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**March 2012**

***Prez Says***

It seems that ALL my predictions for Eagle Mountain were TRUE. The lake was in great shape, the big fish were active, and the damn Dam didn't have any fish on it! (*At least not for my partner & I*) The only prediction I didn't make was for rain & lightning, of which there was plenty.

We had a great turnout for March's tournament both in numbers of Anglers & Big Fish. In fact, there were 62 Anglers who fished, 6 Bass weighed-in over 6lbs, 14 Limits, and an average weight per fish of 3.03lbs! One person who definitely helped push that average up was Garrick McPherson. He weighed in a monster limit of 18.20lbs that placed him at the #1 spot for the tournament and in the lead for Men's Heavy Stringer of the Year. His sack was anchored by a Big Bass of 8.35lbs that not only placed 1<sup>st</sup> for the tournament, but it also took the lead for the Men's Big Bass of the Year. (*Darn it!*) Roger Malone was right on Garrick's heal with 14.25lbs of healthy "Eagle Mountain Green Backs" that placed him squarely in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the day and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the overall standings. Rounding out the Top 3 was James Davenport. He weighed in 11.54lbs that just slightly edged out Danny Pounds, who weighed 11.50lbs, capturing a 3<sup>rd</sup> place win. Other honorable mentions go out to Keith Prazak who captured the 2<sup>nd</sup> place big bass spot with a 7.36lb hog. Indecently, Keith and Mike Woods were the only anglers who chose to totally disregard my advice on fishing long strips of Rip Rap on the south end of the lake. All day long they seemed intent, and were successful, on proving to my partner that she was truly fishing from the wrong boat. In fact, Keith was even seen culling right behind us! (*That act in itself drew me a long scowling look from the back of the boat.*) And lastly, Jeff Granger seems to have found his stride again this year. He brought a 6.96lb'r to the scale to place 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Big Bass category. His total stringer helped him move into 2<sup>nd</sup> place, in the overall standings, just 5 points behind the leader Gary Ables.

On a side note, Carey Johnson brought in her first 3 fish limit to the scales. With a sack weighing a total of 7.47lbs, she took top honors for the Ladies that day. She also captured the lead for Women's Big Bass of the Year and Women's Heavy Stringer of the Year. Rumor is though, that not only does her partner have a sore arm from netting all day, his ears might be a little tender for a while as well. Seems he might have recently discouraged her from getting into the "Ladies Six Pound Stringer" side pot. Sounds like a Horses Patoot nomination in the making! Just Saying....

Also, ramp-side rumors have it that Tracy Wendler was heard at the weigh-in soliciting for a **new partner!** The only qualifications being noted at that time were that the applicants should be able to...

- Consistently put her on the fish (don't hog the fish)
- Quickly net her fish (without knocking them off)
- Care for her fish (no freezing allowed)
- Expertly drive her pristine Champion (without spilling her coffee)

She was even overheard saying that if she could find the right partner, she would supply coffee, AND have her husband fuel & pack the boat. If you fit these qualifications, and can (*as she says*) "hook a girl up", see Tracy at the next meeting.

Our next tournament is being held at Cedar Creek on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The lake benefited from recent rains and has just achieved full pool, so it should be in good shape. And, after last month's personal disaster, I'm going to refrain from making any predictions for this one!! Let's just all be safe and hope for the best in weather conditions!

Mark Wendler

President, Bass Club of Fort Worth

## *Meeting notes*

### **A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR HERSHULL 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 and loss of weight.

The next club meeting will be Thursday, April 5, 2012, 7:00 pm, at Coors Distribution Center Hospitality Room.

If you would like your information in the newsletter. Please [email charles.duewall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:email.charles.duewall@sbcglobal.net)

## *BCFW Tournament Trail*

April 14, 2012, on Cedar Creek Reservoir

Weigh in: Caney City Public Ramp

Statewide Regulations Apply

Remember your fish must be 14 inch or larger.

