

Cowboy Church Bass Club Tournament Results

Lake Monticello - February 27, 2010 6:00 am - 3:30 pm

Slot lakes are for the lucky! Monticello is one of those slot lakes where you have to throw back all bass between 14 and 24 inches. It's not necessarily the most skilled anglers that win a tournament on a slot lake, it's really the luckiest fisherman who happens to catch a short fat bass under 14 inches.

Jon Griffin and **Al Kohutek** got lucky! Jon caught the big bass of the day. It weighed 1.77 pounds and was good for \$165.00 That fish came from the creek next to the FM 127 bridge (south/west side) just past a big dead tree sticking out of the water. Fishing behind another boat, Jon got lucky and caught the baby pig on a C-rig around 1:00 pm in 8 ft of water. At the weigh-in the Game Warden was standing right in front of Jon's boat. Jon and Al knew that bass measured just a hair under the 14 inches mark, but how would it measure on someone else's board? Jon decided to take the risk and weigh the fish. That decision was the right one!.....Reggie even said "It don't get no closer than that!" Jon's little bass measured under 14 inches (pinched tail on the ruler).

Al and Jon's total sack weight was 2.41 pounds and included 1 other little fish that weighed 0.64 lb. That bass was caught on a Carolina Rig around 8:00 am in 2-ft of water. First place paid \$495 giving Al and Jon \$660.00 in total winnings

Congratulations to James and Dillon Cook! They placed second with a 3 fish limit weighing 2.28 pounds (only 2 ounces behind Al and Jon). Those 3 little bass were good for \$297.00

LAKE CONDITIONS

The lake was full and the water was clear. At 6:00 am the air temp was 35 degrees. It rose steadily all day and by the end of the tournament the temperature was a very comfortable 59 degrees. It was foggy in the morning, the skies were clear and the winds were out of the west 5-15 mph with gust up to 23 mph. The water temp on most of the lake was 65-70. The discharge was warmer, probably around 78. There was a full moon shining on us as we started the tournament. The barometric pressure was 30.13 at 6:00 am and rose to 30.17 by 9:00 am. At noon it started falling and was 30.07 at the weigh-in. There was another tournament going on so the lake was very crowded.

THE RESULTS

33 teams fished
2 limits were caught (a limit is 3 fish with a 14-24 inch no keep slot)
23 teams zeroed.
17 fish were weighed in with a weight of 14.99 pounds.
0.88 pounds was the average fish weight

20% given to the church.....\$330.00
10% given to the club.....\$165.00
10% big bass.....\$165.00
\$990.00 balance divided.....first 50%, second 30%, third 10%, forth 5%, & fifth 5%

Big Bass: Jon Griffin.....1.77-lb \$165.00

1st place team: Al Kohutek / Jon Griffin.....	2.41-lb	\$495.00 (2 fish)
2nd place team: James Cook / Dillon Cook.....	2.28-lb	\$297.00 (3 fish)
3rd place team: Ben Griffin / Steve Reynolds.....	2.04-lb	\$99.00 (3 fish)
4th place team: Brandon Wooddell / George Walker.....	1.89-lb	\$49.50 (2 fish)
5th place team: Jeff Skaggs / Ryan Weatherford.....	1.53-lb	\$49.50 (1 fish)

Full results:

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

Pictures

http://s259.photobucket.com/albums/hh311/Cowboy_Church_Bass_Club/Monticello%202010%2002%2027/?start=all

SCATTER SHOOTING

The 127 bridge was a popular spot. As many as 13 boats were shoulder to shoulder fishing next to each otherThe discharge outlet and power-line poles around the discharge area was slow.....**Al** and **Jon** caught 13 slot fish near the railroad track bridge (most weighed between 3 and 5 pounds). Their most productive lure was senkos.....**Brandon** and **George** camped out on a spot and caught several on rigs and flukes and took 4th place.....**Ben Griffin** and **Steve Reynolds** took 3rd place using rattle snakes. They were the only other team to have a 3 fish limit and took home \$99.00 in prize money.....**Al Kohutek** tried to do a long jump from Jon's boat to the bank at the weigh-in. He was short just a foot, hit the mud and fell right in front of the Game Warden and all the spectators.....**Reggie** almost signed up a new team that was fishing the other tournament.....**George** and **Brandon** almost didn't make the cut off time at the weigh-in.....**Byron McFarland** said a little miniature black/blue flake senko was their hot bait.....This year's February tournament stats were almost identical to last year's tournament stats. **Al & Jon's** won 1st on this lake two times in a row. They are leading the points race by just a couple of ounces.

LAKE SIDE DEVOTIONAL

Reggie had prepared a entirely different devotional for us, but circumstances changed his heart and he instead focused how wrong it is to worry about things. He gave his testimony.

It all started the day before the tournament. Reggie took off mid-day on Friday. He wanted to beat the traffic out of town and get to the lake early, but right off the bat he hit a major traffic jam and got stuck on hwy 67. The stop and go slow traffic along with bad fuel in his tank started causing his engine to act up. That began his long trip down worry lane.

Reggie said after getting off to a slow start, they finally hit I-20 at normal speed. The problem was the club's ice chest and snacks also hit I-20.....HARD. They flew off the truck and crashed into the pavement going 70 mph.

What else could go wrong? Reggie stopped at the Wal-Mart in Mt. Pleasant and lost his wallet with all his credit cards and a good amount of cash. To make things worse, Teri was not with him.

Reggie worried about these things all day and most of the night! Finally late that night Reggie decided enough was enough and gave it all to the Lord. He prayed and let God take his worries.

Well things were good until the next morning. Reggie started to worry about his wallet again. Reggie said that was a big mistake. He said once we give it up to the Lord, we should not take it back. Well God showed him.....his water pump went out on the outboard motor and he could not catch any fish no matter how hard he tried.

Reggie said he finally realized that worrying about his problems were not going to make things better. After he put his worries back down, things got better.

It was just a few minutes before the weigh-in that Reggie got the call from Teri. She told Reggie that the police had called her and they had his wallet with all the cash and credit cards still in it. It appears that the wallet was found at the Wal-Mart in Mt. Pleasant by a good Samaritan and taken to the police station in Winnsboro.

It was then that Reggie realized that God is in control.....once we give up our worries to the Lord, we should not take them back. God opened Reggie eyes and let him know that God is in control, not Reggie.

There are several passages in the Bible that back up what Reggie was saying. [Jesus said in Matthew 6:](#)

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Thanks Randy!

We are so fortunate to have a guy like Randy Crabb in our club! Randy is one of the nicest guys that you will ever meet and he knows boats!

As with most tournaments there are usually a few breakdowns. This tournament was no exception, Tim Casbeer's outboard tilt was stuck in the down position and he didn't know how he was going to be able to drive home with his motor down on his trailer.

Randy got wind of the situation and came to the rescue! He knew exactly what was wrong with Tim's boat and got him back up and running.

Tim was just one of many people that Randy has helped over the years at our tournaments.

Thanks again Randy for being there for us. You often make our worries disappear!

The Next Tournament

March 27 - Lake Belton

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).

If you have any worries give them up to the Lord.

Your brother in Christ,
Al Kohutek