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March 2011

Prez Says

The March BCFW event was held at Palistad, I mean Palestine Lake where it was operation lunkerville, population a bunch! Surface water conditions were approaching the magical digits, meaning fish could be caught in all three stages of the spawn depending on where you were on lake. The results? A whack-fest. I have not been told of any 3 fish record, but if it ever gets broken it might happen at Palestine. Danny Pounds walloped a 17.09 pound sack, which was good enough to win among the over 57 anglers (also second place big bass). The lesser half of the Whataburger Team, Jim Justus loaded the boat with 15.66 pounds of fish with 7.28lb kicker, good enough for second place and first place big bass. For Mr. Jig Roger Malone it was a third place finish and third place big bass, good enough to cover some of the expenses of the trip to East Texas.

Happy Birthday to all club Members with March Birthdays.

The next tournament will be on April 16th at Cedar Creek with weigh in being at Caney Cove Public Boat Ramp.

Remember...life jackets and kill switches save lives,

Jeff Granger

President, Bass Club of Fort Worth

Meeting notes

- ❖ **A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR HERSHUL SMITH:**
You must sign in at the BCFW mailbox if you have NOT paid your entry fee at the meeting prior to the tournament you are fishing. Please note that failure to do so may result in a penalty.
- ❖ The next club meeting will be Thursday, April 7, 2011, 7:00 pm, at Coors Distribution Center Hospitality Room.
- ❖ St. Jude Tournament: This year the BCFW will be hosting the 3rd Annual St. Jude Tournament on Nov. 12 on Lake Lewisville pending club vote and approval to move our normally scheduled club tournament. I know it will be another great event.
- ❖ Congrats to our new life members!!!
- ❖ If you would like your information in the newsletter. Please email skoutdoors@hotmail.com.



-----BASS Federation News-----



2011 Qualifying Tournament Trail

March 19, 2011	<u>Belton</u>	Cedar Ridge Park	Click Here	Click Here
March 20, 2011	<u>Waco</u>	Twin Bridges	Click Here	Click Here
April 30, 2011	<u>Cedar Creek</u>	Log Cabin	Click Here	Click Here
May 1, 2011	<u>Richland Chambers</u>	Oak Cove	Click Here	Click Here
May 21, 2011	<u>Arlington</u>	To Be Announced	Click Here	Click Here
May 22, 2011	<u>Benbrook</u>	To Be Announced	Click Here	Click Here
Championship Date To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Click Here	Click Here

March 19-20, 2011- The North Texas Bass Federation Tournament got kicked off on Belton with a great turnout from what I hear. Our own Mark Wendler was victorious based on the rumors I have heard thus far. Great job Mark. Additionally, David Mulcahy got third on day two on Lake Waco, and Mr. Jig Malone got fourth place on Belton and fourth place on Lake Waco. You all represented the BCFW well!!!! See, A Day on the Lake, below.

In Other News...

March 20, 2011- Texas 3 Bass held an open tournament Sunday on Grapevine and wouldn't you know some of the BCFW anglers showed up? Mike Wood apparently was on fish as he had been waiting at the ramp since like 3:30 that morning. Apparently so, his 13.55 pound 3 fish sack was good enough for 3rd place and big bass! Check out the photo of these sweet ditch pickles!!!!(bottom right)



(photo shamelessly stolen from dfw bassmasters website)



(Photo courtesy of Texas 3 Bass)

March 20, 2011- Lake Lewisville Sunday Open Jackpot. Our own Bob Aldert aka the Lewisville Lounge Lizard and James Moore took first with 21.93lbs. Check out the photo, that kind of looks like Bob? (above left)

A Day on the lake with Mark Wendler

Saturday morning, at lake Belton, started for me like any other Federation tournament. The excitement of arriving at the ramp, followed by the hurried task of getting launched and finding a place to beach while waiting for takeoff. Thankfully I had a back-seater this time, Hershul Smith, who made this task so much simpler.

As always, I was part of the first group to arrive at the ramp. That fact allowed us plenty of time to gossip with friends and plan, re-think, then plan again, our early morning strategies. This is always the most stressful time for me as I ponder my predetermined choices in baits, colors, starting areas, etc... In fact, if takeoff time hadn't arrived when it did, I might have ended up starting the day off by throwing 6" pink swimbaits at the dam. *(A technique my wife taught me. Lol)*

Luckily takeoff did arrive, at daybreak, and Hershul & I started on a 45deg slopping bank within eyesight of the launch area. I picked this bank thinking that not all the fish would be spawning at the same time, and that this was a major migration route from the main lake into the flats of the creek that we just launched out of. Hopefully, we could pick up some pre-spawn fish here.

