

*The July 2011 Edition*

**BAY AREA**

## Jason Baker Wins Tarpon With A Little Help From His Dad



It's the old story of worst to first. Jason Baker fished his first Bay Area Bassmasters tournament just a few months ago and him and his dad finished dead last.

Jason didn't know Kissimmee that well and only caught one little fish. Jason has had a lot more experience on Tarpon so he knew just where to get his dad to take him. He told his dad, Jeff, to take him to some buggy whips. They flip in there a few times and out pops a five pounder. A few more flips and out comes a two. Jason tells Jeff to try a few more patches and they soon have their limit. But Jason isn't done yet. He says, "dad, the sun is pretty high in the sky. Do you think it might be time to pitch the docks?" Jeff says "That's a good idea. Lets give it a try." So they did and they culled out a few of their smaller fish. When they brought them to the scales, Jason had lead his team to the winning weight of 13.14 pounds. That was just under a pound better than the runner up team. The five pounder they caught early also ended up being the lunker of the tournament. Jason and his dad had done it. They were crowned champions of Lake Tarpon.

Speaking of runner ups, Chris Neatherly and Steve Gallette fished the outside edges of the pepper grass to get their 12.16 pound limit. They also had second place, the fisherman's candy store - Bridgemasters, big fish with a 4.55 pounder. They used a combination of stick baits and trick worms worked slowly around the points of grass and at the drop off edges.

Our very own river rats, Gary Ford and Elton Brewer, finished third by fishing Brooker Creek. They worked their craws and jigs along the edges and lay downs to collect their 11.46 pound limit. This pair will fish every creek they can find and will kick our butt from water that most of us can't catch a single fish out of.

Joe Felice and David Panno finished fourth. They used worms and crankbaits to collect a 11.12 limit. John and Colby Flinn finished fifth and Tom Mahoney and Mike Hardy got the last check for sixth.

Overall 144 fish were brought to the scales that weighted 259.60. Twenty seven teams brought a limit to the scales and only three fish died. That is some excellent fish care everyone. Keep up the good work.



1st Place  
Jason Baker &  
Jeff Baker



2nd Place  
Steve Gallette &  
Chris Neatherly



3rd Place  
Elton Brewer &  
Gary Ford



Big Fish  
Jeff & Jason Baker  
5.00lbs

# Florida Lift Comes Thru For The Zeno Picnic

We would like to thank Florida Lift Trucks for helping us out with our Lake Tarpon picnic. If it wasn't for their generosity, this event would not have been a success. They loaned us the grill that cooked our food and supplied the ice to keep it fresh and the watermelon cold. We would also like to give Joe and Donita Craighead a special thank you for all their hard work. They purchased all our food and put together a great feast. Tony Office and Joe did the cooking and prepared the hamburgers and hot dogs as well as cut the watermelon. They laid out a wonderful meal and deserve a big thank you.

We also would like to thank Melissa of Zeno Office Solutions for her generous donation to pay for all the food. She also donated a brand new Ferrari. This was to be given away to one lucky person and that person was Aaron Yavorsky. He took home this bright red beauty but dad won't let him drive it yet. He says he has to be 16 so dad has been driving it all over the house.

Remember both of these sponsors and if your in need of any of their services be sure and think of these guys and all of our other sponsors first.

Next year we plan on doing even a better job and we will have a pavilion rented and ready for us to enjoy our feast in. Thanks everyone for a great time.

## 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 Sponsor News -**

**Koppers LIVETARGET** has announced a new series of saltwater baits that it will be unveiling during ICAST 2011 at Las Vegas. Keep your eye out for these new baits as they hit the market.

**Dobyn's Rods** has recently signed on as an associate sponsor with the FLW.

#### Monthly Sponsor Feedback

-**Gambler** -We are hearing good feedback on the Gambler E-Z swim bait as it is producing on area lakes when fished through grass.

-**Dobyn's Rods** - We continue to get strong feedback on the Dobyn's rods that are being purchased using the promotional certificates being won at our monthly raffles.

-**Racetrac** - Thanks again to Racetrac for the gift cards provided as they are being used and are a big hit with the club members especially with all the area stations available to our member base.

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

- Jethro Baits, Culprit, Crumps, and Hag's Tornado baits are all performing well in area lakes this time of year. Fish them slow!!!

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!

**July's meeting will be Tuesday, the 5th, at R J Wings N Things in Temple Terrace, located at 51st and Fowler at 7:30pm.**



## 2011 Schedule

Month	Meeting Date	Tournament Date	Location	Ramp
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	Okeechobee	

**Don't forget we have a new meeting location.  
R J Wings N Things At 51st and Fowler  
( the old Beef O' Brady's location )**



## Where's it Going To Be? Okeechobee City Or Clewiston?

It is time to look towards our Classic for 2011. We have already voted on Okeechobee but we are looking at both ends of the lake. Roland Martins has offered us a special rate of \$49.99 per night. They have enough rooms for all of us and they are offering efficiencies at \$79.99 if you would like to upgrade. This would be out of Clewiston. If you would like to try the north end out of the city of Okeechobee the Pier II and the Flamingo are both offering us the same room rate. We would be launching out of Scott Driver Park on the Kissimmee River. Thirty teams can still make the Classic so if you want to give your opinion, be there Tuesday night. Next month, ballots will be handed out and it will be final. If you want to vote, you must be there in August. Only those in attendance will be counted. Besides we need your raffle money and R J needs some more business.

We would also like to thank Armor Guard and Rodney Yavorsky for his Classic contribution. He has offered to donate \$100 a day towards the Armor Guard Big Fish Pot for the Classic. Thanks Rodney!

## Junior Bassmasters State Championship

The FBFN Junior Bassmasters State Championship is set for August 6 & 7 out of Lakefront Park in Kissimmee. This is for our junior members from 11-14 years old and from 15-18. We would like to thank Tom Craighead and Vincent Dellolio for getting the Junior program up and running this year. Looks like we will have two contenders for this tournament. Colby Flinn will try to take the crown this year. And our newest Junior Bassmaster, Cody Helmuth will also try to earn the title. Good luck gentlemen. We've had a past champion before. Lets do it again!

## Bass Club Championship Tournament Set for Kissimmee

The Bass Club Championship has been scheduled for October 1&2 out of Lakefront Park in Kissimmee. This event will be a team event with four anglers from the same club. Each club will be allowed as many teams as they can put together. Entry fees will be about \$60 an angler so we should put together as many teams as we can. We will also be practicing for the State Championship that will be in November. All participants that haven't qualified will have the opportunity to do so in this tournament. Lets put together a few teams and go kick some Federation Nation butt. Lets show them that we are the best club in Florida.

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