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BAY AREA



Jeff Crandon and Dan Richardson Make It Two In A Row In The Walpole Wall Hanger Challenge

Well here's our situation, I didn't make the weigh-in. I don't know who caught what, where or how. All I know is that Jeff and Dan won. Bob and Lonnie were second and Greg and Newt were third. Kissimmee fished a little tough only given up 18.65 pounds to win. Second place had 18.55 pounds and third place was 17.50 pounds. Casey and Gene came in fourth with 16.15 pounds. Fifth place belong to Chuck and Mark with 15.25. Greg and Newt had big fish of the tournament with an 8.55 pound trophy catch. Only 11 limits were brought to the scales out of a field of 36 boats. Fishing was a little tough on Kissimmee. 106 fish were checked in that weighed 276.05 pounds.



TAMPA BAY JUNIOR BASS CLUB WELCOMES HOME SFC RICHARD COLON



The Junior Bass Club voted about 4 months ago to take on a community service project. Youth Director Joe Craighead proposed that the club could do a total yard makeover for a 30 year Army Veteran that was retiring and coming home.

SFC Richard Colon has spent the better part of the last 10 years away from his home and his family serving our Country. A lot of this time was spent in the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan. While we fish and hang out with our buddy's SFC Colon was sleeping in tents and helping the people around the world.

The Junior Bass Club immediately thought this was a great idea. So, over the next 3 months we began to plan a strategy to do the project right before he was to come home. This proved to be quite the challenge. Working with his wife we were able to get the dates together with the help of lots of local businesses such as Florida Lift Systems, Rainmaker Irrigation and Land-scaping, Rogers Landscaping, Cypress Creek, Maney and Gordon P/A, Landis Lawn Care, Pasco Co Veterans Center. Several men from Bay Area Bassmasters for their financial support. And a special thank you to Globe Desequeira for his help with contacts. He also just returned from Afghanistan.

So, on the 13th of September the club began the project with the help of Landis Lawn Care we cut all the trees and bushes back in preparation for the bulk of the work on the September 19th.

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On the morning on September 19th about 20 young men and dedicated parents started about 7:00 a.m. in the morning. They did everything from pressure wash/clean and plant new gardens, spread mulch, took over 4 thousand pounds of debris to the County dump, installed new flag pole courtesy of our own secretary from Bay Area Bass Masters Tom Craighead, painted front trim, prepared for new sod. We had a full day. The young men worked steady all day. To my surprise they all still had energy to fish when we were done for the day. With the incredible help of Globe Desequeira we were able to procure the sod for the front yard and because Rainmaker Irrigation was so generous we had enough sod to do the back yard as well.

Sunday night September 27th we got together for a light dinner to wait for the arrival of SFC Colon. The continual updates from his wife Sonya let us know their progress coming home. As his wife had predicted he was late. Our 6:30 time was pushed to after 8:30 p.m. It was now dark and could not see the yard with some help and ingenuity we put up some flood lights and lit the place up. When he rounded the corner you could tell he was trying to figure out what was going on. We had installed a red, white and blue mailbox. He stopped to stare at it. We were all in the street waving our arms around. He would later say we looked like a zombie walk. We all got a kick out of that.

We are all so glad we were able to do a wonderful thing for this great American. It is because of the men in these clubs (Bay Area Bassmasters/and North Tampa Bass Club) that we were able to host such a good group of young men that would give of their time to support our military and community.

I am truly grateful to all who have helped out with this project.

Thank you all!

Joe Craighead, Youth Director

Team Angler of the Year is to Close to Call

The race for team angler of the year is coming down to the wire. Four points separate the top three teams. Jeff Crandon and Dan Richardson lead the race with 497 points. Most of us thought they were out of the race until he pulled out two wins in a row. Charging hard at the end of the season is the team of Casey Gonzalez and Eugene Terkowski. They have 495 points. The team of Jeff Baker and Jason Baker/Darrin Betts is in third with 493 points. Mr. Baker has had a lead for most of the year but a hard charge by the top two have pushed him down the third-place. These three teams have the only real shot at taking the crown. Istokpoga will determine the winner of this race. All three teams usually do well and it may come down to who catches the big fish. This is going to be a photo finish going down to the wire. We won't know who our team angler of the year is until after three o'clock next Saturday. See you there!