Well, I guess I forgot to explain the concept of "we" to Hershul, as he quickly picked up a keeper on a Jig, followed by a 4lb'r on a Jerk Bait. Heck, I hadn't even had a bite yet and he had two in the livewell... Oh well, just keep to your game plan, I told myself, as I continued to work my jig in the area. Yea...just stick to the plan... 2min later I was reaching for my Jerk Bait rod, which I quickly proceeded to slam with the rod box lid, breaking off the top 12". *(note to self, replace those weak lid lifts...idiot.)* Worked the jerk bait and finally got an under to break the ice, so to speak. Still no keepers...

Fast forward 3 hours...No Keepers. Still working the same area of the lake, but have moved back into some shallow areas. I have given up on all the bigger baits and started to use my favorite bait..."Mr. Gitzit". (*sometimes you're better off dancing with the one who brought you to the dance*) I was now getting some bites, but they were small buck bass that would pick the tube up and run straight at me. Connected on a couple, but no keepers. Moved to a long narrow cove, right off a main creek entrance, with a very sharp slope, and the wind blowing into it. (*It was starting to blow hard by this time.*) Finally picked up one 14" keeper here. Fished further back into that creek with no results. Could not get that narrow cove off my mind...what was different about that cove from the rest of the area? Then it hit me...STRONG SOUTH WIND, SHARP SLOPE, NORTH COVE, DUH..."Button up Hershul, were headed to the main lake!!"

After a nice long run south, we arrived at the first northern cove west of the east facing dam. The wind was blowing directly into it. Now, a lot of you know how I fish a tube...1/8oz jig head, 8lb line, spinning outfit. Let me tell you, 25mph wind gust make it real hard to feel an 1/8oz tube jig, so I switched up to a 3/16oz. It could not have been 10 minutes after we arrived before I caught my second 14" keeper.

I missed a couple more, due to the wind bow in my line, before I got dialed into the feeling. It was then that the defining moment of the tournament occurred. We were sitting in 30' of water, fishing a bank where the chunk rock was transitioning into a small bluff, when the fat girl came calling. And let me tell you, when she came calling, she made that 8lb line sing a song that made me feel overjoyed and stuck fear into my heart at the same time! "NET HERSHUL, GET THE NET!!!!" "TREE HERSHUL, TREE!! OH SH@#, SHE'S HEADED FOR A TREE!!" Normally I would have already backed off the drag, but right in front of me, in 30' of water, was the submerged top of a tree that I had not taken notice of...UNTIL NOW! So I kept the pressure on as the fat girl made it to the tree, brushed the line on a few branches, and popped out, on the other side of the boat, headed for deeper water. Whew...past that hurdle, now to give the straining line some relief. I backed off the drag a little, let her make a few deep runs, and watched Hershul make the second best netting job I had ever seen. (*Second only to my wife's netting of course!*) There she was...in the boat...all 7.29lbs of her...federal mint green...beautiful!!

We spent the rest of the day in the main lake area. Not another fat girl was to be found, but I was able to fill out my limit with 2 more 14" fish and Hershul picked up another keeper as well. We headed for the weigh-in early, making the long run back to the ramp. I had no idea that I had enough weight to take home a check, let alone win it, but I was surprisingly proved wrong. First Place Stringer - 12.89lbs & First Place Big Bass - 7.29lbs. Last but not least, only one thing left to be said...Thank You God.

Hot Dog and Kid; Tournament

When: May 7, 2011

Where: Bridgeport Lake, Wise County Park Pavilion

Details: Boater Tournament side, entry fee will be \$20.00 CASH @ RAMP.

Those kid anglers participating, there is no entry fee and any catch goes for you!

Normal club rules apply, except tournament hours will be from 6:00am to 12:00 noon.

