

The April 2011 Edition

BAY AREA

Bill Dance's Lure Leads Bill Polanowski And Dan Harder To Tarpon Victory



The third tournament of the year brought us some tough cold front conditions but Lake Tarpon didn't let us down. First place went to Dan Harder and Bill Polanowski with five fish for a total of 12.84 pounds including a 4.42 pound kicker for big fish. Bill and Dan caught their fish on a combination of crankbaits and soft plastics. I promised Bill that I wouldn't reveal what the big fish was caught on (not because he was worried that other people would start catching fish on his secret weapon lure, but to save him the embarrassment of anybody knowing that he actually bought a Dance's eel). Second place was taken by Keith Ziegler and Larry Tyson with an 11.62 pound limit. Keith and Larry caught their fish on spinner baits and crankbaits worked both along the bank and offshore on the first drop. Third place went to Steve and Ryan Medici with 10.94 pounds and fourth place went to Chuck Metheny and Rodney Marks with 10.66 pounds. Overall there were 19 limits and 116 fish caught for a total of 184 pounds.



1st Place
Dan Harder & Bill
Polanowski



2nd Place
Keith Ziegler &
Larry Tyson



3rd Place
Steve Mekdeci &
Ryan Mekdeci



BIG FISH
Harder & Polanowski
4.42lbs

We Have Been Asked To Change Our Classic Date To November 5th and 6th

The Tournament Director for the Florida B.A.S.S. Federation Nation, Jim Hooven, has requested that we change our Classic date from the 12th and 13th to the 5th and 6th. The FBFN is holding their State championship on Toho and the first weekend in November is booked. They would like to hold it on the second weekend but they do not want to be in conflict with our tournament. Look at your calendars and see if this would work for you. We will discuss this on Tuesday so plan to be there.

Bob Grosso Headed To Kentucky

We would like to wish Bob good luck and great fishing in the upcoming Southern B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Divisional in Barren River Lake, Kentucky. The Florida team will compete for cash and prizes and the Florida winner will move forward to the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Championship. Good luck Bob and to the Florida Team.

Deep South Seminar Tuesday

Bay Area Bassmaster and the Florida Federation Nation Sponsor , Deep South Rods, will be at our Tuesday night meeting. He is a gold sponsor and supplies us with a high quality rod for each meeting. He will be explaining his different rods and different actions. Bring your rod questions and we'll see you at Match Point on Tuesday evening.

Sponsor News & Notes

Each month we will be bringing you information on a few of our sponsors as well as keeping you updated on member feedback of sponsor items whether won through the monthly raffles or purchased directly through our sponsors. To help with this section we'd like to ask that you provide feedback regarding our sponsor's products. Please let us know your stories and thoughts so that we may include it in the newsletter and also let our sponsors know as they really appreciate the feedback and are always pleased to hear from us.

Bay Area Bassmasters Welcomes our Newest Sponsors

New Gold Sponsor - Bill's Prescription Center: Bill's Prescription Center has been serving the greater Brandon area with exceptional personalized service since 1956. Our professional services include compounding, cholesterol testing, and bio-identical hormone counseling. We are well-stocked with all of your over-the-counter and prescription needs. We also offer home delivery.

New Bronze Sponsor - Brandon Brace: Brandon Brace is a family owned business that has been serving the community of Brandon, Florida for 18 years. We specialize in quality medical supplies, wheelchairs, walkers, othotics as well as a wide variety assistance equipment.

Monthly Sponsor Feedback

-Crumps Fishing Lures - We have already had some solid feedback on the new Big Hoss 10" worms available from Crumps as they caught some fish on Lake Tarpon during our last tournament. I understand the Grape Shad was the color of choice last month!

-Dobyn's Rods - Each month it seems we get more feedback on the Dobyn's Rods that our members have picked up. These rods offer great performance at affordable value. Make sure to check them out if you can.

-Megabass - We are starting to get some feedback on the lures made available to us from Megabass through the raffles as they are producing in area lakes as well. Both the Vision 110 and the Vibration-X baits are getting some attention. Check these baits out if you haven't had a chance they are great baits.

-Bass King Clothing - Now that we've had a few meetings and have had a chance to get some of the Bass King clothing out through the raffles we are starting to hear back that their products are extremely comfortable and stylish. Their performance line of sun protection shirts are especially light and comfortable to wear all day through a tournament and offer UV Protection as well.

Other mentions from our members who have caught fish with the following in the last few months:

- Gambler Lures (Cane Toads and Super Studs)
- Ugly Baits (Torment Worm in Green Pumpkin Red)
- Hag's Tornado (F5 in Blue Fleck and Stormchaser - Blue Fleck very hot on Kissimmee Chain!)
- Jethro Baits (Tungsten Weights)

Keep that feedback coming guys as it is great news to hear about how our sponsors baits are performing.

Thanks again to all of our sponsors as we couldn't be the best and biggest club in Florida without your help and support!

April's meeting will be Tuesday, the 5th, at Stingray's located at 11010 North 30th Street at 7:30pm.



2011 Schedule

Month	Meeting Date	Tournament Date	Location	Ramp
April	5	9	Lake Kissimmee	Camp Mack's River Resort
May	10	14	Lake Istokpoga	Istokpoga Park HWY 98
June	7	11	Lake Tarpon	Anderson Park
July	5	9	Lake Harris	Hickory Point
August	9	13	Lake Toho	Southport
September	6	10	John's Lake	Public Ramp
October	4	8	South Winter Haven Chain	Lake Shipp Ramp
Nov (Classic)	8	12-13	TBA	



8 Ways To Cut Boat Insurance Costs By Paul Phaneuf, 20 Year Insurance Agent

As an insurance agent I am often asked by phone and at the boat shows, how can I reduce my boat insurance costs? Lets look at some ways:

- 1.Check the limit** on your boat policy. Does it reflect the current value, not what you paid 4 years ago? Are you over-insuring your boat?
- 2.Check your deductible.** Ask for the savings of the next higher deductible. Many boaters don't want to turn in small claims anyway. Do you see your policy as a "back up" for the big things like hurricane or theft? Why pay extra for small/low deductible?
- 3.Do you want to pay for extras?** Towing and personal property (Fishing Poles, Tackle boxes, Water Ski, Scuba Gear) may be double insured, covered by homeowners policy or a towing service.
- 4.Check territory** on policy- make sure your policy reflects where the boat is stored and used. If it is a bass boat make sure you are getting the inland rates, not coastal. If you go offshore what is the mileage limit. I have seen policies with 3 mile off coast limit- no coverage after 3 miles.
- 5.Discounts.** Have you taken or could you take a boat safety course that would save you \$. The courses are low cost-many companies give 10% discount!
- 6.Discounts.** Will Insurance carrier give a multi policy discount for having other lines of insurance with them like automobile, home or life?
- 7.Coverage-** As your boat gets older make sure you have" replacement cost" for depreciation on partial losses. Depreciation can cost you when new parts are needed on a 10 year old boat or motor. Get enough liability to cover your Assets.
- 8.Shop.** Most agencies have one lead company they use. Check several companies for second opinion. Try some independent and direct companies and confirm quotes in writing. You will probably be shocked by the difference between the premiums offered on the same boat!

Paul will be at our April meeting to answer any insurance questions you have.

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