

Canyon Bass Club of San Marcos

February 2007

Officers: President – John Beene; Vice President – Stan Miller; Secretary – Bobby Whiteside; Treasurer – Brooks Kersh

February Meeting

We had 23 members, 2 junior members and 10 guest attend the monthly club meeting. Jim Stewart, Kirk London, and Jake Rodriguez were voted in as new members. Louis Lowe, Dean Colley and Bob Bracht plan to join the club after they fish a tournament. The other guest were Beth Ann Hanson (to become Mrs. Katzer, congratulations Mike), Donna Dees, Becky Jett, Holly Labay, and Claudia Smith.

Leonard is doing ok. He is at the Hays County Rehab Center near the Central Texas Medical Center doing Rehab. Maybe he will get out in a few weeks.

Annual Banquet

The Banquet was attended by 22 members, 4 junior members, and 30 guest or potential new members. The food and service was good and we want to **thank Carl Adkins** for his help in finding the place, etc.

John Beene presented plates to the following: the Top Six (Stan Miller, Mike Katzer, Bobby Whiteside, John Beene, Tim Cook, Bobby Friedrich), Top Fourteen (Mike Riley, Gary Swenson, Keith Rollings, Milton Thompson, Brooks Kersh, Carl Adkins, Andy Labay, Tracy Peters), Officers (Pres.-Mike Riley, Vice-Pres.-Mike Katzer, Sec.-Lance Wenmohs, Tres.-Brooks Kersh), Junior Division Fisherman of the year (33.51)-Clay Eoff, Junior Division Big Bass of the Year (6.48)-Clay Eoff, Big Bass of the Year (10.58)-Andy Labay, Big Tournament Bass of the Year (8.25)-Bobby Whiteside, and Angler of the year (143.55)-Mike Katzer.

Gary Swenson presented **the most prestigious award (Sportsman's of the Year) to John Beene**. John deserved this award as he has done many things for this Club, especially relating to the open tournaments.

If you did not go to the Banquet you missed a good chance to visit with the Club members and meet their families. Club members got 4 points for attending a Club function.

Summary of fishing techniques for the top three spots at Fayette County:

1st place John Beene

Technique: Most all the bigger fish came on the Oldham jig flipping the edges or just a foot or two inside the reeds. The key for selecting the right set of reeds seemed to be the ones that had at least 2-3 foot of water in front. I did take one 5.5lb fish off the dam in about 14 foot of water on a Fluke**Lures:** 3/8 oz. Oldham jig, tail weighted Senko fished on a 4/0 Gamagatsu worm hook and a Fluke fished on a weighted hook.

Tackle: The jig and Senko were fished on 30lb test braid using a 7'6" All Star heavy action flipping rod. The Fluke was fished on 15lb mono using a 6'-8" All Star Worm rod.

2nd place Stan Miller

My best five fish that I caught at Fayette were caught on a Watermelon Gold Flake Fluke with a chartruse dipped tail. I used a front end weighted 3/0 red Extra wide gap hook. My rod was a 6'10" All Star WR1 Worm rod with a BPS Extreme Reel (5.2 to 1) and 12 pound test FloroClear PLine copolymer line.

All of the fish were caught in water less than 3 feet in front of the green reed patches that had deeper water very close. We just started out on the east side of the lake and looked for the warmest water cove that we could find and sat on that spot till our starting time. Had a limit of fish by 11:00 am along with 3 fish over 20 inches. Continued to fish several reed spots throughout the day to improve my catch. I believe that a lot of the fish that we were catching were on beds that were just not visible outside the reeds. I was dead sticking the fluke until either a fish took it or I could not wait any longer so I would reel in and pitched the fluke to the next likely spot.

3rd place Mike Katzer

I did not get a report from Katzer and because of the background noise I could not hear what he did, but I saw him flipping in the cattails and reeds.

Big Bass of The Month

Bobby Friedrich caught a 8.67 lb bass from Falcon Lake on February 21, that is also the big bass of the year.

Open Tournament Committee Report

Kenneth Dees and his committee discussed the open tournament and they would like for you to email, call, etc. any suggestions that you have for a tournament date, changes in the payout, etc.

Scholarship

We had 4 good applications for the scholarship that we offer to a Texas State University Aquatic Biology Graduate Student. Mr. Josh Perkins got the most votes for this year's scholarship. We will have him to give us a talk in the near future about his thesis project.

A **plaque work shop** will be held in the near future. We will let you know when and where.

Top six members each received \$493.00 to help with their top six tournament expenses. We can only do this if we make money at the open tournament. Please help get new sponsors.

March tournament (March 3 this Saturday)

Our March tournament will be on Bastrop Lake with the weigh-in at the North Ramp. The times will be 6:30 am-3:30 pm. This will be a paper tournament and you need to use the state wide length-weight sheet (I am attaching a copy or get it from the Club web site).

April tournament (April 14&15 Saturday and Sunday)

The 2-day April tournament will be on Falcon Lake with the weigh-in at the Beacon Lodge loading ramp. The Phone number for Beacon Lodge is 1-956-765-4616.

Tim Cook has tickets to sell for a chance at a Skeeter SX 180 & Yamaha 130 HP (\$10 per ticket with a limited number of tickets to be sold. If Tim sells enough he can get some help with his travel expenses in association with the work he has done with BASS. Help him out if you can.

I am attaching the **February tournament results** for Fayette Co. in case you missed it earlier.