NAME	Palestine			
	# FISH	BIG BASS	WEIGHT	
	66	7.28	162.85	
Pounds, Danny	3	6.05	17.49	100
Justus, Jim	3	7.28	15.66	99
Malone, Roger	3	5.15	13.66	98
Murray, Mike	3	3.87	11.19	97
Wood, Mike	3	4.10	8.30	96
Foley, Wayne	2	4.42	7.95	95
Mulcahy, David	3		7.76	94
Prazak, Keith	3		6.86	93
Johnson, Tim	3		5.60	92
Toone, Joe	3		5.48	91
Murray, Richard	3		4.78	90
Dugger, Mike	3		4.63	89
Smith, Chris	1	4.59	4.59	88
Barnes, Elaine	2	2.63	4.12	87
Barnes, Claude	3		3.80	86
Koch, Carl	1	3.39	3.39	85
Bayless, James	1	3.06	3.06	84
Wendler, Mark	2		2.96	83
Aldert, Bob	2		2.90	82
McLain, Chris Sr	2		2.71	81
Goff, Stan	2		2.59	80
Granger, Jeff	1	2.30	2.30	79
Williams, Randy	1	1.99	1.99	78
Koch, Linda	1	1.80	1.80	77
Davenport, Dan	1	1.77	1.77	76
Parham, Tim	1	1.76	1.76	75
Coggins, Gerald	1	1.58	1.58	74
Gossett, Donnie	1	1.46	1.46	73
Birchfield, Dale	1	1.45	1.45	72
Kerbaugh, Brian	1	1.42	1.42	71
Sherwood, Shawn	1	1.42	1.42	70
McLain, Chris	1	1.39	1.39	69
Perry, Daniel	1	1.38	1.38	68
Brett, Sam	1	1.32	1.32	67
Pullar, Jack	1	1.26	1.26	66
Gerath, Bj	1	1.07	1.07	65
Abels, Gary				50
Bell, Tim				50
Browning, Mike				50
Chaloupka, Frank				50
Coggins, Carole				50
Donoghue, Tj				50
Duewall, Charles				50
Foley, Ted				50
Hughes, Wayne				50
Johnson, Gerry				50
Justus, Kim				50
McCullough, Bobby				50
McCullough, Wayne				50
Ray, Danny				50
Reeder, Randy				50
Smedley, Don				50
Smith, Hershul				50
Smith, Robert				50
Talkington, Curtis				50
Walker, Aaron				50
Wendler, Tracy				50

March/April Events:

- March 26 - TX Central Individuals at Lake Fork
- March 27 - TX Cowtown Individuals at Lake Graham
- March 27 - TX Couples at Lake Tyler
- March 27-Lewisville Open Jackpot-Tower Bay
- April 2- Grapevine-BBQ and Bass Tournament for Matt and Janel
- April 9-North Texas Club Challenge on Ray Roberts. Launch at Johnson Branch. Take off safe light.
- April 16- BCFW Cedar Creek

Cedar Creek should fish really well, especially this time of the year. Expect sacks to be large. Past winners have thrown crankbaits and plastics around certain preferred boat docks. Roger Malone, Gerald Coggins and Mike Wood should answer all of your questions and it would be good to follow them around!

May your optimism come true. Fish hard, fish smart!

Scott Kelly

DATE March 12, 2010 LAKE Palestine

57 Fished Tournament
 12 Anglers Had 3 Fish Limit 36 Fishermen Caught
 66 Fish Weighing 162.85 Lbs. Average Weight Per Fish 2.47 Lbs.

TOURNAMENT

1 st	Pounds, Danny	17.49 Lbs.
2 nd	Justus, Jim	15.66 Lbs.
3 rd	Malone, Roger	13.66 Lbs.
4 th	Murray, Mike	11.19 Lbs.
5 th	Wood, Mike	8.30 Lbs.
6 th	Foley, Wayne	7.95 Lbs.
7 th	Mulcahy, David	7.76 Lbs.
8 th	Prazak, Keith	6.86 Lbs.

BIG BASS

1 st	Justus, Jim	7.28 Lbs.
2 nd	Pounds, Danny	6.05 Lbs.
3 rd	Malone, Roger	5.15 Lbs.

HEAVY STRINGER OF THE YEAR MEN'S

Pounds, Danny 17.49 LBS.

HEAVY STRINGER OF THE YEAR WOMEN'S

Justus, Kim 5.45 LBS.

BIG BASS OF THE YEAR MEN'S

Justus, Jim 7.28 LBS.

BIG BASS OF THE YEAR WOMEN'S

Justus, Kim 5.45 LBS.

