

Jim Stillwell And Charlie Harper Take The Last Win Of The 2012 Season



Jim Stillwell and his Partner, Charles Harper, take our final tournament of the season. The wind howled and the rain was falling down as we launched our 2011 finally on the South Winter Haven Chain of Lakes. This chain has at least 16 named lakes and they all hold fish so we all headed in different directions. Much of the field headed south but a few of the teams went north. It looked like Lake Shipp was the dividing line between the clear water and the dirty water. Most of the competitors found fish in the clean water but they had not had a day like this to practice. Those fish in the clear water moved off the structure they were holding in and were suspending offshore. This made them very difficult to catch. The northern areas were a little dirtier and those fish didn't move as far and were more in the mood to feed. Jim and Charlie took advantage of this and caught their fish on a combination of lipless crankbaits and 10" worms. Charlie caught the big fish of the tournament with a chrome and black Lucky Craft LV-200. Charles was ripping this lipless lure out of the hydrilla when this fish slammed his bait. Jim worked his 10" Culprit, Junebug worm through the grass and off the drops to catch some more of their limit. After a number of fish and a few culls they ended up with a total of 13.90 pounds with a 5.56 kicker to claim first place.

Meanwhile Chris Neatherly and Steve Gallette went all the way to Jesse. Steve has this thing for seaplanes and just couldn't stand not being close to them. It seemed like every time a plane landed on the lake a fish would bite their crank bait. They worked the edges and drops around the lake and spent a lot of time in front of the airport. The pads held a couple of fish as well and they brought a total of 13.38 pounds to the scales. If Steve hadn't spent so much time staring at the planes they might have gotten that 5th fish and finished that limit. They still received a nice second place check.

Third place went to the team of Jeff Baker and Clay Garrett. They started south but soon realized that the fish were not biting and then decided to move north. They worked crankbaits on ledges of Canon and Howard to get their 12.58 pound limit. Allen Powers and Billy Wood (the dink twins) capture fourth with a limit that went 11.92. Fifth place went to Steve Griffith and Carl Powers with a 10.38 pound limit.

Overall, only 9 limits came to the stage with a total of 84 fish. Not bad considering the weather, low water, and wind. Congratulations everyone.



9 limits 84 fish
1st Place
Jim Stillwell
& Charles Harper



2nd Place
Steve Gallette &
Chris Neatherly



3rd Place
Jeff Baker &
Clay Garrett



Big Fish
Charles Harper
5.56 lbs

Chuck Metheny And Rodney Marks (Team Brigemaster) Are Our 2011 Team Anglers Of The Year Congratulations Gentlemen !!!!

Team Angler Of The Year Race Comes Down To A Photo Finish

Place	Team (Boater/Co-Angler)	Points	
1	Chuck Metheny & Rodney Marks	508.5	<p>This has been the closes race we have ever had for the TAOY. It all came down to the last tournament of the year on the South Winter Haven Chain of Lakes. One and a half points separated our first two teams as the final tournament began. It was a wet and misty morning as the sun started to come up, or I should say, as it got a little lighter. As the boats headed to their first stop the down pour began. The wind was howling as it was hard to even stand on the front decks of their fishing machines but our competitors knew that they had to catch fish in these adverse conditions to claim the cherished prize. Chuck and Rodney had a very slight lead on Brian and Fred and it was all down to this. both teams had spent a lot of time preparing for this but conditions had not been this bad on any of the practice days. It would be adapt or loose. Keith and Larry were not to far behind but could only manage a 9th place finish and only gained a one point advantage. Brian and Fred worked hard and managed to put together a small limit. They brought in 7.64 pounds but felt good about their catch on this ugly fishing day. They finished 10th. Chuck and Rodney were nervous because they only managed a small limit themselves and it was smaller than their rivals bag. Their 7.46 pound limit was enough to hold 11th place and that gave them a one half point advantage over Brian and Fred. So what does that all mean? Chuck and Rodney are the Bay Area Bassmasters TAOY Champions.</p>
2	Brian Stillwell & Fred Haus	508.0	
3	Keith Ziegler & Larry Tyson	501.0	
4	Tom Craighead & Joe Craighead	493.5	
5	Allen Powers & Billy Wood	488.5	
6	Steve Mekdeci & Ryan Mekdeci	483.0	
7	Chris Neatherly & Steve Gallette	482.0	
8	William Noriega & Adam Noriega	469.5	
9	David Panno & Joe Felice	468.0	
10	Michael Press & Alan Press	466.0	
11	Tom Mahoney & Mike Hardy	466.0	
12	Gary Ford & Elton Brewer	462.0	
13	Casey Gonzales & Eugene Terkoski	454.0	
14	Rodney Yavorsky & David Porter	454.0	
15	Ron Hebert Jr. & Paul Macchia	448.0	
16	Mike Elliott & Frank Jones	429.0	
17	Domenick Tufariello & Gary Kraatz Jr.	410.0	
18	Kenny Britt & Kevin Kirkland	405.5	
19	Jim Stillwell & Charles Harper	391.0	
20	Bill Polanowski & Dan Harder	388.0	
21	Ron Hebert Sr. & Kevin Hebert	369.0	
22	Jeff Baker & Jason Baker	356.0	
23	John Flinn & Colby Flinn	354.0	
24	Rick Aldrich & Mark Morgan	343.0	
25	Brian Renshaw & Bobby Squires	341.0	
26	Chuck Pons & Mark Rees	328.0	
27	Vincent Dellolio & Dominic Dellolio	299.5	
28	Tony Office & Michael Blanchard	294.5	

