

The May 2011 Edition

Chris And Steve Put A Whoopin On The Rest Of Us In Istokpoga

BAY AREA



BASSMASTERS

First place went to Chris Neatherly and Steve Gallette with 22.02 pounds. Chris and Steve started the day by flipping up a 5 down the lake and finishing their limit with some small fish in the Kissimmee grass and cypress trees they returned to the bulrush and culled for the rest of the day. Chris and Steve also took big fish honors with a 7.34 pound toad.

Second place Bobby Squires & Brian Renshaw with 15.86 pounds including a 6.3 pound kicker.

Third place was taken by Mike Hardy and Thad Ford with 14.30 pounds (Tom wasn't around to scare the big fish away). Mike and Thad started the morning at the south end working the outer edge of the hydrilla with white spinner baits. Although there seemed to be a large number of quality fish, they couldn't seem to find the right bait so they moved to the north end. Instead of getting in line to flip the pads they moved up until the trolling motor was hitting the bottom and finished their limit working Gambler Cane Toads in the shallow flat pads.

Fourth place went to Gary Ford and Elton Brewer. In a surprise move, Gary and Elton decided to fish Arbuckle Creek. Once they were across the sandbar where nobody else could follow, they had the creek all to themselves and managed to land 14.08 pounds.

Overall 131 fish were caught, 21 - 5 fish limits for a total weight of 287.12 pounds. We haven't had a perfect tournament yet (5 fish limit for all teams) but we have been close. Hopefully we can get those last few fish and have a perfect tournament at Tarpon next month.



1st Place
Chris Neatherly &
Steve Gallette



2nd Place
Bobby Squires &
Brian Renshaw



3rd Place
Mike Hardy &
Thad Ford

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 Silver Sponsor - Bait Buttons: Bait Buttons help to lock worms in place preventing the bait from sliding down the hook and extending bait life saving time and money. Also helpful to keep a trailer hook in an ideal position and it can be used on a wacky rig to keep the bait in place offering better hook-up ratios!

Monthly Sponsor Feedback

Keep an eye out in July for the ICAST show featuring new additions from many of our great sponsors.

-Culprit - We are getting a tremendous amount of feedback on the 7" Fat Max worms in all colors. This worm is doing the trick on local lakes and producing great catches. Make sure to check out Culprit and make use of the 30% discount available to club members through their online store. The link is on the club website on the member benefits page!

-Dobyn's Rods - Again this month we are hearing more feedback on the Dobyn's Rod series. These rods are a great value and we are constantly hearing good things about sensitivity and overall feel of these rods. Make sure to check one out if you haven't already.

-Bass Boat Saver - With the hot weather already here we have heard about some of the guys using their Bass Boat Saver to wipe down their boats and get that extra UV protection for their clear coats. Its quick and easy to use and saves your boat for years of use.

-Racetrac - We are already hearing from some of our guys that they have changed their gas station of choice to Racetrac to help support one of our sponsors. There are many locations throughout our area and their gas is always competitively priced and their stores offer a wide selection of snacks and other items to help keep you fueled!

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

- Koppers LIVETARGET (Golden Shiner) - getting consistent feedback on the lipless crankbaits as they are steady producers on area lakes.
- Hag's Tornado Baits (F5 & F6.5 in Blue Fleck and Midnight Blue)
- Ugly Baits (Torment Worm)
- Simmons Sporting Goods - getting very positive feedback on the Quantum Energy series rods sent to us for our raffles.

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!

Junior Bassmasters State Championship Date Set

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. If you have a child that would like to be involved with this event please see Vincent so we can get them signed up. Please give our young anglers all the help you can. We would love to see Dominic and Colby take it all. Or maybe our newest youth member, Cody, will take the crown.

June's meeting will be Tuesday, the 7th, 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
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	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)**



Lake Tarpon Family Picnic Set For June 11

Zeno Office Solutions is sponsoring our first annual family picnic day on Lake Tarpon, June 11. We are inviting all of our families to join us after our June tournament in Anderson Park. Zeno will furnish the hot dogs and hamburgers and all the fixins. We will need a few volunteers to help get everything setup before we get in. We'll talk about it Tuesday. So bring the whole clan and prepare to sit a spell and enjoy a beautiful day on Lake Tarpon.

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.



Big Fish
Steve Gallette 7.34lbs



Brian Renshaw 6.30Lbs



Dink of the Month
Team Mekdeci 0.80lbs

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