

Cowboy Church Bass Club Tournament Results

Lake Monticello

February 28, 2009 - 7:00 am 3:30 pm

Jon Griffin & Al Kohutek beat the wind and take first place! They caught 6 bass total. The first bass was boated after the sun came out around 11:00 am and the 2nd bass was caught just 5 minutes later (both of them were in the no keep slot). All their bass were caught next to some kind of concrete. The cement bridge pillars under the railroad tracks, the cement banks, & the cement pillars supporting the electrical towers were spots that produced for Al & Jon. Four of the bass were caught on watermelon colored Senkos that had their tails dipped with a chartreuse dye. Two of the bass were caught on a Carolina rig with watermelon red Zoom centipedes. The centipedes were cut down to half their size because the bass seemed to prefer small baits. Their 3rd keeper bass was caught just before the weigh-in. Dropping anchor was key to beating the wind.

Congratulations to James Cook! He caught the big bass of the tournament on a fluke. It weighed 1.81 pounds and was good for \$155.00. That one bass was also good for 3rd place team and another \$93.00.....total payout \$248.00.

Brandon Wooddell and George Walker came in 2nd with 2.40 pounds. They were one of two teams that caught a 3 fish limit. It was good for a \$279.00 check. They said that their bass were caught on worms and lizards and that the bass were acting strange when they bit. George said it was kind of like they were just slapping the baits. One bass slapped his lure and he hooked one of the fishes scales (about the size of George's thumb).

LAKE CONDITIONS

A nasty cold front blew in and covered most of the lake with white caps. The wind direction was NW at 26 - 36 mph. The air temperature was 40 degrees at kickoff and rose to 48 at weigh-in. The barometric pressure was on a rise. At midnight it was 29.9 and rose to 30.3 by 10:00 am. and it held steady there until weigh-in. The water temperature between 68 - 80 depending on where you were on the lake. It was cloudy until about 11:00 am. The lake looked like it was a foot low. The waves hitting the bank and making the water off color near the shore. There was just a sliver of a moon the night before. The conditions were miserable.....It was a rough, tough, and cold!

THE RESULTS

31 teams fished
2 limits were caught (a limit is 3 fish. The no keep slot is between 14 - 24 inches)
19 teams zeroed.
15 fish were weighed in.
1.00 pounds was the average.

20% given to the church.....\$310.00
10% given to the club.....\$155.00
10% big bass.....\$155.00
\$930.00 balance divided.....first 50%, second 30%, third 10%, forth 5%, fifth 5%,

Big Bass: James Cook..... 1.81-lb \$155.00

1st place team: Jon Griffin / Al Kohutek..... 4.01-lb \$465.00
2nd place team: Brandon Wooddell / George Walker... 2.40-lb \$279.00
3rd place team: James Cook / Joe Woods..... 1.81-lb \$93.00
4th place team: Kevin Davis / Brian McFarlin.....1.54-lb \$46.50
5th place team: Doyle Ray / John Holland1.23-lb \$46.50

Full results:

<http://www.lakevilbig.org/ccpoints09.htm> (see the Monticello tab at the bottom of the spread sheet)

Pictures:

http://s259.photobucket.com/albums/hh311/Cowboy_Church_Bass_Club/Monticello%202009%2002%2028/?start=all

SCATTER SHOOTING

Jon Griffin launched his boat Friday afternoon but winds blew hard that night and pushed his boat up on the bank. So much of the boat was on the bank that it was impossible to move by hand. Four Good Samaritans, **Lynn McNelly / Jon Paowski, & Brandon Wooddell / George Walker** tied ropes to their boats and pulled Jon's boat off the sandy bank. Hats off to all four for being good sportsmen and sacrificing valuable fishing time to help out a fellow angler.....**Mike Thurman** and **Joe Lee** caught their bass on drop-shots.....**Kevin Davis** and **Brian McFarlin** caught their bass on white spinner baits.....Doyle Ray caught his on a fluke.....**Ben Griffin** caught his on a core green lizard.....**Dennis Lambrecht** and **Raymond** caught their bass on a drop-shot.....**Tim Casbeer** and **Mark Grigsby** got soaked by the waves and had to leave early to change into some dry clothes. Tim said he did catch a real nice one in the slot on a plastic worm.....This was the first tournament in 2 years that the weather was really bad.....22 new members signed up this year! Welcome all.....**Jon Griffin** broke in his brand new camper on this trip. Jon and Al also caught some nice catfish from the bank at their campsite.....It was so windy that **Reggie** would not let us take off from the boat ramp until safe light at 7:00 am.**Joe Crouch** said the majority of the bass have already spawned and we were fishing the

tough post spawn period.

LAKE SIDE DEVOTIONAL

Reggie led a short devotional. He said it's as simple as A B C.

A = Accept

Accept your need of the Savior and that we all are sinners and need forgiveness.

For all have sinned ... Romans 3:23

B - Believe

Believe in God.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whosoever believes in him shall

not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16

C - Commit

Commit yourself to Christ.

You shall have no other gods before Me. - Exodus 20:3

Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him. - Psalm 37:5

Reggie reminded us that we all went fishing today when the conditions were really bad. It was very windy and we were all cold, but we were all committed to fishing in the tournament. Just as we are committed to fishing in the tournament, the Lord wants us to be just as committed to Christ. We need to be committed to Christ day in and day out even when the going gets rough. If we are committed then Lord will bless us.

New Rule

Reggie said everyone must wear their life jackets anytime the outboard motor is running.

The Next Tournament

Lake Fork - March 28th

Launch site: Popes Landing

<http://popeslandingmarina.com/>

<http://www.lakeforktexas.com/Pages/Popes.html>

Website

Tournament schedule on the Cowboy Church website:

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

Bass Club main webpage:

<http://www.lakevilbig.org/cc.htm>

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,

Al Kohutek