

Cowboy Church Bass Club Tournament Results

Cedar Creek Lake - Log Cabin
5/31/2008 - 6:00 am 3:30 pm

Congratulations Joe Lee and Mike Thurman! Their sack weighed almost 10 pounds. They filled it by throwing crank baits and worms. It would have been a really amazing stringer if Joe could have netted the one he lost. He said it was the biggest bass he ever hooked and weighed an estimated 12 pounds.

LAKE CONDITIONS

The air temperature was 69 at 6:30 am and 87 at 3:30 pm. The water temperature was between 79 and 83. There was good cloud cover until about 11 am. The winds were gusty making the main lake choppy. The water was off color, especially on the windy banks.

THE RESULTS

32 teams fished.
22 limits were caught.
3 teams zeroed.
75 fish were weighed in (3 DOA).
2.21 pounds was the average.

Big Bass: Scott Mohone 4.17-lb \$128.00

1st place team: Mike Thurman / Joe Lee 9.95-lb \$497.50
2nd place team: Brian Barfield / Kyle Barfield 8.67-lb \$298.20
3rd place team: Danny Stokes / Bob Fogarty 8.62-lb \$99.40
4th place team: Kenneth Mohone / Scott Mohone 8.28-lb \$49.70
5th place team: Charile David / Donna David 7.68-lb \$49.70

Full results <http://www.lakevilbig.org/ccpoints08.htm>

Pictures:

http://s259.photobucket.com/albums/hh311/Cowboy_Church_Bass_Club/Cedar%20Creek%202008%2005%2031/?start=all

TOP 10 POINTS LEADERS

Brian Barfield / Kyle Barfield.....34.33
Joe Crouch / Michael or Joe Walden.....32.05

Al Kohutck / Jon Griffin.....	27.94
Reggie Stewart / James Prater.....	25.78
David Lewis / Tony LeCount.....	25.26
Jeff Ivie / Michael McAnulty.....	24.47
Mike Thurman / Joe Lee.....	24.20
George Walker / Brandon Wooddell.....	22.77
Charile David / Donna David.....	22.75
Darrell Weyman / John Price.....	19.67

SCATTER SHOOTING

There was a great turnout despite the high gas prices.....**James Croney, Derrick Hubbard, and Joe Lee** all lost big bass right at the boat..... **Charlie** and **Donna David** caught a big hybrid striper.....**Dennis Lambrecht's** trolling motor broke down right at the start of the tournament.....**Matt Howell** caught a big gar and **Brandon Wooddell** caught a big catfish.....**Ben Griffin** caught his bass on lizards and jigs.....**Dwain Morgan** and **Derrick Hubbard** caught their fish on shaky heads.....**Gary Godwin** caught his on a "fat free shad".....**James Croney** had his best jig fishing day.....The **Barfields** caught most of their fish by the bridge on senkos and finesse worms.....**Jeff Ivie** caught his on a "Rattlin Bob".....**Bryan West** and **Jordan Hansen** were catching their fish on Carolina rigs.....**Jon Griffin** and **Al Kohutck** caught their bass on french fries and flukes.....The water was up making travel under the bridge tricky. Some pontoon boats were unable to pass under the bridge and were confined to the Log Cabin area. The **Barfields** had to take off their center console windshield before they could pass under the bridge.....**Brian Barfield** and **Kyle Barfield** moved to first in overall points.....**Reggie** said he like Log Cabin and would use the launch site next year.

DEVOTIONAL

Jon Griffin led the devotional called "**God Loves Bass Fishermen**". It was about our relationship with Christ and comparing it to bass fishing. People often ask.... "God, show me a sign!" and just like in bass fishing, we are also looking for signs.....Looking for bait fish signs, looking for the right water temp, all the little signs that say fish are here.

Jon pointed out that it is better to pay attention to the little signs that God gives us in the path to salvation than to look for the big signs. He said we don't want a sign like Saul's conversion in Acts 9.

Acts 9: 1-9

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?

Who are you, Lord? Saul asked.

I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting, he replied. Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.

The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

Jon reminded us that when we are worm fishing, it's just a slight tap, a small tick, a soft mushy feeling at the end of our line. It's usually not a jerk so hard that our fishing rods get pulled out of our hand. Through experience we have learned to detect a subtle bite. That's the way God works in our lives too. He gives us little signs.

How do we recognize the signs? It takes experience and knowledge to detect worm bites and catch bass. Experience gained by practice, reading fishing magazines, joining a bass club, and fishing with other experienced fishermen. And just like with bass fishing, God also wants us to be experienced with him in our walk. Experienced enough to detect the little signs that he gives us. We gain that experience by reading scripture in the Bible, by being involved with a church, and by fellowshiping with other Christians.

With bass fishing we need patience. We are not always going to catch bass on every trip. And just like with our walk with Christ, we also have to have patience. There are many references and teachings in the Bible on patience and Jon gave 2 examples:

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Proverbs 14:29

A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.

In closing Jon read from **Revelation 3:20** *'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.*

Are we looking for our rods to be jerked out of our hands, or are we looking for the little taps?

DOOR PRIZES

James Cronney donated 12 Kevin VanDam's line conditioner <http://www.lineandlure.com/> These bottles were won by: Rick Dawson, Billy Dawson, Todd Stewart, Doyle Wimbish, Randy Crabb,

Charlie Corvaia, Al Kohutek, Jon Griffin, James Cook, Dillon Cook, Jeff Ivie, Michael McAnuity

The club also donated 2 Bass Club hats.....won by Robert Montelongo and Tom Retersun.

NEXT TOURNAMENT

It is at Lake Whitney on June 28th. We will be launching out of McCown Valley Park.
<http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/whitney/Recreation/Parks/Corpsparks.asp>

The closing prayer was led by Reggie Stewart

Your brother in Christ,

Al Kohutek