

Cowboy Church Bass Club tournament results

Richland Chambers - August 28, 2010 6:00 am to 1:30 pm

Congratulations to Mike Thurman and Joe Lee! Mike Thurman caught the big bass weighing in at 7.31 pounds and they had the top team weight with 13.22 pounds. Their winning stringer was caught mid-lake fishing shallow to 12-ft of water. The first fish of the day was a 3.5 pounder and was caught at 6:30 am on a dock using an 11-inch worm. Their big bass was caught on a H2O crank bait at 8 am and was their limit fish. Most of their bass were caught on points. They took home \$620.00 cash.

2010 Anglers of the year - Mike Thurman and Joe Lee had only a 6-oz lead going into the last points tournament of the year.....after Richland Chambers they had almost a 10 pounds lead and now hold the club record for the highest total points ever accumulated at the end of the season. Mike and Joe fished in the money three times this year with two 1st place wins at Palestine & Richland Chambers, and 4th place win at Belton. Congratulations again to Mike and Joe!

Picture of the 2010 Anglers of the Year with their winning Richland Chambers stringer:
http://i259.photobucket.com/albums/hh311/Cowboy_Church_Bass_Club/Richland%20Chambers%202010%2008%2028/IMG_1455.jpg

LAKE CONDITIONS

It was a very nice day to be on the lake. Clear skies, very calm water with a slight breeze out of the north later shifting to the south. The lake was full and the water was clear. At 6:00 am the air temp was 70 and at 1:30 pm it climbed to 93. The water temp was around 85 - 87. The barometric pressure was 29.83 to 29.82. The moon was almost full the night before. There was not too many pleasure boaters out on the lake. We launched out of Oak Cove Marina and some of the teams got hung up paying the launch fee at the store. The ramp was great and we had a perfect spot for the weigh-in and devotional under the cool shade trees. There was plenty of docking spots for our boats and ample parking for our trucks and trailers.

THE RESULTS

31 teams fished.
7 limits were caught (a limit is 3 fish 14 inches or greater)
7 teams zeroed.
46 fish were weighed in with a weight of 123.18 pounds.
2.67 pounds was the average fish weight

20% given to the church.....\$310.00
 10% given to the club.....\$155.00
 10% big bass.....\$155.00
 \$840.00 balance divided.....first 50%, second 30%, third 10%, forth 5%, & fifth 5%

Big Bass: **Mike Thurman**.....6.21-lb **\$155.00**

1st place team: **Joe Lee / Mike Thurman**.....13.22-lb **\$465.00**
 2nd place team: **Darren Coslin / Bud Benner**.....11.07-lb **\$279.00**
 3rd place team: **Ben Griffin / Steve Reynolds**.....10.79-lb **\$93.00**
 4th place team: **Kevin Davis / Byron McFarland**.....7.42-lb **\$46.50**
 5th place team: **Reggie Stewart / Casey Smith**.....7.28-lb **\$46.50**

Full results:

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

Slide Show:

http://s259.photobucket.com/albums/hh311/Cowboy_Church_Bass_Club/Richland%20Chambers%202010%2008%2028/?albumview=slideshow

SCATTER SHOOTING

Second place team, Darren Coslin and Bud Benner boated their bass on shaky heads rigged with watermelon red worms.....Ben Griffin and Steve Reynolds finished 2nd in overall points for the year. They also took 3rd place team throwing watermelon and green pumpkin worms.....4th place team, Kevin Davis and Byron McFarland did very good throwing watermelon seed Texas rigged worms.....5th place team, Reggie Stewart and Casey Smith caught 2 nice fish under the bridge on a Carolina-rig with red worms. Reggie's big bass weighed 4.68 pound, at first he thought it was a catfish and was disappointed, until it was next to the boat and he could see it was a bass.....Al Kohutek had just the opposite experience as Reggie. He thought he had a nice bass on, but it turned out to be a 6-lb yellow cat.....Herman Martin and Charles Martin managed to catch a legal bass with no outboard motor and no trolling motor. The batteries were totally dead when the tournament started.....Doyle & Noah Ray had 2 dead bass. It cost them a check and bumped them out of 2nd in the point standings.....This was the last points tournament of the season. There was not a single team that caught a limit in every tournament this year.

