

## Chuck Metheny And Rodney Marks Go “Junk” Fishing And Pull In Big Win On Toho



Chuck and Rodney didn't do well at all in practice for the upcoming Bay Area tournament. They couldn't seem to get a consistent bite so they decided to go to the hydrilla and "junk" fish in Toho. They started in the Hydrilla in front of Lanier Point and picked up a couple of quick fish. As the day wore on they slowed down and started catching bigger fish with worms. A Gambler 10" in june bug seemed to be the bait of choice. The big bass of the tournament came early in the morning on that same bait. Rodney felt a slight twitch in the line and wasn't sure if that was a fish at all. He set the hook anyway and the rod doubled over and the fight was on. After a couple of strong surges, Chuck got the net under this 8.42 pound beauty. They finished their limit and upgraded a few times then they decided to flip the wall of hydrilla on the outside edge of Goblet's. They picked up two more quality fish as time expired and they knew they had gotten there an hour to late. They ended up doing just fine with their 21.80 pound limit.

Second place went to the team of Colby Flinn and Tim Hibbs. Their five fish limit went 14.62 and they were caught in the same area that the winning stringer came from. Again they were working soft plastics through the hydrilla. After a few hours outside they decided to go flippin'. They upgraded a few fish in the grass line south of Brown's Point to finish their day. They were pitching ..... to the outside edges in the ..... color. ( Colby wouldn't let me print the style or the color of the bait. Top Secret).

Third place came from Kissimmee. Bob Grosso and Jason Oakleaf ran down south and fished the hydrilla in the southern most lake in the chain. They were using a combination of crankbaits and lipless crankbaits to fool their fish. They caught over five limits and managed to cull up to 14.42 pounds. Unfortunately they lost .5 pounds to a fish care penalty but still held on to the third place spot.

Bill Noriega and Garret Rocamora came in fourth with a 13.60 pound sack and fifth was our very own Tournament Director and his partner, Charlie Harper. They brought a 13 pound even limit to the scales.

Overall 114 fish were brought to the scales that weighted 229.20 pounds. Twenty eight teams brought in nineteen limits. Good job everyone!