April In Kissimmee Conflicts With The Air Boaters

Our Camp Mack tournaments is on the same day as the annual KRVSA clean up day. There will be hundreds of airboats at Camp Mack and they have already reserved the stage. We should move this tournament or just switch it around with one of our other tournaments. We will talk about it Tuesday night. See you there.

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.

With our season quickly coming to a close we'd like to once again send a special THANK YOU to all of our sponsors as you are the companies that allow us to do what we do in our club. We look forward to growing our club and our relationships with our sponsors in the coming years.

Bay Area Bassmasters Sponsor Updates!!!

New Sponsor News -

2012 Sponsor Commitments to date
following companies:

Richard's Quality Automotive	Allstate	Armor Guard Painting & Coating
T.A. Mahoney Co. Inc	RBC Wealth Management	Dobyn's Rods
Culprit	Koppers LIVETARGET	Hag's Tornado Baits
Crumps	Bruiser Baits (NEW)	Bass King Clothing
Bridgemaster	Racetrac	

Monthly Sponsor Feedback

-Culprit -We have continued to get a ton of feedback on the Culprit line of products with a special mention to the June Bug Fat Max as it took some nice fish during the last couple of tournaments on Toho and the Winter Haven Chain.

-Richard's Quality Automotive - There have been a number of our members who swear by the great service provided by the guys over at Richard's. They do top notch work for a great price.

-Dobyn's Rods - Again this month we had a number of our teams give positive feedback on the Dobyn's Rods they have purchased with the discount certificates rec'd. Make sure to check out their new line of micro guide rods as well!

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!

Here Are Your Suggested Totals For The Ina Mahoney Hospice Challenge

Chuck Metheny & Rodney Marks	\$105
Brian Stillwell & Fred Haus	\$93
Keith Ziegler & Larry Tyson	\$103
Tom Craighead & Joe Craighead	\$84
Allen Powers & Billy Wood	\$88
Steve Mekdeci & Ryan Mekdeci	\$80
Chris Neatherly & Steve Gallette	\$90
William Noriega & Adam Noriega	\$74
David Panno & Joe Felice	\$79
Michael Press & Alan Press	\$75
Tom Mahoney & Mike Hardy	\$75
Gary Ford & Elton Brewer	\$84
Casey Gonzales & Eugene Terkoski	\$91
Rodney Yavorsky & David Porter	\$71
Ron Hebert Jr. & Paul Macchia	\$65
Mike Elliott & Frank Jones	\$69
Domenick Tufariello & Gary Kraatz Jr.	\$54
Kenny Britt & Kevin Kirkland	\$65
Jim Stillwell & Charles Harper	\$73
Bill Polanowski & Dan Harder	\$54
Ron Hebert Sr. & Kevin Hebert	\$49
Jeff Baker & Jason Baker	\$70
John Flinn & Colby Flinn	\$68
Rick Aldrich & Mark Morgan	\$40
Brian Renshaw & Bobby Squires	\$61
Chuck Pons & Mark Rees	\$53
Vincent Dellolio & Dominic Dellolio	\$46
Tony Office & Michael Blanchard	\$43
Bob Grosso & Logan Grosso	\$46
Steven Griffith & Jonathan Faedo	\$40
Corey Bump Sr. & Paula Bump	\$30
Jacques L'Heureux & Tanner Carey	\$7
Rick Helmuth & Cody Helmuth	\$12
John Hendry & Joshua Hendry	\$9