Bay Area Anglers Do Well At The Florida BASS Nation Team Championship on Lake Okeechobee

If you didn't get a chance to fish a team qualifier for the Florida Bass Nation this year, be sure to make time to do it next year. The Florida Bass Nation put on a fantastic tournament out of Scott Driver Park in beautiful Lake Okeechobee. 41 teams came from around the state to compete for a chance to go to the Bass Nation Team Championship out of Lake Gunterville in December. Only the top three are invited to attend. Bay Area Bassmasters did very well at this event. We sent five teams down to compete and came back with all five in the top 50% of the field. This event started with a well organized meeting and a great barbecue. The Scott Driver facility and the town of Okeechobee made this a tournament to remember. The big fish were hard to come by but lots and lots of fish were caught. The weigh-in was well-organized and in the shade. It just doesn't get any better than this. Next year, you guys should fish the qualifiers. Then plan on fishing this championship out of the city of Palatka. It was a lot of fun, just ask any of our participants. Good job Bay Area! You made us proud.

Place	Name	#	BF	Day 1	Day 2	Total
5	Chris Neatherly-Steve Gallette	10/10	0.00	17.14	16.68	33.82
7	Greg Shamblin-John Cincotta	10/9	6.18	15.57	17.63	33.20
10	Joe Hobson-Gary Ford	10/10	4.85	18.01	13.39	31.40
12	Tom Mahoney-Carol Mahoney	10/10	4.89	15.90	13.16	29.06
19	Lewis Roberson-Calvin Boyet	10/9	0.00	11.99	13.41	25.40

Get Your Room Reserved or Loose your Reservations

Our Classic is coming up very quickly. If you haven't called Roland Martins Resort and reserved your room, you need to do so in the next couple of weeks. We have a number of rooms and trailers reserved under Bay Area Bassmasters and you need to make one of those rooms yours. On October 26th all rooms being held for us will be released. Make your reservations now or you may not have a place to stay in November. Their number is 800-473-6766. Give them a call and get ready for another great classic.

Lake Level;

<http://w3.saj.usace.army.mil/h2o/currentLL.shtml>



How to Have A Real Bad Day Fishing and Have a Real Good Time Doing It

The morning started off very good. We woke up in the Liars Lodge after a good nights sleep. Rosie's coffee was hot, the breakfast was filling and we were ready to catch some fish. We carry a backpack in which we put our phones, Carol's extra clothes, her sunglasses, as well as Buffs and other supplies we may need throughout the day. Carol also puts her wallet in the club checkbook in it. We usually put it on the floor but it had rained the night before and the floor was wet so we set it in between us on the seat. There was some confusion on the takeoff and we were trying to get things back in order when our number was called. We eased out of the canal and took off, neither one of us remembering that the backpack was between us. As you might guess the backpack didn't last long before it flew out of the boat. Carol and I went to our first stop in Cypress. We had found some reeds that had some fish in them so we started there. Carol hooked our first fish of the day, a solid 2 1/2 pounder. I continued to pitch into the edge of the reeds and I picked up a fish. Of course Carol's was larger. As a sun started to brighten up Carol reached for her sunglasses. She said "Tom, guess what I don't see?" I knew right away that the backpack was missing. It was 6 miles to Camp Mack but I knew that we had to run back to try to find this purple backpack. We eased her way back to camp never locating the bag. Carol thought she might have got lucky and left our phones in the truck, so we checked the truck with no avail. We said, well the currents running maybe it's further downstream. So left camp and started idling down the river. Right before the bridge we discovered our purple backpack. It was floating because it had Carol's breakfast sandwich inside a Styrofoam container. The front zipper had been ripped open when it hit the water and we lost the checkbook, and Carol's drivers license, credit cards, fishing license, etc. etc. etc. We continued in hopes that we might get lucky and find either one of these important pieces but had no luck. Both our phones were in the bag and did not hold up well to being underwater for three hours. So with a lump in my throat and a tear in her eye we went back to fishing. We went back to Cypress and I flipped up another two pounder. We moved to Hatch and caught two more to finish our limit. We had blasted off at approximately 6:50 that morning. That's what my watch said and it was correct. It was now one o'clock and we had another hour and a half to catch the kicker. We tried a couple more spots and I saw a storm coming in and told Carol well let's go ahead and get in early to miss that storm. I had not turned on my GPS all day because I knew where I was going. As we were going in the lake looked kind of quiet. As we rounded the corner at the boat ramp at 2:20. We were wondering why everybody was putting their boats on the trailer. Weigh in didn't start for 10 more minutes. People were joking at us saying where have you been? We just laughed as we headed towards the scales. When we got there we knew something was wrong because Tom was writing checks. I said Tom what time is it? My watch says it's 2:20 PM. He said no, it's three clock. Somehow during the day, my watch had stopped and had lost 40 min. Our five fish weighed 11.10 pounds and we would have finished in 10th place. But with no phone working to verify a time, the GPS not on, and my watch mysteriously quitting we had no way of knowing that we were late. That was one of our worst tournament experiences of all time but the bottom line was we knew we had done well and we had a good day fishing. The moral of the story is always secure your valuables before you go flying across the water at 70 miles an hour. And always have a secondary timepiece on and available during tournament hours. I know we will. We also now own a waterproof bag that floats for the next tournament. (Purchased at T. A. Mahoney Co. Inc. of course)