1st Place  
Chuck Metheny &  
Rodney Marks



2nd Place  
Colby Flinn &  
Tim Hibbs



3rd Place  
Bob Grosso &  
Jason Oakleaf



BIG FISH  
Metheny & Marks  
8.42lbs

| Place | Team (Boater/Co-Angler)               | # Fish | Weight | Points | Tourneys |
|-------|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| 1     | Chuck Metheny & Rodney Marks          | 43     | 97.36  | 458.5  | 9        |
| 2     | Brian Stillwell & Fred Haus           | 41     | 84.90  | 457.0  | 9        |
| 3     | Tom Craighead & Joe Craighead         | 43     | 80.83  | 452.5  | 9        |
| 4     | Keith Ziegler & Larry Tyson           | 42     | 94.13  | 449.0  | 8        |
| 5     | Allen Powers & Billy Wood             | 45     | 76.18  | 431.5  | 9        |
| 6     | David Panno & Joe Felice              | 38     | 76.06  | 429.0  | 9        |
| 7     | Steve Mekdeci & Ryan Mekdeci          | 42     | 70.09  | 428.0  | 9        |
| 8     | William Noriega & Adam Noriega        | 33     | 70.60  | 427.5  | 9        |
| 9     | Chris Neatherly & Steve Gallette      | 39     | 76.70  | 423.0  | 9        |
| 10    | Michael Press & Alan Press            | 37     | 70.58  | 421.0  | 9        |
| 11    | Tom Mahoney & Mike Hardy              | 38     | 69.00  | 418.0  | 9        |
| 12    | Rodney Yavorsky & David Porter        | 37     | 70.52  | 416.0  | 9        |
| 13    | Gary Ford & Elton Brewer              | 38     | 75.02  | 409.0  | 8        |
| 14    | Kenny Britt & Kevin Kirkland          | 39     | 65.34  | 405.5  | 9        |
| 15    | Ron Hebert Jr. & Paul Macchia         | 41     | 61.47  | 405.0  | 9        |
| 16    | Casey Gonzales & Eugene Terkoski      | 37     | 84.08  | 405.0  | 8        |
| 17    | Mike Elliott & Frank Jones            | 36     | 59.28  | 375.0  | 7        |
| 18    | Domenick Tufariello & Gary Kraatz Jr. | 26     | 48.70  | 364.0  | 9        |
| 19    | John Flinn & Colby Flinn              | 33     | 67.84  | 354.0  | 7        |
| 20    | Bill Polanowski & Dan Harder          | 29     | 47.84  | 341.0  | 8        |
| 21    | Jim Stillwell & Charles Harper        | 32     | 59.51  | 330.0  | 7        |
| 22    | Chuck Pons & Mark Rees                | 24     | 53.30  | 328.0  | 8        |
| 23    | Ron Hebert Sr. & Kevin Hebert         | 24     | 44.70  | 325.0  | 8        |
| 24    | Rick Aldrich & Mark Morgan            | 25     | 40.19  | 315.0  | 8        |
| 25    | Brian Renshaw & Bobby Squires         | 27     | 60.95  | 313.0  | 6        |
| 26    | Vincent Dellolio & Dominic Dellolio   | 28     | 45.86  | 299.5  | 8        |
| 27    | Jeff Baker & Jason Baker              | 26     | 57.55  | 298.0  | 6        |
| 28    | Bob Grosso & Logan Grosso             | 27     | 45.77  | 292.0  | 6        |
| 29    | Tony Office & Michael Blanchard       | 25     | 40.58  | 254.5  | 6        |
| 30    | Steven Griffith & Jonathan Faedo      | 18     | 30.21  | 199.0  | 5        |
| 31    | Corey Bump Sr. & Paula Bump           | 17     | 29.60  | 194.0  | 5        |
| 32    | Jacques L'Heureux & Tanner Carey      | 5      | 6.93   | 71.5   | 3        |
| 33    | Rick Helmuth & Cody Helmuth           | 5      | 12.04  | 52.0   | 1        |
| 34    | John Hendry & Joshua Hendry           | 5      | 8.86   | 45.0   | 1        |

## Team Angler Of The Year Race Up For Grabs

It all comes down to this. It's the last tournament of the year and our TAOY race is to close to call. Chuck and Rodney are only 1.5 points up on our second place team of Brian and Fred. Tom and Joe are on their heels and Keith and Larry could still pull it out. The rest of us would need some serious help but it could be done. It will be decided this weekend on the South Winter Haven Chain of Lakes. Will one of these teams pull out a victory or will the rest of us be their spoilers. This is the closest race we have had in years and it adds a lot of excitement to Saturday's weigh in. So be there to enjoy the dramatic finish to our 2011 regular season. The Bassmaster Magazine and BASS Times writers have been notified and so has the City of Winter Haven. They didn't have the funds to throw us a parade so we'll just have to have our own. After we announce our winner Saturday we would like to have them lead us out of the park and we'll have a caravan of boats headed through Winter Haven. Sounds like a great plan to me. The winners can blow their horn and wave out to the crowds of adoring fans. We'll all meet up at a restaurant close by and the winner can buy us all dinner. It's the least they could do, don't you think.

# Here is your 2012 Proposed 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              |                     |

Your board of Directors met last Tuesday evening and spent a few hours putting together this schedule for 2012. We thought about each venue and tried to come up with the best time to fish it. Lake Tarpon will be new in January but it will be less pressured in pre-spawn. June should be a great spawning lake for February and if we have to fish Harris, March is probably the best time. Kissimmee and Pogy are great in the spring and Tarpon has always shined in June. We are planning our yearly picnic for June on Tarpon. July will be a Toho only shootout and we will give the gin clear waters of East lake a try in August. September will bring the Mystery Lake format and no one will know where we are fishing until our Tuesday night meeting. We will fish this tournament with a 14 inch limit and Florida law will be in force. The lake will be off limits until Saturday morning so this should bring out the best in all of us. We will end our race for Team Anglers of the Year at the pristine waters of John's Lake.

This looks like a good assortment of the lakes we catch a lot of fish on but we mixed them up just enough to make it interesting. See you Tuesday to vote on it.