**Hershul Smith is our 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; 1<sup>st</sup> time Warning; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; 1<sup>st</sup> time Warning; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



DATE March 10, 2012 LAKE Eagle Mountain

62 Fished Tournament  
 14 Anglers Had 3 Fish Limit 35 Fishermen Caught  
 73 Fish Weighing 221.13 Lbs. Average Weight Per Fish 3.03 Lbs.

TOURNAMENT			BIG BASS		
1 <sup>st</sup>	McPherson, Garrick	18.20 Lbs.	1 <sup>st</sup>	McPherson, Garrick	8.35 Lbs.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Malone, Roger	14.25 Lbs.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Prazak, Keith	7.36 Lbs.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Davenport, James	11.54 Lbs.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Granger, Jeff	6.96 Lbs.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pounds, Danny	11.50 Lbs.			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Prazak, Keith	10.64 Lbs.			
6 <sup>th</sup>	Granger, Jeff	10.28 Lbs.			
7 <sup>th</sup>	Hall, Tumer	9.82 Lbs.			
8 <sup>th</sup>	Abels, Gary	9.46 Lbs.			
9 <sup>th</sup>	Reyes, Johnny	9.41 LBS.			

**HEAVY STRINGER OF THE YEAR MEN'S**  
 McPherson, Garrick 18.20 LBS.  
**HEAVY STRINGER OF THE YEAR WOMEN'S**  
 Johnson, Carey 7.47 LBS.

**BIG BASS OF THE YEAR MEN'S**  
 McPherson, Garrick 8.35 LBS.  
**BIG BASS OF THE YEAR WOMEN'S**  
 Johnson, Carey 4.18 LBS.

TOP TWENTY				NEXT TWENTY			
		POINTS	WEIGHT			POINTS	WEIGHT
1 <sup>st</sup>	Abels, Gary	315	16.54	21 <sup>st</sup>	Smith, Hershul	248	3.63
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Granger, Jeff	310	15.26	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Gossett, Donnie	247	8.21
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Malone, Roger	302	24.74	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Justus, Kim	244	4.50
4 <sup>th</sup>	Barnes, Claude	300	14.04		Roberts, Monty	244	2.83
5 <sup>th</sup>	Williams, Randy	297	9.82		Murray, Richard	244	2.15
6 <sup>th</sup>	Browning, Mike	293	11.19	26 <sup>th</sup>	Gerath, Bj	240	2.38
7 <sup>th</sup>	Reyes, Johnny	278	10.74	27 <sup>th</sup>	Justus, Jim	237	1.75
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wendler, Mark	277	10.84	28 <sup>th</sup>	McCullough, Wayne	235	1.24
	McLain, Chris Sr	277	9.67	29 <sup>th</sup>	Chaloupka, Frank	219	0.00
10 <sup>th</sup>	Prazak, Keith	273	13.89		Coggins, Carole	219	0.00
11 <sup>th</sup>	Bayless, James	272	12.52		Coggins, Gerald	219	0.00
	Barnes, Elaine	272	4.89		Duewall, Charles	219	0.00
13 <sup>th</sup>	Wood, Mike	267	5.53		Koch, Carl	219	0.00
14 <sup>th</sup>	Murray, Mike	265	6.62		Koch, Linda	219	0.00
15 <sup>th</sup>	Kerbaugh, Brian	262	3.75		Leatherman, Danny	219	0.00
16 <sup>th</sup>	Pounds, Danny	255	11.50		Tucker, Arthur	219	0.00
17 <sup>th</sup>	McCullough, Bobby	253	6.68		Wendler, Tracy	219	0.00
	Mulcahy, David	253	4.48	38 <sup>th</sup>	Burton, Michael	218	1.34
19 <sup>th</sup>	Pullar, Jack	252	5.67	39 <sup>th</sup>	Goff, Stan	217	1.67
20 <sup>th</sup>	Smith, Rodney	250	3.79	40 <sup>th</sup>	Erwin, Jeff	208	11.26