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Here are your totals for the Ina Mahoney Hospice Challenge. These are suggested totals and are not required but graciously requested. If you are able and can find it in your heart to donate a little more, Gulfside Regional Hospice will put it to work in our community. If you can't do as much as you would like to, that's all right also. Just remember that Hospice never charges it's patients a dime and depends on donations to keep their business open. We hope you will never need them, but if you do, their dedicated team of professionals will be at your door helping the family deal with the most difficult time of their lives. They will keep the patient comfortable and keep the family informed on what to expect as the days progress. They will handle all the medical needs of the patient like a wheel chair, hospital bed, oxygen, prescription drugs, wound dressings, and all other needs we never think of. And they will do this without a bill ever being sent to the patient or the patient's family. This is the only thing that Bay Area asks your help for every year so please give to this wonderful organization. We have donated about \$4000 since Ina Mahoney passed away from colon cancer. Her short fight with this terrible disease was made a little easier by the help of this valuable company. Please give so they can continue to help those in need.

Armor Guard To Sponsor The Big Bass Jackpot For Our Classic

Rodney Yavorsky and Armor Guard have sponsored the big bass pot for our Classic. He is adding \$100 a day to the payout for the lunker award. If everyone fishes that means the big bass pot each day goes from \$280 to \$380. That is a substantial increase. Thank you Armor Guard for your continued support. I know when my house needs painting, Armor Guard will be doing the work. Thanks Rodney!!!

**November's meeting will be Tuesday, the 8th,
at R J Wings N Things
in Temple Terrace, located at 51st and Fowler at 7:30pm.**



Month	Meeting Date	Tournament Date	Location	Ramp
Nov (Classic)	8	12-13	Okeechobee	Clewiston

2012 Schedule

Month	Meeting Date	Tournament Date	Location	Ramp
January	10	14	Lake Tarpon	Anderson Park
February	7	11	June In Winter	Public Ramp
March	6	10	Lake Harris	Hickory Point
April	10	14	Lake Kissimmee	Camp Mack
May	8	12	Lake Istokpoga	Public Ramp on 98
June	5	9	Lake Tarpon	Anderson Park
July	10	14	Lake Toho Only	Lakefront Park
August	7	11	East Lake Toho	East Lake Fish Camp
September	4	8	The Mystery Lake	TBA on Sept 4th
October	9	13	John's Lake	Public Ramp
Nov (Classic)	6	10-11	TBA	

We Are Electing Officers For 2012

As we end our 2011 season we have one last piece of business we have to complete. We need to elect our board of Directors for the 2012 season. It looks like everyone is willing to return for next year. Here are your Bay Area Bassmaster officers;

Tom Mahoney	President	Tom Craighead	Secretary
Jim Stillwell	Tournament Director	Joe Craighead	Treasurer
Michael Press	Internet Director	Vincent Dellolio	Youth Director
Rodney Yavorsky		Casey Gonzalez	

These guys direct the club as issues come up and run the day to day operations that keep this club as good as it is. Tom Craighead has given hours and hours to the book keeping part of this organization. Michael Press has contacted sponsor after sponsor, written the sponsor news in all the newsletter, and kept track of our website. Jim Stillwell keeps our tournaments running smoothly. Vincent Dellolio got our youth signed up for last years championship. Joe Craighead keeps track of our money. Rodney complains and Casey smiles.(just kidding guys) Everyone is quick to jump on someone if something is wrong but when everything is right, a pat on the back is in order. I'm patting these guys on the back and telling them what a good job they have done. If you want to give back to this club and volunteer your time to be a director or if you think one or all of us needs to be replaced, now's your chance. Be at the meeting Tuesday night and get your favorites elected to the Board.

Bring Your Extra Raffle Money

We will be raffling off all our left over goodies for the 2011 season at our next meeting. We will also be raffling off our Buddies Home Furnishings flat screen television set. Buddy's has been a sponsor of our organization since the beginning. I think Gary Kraatz won the first TV that we gave away and we have had numerous winners since then. These tickets will be \$5.00 each. The rest of our goodies will be available at regular raffle ticket prices. We will be having a super sale on blocks of 24 tickets. They will be available for only \$20. That special will only be available this month so take advantage of these huge savings. Bring any spare cash you have laying around and take advantage of these once in a lifetime opportunities and help build our Classic Fund.

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