## Call And Reserve Your Room For The Classic Now

Roland Martin's Marina has held each Classic qualifier a room for Friday and Saturday night. We have already paid for your Saturday night but if you are coming in Friday or even sooner you need to call and reserve those days. They will release all unreserved rooms on October 21st. That means if you want to come in early, you might be changing rooms in the middle of your stay. That wouldn't be fun. The negotiated special room rate of \$49.99 will only be good until October 21st. After that date the rooms would go back to the standard rate. Also, if you want to upgrade your room they will just charge you the difference between what we paid and the cost of your room for Saturday night. Roland Martin's phone number is 863-983-3151. I probably have got everyone totally confused but I'll explain it all Tuesday night.

One more very important point. If you have qualified and you will not be attending the Classic, PLEASE let Tom know. We have already paid for your room and can get a refund until October 16th. After that we cannot get reimbursed. Don't let us waste that money. Thanks.

## 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 \$290 to \$390. 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!!!

## 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 -**

**Koppers LIVETARGET** - Correction - In the August newsletter we incorrectly identified the ICAST winning bait. It was actually the New LIVETARGET Hollow body Mouse that won in the Best New Soft Bait category at the 2011 ICAST show. We'd like to again congratulate Koppers on this years win! Watch for this bait coming to tackle shops soon.

**RBC Wealth Management** - We would like to welcome RBC to our sponsor roster for the remainder of 2011 and into 2012. Thank you to Dean for coming out to our meeting to introduce himself and RBC to our members. Please make sure to contact him for all of your investment and retirement needs as they offer a wonderful portfolio of products.

**Armor Guard Painting & Coating** - We would like to say a special thank you to Rodney at Armor Guard for offering to sponsor our new website to be unveiled for the 2012 season. This is a great partnership for both Armor Guard and our club and we truly appreciate their continued support of our club. Please make sure to contact them for all of your home and business painting needs.

#### **Monthly Sponsor Feedback**

**-Dobyns Rods** -The amount of feedback that continues to come in on the Dobyns Rods that our members have purchased using the discount certificates received throughout the year has been tremendous. We constantly here about their great performance on the water.

**-Allstate Insurance** -We have heard from a couple of members who have switched their insurance over to Allstate through Paul and have been very impressed with the service provided and the competitive rates available. If you have any insurance needs please contact them to see what they can do to assist with your needs.

**-Racetrac** - We are getting a ton of our members letting us know that they are now stopping at their local Racetrac stations to gas up their trucks and boats since they have signed on as a sponsor. Their stores are easy to get our large trucks and boats in and out of and they offer a wide variety of snacks for your day on the water. Make sure to stop by your local station today.

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 club in Florida without your help and support!

# Armor Guard To Sponsor New Website

Rodney Yavorsky and Armor Guard have decided to sponsor an update of our website. Our BayAreaBassmasters.com website has been running since 2004 pretty much unchanged. We were discussing it at our last Board of Directors meeting and Michael Press had some new ideas but it was going to cost us to implement them. That's when Rodney stepped up and decided to sponsor the site. His contribution will pay for all the updates. We are planning some great things like videoing our weigh ins for the site. Member only areas for all our contact information and much more. The new site should be up and running by the first of the year. And don't forget, if you need some painting done, whether commercial or residential, don't forget to call Armor Guard. Rodney will take care of you.

## We Would Like To Welcome RBC Wealth Management As A New Gold Sponsor

### How to Choose Your Financial Consultant

*Provided by RBC Wealth Management and Dean Franklin, Associate Vice President – Financial Advisor. Dean can be reached in his Tampa office 813-574-4476 direct.*

We've all heard the adage, "there's no better time to invest than now." And yet within today's economy many investors are understandably leery about market conditions and unsure of what their next steps should be. The great news is, you don't have to go at it by yourself. When it comes to managing money in order to build towards a bright future, a financial consultant can be one of your best allies.

But with so many options out there, *how do you choose?*

Conventional wisdom says you shouldn't decide to invest your money the way you choose where to take your dry cleaning. This is a decision that deserves more thought than simply an internet search or sifting through the yellow pages.

Consider the following when making a decision:

#### **Determine your financial picture.**

Ask yourself important questions before meeting with a potential financial consultant. Determine how much you have to invest, what kind of investments you want and how much help you need. Be armed with knowledge of your situation before you begin your search.

