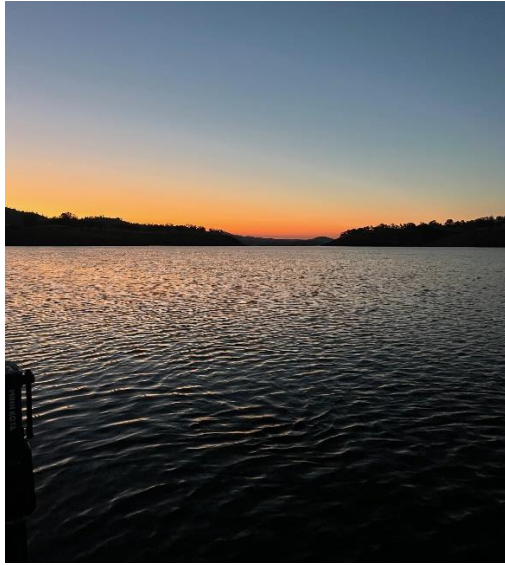
ADDITIONAL MCCLURE PICTURES:





FUN PICTURES:





NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday December 4, 2024
WHERE: Yosemite Falls Café, 4020 N. Cedar Ave. Fresno, CA 93726
TIME: General Membership Meeting starts at 7:00 PM

DECEMBER 2024 TOC INFORMATION:

When: Sunday December 15, 2024
Where: Millerton Lake
OFF LIMITS: **0001 hours Monday 12/9/2024 until 0600 Saturday 12/14/2024**
Sunrise: 0703
Moon Phase: Full Moon
Check-in: Fresno Ramp
Blast off: Approx. 0645
Weigh-in: 3:00 PM on the Fresno Ramp

**UNTIL NEXT
MONTH.....
TIGHT
LINES!!!!**