

March 2015

Joe Craighead and Greg Mann Win the Allstate Toho Shootout



Joe Craighead, Joe Craighead, Joe Craighead, what is this guy doing winning a tournament? We know his brother, Tom, can fish but Joe? It must be the new ringer he brought in by the name of Greg Mann. Greg told me he saw Joe's flippin stick and 14 pound mono that was at least comes off the reel and makes a topped it off with a 1/4 oz. lead what ever bit his offering but Greg and put 65 lb. braid on the reel. 1 1/2 oz. tungsten sinker, then was ready to go flippin. Joe the advice of the former FLW pro.



Greg was amazed at what he saw. Joe had two years old. You know, the stuff that slinky. He had a 2/0 wire hook and weight. Joe thought he was ready for didn't agree. Greg stripped the line off He slid a bobber stopper on the line, a tied on a 5/0 flippin hook. Now Joe thought this was over kill but he took Saturday morning the team of Joe and

Greg decided to start the day on the north end of Toho. Twenty minutes into the day, Joe felt a tug on the end of his braided line under the matt he had just put his bait through and set the hook. The rod bowed over and Joe almost lost his footing as hook held tight as Joe pulled this up the monster and put it in the earned lunker of the day honors. worm in black/blue with a attractant. Joe was registered for he earned some gift certificates they give away every year. After He spent the rest of the day



a giant pulled on this line. The line and beast up to the surface. Greg dipped boat. She weighted 9.18 pounds and She was caught on a Lake Fork LFT healthy dose of Liquid Mayhem fish the Florida Trophy catch program so and some more chances for that boat that fish was boated, Slinky was spent. watching this fish swim around in the

live well and never caught another fish. Greg, the ringer, caught the rest of their limit. Their 20.10 pound limit took the tournament by just shy of 4 pounds.

Second place belonged to the odds on favorite. Jeff Crandon and Dan Richardson brought in a limit that weighed 16.35 with a 7.84 kicker. They caught their fish pitching and flippin a Gambler BB Cricket in Kissimmee. Jeff learned so much about his pattern that he and James Pearson won the Cracker Boys tournament two weeks later. Although the other Craighead, Tom, took most of the money home with his big fish of the tournament. His fish went 11.88 pounds and took



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top honors but Jeff brought in an 11.16 pounder and lost to Tom and his Partner, Bob Grosso. He was tired of those Craigheads beating him. Can you imagine bringing in an eleven pound bass and not winning big bass for the tournament?

Third place belonged to Casey Gonzalez and Eugene Terkoski. They were all smiles as they brought their 16.01 pound bag to the scales. They used Culprit Incredi-craws to catch their fish. They also made the run down to Kissimmee. They flipped, pitched and even Carolina rigged some mussel bars to bag their limit.

Forth place belonged to the father and son team of Jeff and Jason Baker. They brought in a limit that went 15.45. Tom Craighead and Tim Hibbs took fifth place honors with 13.08. Bob Grosso and Warren Gensel took sixth with 10.82. In all only 11 limits were brought in with a total of 91 fish. Tough day on the water but all had fun.



Lake Rousseau - You Love it or Hate it

The backwaters of the Withlatchoochee River form beautiful Lake Rousseau. This rare Florida impoundment was created in 1905 to power a hydro-electric damn. The power plant didn't last but the lake did. This lake has been one of Florida's best bass lakes for many years. It can be tough at times but with this weeks weather predicted to stabilize the bite should be on. Remember the markers are your only safe area to run. Pay attention and nobody will hit anything. It is a safe and fun place to fish with an opportunity to catch a monster on every cast. See you there.

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Lake Fork Trophy Lures – For those of you who didn't notice our Toho tournament winners (Greg & Joe) caught their big fish, a 9.18 lb giant on a Lake Fork LFT Worm in Black/Blue. They also coated their baits with Liquid Mayhem which they have proven works well so far this season!

Gambler – Our second place team on Toho (Jeff & Dan) used Gambler BB Crickets to help them with their days catch as they were flipping during the cold front down in Kissimmee. I believe they had a Black/Blue color as well. Also, Tom Craighead used a Gambler Why-Not during a tournament for another organization that he caught an 11.88 lb giant on! Seems that Gambler baits are performing well lately.

Culprit – Our third place team on Toho (Casey & Gene) made use of the Culprit Incredi-Craw in dark colors to help them bring in their catch. Again, they were predominantly flipping during the cold front and this proved to be the bait for them!

Frogg Toggs – There were a number of anglers wearing their Frogg Toggs gear to help break the chill and wind during the Toho tournament. Everyone who was wearing them raved about their comfort and how they were protected from the elements.

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February	10 14	Allstate Insurance	Lake Toho	Southport
March	10 14	T. A. Mahoney Co. Inc.	Lake Rousseau	Public Ramp West
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July	7 11	Mystery Lake	TBD	TBD
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October	6 10	Bay Area Pool Service	Lake Istokpoga	98 Ramp
November	10/17 14-15	(Club Classic)	TBD	TBD

2015 Florida B.A.S.S. Nation Central Division Schedule

Feb 22, 2015	Pro/Am Qualifier	Harris Chain of Lakes	Hickory Point
Mar 21, 2015	Pro/Am Qualifier	Kissimmee Chain of Lakes	City of Kissimmee
Mar 22, 2015	Team Qualifier	Kissimmee Chain of Lakes	City of Kissimmee
May 30,	Team Qualifier	Harris Chain	TBA
May 31,	Pro/Am Qualifier	Harris Chain	TBA
Aug 22, 2015	Pro/Am Qualifier	Kissimmee Chain of Lakes	Camp Mack

2015 Paralyzed Veterans Of America Tournament

March 27-29 Lake Toho Lakefront Park

Florida B.A.S.S. Nation Bass Club Team Championship

June 27-28 Lake Okeechobee Roland Martins Resort in Clewiston

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November 7-8 TBA Central Division

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