

Brian Stillwell And Fred Haus Did What???



Something happened at John's Lake on Saturday, August 13th 2011 that shocked us all. Brian and Fred won. I know it is hard to believe but it is official. They actually won. We all knew Fred was capable of doing it but Brian? Miracles do happen. Mark that day on your calendars because you may never see anything like that again. The only thing that would have topped that is if Tom and Mike had won Harris. We all know that didn't happen. This unlikely pair happened on a grass line that held some good fish. Brian had a clear head because he had just picked up his medication at Bill's Prescription Center and that nagging migraine was now gone. He was able to think clearly as he casts his Okuma bait caster on his new Deep South rod that he had just picked up at T.A.Mahoney's (with a wealth of other gear and boat accessories, boat trailer parts and even some fiberglass supplies) to the outside edge of the Kissimmee grass. He was using a carolina rigged Ultimate Bucketmouth Torment worm when he felt a slight tug on his line. The 15 pound fluorocarbon line and terminal tackle he had just purchased from Simmons Sporting Goods held tight as the big fish pulled hard against the drag. Upon hearing the tell tale squeal of the drag Fred leapt to his feet. The new inserts that he had in his shoes gave him an extra spring in his step as he headed for the net. The great service he received at Brandon Brace put a smile on his face that got even bigger when Brian slid their 6.26 pound largemouth into the new Bass Pro Shop net. Their first bass of the day proved to be their biggest and anchored a solid 15.40 pound bag. They felt confident in their days work as the Keel Guard protected hull slid to a stop at the ramp. Fred still felt cool on a very hot day because he was wearing his new Luncker board shorts and flex fit hat from Bass King. Brian felt cool in his Performance Bass Tech Sunshirt but they were both nervous as the rest of the field weighted in. They took first place by a little over a half a pound and only caught four keepers all day.

Meanwhile Keith Ziegler & Larry Tyson were busy catching fish with their Live Target and Megabass crankbaits. They made casts to a long point and let these premier baits call the fish to them. The fish hit with a vengeance as their first four fish hit the livewell. The offshore bite slowed so they moved into the grass and started flippin Jethro's Colton Finesse craw to the thick clumps. Larry dropped his bait in a hole and it just started to move away. He swung his Doby's flippin stick hard and set the hook into their kicker fish. She went 5.62 and helped them put together their 14.62 limit. Larry was wondering if they were even going to make the tournament because the tow vehicle was running pretty rough but Richards Quality Automotive got him back up and running like new in the same day he dropped it off. They stopped and filled it up with some Race Trac gasoline and picked up a couple of sandwiches on the way and managed to earn themselves a nice second place check.

Chuck Metheny and Rodney Marks take third with a nice 14.14 pound limit. Chuck was walking around Bridgemasters, you know the fisherman's candy store in Lake Wales, and saw the Gambler Little Otter in river bug. He told himself, "self; I think this will work on John's lake. I think I need to buy this." So he did and on Saturday morning he pitched that new little lure up to an isolated piece of grass and the line jumped. He set the hook with his new Temple Fork Outfitter (TFO) rod and the graphite creaked but it turned his 5.42 kicker fish. When Rodney netted this beauty he got his new Gemini / Bay Area jersey. The

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material used in this state of the art jersey dries so quickly that he didn't even notice that it was wet. By the time he put the fish in the livewell the shirt was dry and he was cooler. Chuck was a little worried about his Yamaha because it was running a little hot but he had taken it to Sonny's Marine Center in Orlando and they had done a complete tune up and service. It was running like new and the new impeller was performing perfectly. Just what they needed to bring their limit to the scales on time.

