

Cowboy Church Bass Club Tournament Results

Lake Richland Chambers - July 25, 2009 6:00 am - 1:30 pm Oak Cove Marina

Congratulations to Mike Thurman and Joe Lee! They out fished the competition, weigh-in an 11.13 pound 3 fish sack, and take home \$405.00. They caught their bass on watermelon red worms in 4-ft, 16-ft, and 10-ft of water.

Second place + Big Bass went to Brandon Wooddell and George

Walker. Neither Brandon nor George like this lake and almost didn't fish. George had a terrible day of practice the Saturday before the tournament, so going into the tournament they had no spots. It was during the tournament that they located a hole that produced all their keeper bass. That one hot spot was good for a 2nd place check (\$243) and Big Bass (\$135).....total winnings \$378. George caught the big bass of the tournament on C-rig around 11:30 am in 10-ft of water. She weighed 6.08 pounds.

LAKE CONDITIONS

The lake was about 3.5 ft low. The winds were 6 - 12 mph out of the South with gusts up to 19 mph. The air temp was 75 - 97. The water temp was 83. The skies were clear. There was a small sliver of a moon the night before. The barometric pressure was steady most of the day at 29.94. The only grass to be found was around the boat ramp in the marina. It was hot and sunny.

THE RESULTS

27 teams fished

5 limits were caught (a limit is 3 fish. Bass must be 14 inches or greater)

14 teams zeroed.

27 fish were weighed in.

2.55 pounds was the average fish weight.

20% given to the church.....\$270.00

10% given to the club.....\$135.00

10% big bass.....\$135.00

\$810.00 balance divided.....first 50%, second 30%, third 10%, forth 5%, & fifth 5%

Big Bass: George Walker.....6.08-lb \$135.00

1st place team: Mike Thurman / Joe Lee.....11.13-lb \$405.00

2nd place team: George Walker / Brandon Wooddell9.68-lb \$243.00
3rd place team: Charlie David / Dillon David.....6.50-lb \$81.00
4th place team: Chandler Croney / James Croney.....6.63-lb \$40.50
5th place team: James Cook / Dillon Cook.....5.53-lb \$40.50

Full results:

<http://www.lakevilbig.org/ccpoints09.htm> (see the **Richland tab** at the bottom of the spreadsheet)

Pictures

http://s259.photobucket.com/albums/hh311/Cowboy_Church_Bass_Club/Richland%20Chambers%202009%2007%2025/?start=all

Top Ten point leaders:

James Cook / Dillon Cook.....43.17
 Todd Stewart / Michael McAnulty.....42.02 (1.15-lb under)
 Mike Thurman / Joe Lee.....41.33 (1.84-lb under)
 George Walker / Brandon Wooddell.....40.03 (3.14-lb under)
 Al Kohutek / Jon Griffin.....34.83 (8.34-lb under)
 Chandler Croney / James Croney.....30.86 (12.31-lb under)
 Kevin Davis / Byron McFarland.....30.85
 Randy Crabb / Charlie Corvaia,.....30.43
 Reggie Stewart / James Prater.....28.69
 Doyle Ray / Noah Ray.....27.88

SCATTER SHOOTING

The Cooks had 3 bites and caught 3 fish. That was good for a 5th place check.....Some pretty heavy hitters zeroed. **Reggie** said this was one of his favorite lakes "I always catch a 5 pounder in the tree tops". Oops.....**Charlie David** placed 3rd and said they caught 1 on a senko in 6-ft of water, 1 on a DD22 in 5-ft of water, and 1 on a buzz bait. Windy docks were key for them.....The launch site and marina were nice. The weigh-in area was shaded.....**Al Kohutek** hooked a nice 4 pounder on a crank bait fishing a rocky point, but the fish wouldn't give up. Every time she got close to the net, she would make another run. On about the 4th run, she pulled off. Bad luck didn't end there for **Al** and **Jon**. At about 9 am one of their trolling motor batteries went dead and they had to make a run back to the marina to pick up a spare.....4th place winner, **James Croney** said they fished shallow on the windy side of the lake.....**The Cooks** are still in the lead on points. There is one more points tournament left this year and there are 4 teams that have a good shot at the Team of the Year title.

LAKE SIDE DEVOTIONAL

Charlie David was asked to do the devotional and used the opportunity to give his testimony. He called it the "Track of my Life".

Charlie was born in Prescott (pronounced Preskit), Arizona in 1967. At the age of 4, his parents divorced and he lived with different parents and his grandfather growing up. Charlie said there were several key people that planted the seeds of his Christian faith.

His first major Christian influence was his grandfather whom he lived with until the age of 7. Charlie said they lived in a cowboy camp on a ranch and they were 60 miles from any town. It was there that his grandfather would read him Bible stories and teach him about God.

From the age of 7 to 15 Charlie lived with his dad and step-mom. His step-mom loved him and was the face of God in his life until his dad divorced her. When his dad remarried he moved in with his mother on a ranch in California.

His mother, step-mom, grandfather, and a teacher named Mrs. Smith all loved him and didn't judge. That was Charlie's message to us at the tournament....."we all need to be less judgmental and love more".

Charlie read scripture from **John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Charlie said God loved him and always kept him on track. At one point in his life his anger caused him to lost a finger, but God made sure he got back on track.

Charlie then read **Psalm 18:1-3**

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

*The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.
He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

*I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise,
and I am saved from my enemies.*

Charlie reminded us again that too often in the church we tend to judge people. He encouraged us to love a little more and judge a little less.

Reggie ended the tournament with a prayer.

Next Tournament

August 22 - Lake Grapevine

Launch site: Still not decided.

This is a slot lake....only bass 14 inches and less in length, or 18 inches or more, may be retained.

More details to come later.

Tournament information online

Go to www.lakevilbig.org/cc.htm

Tournament recap write-ups can be found at

<http://www.cowboychurchofelliscounty.org/ministries/outdoors/>

Click on the date to read the recap and click on the lake to view the pictures.

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

Your brother in Christ,

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