TOP TEN - POINTS LEADERS

These teams are eligible to fish the Top Ten tournament. It will be held on a private lake near Athens on October 9th. No entry fee is required and prizes will be awarded.

1) Mike Thurman / Joe Lee.....56.02 **Anglers of the Year**

2) Ben Griffin / Steve Reynolds.....	46.15
3) George Walker / Brandon Wooddell.....	45.79
4) Doyle Ray / Noah Ray.....	45.24
5) James Cook / Dillon Cook.....	41.97
6) James Croney.....	41.70
7) Brian Barfield / Kyle Barfield.....	40.95
8) Kevin Davis / Byron McFarland.....	40.42
9) Charlie David / Donna David.....	39.27
10) Herman Martin / Charles Martin.....	38.96

If you are in the Top Ten, let Reggie know if you are fishing. Substitutes will come from the next inline according to points.
There will be no 1 person teams.....a full field of 20 anglers will be competing.

LAKESIDE DEVOTIONAL

Jim Redmon shared his personal testimony with the Bass Club.

His story began with a description of his life before being saved by Jesus on January 27, 2007. Divorced 5 times, 5 jobs, 5 sets of kids, 5 trucks.....he painted a picture for us of a rough and mostly unhappy life that seemed to cycle every 7 years. Jim said he tried to do everything on his own, relied on no one, and made it a point to avoid anything to do with church. The rough life was wearing him down.....so much so that he could only see one way to break the cycle, and that was to end his life right after his mother died.

In 2006 Jim's mother started getting sick. She lived in Memphis, Tennessee and Jim made several trips to the hospital there. Every time that the doctors said she was going to die, he made the long drive to see her, but each time she miraculously pulled through her illness and got better. On every trip to Memphis, Jim did not expect to return back to Texas.

After one of the Memphis trips, Jim got a call from his daughter. She wanted to see him and somehow was able to convince him to make the drive to Orange, Texas. He was not looking forward to the visit because he knew that his daughter would try and get him to attend church with her. He tried his best but was unable to ditch the church service.

During the service something happened. He was touched twice.....first by the preacher who's message seemed amazingly personal to Jim's life. Then someone standing behind him touched him on the back of the shoulder and offered to pray with him. It was at that moment that he was saved. On his knees, he asked for forgiveness and his life was forever changed.

Jim admits he does not know why he was saved, but now knows God has a plan for his life. God's plan transformed Jim's life, including sharing his incredible testimony and active involvement with the Cowboy Church of Ellis County.

Jim did give up his life on January 27, and he was reborn.....saved by God, through faith in Christ.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lead by **Ron Edwards**.

The end of season schedule

September 25 - The Classic tournament

- * The lake to be announced 1 week prior to the tournament.
- * All teams must have fished in at least 3 points tournaments this year to be eligible.
- * Any substitute teammate must have fished in at least 3 points tournaments this year to be eligible..
- * No pre-fishing the lake
- * Guaranteed payout: 1st = \$1000.00 2nd=\$500.00 3rd=\$250.00 4th=\$150 5th=\$100 Big Bass=\$200.00
- * \$50 per team entry fee

October 9 - The Top 10 tournament on a private lake near Athens

October 23 - Banquet at the church

Good deal on rods

James Cronney gave the club a rod demonstration at the Richland Chambers tournament. He was representing Temple Fork Outfitters and showed us a new line of rods developed by Gary Loomis.

Gary's designs and cutting edge materials offer unparalleled performance at an unparalleled price. Only \$99.95. These rods are lightweight with crisp, responsive, and ultra sensitive tips backed up by powerful butts. They use SIC guides, one of the hardest insert materials available.

Contact James for more info or visit the website at <http://www.tforods.com/>

Night tournament results

Only 4 teams entered the tournament. Reggie Stewart and Jim Love won the tournament.

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

Tournament information online

Go to www.lakevilbig.org/cc.htm

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).

Your brother in Christ,

Al Kohutek