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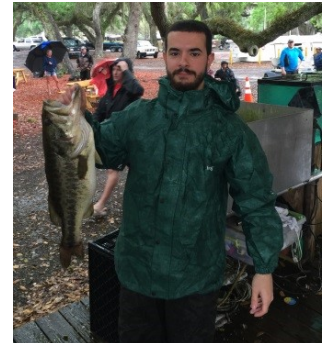
Jeff and Jared Crandon Win the Walpole Kissimmee Crown



Jeff and Jared Crandon caught a fish that weighed 7.45 pounds. If they threw that fish back and came in just with their other four they still would've won the Walpole Kissimmee championship. Overall they brought 29.95 pounds to the scales to claim the crown. Jeff told me they had found these fish Friday in very shallow water. They were running swimbaits and 10 inch worms around the shallow pads and Kissimmee grass. They found a good quality school of fish and stayed on them all day. Jared ended up catching their big fish. Jeff is well-known for being a Kissimmee rat but this is the first Bay Area tournament on Kissimmee that he has won. Congratulations gentlemen.

Second place be longed to the team of Gary Ford and Joe Hobson. They brought 22.10 pounds to the scale. Our tournament director team caught their fish in the running water of the Southport Canal. They ran crank baits down the edges and bounce them off an occasional rock to draw the strikes. They caught a number of fish with this method and put together a pretty good bag. Third-place belong to Tom Craighead and Bob Grosso. They flipped all day long. They started flipping early, flipped during the middle of the day, and flipped to end the day. They flipped running water, calm water, and rough water. Their primary tool of choice was a jig with a crawdad trailer. Did I mention they flipped. They brought in 21.30 pounds to claim a third-place finish. The big fish of the day belonged to the team of Dave and Jeff May. They edged out the competition with a 7.70 pound beauty.

Fourth-place belong to Steve Galletti and Chris Neatherly. They ended up with 19.90 pounds. The only thing I can tell you about their day on the water is that they caught fish. Enough to end up in fourth. Fifth-place belonged to Jeff Baker and Darren Betts. They finished running water all day long. They started the morning and running water, fish the middle of the day and running water, and finished their day and running water. They even fished running water in the rain. They ended up with 18.80 pounds to earn yourself a nice check. Overall 165 fish were brought to the scales that weighed 482.35 pounds, that's almost a 3 pound average. 30 limits were brought to the scales. Once again another great day on the Kissimmee.



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You didn't think I was going to put Shawn's picture up there did you?

The Mystery Lake Is No Longer A Mystery

The Mystery Lake Tournament met its demise when the FWC changed the size limits starting July 1st, 2016. The new limits will not allow us to fish without pulling permits for each and every tournament. So fishing this tournament under the new rules would make for a strange contest. The new regulations will allow you to keep 5 fish but only one of them could be over 16". The Board of Directors decided that if we were going to pull permits for the Mystery Lake, everyone should know what it is. It will also not be off limits to practice on. Just treat it like any other tournament. We did like the format but felt like this was the best way to give everyone an equal opportunity to fish.

Date changes For FBN Tournaments

As it seems to always happen, The Florida BASS Nation tournaments have run into some scheduling conflicts. The Four Angler Bass Club Team Championship has been moved to July 23rd & 24th. We are still planning on coming out of the city ramp on Toho. We usually put together a few teams to compete in this event. This is on our home waters and we should be able to kick some FBN butt on this one. We are the largest club in the state so let's dominate the field. Talk to your BAB brothers and let's show up in force. Let's lay claim again to being crowned as the #1 club in the state.

The Team Championship that was scheduled in September has been moved to August 27th & 28th out of the city docks in Palatka. This is the two angler team championship. The top three teams go to the national championship and have a chance to qualify for a spot in the 2017 Bassmaster Classic.

April's meeting will be Tuesday, March 29th at R J Wings N Things in Temple Terrace, located at 51st and Fowler at 7:00pm.



2016 Schedule

Month	Meeting/Tour.	Sponsor	Location	Ramp
January	5 9	Bay Area Pool Service	Winter Haven	Lake Shipp Ramp
February	9 13	Allstate Insurance	Lake Istokpoga	98 Ramp
March	8 12	Lucky Dog Resort	Lake Harris	Hickory Point
April	March 29 2	Walpole Inc.	Lake Kissimmee	Camp Mack
May	10 14	Cartwright Realty	Lake Okeechobee	Okee-Tantie
June	7 11	Florida Lift Systems	Lake Tarpon	Anderson
July	5 9	Car Shop	Clermont Chain	Clermont City Ramp
August	9 13	Richards Power & Motion	June in Winter	Public Ramps
September	6 10	T. A. Mahoney Co. Inc.	Lake Kissimmee	Camp Mack
October	4 8	Richards Quality Auto	Lake Istokpoga	98 Ramp
November	8/15 12-13	(Club Classic)	TBD	

2016 FBN Central Division Schedule

March	5	Pro/Am Qualifier	Lake Harris	Hickory Point
April	16	Team Qualifier	Lake Toho	City Ramp
April	17	Pro/Am Qualifier	Lake Toho	City Ramp
May	21	Pro/Am Qualifier	Lake Harris	Hickory Point
May	22	Team Qualifier	Lake Harris	Hickory Point
June	18	Open Team— Folds of Honor	Lake Rousseau	Inglis Dam Ramp
Aug	21	Pro/Am Qualifier	Lake Kissimmee	Camp Mack

FBN Championship Dates

July	23 & 24	Bass Club Team Championship	Lake Toho	City Ramp
Aug	27 & 28	Team State Championship	St. Johns River	(tentative)
Nov	5 & 6	Pro / Am State Championship	Seminole or Wimico	(tentative)

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