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.

Sponsorship News & Notes:

- **We'd like to THANK all of our amazing sponsors for their support of our club!**

PLATINUM SPONSORS: 13 Fishing, Allstate Insurance (Paul Phaneuf), Armor Guard, Bay Area Pool Service, Cartwright Realty, Dick's Sporting Goods, Frogg Toggs, Lucky Dog Daycare & Resort of South Tampa, Richard's Quality Automotive, T.A. Mahoney Co., Inc., The Car Shop, Walpole

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- **Feedback – submit pictures or video to bayareabassmasters@gmail.com**

- **13 Fishing**– Now that many of our members have had a chance to use the rods that have been won in the raffles we're getting some great feedback and many guys have gone on to purchase additional rods. These rods are high in quality and affordable in price!
- **New Pro Products** – We have heard from a couple of the guys on the V-T2 ventilation systems and they love them. Easy to install and they add an extra layer of protection for your fish! Great product and a must have on your boat
- **Dick's Sporting Goods** – It appears that we've had a tremendous use of the Dick's gift certificates used by our members at all of our area stores. Great to hear and remember to visit for all your sporting goods needs!
- **Rod Sox** – We are hearing great things from those that have had a chance to use their Rod Sox. Great protection for your investment and they handle all different rod types. Make sure to check out their full range of products and sizes
- **Chums** We have handed out a ton of Chums to our members and everyone loves the wide array of styles available. There have been a number of guys respond to let us know that their Chums have saved their prized glasses from going overboard or flying off while underway.
- **Lunkerhunt** – We've had a number of members recently inform us of the success they are having with the Lunkerhunt frogs! Make sure you are giving them a try, especially during this time of year.

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Additional Items:- **Please make sure to support all of our sponsors and let them know that you are with the club! If you are interested in getting product, many of our sponsors are available at T.A. Mahoney's. You can also go direct to many of our sponsors websites, make sure to mention that you are with the club as well.**

October's meeting will be Tuesday, the 6th at R J Wings N Things in Temple Terrace, located at 51st and Fowler at 7:00pm.



Month	Meeting/Tour.	Sponsor	Location	Ramp
January	6 10	Richards Quality Auto	Lake Harris	Hickory Point
February	10 14	Allstate Insurance	Lake Toho	Southport
March	10 14	T. A. Mahoney Co. Inc.	Lake Rousseau	Public Ramp West
April	7 11	Armor Guard	Lake Istokpoga	98 Ramp
May	5 9	Cartwright Realty	Lake Kissimmee	Camp Mack
June	9 13	Florida Lift Systems	Lake Tarpon	Anderson
July	7 11	Car Shop	Mystery Lake	TBD
August	4 8	Lucky Dog Resort	Rodman Reservoir	Kenwood
*September	8 12	Walpole Inc.	Lake Kissimmee	Camp Mack
October	6 10	Bay Area Pool Service	Lake Istokpoga	98 Ramp
November	10/17 14-15	(Club Classic)	Lake Okeechobee	Roland Martins Resort

Florida B.A.S.S. Nation State Championship

November 7-8

Lake Harris

Venetian Gardens

October Is Bay Area Pool Month



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