Tom and Joe Craighead earn a fourth place finish with 12.66. Joe was sitting around Friday night munching on some onion rings and some hot wings from R J Wings and Things when he remembered he had purchased some Culprit Fat Max worms from BassTackleSupply.com and had forgot to put them in his bag. It was a good thing that he remembered because that worm was responsible for three of their fish. Tom caught the other two on a Crump Boss Frogs including their largest bass, a 5.30 pound beauty. He used a new Bait Button to hold the frog up on the hook and that gave him a much better strike to hook ratio. Tom and Joe caught their fish in front of a beautiful terracotta and white bungalow. They told this humble reporter that the only way a house could be that beautiful is if Armor Guard had painted it. Their exact words. They said that Chris Neatherly had said the exact same thing to them about his house.

Jim Stillwell was sitting on his couch Friday night watching his big screen TV that he had picked up at Buddy's Home Furnishings. He had just come in from detailing his boat with just a wipe down of Bass Boat Saver when he realized that he had forgotten about one of his livewell pumps. It had been squealing but he thought it would be alright for the tournament. He would take it to Family Boating Center next week and have them replace the pump. He finished watching his show and went to bed not realizing that that pump would cost them a half pound penalty and drop them from fourth to fifth in the tournament. His partner, Glen Bailey, used his Friday night to catch up on a little work at home. He fired up his new printer/ copier he had just purchased from Zeno Office Solutions and started printing the quotes that Paul Phaneuf had sent him. After he was able to go over those quotes he realized that Paul and Allstate was going to be able to write all of his insurance and save him some money on even better coverage than he had before. Now he would be able to concentrate on fishing and not worry about his insurance needs, Paul had his back. Jim and Glenn caught a nice 13.14 pound limit but lost two fish to a faulty baitwell pump. What was really weird is that the fish they caught all came off of products they had won at our Bay Area Bassmaster raffles. Putting in that ten bucks at the meeting really paid off for this pair.

Ron Hebert Sr manages to boat the lunker of the tournament. His 7.04 pound monster netted him bragging rights and a nice check. This monster fell to a Hag's Tornado worm in the F5 size on a Carolina Rig tossed to the outside edge of the vegetation and drug out very slowly. Speed was essential. If you moved the bait faster than slow motion you wouldn't get bit. He's been around for a long, long, long,..... time so we better listen to him.

Over all, fishing was tough. Only 13 limits were brought in with a total of 102 fish. The lake showed us a lot of potential but the fish just didn't feel like playing. Maybe next year this lake will show us what it is capable of producing.

Maybe I should have left my Performance Bass Tech Sunshirt on. Man is it hot!



1st Place
Brian Stillwell

Man, I can't wait to get home and watch the Simpsons on channel 44.



2nd Place
Keith Ziegler &

I need to get back to Bridgemasters and pick me up some more of those Gambler Otters.



3rd Place
Chuck Metheny &

I got the big one!
I got the big one!
I got the big one!
I got the big one!



Big Fish
7.04lbs

September's meeting will be Tuesday, the 6th, R J Wings N Things

in Temple Terrace, located at 51st and Fowler at 7:30pm.



Month	Meeting Date	Tournament Date	Location	Ramp
September	6	10	Lake Toho	Southport
October	4	8	South Winter Haven Chain	Lake Shipp Ramp
Nov (Classic)	8	12-13	Okeechobee	Clewiston

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 \$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.

The Clarion Resort in Kissimmee will be our host hotel and they are offering us rooms at the rate of \$49.99 a night. **Call now for reservations because this rate is only good until September 9th.** Their number is 1-877-846-2221.

Lets put together a few teams and go kick some Federation Nation butt. Lets show them that we are the best club in Florida.

Billy Woods And Allen Powers Set New World Record (Maybe Just Bay Area Record)

Casey Gonzales caught a legal bass in a Camp Mack tournament a few years back and it weighted an impressive .65 pounds. At that time it was the smallest 12" fish any of us had ever seen. We thought that was a record that would never be broken. I guess all records have to fall some day and this one did. Allen Powers and Billy Woods captured a bass that will take it's place beside George Perry's as a new world record. In the history of competitive bass fishing no one has brought a fish this small to the scales. This Florida strain largemouth weighted an astonishing .60 pounds. We are still waiting on a ruling from the IGFA but we think this will stand as the new 25lb line class record. We actually don't know which angler caught it because they both are giving the other the credit. So it looks like both will get the national recognition. Casey wants to thank you for this monumental feat. He was getting tired of the constant interviews so now he can just relax and let Billy and Allen get all the media attention. Congratulations gentleman and may that record never be broken.

