

Cowboy Church Bass Tournament Lake Athens

March 29, 2008 6:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Congratulations to David Lewis and Tony LeCount! They had top stringer and big bass.

David Lewis said he caught the 7.87 pound hawg on a spinner bait right at 6:00 am. It was still dark when the bass hit the bait and because the fish swam toward the boat, David thought he had just an average size bass on his line. It was not until the fish was in net range that they realized how big she was.

Tournament data:

35 teams fished

32 teams weighed in fish

3 teams zeroed

26 teams caught a limit

4 bass were over the 21 inch slot

84 bass were under the 14 inch slot

128.85 total pounds were weighed in with 1.46 pound average per fish

The slot was 14-21 inches. Bass 14 inches and less or 21 inches or greater in length could be brought to weigh-in. Teams were also limited to only one bass 21 inches or greater.

It was an amazing day for catching bass. Many teams lost count of how many bass they caught in total. Teams reported boating 20 bass and some even reported 30 or more bass. Many of these bass were in the no keep slot.

Lake Condition: At the start of the tournament there was lighting off in the distance. It sprinkled during the first couple of hours of the tournament. For the most part it was cloudy. The air temp was 53 at 6:00 am and climbed to 75 at 3:30 pm. The water temp was between 62 and 64 degrees. The lake was calm. The water was clear but slightly stained in the main lake. The sun came out just for a few minutes during the weigh-in.

5 places were paid plus big bass

Big Bass - David Lewis \$175.00

1st - David Lewis / Tony LeCount 10.44-lbs \$525.00

2nd - Reggie Stewart / James Prater 8.73-lbs \$315.00

3rd - Bill Nowlin / LC Watson 7.66-lbs \$105.00

4th - Johanna Hensley / Gary Reynolds 7.12-lbs \$52.00

5th - Randy Crabb / Charlie Corvaia 4.50-lbs \$52.50

Scatter shooting..... Reggie showed up late for the start of the tournament. He had a cold and the Medicine Man gave him some extra strong healing pills that caused him to oversleep. To make things worse,

there was some kind of RV convention at the park that took up all the RV spots. Reggie had no place to park his RV. We sure missed **Teri**, the motor home, and all snacks and drinks at the weigh-in **Jon Griffin** flooded his outboard motor and was having trouble getting it started. I thought we were going to have to fish the tournament around the boat ramp, but he finally got it started **Reggie** caught his 6.15-lb bass on a watermelon trick worm around 8:00 AM. That fish help put him and his partner **James Prater** in the money. Reggie said he was due for a win since he just had new seats put in his boat **Tina Crouch** was a big help! She collected the money and signed in the anglers before the tournament started, kept score during the weigh-in, and help divide up the prize money **George Walker** took it hard when found out that **Ben Griffin** and **Steve Reynolds** beat him by just 1 hundreds of a pound The highway patrol was randomly stopping trucks towing boats after the tournament on the highway. **Ricky Jennings** and **Robert Fisher** were one unlucky ones who got stopped on the dive home. The patrolman told Ricky that he pulled him over because it looked like he was not wearing his seatbelt. The officer searched Ricky's car for open containers and looked inside his ice chest. The patrol officer let Ricky go after the search. I was about 20 minutes ahead of Ricky and saw the highway patrol stop someone else pulling a boat.

Reggie said he was going to meet with a few a the club members and form a back up team. The team would step in if Teri and Reggie were for some reason unable to be at one of the tournaments.

I saw a lot of new faces this tournament. Welcome to the club!

Points:

<http://www.lakevilbig.org/ccpoints08.htm> The opening page on this link is the points. The tournament results are at the bottom of this page in tabs with the lake name. Click on the lake tab to see the tournament results.

If you find any mistakes, e-mail me and I'll get them corrected.

Pictures:

http://s259.photobucket.com/albums/hh311/Cowboy_Church_Bass_Club/Athens%202008%2003%2029/?start=all

Main web page for the bass club is <http://www.lakevilbig.org/cc.htm> Here you will find the link to the rules, last years data, and the schedule.

The next tournament is at Joe Pool on 4/26/2008. We will be launching out of Loyd Park

<http://www.loydpark.com/>

Don't want to get up at 2:00 am and drive to the lake? They have cabins Call 817.467.2104 for reservations.

There is also 221 campsites complete with water and electric hookup, fire ring and covered picnic table.

Campsites are \$15 per night plus entry fee. All the info is on the web site.

Your brother in Christ,

Al Kohutek