TOP TWENTY

		POINTS	WEIGHT
1 st	Malone, Roger	304	24.71
2 nd	Barnes, Claude	302	9.54
3 rd	Williams, Randy	298	8.98
4 th	Pounds, Danny	296	24.50
5 th	Justus, Jim	294	19.30
6 th	Mulcahy, David	288	14.24
7 th	Wendler, Mark	286	8.86
8 th	Johnson, Tim	285	8.56
9 th	Murray, Richard	283	9.79
10 th	Barnes, Elaine	275	5.15
11 th	Wood, Mike	269	8.30
12 th	Coggins, Gerald	268	4.61
13 th	Foley, Wayne	267	13.66
14 th	Koch, Linda	266	4.05
15 th	Murray, Mike	260	11.19
16 th	Koch, Carl	258	3.39
17 th	Bayless, James	257	3.06
18 th	Perry, Daniel	256	3.07
19 th	Coggins, Carole	250	4.38
20 th	Chaloupka, Frank	246	3.73

NEXT TWENTY

		POINTS	WEIGHT
21 st	Gossett, Donnie	246	1.46
22 nd	Justus, Kim	244	5.45
23 rd	McLain, Chris Sr	244	2.71
24 th	McLain, Chris	242	1.39
25 th	Pullar, Jack	239	1.26
26 th	Gerath, Bj	238	1.07
27 th	Prazak, Keith	236	6.86
28 th	Kerbaugh, Brian	234	1.42
29 th	Goff, Stan	233	2.59
30 th	Browning, Mike	223	0.00
31 st	Duewall, Charles	223	0.00
32 nd	McCullough, Bobby	223	0.00
33 rd	Smith, Hershul	223	0.00
34 th	Smith, Robert	223	0.00
35 th	McPherson, Garrick	219	18.83
36 th	Wendler, Tracy	213	0.00
37 th	Dugger, Mike	206	8.38
38 th	Granger, Jeff	186	2.30
39 th	Leatherman, Danny	181	2.07
40 th	Abels, Gary	178	7.85

LADY ANGLER

		POINTS	WEIGHT
1 st	Barnes, Elaine	275	5.15
2 nd	Koch, Linda	266	4.05
3 rd	Coggins, Carole	250	4.38
4 th	Justus, Kim	244	5.45
5 th	Wendler, Tracy	213	0.00
6 th	Smith, Stephanie	30	0.00
7 th	Pullar, Shirley	20	0.00
8 th	Smith, Julie	20	0.00
9 th	Burton, Wendy	10	0.00
10 th	Gossett, Joanna	10	0.00

BASS FEDERATION

		POINTS	WEIGHT
1 st	Malone, Roger	304	24.71
2 nd	Mulcahy, David	288	14.24
3 rd	Wendler, Mark	286	8.86
4 th	Koch, Carl	258	3.39
5 th	Bayless, James	257	3.06
6 th	Chaloupka, Frank	246	3.73
7 th	Goff, Stan	233	2.59
8 th	McCullough, Bobby	223	0.00
9 th	Smith, Hershul	223	0.00
10 th	Hurtado, Joe	171	2.54

NEXT TOURNAMENT

Cedar Creek 6:00 TO 3:30 PM April 16, 2010

BCFW Tournament Trail

April 16, 2011, on Cedar Creek

Weigh in: Caney Cove Public Boat Ramp

You can weigh: 14 inch on Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth

[Club minimum on Spotted or Guadalupe bass](#)

Hershul Smith is our new Tournament Director:

- There will be no more bags for weigh in. It will now be conducted with the cork system. There will only be 15 available and you must have one to weigh in.
- Stay out of: NO BOAT AREAS; 1st time Warning; 2nd time disqualification.
- Running lights must be on until dawn. This violation is grounds for disqualification and a State law.
- Stay out of: NO BOAT AREAS; 1st time Warning; 2nd time disqualification.
- You must be at least 50 from swim areas and cannot tie up to buoys.
- Please observe NO WAKE AREAS.
- Also, it helps to pay for the tournament well before weigh-in. At the meeting is ideal, but before the weigh-in starts cuts down on the mayhem during.
- If you pre-pay for a tournament at the meeting and find you cannot make the tournament, contact any club officer before 8:00 PM the Friday before fishing to carry over fees to the next tournament.
- If you leave the tournament early, either sign out at the mailbox or let someone know you are leaving.
- Weigh-in is at 3:30 PM unless changed. Make sure the tournament director or assistant knows you are on time, especially if there is a line to weigh fish.
- Rule #16: There is a 3 fish limit, unless lake rules demand less. Each contestant must bring no more than 3 fish to weigh-in. Fish shall be in weigh-in bags or containers with sufficient water to keep the fish in good condition until they are released. Failure to do so shall result in a 1 pound penalty.

Cedar Creek

Location: 15 miles west of Athens in the area between US 175 and Texas 274

Surface area: 32,623 acres

Maximum depth: 53 feet

Impounded: 1965

