



Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos



March 2006

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Calendar

April 22
BASS Fed. Nation
Board Meeting

April 25
Monthly Meeting

May 13
Club Trny
Location TBD

March Meeting

We had 27 members and 6 guests attend the monthly club meeting on March 28, 2006. Andy Labay missed the meeting because he was in the hospital getting medical attention for a brown recluse spider bite. Andy is now out of the hospital and doing fine.

Brad Littrell, who received the \$500 scholarship from the CBC in 2005, presented the results of his research work. Brad did his master's work at Texas State on Guadalupe bass (the state fish of Texas). Brad reported stocking of smallmouth bass in Central Texas streams has caused hybridization with the native Guadalupe bass. Brad's work focused primarily on reaches of the Blanco River, south of the city of Blanco. Based on Brad's research, it seems possible that genetic extirpation of the pure Guadalupe bass species in the Blanco River has occurred. Recent restocking of Guadalupe bass in the river has proven unsuccessful in shifting the balance away from hybrids (e.g. Smallmouth x Guadalupe) to pure Guadalupe bass species. Brad is still writing his thesis and is currently employed at BioWest in Austin.

After Brad's presentation, a committee consisting of Andrew Labay, Mike Tennant, Greg Cummings, Bobby Whiteside, and Tim Cook was formed. The committee will be evaluating applications from TX State grad. students interested in receiving the CBC's 2006 scholarship.

Michael Riley discussed the need for the youth club to get formed and meet. The club is in need of an adult member to champion and lead the charge for the youth club.

The club discussed the upcoming meeting of the Texas BASS Federation Nation Board of Directors. This meeting is slated for April 22 at Texas Parks & Wildlife headquarters in Austin. Mike Katzer and Randy Brudnicki indicated they would be attending the meeting. Tim Cook will also be in attendance. The CBC voted to present these members with some talking points relative to the Top 6 State Trny. These thoughts will be shared with the BASS Federation Board members.

Milton, Gary, Bobby, and Mike Katzer gave a summary of the recently completed BASS Federation Top 6 State Championship held on Amistad.

Tim Cook discussed the importance of proper bass handling during our club events. The club agreed to limit the number of weigh in bags passed out to members, and the members agreed to limit the amount of time they stood in line with bass in bags. All of this will help minimize the number of bass lost.

Michael thanked all of the CBC members that came out to help with the weigh in for the March 18 open tourney on Lake Travis. The tourney generated money for Central TX youth and was sponsored by the Colorado River Foundation.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

IT IS HARDER TO LEAD A FAMILY THAN TO RULE A NATION.

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March Tournament Results

Lake Austin



1st Place

Mike Katzer 15.44 lbs.

Mike's Secrets:

Mike fished below the Hwy 360 bridge in aquatic vegetation. He fished the outside edge of the grass using a Carolina rig. He also caught fish while site fishing beds that were located in the marina areas at the lower end of the lake. He used a drop shot rig to entice spawning fish to bite.

2nd Place

Bobby Friedrich

12.39 lbs.

Bobby's Secrets:

No data available

3rd Place

Bobby Whiteside 11.36 lbs.

Bobby's Secrets:

In general I used 6'6" casting and spinning rods. Casting reels with 17 lb fluorocarbon line and spinning reels with 10 lb big game line. I caught a small keeper and a four lb bass on senko with casting gear, and two keepers on TX rig french fry on spinning gear, and a small keeper on a wacky worm on spinning gear. The first three fish came from the outside edge of the vegetation between 360 bridge and City Park, and the other two came from outside of large rocks on the steep banks on right side above City Park. I hope this helps someone.