It's Time 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.

Team Angler Of The Year Race Heating Up

It looks like the TAOY race will come down to our last tournament of the year. The lead has changed a number of times already this year and it looks like it's anyone's game. Keith and Larry have a small lead but we are coming up on a lake they don't usually do well. They are worried about the second place team of Tom and Joe. They can be competitive on the Kissimmee chain and think they can erase their deficit. In third place just a half a point behind is Brian and Fred. Coming off their win at Johns they have the momentum to move into a challenge for first. From the looks of these standings it could be anybody's to win or to lose.

Place	Team (Boater/Co-Angler)	Weight	Points
1	Keith Ziegler & Larry Tyson	92.37	414.0
2	Tom Craighead & Joe Craighead	72.77	404.5
3	Brian Stillwell & Fred Haus	74.72	404.0
4	Chuck Metheny & Rodney Marks	75.56	397.5
5	David Panno & Joe Felice	71.66	390.0
6	Allen Powers & Billy Wood	68.52	385.5
7	Tom Mahoney & Mike Hardy	64.94	380.0
8	Steve Mekdeci & Ryan Mekdeci	61.81	379.0
9	Michael Press & Alan Press	60.80	371.0
10	William Noriega & Adam Noriega	57.00	370.5
11	Ron Hebert Jr. & Paul Macchia	58.63	369.0
12	Chris Neatherly & Steve Gallette	64.88	368.0
13	Rodney Yavorsky & David Porter	59.92	362.0
14	Casey Gonzales & Eugene Terkoski	76.91	361.0
15	Kenny Britt & Kevin Kirkland	58.14	360.5
16	Gary Ford & Elton Brewer	65.16	357.0
17	Mike Elliott & Frank Jones	55.76	338.0
18	Domenick Tufariello & Gary Kraatz Jr.	42.34	322.0
19	Rick Aldrich & Mark Morgan	40.19	315.0
20	Ron Hebert Sr. & Kevin Hebert	44.70	300.0
21	Bill Polanowski & Dan Harder	41.73	300.0
22	John Flinn & Colby Flinn	53.22	295.0
23	Vincent Dellolio & Dominic Dellolio	45.86	287.0
24	Chuck Pons & Mark Rees	43.44	277.0
25	Jim Stillwell & Charles Harper	46.51	274.0
26	Brian Renshaw & Bobby Squires	53.05	266.0
27	Jeff Baker & Jason Baker	50.91	255.0
28	Tony Office & Michael Blanchard	40.58	254.5
29	Bob Grosso & Logan Grosso	31.85	234.0
30	Corey Bump Sr. & Paula Bump	29.60	194.0
31	Steven Griffith & Jonathan Faedo	24.51	159.0
32	Jacques L'Heureux & Tanner Carey	6.93	59.0
33	Rick Helmuth & Cody Helmuth	12.04	52.0
34	John Hendry & Joshua Hendry	8.86	45.0

It Could Be A Kissimmee Again

It could all come down to a Camp Mack showdown for the Team Angler of the year race. The Winter Haven chain is still very low so we will wait to hear from our Tournament Director, Mr. Jim Stillwell, to find out if we will be fishing in this picturesque chain of lakes or whether we will be fishing our first alternate lake, Kissimmee. We will all find out Tuesday, at our September meeting. See you there.

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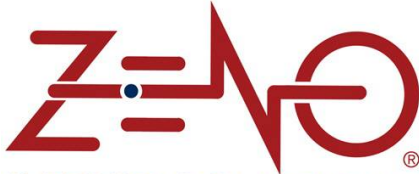


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