#### **Get References.**

Networking makes the world go 'round. Ask people you trust – family members, friends, colleagues, neighbors – who they work with and what their experience has been with their financial consultant. Follow those leads to set up informational sessions with people they trust with their financial assets.

#### **Check a Broker's Background.**

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) is the largest independent regulator for all securities firms doing business in the United States and has introduced a free online tool called "Broker Check" to help investors research the professional backgrounds of current and former FINRA-registered brokerage firms and brokers. Check here <http://www.finra.org/Investors/ToolsCalculators/BrokerCheck/> to support your search.

#### **Interview Multiple Brokers.**

We all have unique investment needs and, regardless of references, not all financial consultant's strategies line up with our needs and wants. By talking with at least two different people and measuring their responses to your situation, you will ultimately make the most appropriate choice for your situation.

#### **Be comfortable with your choice.**

You are about to enter a partnership with your financial consultant and that relationship should be built on trust and understanding of your situation. You deserve the right to feel comfortable with your decision, knowing that you've entrusted your financial consultant to put your needs first in order to be the most effective steward of your assets. While the prospect of choosing a financial consultant may seem daunting, its one of the most important decisions you can ever make. Preparing yourself by following these simple steps will give you peace of mind, knowing you

**October's meeting will be Tuesday, the 4th, at R J Wings N Things in Temple Terrace, located at 51st and Fowler at 7:30pm.**



| <b>Month</b>  | <b>Meeting Date</b> | <b>Tournament Date</b> | <b>Location</b>          | <b>Ramp</b>     |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| October       | 4                   | 8                      | South Winter Haven Chain | Lake Shipp Ramp |
| Nov (Classic) | 8                   | 12-13                  | Okeechobee               | Clewiston       |

**The South Winter Haven Chain is still low but it is navigable. Pack your boats light and trim up in the canals and you will be fine.**

## **Bay Area Sends Five Teams To The Florida B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Team Shootout**

It looks like we will be sending five teams to the Florida B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Team Shootout this year out of Lakefront Park ( City Ramp ) in Kissimmee. This format pits bass clubs from all over the state against one another to vie for the title as best club in Florida. We have a large trophy that their names and the club they represent will be engraved in it forever to show that they were champions for 2011. This will be the last chance anyone has to earn a spot to the state championship next month out of the same venue. Lets root these guys on and hope that Bay Area can claim the top honors in the state and bring that trophy home. Here are your 2011 contenders;

**Team #1**  
 Rodney Yavorsky  
 David Porter  
 Casey Gonzalez  
 Chuck Pons

**Team #2**  
 Tom Mahoney  
 Tom Craighead  
 Jacques L'Heureux  
 Tanner Carey

**Team #3**  
 John Flinn  
 Colby Flinn  
 Bob Grosso  
 Logan Grosso

**Team #4**  
 Bill Noriega  
 Tony Office  
 Vincent Dellolio  
 Garret Rocamora

**Team #5**  
 Mike Elliot  
 Frank Jones  
 Domenick Tufariello  
 Gary Kratz

## **Another Reminder To Start Thinking About The Ina Mahoney Hospice Challenge**

As I am sitting here writing this I am reminded of what was going on in my life just two short years ago. Ina Mahoney, my wife, had been diagnosed with advanced colon cancer. We had been told that it was terminal and there was no chance of curing this terrible disease. It was just a matter of time before her battle would be over. The doctors made a call to Gulfside Regional Hospice and their team of dedicated doctors and nurses came in to help us deal with this heart breaking situation. They were amazing in the way they were able to keep Ina comfortable and all of her family informed on what to expect in the next few weeks. They were incredibly helpful and took care of our every need. They were with us until October 23rd, the day she passed away. They do this for anyone who needs them and never charge the family a dime. They depend on donations to keep this service available and free. In 2009 Bay Area started the Ina Mahoney Hospice Challenge and since it has started we have raised over \$4000 for this wonderful organization. We pledge a dollar a pound on our yearly total catch and collect it in our November meetings. Lets all do our part this year and keep this organization helping those in need without it costing them a dime. Thank You.

I thought everyone should know. Bill Noriega and Garret Rocamora have already given their winnings from last month to the IMHC. Thank you guys for your generous support.

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