LADY ANGLER				BASS FEDERATION			
		POINTS	WEIGHT			POINTS	WEIGHT
1 <sup>st</sup>	Barnes, Elaine	272	4.89	1 <sup>st</sup>	Malone, Roger	302	24.74
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Justus, Kim	244	4.50	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wendler, Mark	277	10.84
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Coggins, Carole	219	0.00	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bayless, James	272	12.52
4 <sup>th</sup>	Koch, Linda	219	0.00	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mulcahy, David	253	4.48
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wendler, Tracy	219	0.00	5 <sup>th</sup>	McCullough, Bobby	253	6.68
6 <sup>th</sup>	Johnson, Carey	191	7.47	6 <sup>th</sup>	Smith, Hershul	248	3.63
7 <sup>th</sup>	Martin, Brenda	116	0.00	7 <sup>th</sup>	Chaloupka, Frank	219	0.00
8 <sup>th</sup>	Pullar, Shirley	30	0.00	8 <sup>th</sup>	Koch, Carl	219	0.00
9 <sup>th</sup>	Smith, Julie	30	0.00	9 <sup>th</sup>	Goff, Stan	217	1.67
10 <sup>th</sup>				10 <sup>th</sup>	Davenport, Dan	145	0.00

**NEXT TOURNAMENT**  
 TBD 6:00 TO 3:30 PM April 14, 2012

Name	Eagle Mountain			
	# Fish	Big Bass	Weight	Points
	71	8.35	209.59	Awarded
McPherson, Garrick	3	8.35	18.20	100
Malone, Roger	3	6.91	14.25	99
Pounds, Danny	3	6.70	11.50	98
Prazak, Keith	3	7.36	10.64	97
Granger, Jeff	3	6.96	10.28	96
Hall, Turner	2	5.38	9.82	95
Abels, Gary	3	5.42	9.46	94
Reyes, Johnny	3	5.05	9.41	93
Erwin, Jeff	3	3.42	8.68	92
Erwin, Jimmy	3	3.03	8.65	91
Gossett, Donnie	3	4.12	8.21	90
McLain, Chris Sr	3		7.89	89
Johnson, Carey	3	4.18	7.47	88
Koch, Robbie	2		7.02	87
McCullough, Bobby	3	3.57	6.68	86
Hall, Randy	2	4.26	6.35	85
Barnes, Claude	3		6.20	84
Johnson, Tim	2	4.24	5.61	83
Murray, Mike	2		5.35	82
Bayless, James	2		4.73	81
Wood, Mike	2		4.09	80
Caldwell, Terry	2		3.64	79
Aldert, Bob	2	1.89	3.56	78
Roberts, Monty	1	2.83	2.83	77
Williams, Randy	1	2.64	2.64	76
Wendler, Mark	1	2.58	2.58	75
Donato, Joe	1	2.57	2.57	74
Browning, Mike	1	1.81	1.81	73
Bell, Tim	1	1.79	1.79	72
Kerbaugh, Brian	1	1.77	1.77	71
Justus, Jim	1	1.75	1.75	70
Mulcahy, David	1	1.70	1.70	69
Barnes, Elaine	1	1.31	1.31	68
Dawson, Kyle	1	1.15	1.15	67
Burton, Michael				52
Chaloupka, Frank				52
Coggins, Carole				52
Coggins, Gerald				52
Davenport, Dan				52
Donoghue, Tj				52
Duewall, Charles				52
Exum, Ricky				52
Gerath, Bj				52
Goff, Stan				52
Hurtado, Joe				52
Justus, Kim				52
Koch, Carl				52
Koch, Linda				52
Leatherman, Danny				52
Martin, Brenda				52
McCullough, Wayne				52
McLain, Chris				52
Murray, Richard				52
Phillips, Jim				52
Pullar, Jack				52
Smith, Hershul				52
Smith, Rodney				52
Tucker, Arthur				52