

The February 2011 Edition

Keith And Larry Fight The Wind And Waves And Spank The Field In East Lake Toho

BAY AREA



BASSMASTERS

Keith Ziegler and Larry Tyson started off the 2011 season with a big win. Keith and Larry fished the grass line along a small sand bar at the mouth of a canal for their 5 fish limit of 21.06 pounds including a 5.84 pound kicker for the big fish honors. They caught their limit in less than two hours and were even throwing back three pounders. All of the fish were caught using a 7" ribbon tail Gambler worm in Florida Five-O color.

Second place was taken by John and Colby Flinn with a total of 14.96 pounds. John and Colby fished very small soft plastics on a drop shot rig with light line for their five fish limit. Most of the fish were taken in a canal where the canal changes direction or at the intersection where one canal runs into another.

Tom Mahoney and Mike Hardy locked up third place with 11.40 pounds. Their fish were caught using two different methods. Two of their fish were caught on a carolina rig with a Jethro's Karlie Finesse worm in Sprayed Grass color and a diamond bead for a weight on 8 pound fluorocarbon and worked extremely slow. The remaining three fish were caught on a Tennessee Shad color 2-1/2" rapala husky jerk on 10 pound test with a fast stop and go retrieve. All of the fish hit on the pause. Tom and Mike also fished the transition points in a canal.

Fourth place went to Chuck Metheney and Rodney Marks with 9.16 pounds and fifth place went to Allen Powers and Billy Woods with 9.02 pounds. Chuck and Mark caught most of their fish using lipless crankbaits in a canal.

Overall 69 fish were caught for a total weight of 138 pounds (a 2.0 pound average). Two patterns were the most successful – working the transition points in the canals with either finesse or reaction baits and working the early pre-spawn fish at the mouth of the canals. And it didn't even snow this year. And we also found out that we could use zip lock storage bags for weight in bags. Thanks Bill.



1st Place -
Ziegler & Tyson



2nd Place -
Team Flinn



3rd Place -
Mahoney & Hardy



Keith Ziegler -
Big Fish 5.84lbs

Please Bring A Copy Of Your Boat Insurance

If you plan to use your boat this year in any of our events you need to bring a copy of your insurance to our Tournament Director, Jim Stillwell, at Tuesday's meeting. You need to carry a minimum of \$300,000 in liability coverage for our events as well as fishing any of the Federation Nation events.

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.

Sponsorship News & Notes:

- We'd like to thank the following sponsors for returning for our 2011 season
 - **GOLD SPONSORS: T.A. Mahoney Co., Inc, Armor Guard, Allstate Insurance, Doby's Rods, Ultimate Bucketmouth Baits, Sonny's Marine Center, Bass Boat Saver, Rooms To Go, & Family Boating Center**
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 - **BRONZE SPONSORS: Bass Pro Shops, Gemini, BassTackleSupply.com**
- We'd also like to take a moment to welcome the following new sponsors to the Bay Area Bassmasters for the 2011 season:
 - **Megabass** - A lure manufacturer based in Japan. What makes Megabass so unique is its absolute commitment to design innovation and quality manufacturing.
 - **Deep South Fishing Rods** - Deep South offer a series of technique-specific rods designed for the wide variety of fishing baits available on the market today. Based in Salt Springs, FL.
 - **Jethro Baits** - our Baits have been have been time tested and Tournament proven on Lake Toho, Lake Kissimmee, Lake Okeechobee, Lake Harris, Rodman Reservoir, and the St. Johns River. Based in Haines City, FL.
 - **Temple Fork Outfitters** - Affordable High Performance Rods designed by Gary Loomis. Based in Dallas, TX
 - **Bass King Clothing** - High quality fishable shirts, shorts, hats and accessories specifically for Bass fisherman
 - **Bridgemaster** - The fisherman's candy store located in Lake Wales, FL
 - **Okuma** - Maker of affordable rods and reels for all your fishing needs

Sponsor Feedback

-Doby's Rods - We have heard from numerous members that the rods they have purchased are absolutely phenomenal in performance. All three series of rods perform up to the standards of tournament fisherman and our members have had nothing but positive things to say about the rods and the service provided by our friends at Doby's

-Culprit - We have also heard from a number of our members using baits provided by Culprit that have caught tons of fish over the last year. In particular we had a member tell us of the 7" Culprit worm in Christmas color catching over 50% of his fish last season.

-Hag's Tornado Baits - There have been a number of members - who have given positive feedback on the Hag's Tornado baits, most notably the F5 size in Blue Fleck and Midnight Blue. These baits tear them up on the Kissimmee Chain and Toho! Helpful hint, make sure to make use of the rattle chamber.

-Koppers LIVETARGET - Those lucky enough to receive the baits provided by Koppers have had great success with the lipless crankbaits taking big numbers of quality fish in all the area waters.

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!

February's meeting will be Tuesday, the 8th, at Stingray's located at 11010 North 30th Street at 7:30pm.



2011 Schedule

Month	Meeting Date	Tournament Date	Location	Ramp
February	8	12	Lake June in Winter	County Park
March	8	12	Lake Tarpon	Anderson Park
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	

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Plant City Kids Fishing Derby Set For March 19th

The fifteenth annual Plant City Youth Fishing Derby has been set for March 19th. We have helped out many times in the past with this great event. We have been asked to volunteer our services again by walking the banks and helping out wherever it is needed. Registration starts at 7:30 and fishing starts for the kids at 8:30 and goes to 11. Prizes are awarded and then we take a lunch break. At 12:30 the parent/child competition starts. At 3:15 the team awards will be given out. Bring your boats to show, your kids to fish, the neighbors kids to keep them company, and anyone else looking for a good time and come join us for this great event.

First Central Federation Nation Qualifier

The first Central Division Florida Federation Nation Tournament is set for February 27th at *beautiful* Lake Harris. (you know that was hard for me to say) This is Tournament number one out of four we are having in the central division. Tournament registration will be held at Lake Harris resort from 4 to 6 with the pairings meeting to follow. We are launching out of Hickory Point. If you would like to stay at this first class resort, their number is 800-254-9993. This will be your first chance to qualify for this years state championship tournament which will be held in the central division. So come and have some fun and qualify for the state championship that will be held in your own back yard. And next years Southern Divisionals will be held here in Florida. It doesn't get any better than that!

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