

Cowboy Church Bass Club Tournament Results

Lake Palestine - April 24 27, 2010 6:00 am to 3:30 pm

Joe Lee and Mike Thurman beat the wind and take big bass and 1st place team! Their 3 fish stringer weighed 13.30 pounds. Their big bass was 5.22 pounds. Total take home was \$560.00.

LAKE CONDITIONS

Storms blew in just hours before the tournament started. Getting to the lake was a challenge due to fallen trees blocking the highways. Some members had to backtrack and go different routes because the roads were closed. At 6 am you could see the lighting off in the distance. The first couple of hours it was cloudy and calm, but as the sun came out the winds picked up making the ride back to the launch site very difficult. The winds were out of the west with gusts up to 26 mph (seemed like 40). At first light the air temp was 58 degrees and at weigh-in it was 78. The water temp was 67 near the dam and 76 at mid-lake. The barometric pressure was steady around 29.60 and then started falling at noon. At 3:00 pm it was 29.55. The moon was almost full the night before. The launch site was great! Villages Marina did the club right. Good ramp, plenty of parking, and the beach area for the boats was perfect. Reggie parked his camper just a few feet from the water.

THE RESULTS

28 teams entered (1 team did not fish)
14 limits were caught (a limit is 3 fish 14 inches or greater)
4 teams zeroed.
53 fish were weighed in with a weight of 121.52 pounds.
2.29 pounds was the average fish weight

20% given to the church.....\$280.00
10% given to the club.....\$140.00
10% big bass.....\$140.00
\$840.00 balance divided.....first 50%, second 30%, third 10%, fourth 5%, & fifth 5%

Big Bass: Joe Lee/Mike Thurman.....5.22-lb \$140.00

1st place team: Joe Lee / Mike Thurman13.30-lb \$420.00
2nd place team: Bill Nowlin / Jerry Patterson.....10.71-lb \$252.00
3rd place team: Brandon Wooddell / George Walker.....8.93-lb \$84.00

4th place team: Herman Martin / Charles Martin.....8.83-lb \$42.00
5th place team: James Cook / Joe7.06-lb \$42.00

Full results:

<http://www.lakevilbig.org/ccpoints10.htm> (see the Palestine tab at the bottom of the spreadsheet)

Pictures

http://s259.photobucket.com/albums/hh311/Cowboy_Church_Bass_Club/Palestine%202010%2004%2024/?albumview=slideshow

SCATTER SHOOTING

Sixth place team **Kevin Davis** and **Byron McFarland** caught their bass on swim baits and rattle snakes.....5th place team James Cook and Joe caught their bass on flukes.....4th place team **Merman Martin** and **Charles Martin** caught their bass on rattle traps.....3rd place team **Brandon Wooddell** and **George Walker** caught their bass on jigs and a rig using Lake Fork craw worms.....**Al** and **Jon** caught their bass on wacky rigs, chug bugs, and stick worms, and lizards in the mid lake and lower lake.....**Reggie** had a tough day. He did not get much sleep the night before due to the storms. His partner, **Tommy Stewart** had to leave early so he could be at a friend's wedding. **Reggie** has not weighed in a fish this year.....**Joe Lee** and **Mike Thurman** had a cool setup for measuring the bass.....The Loves didn't love their big bass. It was DOA.....**Al** and **Jon** made a long run from the dam when the winds were the strongest. They had the roughest ride of their lives and were soaking wet at the weigh-in. Several other teams got drenched on the trip back to the weigh-in due to the big waves on the lake.....**Jeff Skagges** ran over a stump and knocked a hole in his boat and the **Barfields** came to the rescue! They had to make a trip to the local Wal-Mart and buy a bow saw to free the boat. To make it worse as they were towing the sunk boat to the ramp, they knocked another hole in the hull. This all happened early in the morning so neither team got to fish more than an hour and 1/2.....**Danny Stokes** and **Bob Fogarty** were a little late to the weigh-in. They had to tow in a stranded boater (not in the club). **Reggie** let the team weigh-in their bass without any penalty. Hats off to the **Barfields, Danny, and Bob!** Their actions make the club shine.....**Brandon** and **George** caught a real nice hybrid striper on a rig.....**Mike Grove** caught a bunch of stripers. His partner **Tim Casbeer** got sick around 1 pm and had to head back to the ramp. Tim said he caught some kind of stomach virus.....**Joe Crouch** and his grandson, **Michael Walden** both caught 20 bass each.....**Teri Stewart** made sandwiches for those who were hungry. Thanks Teri!.....**Mike Thurman** and **Joe Lee** are leading the pack

LAKE SIDE DEVOTIONAL

James Croney shared his personal testimony with the club. He readily admitted that the 3 Bs

(babes, booze, and bars) were taking him down the wrong path.

He said he was living life in the darkness and quoted scripture:

John 3:19-20

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

James shared a story about someone who helped him find the light. That someone was Van Reynolds.

James and Van chatted one night while pitching washers. Van shared with James information about the Cowboy Church, a different kind of a church and that James should check it out. Van was there for James right when he needed someone to talk to and it is the reason James is in our club and involved in the Cowboy Church of Ellis County.

James shared more of his favorite quotes:

John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, **"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

Matthew 4:19

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, **"and I will make you fishers of men."**

If you didn't know, Van Reynolds was a brand new member in our bass club when he lost his life practicing for the February 2007 tournament on Lake Fairfield. Many of us were on the lake when he drowned. None of us knew the impact he would have on our club, but God knew. God had a plan for Van.....to use the church and bass fishing to draw others closer to him, including James Croney.....now James is a fisher of men.

TOP TEN

Mike Thurman / Joe Lee.....	23.66
Jimmy Redmon / Jim Redmon.....	21.13
Herman Martin / Charles Martin.....	21.08
Al Kohutek / Jon Griffin.....	18.70
George Walker / Brandon Wooddell.....	17.93
Chandler Croney / James Croney.....	17.31
Ben Griffin / Steve Reynolds.....	16.17
James Cook / Dillon Cook.....	13.62
Brian Barfield / Kyle Barfield.....	13.23
Bill Nowlin / Jerry Patterson.....	12.71

CLOSING PRAYER

Was led by Jon Griffin

The Next Tournament

May 22 - Lake Limestone

Tournament information online

Go to www.lakevilbig.org/cc.htm

Just a reminder.....You can trailer, but everyone must be at the launch site for the morning prayer and tournament briefing.

House for Sale

If you love to fish, this could be the house for you. Fellow Cowboy Church Bass Club member Matt Howell is moving back to Colorado and just put his house on the market. It's located in Irving, Texas on Lake Vilbig.

Check it out at: <http://www.lakevilbig.org/homes2.htm>

Check the lake out at: www.lakevilbig.org

Fish Fry - May 2nd

The Bass Club will be feeding the Church membership after the service at 12 pm on May 2nd. If you can help serve, cook, have fish frying equipment, or if you can help with the kid casting contest please contact Reggie.

Teri Needs Volunteers - May 15th

This year, CHSP has opened their new perch pond and the kids are going to have a blast. It's at Joe Pool Lake.

Time is from 9 to noon.

Teri needs volunteers to help with the sign up table and the 4 event stations.

Station examples, listed below.

- 1-casting
- 2-safety
- 3-different kids of fish
- 4-different kids of lures

Please let her know if you would like to help.

Teri Stewart
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If you have any questions about the bass tournament, if you have a prayer request, or if praise announcement, please contact Reggie (REGGIE STEWART / 214-325-1606 - cell phone / reggie5515@yahoo.com e-mail).

Are you in the light?

Al Kohutek