



2015 Northern Division Tournament Recap

Lake Belton - September 18-20, 2015

ANGLERS OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Northern Division team **Darren Coslin** and **Bud Benner**.
Congratulations to Central Division **Toby Turner** and **Gus Chavira**.

There will be more to follow on facebook about these two elite teams.

THE CLASSIC CHAMPS

Congratulations to **Joe Lee** and **Mike Thurman**!. They did it in 2012, 2014 and now 2015. They took home \$1,363.00 in prize money by throwing spooks between the dead brush weed line and the bank in an area next to a long point. Their fish were pushing shad in 18 inches of water. They also picked up some nice smallies on speed craws.

THE POINTS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to **Earl Loggains** and **Leisha Loggains**! They brought 8.26 pounds to the scales on day 1 for a \$360.00 pay day that included the tournament big bass.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

Pictures.

<http://s1381.photobucket.com/user/cowboychurchbassclubnd/library/Belton%202015%2009%2018%20to%2020/Friday%20night%20dinner>

The cannon goes off at dusk. Good food with great views.

Ask Joe Crouch about the small portion chicken fried steak.

RAMP CONDITIONS

Cedar Ridge Park - The ramp conditions were great except for there was not any shade. There was a restroom and plenty of parking. Zebra mussels everywhere! Lots of flooded dead bushy stubble about 6 feet from the bank. We saw 100s of tame deer in the park. Great pavilion for the church service next to the ramp. The marina was shut down. We had plenty of beaching area. The lower parking area was harder to get in and out of. The launch fee was only \$3 per boat.

Day 1 – September 19, 2015

Air temp: 70-93 | Water temp: 80 | Wind speed: 0-11 | Wind direction: South, East, variable | Moon: 1/4 | Water clarity: clear | Lake level: full | Skies: sunny and hot. | Grass: didn't see any | Barometric pressure: 29.98 to 30.00 at noon, then fell to 29.91 at weigh-in.

THE RESULTS

18 teams fished
9 limits were caught (a limit is **3** bass, 14 inches or greater)
1 team zeroed
42 fish were weighed in with a weight of 84.56 pounds
2.01 pounds was the average fish weight

1 st Earl Loggains / Leisha Loggains.....	8.26-lb	\$270.00
2 nd Jamey Burchett / Joel Smith.....	7.58-lb	\$158.00
3 rd Darren Coslin / Bud Benner.....	7.38-lb	\$95.00
4 th Mike Thurman / Joe Lee.....	5.81-lb	\$63.00
5 th James Cook / Eric Cook.....	5.64-lb	\$44.00
Big Bass Leisha Loggains.....	4.17-lbs	\$90.00

Day 2 – September 20, 2015

Air temp: 68-93 | Water temp: 80 | Wind speed: 0-9 with gusts to 16 | Wind direction: South, East, variable | Moon: ¼ | Water clarity: clear | Lake level: full | Skies: sunny and hot. | Grass: didn't see any | Barometric pressure: 30.02 to 30.04 at noon, then fell to 29.96 at weigh-in.

THE RESULTS

18 teams fished
3 limits were caught (a limit is **5** bass, 14 inches or greater)
1 team zeroed
54 fish were weighed in with a weight of 102.85 pounds
1.90 pounds was the average fish weight

1st Mike Thurman / Joe Lee.....	16.93-lb	\$1,300.00
2nd Darren Coslin / Bud Benner.....	16.36-lb	\$500.00

3rd Brandon Clayton / Heath Harper.....	15.28-lb	\$300.00
4th Charley David / Donna David.....	13.45-lb	\$200.00
5th Randal Collins / Kel Collins.....	12.61-lb	\$150.00
6th Earl Loggains / Leisha Loggains.....	12.60-lb	\$135.00
7th Rodney Pickard / Jacob Stanford.....	11.89-lb	\$100.00
8th James Cook / Eric Cook.....	11.26-lb	\$90.00
9th Jamey Burchett / Joel Smith.....	10.37-lb	\$80.00
10th James Fabby / Jonah Segovia.....	10.05-lb	\$70.00

Booby prize - Brandon Clayton / Heath Harper.....\$100.00 (smallest 8 fish limit over 2 days)

Big Bass - Jacob Stanford.....4.89-lb \$75.00

Full results:

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Pictures:

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Also see the pictures on facebook.

SCATTER SHOOTING

Zebra mussels = freshwater drum (gaspergou) and we caught them.....**Daren and Bud** never got up on plane.....**Rachel Coslin** took some great pictures.....We missed the Loves.....**Mike Thurman** figured it out! The bread was on top of the wine.....Exciting Cowboy game to listen to on the drive back Sunday.....**Donna** wishes we would make up our minds on the payouts.....Thanks to **Charley** for cutting his fishing time short to setup the weigh-in site and provide the shade.....**Joe Crouch** had boat issues Sunday morning at the hotelA lot of guys learned a new song on Sunday.....Big thanks to Refuge Ministries! The hotdogs were great!

What they caught them on

- 1st Mike Thurman / Joe Lee.....speed craws, spooks, swim baits
- 2nd Darren Coslin / Bud Benner.....cranks, a-rig, plum power worms
- 3rd Brandon Clayton / Heath Harper.....topwater, spinner baits
- 4th Charley David / Donna David.....sq bill, spinner, buzz baits
- 5th Randal Collins / Kel Collins.....Tx rigged green pumpkin worms
- 6th Earl Loggains / Leisha Loggains.....senko, sq bill, finesse c-rig
- 7th Rodney Pickard / Jacob Stanford.....shallow crank, Texas rigged senkos
- 8th James Cook / Eric Cook.....speed craws and flukes
- 9th Jamey Burchett / Joel Smith.....white spinner baits
- 10th James Fabby / Jonah Segovia.....c-rig and drop shots
- 11th Al Kohutek / Jon Griffin.....cranks, spooks, speed craws, c-rigs

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Darren Coslin / Bud Benner are the CHAMPIONS!!!!

LAKESIDE CHURCH SERVICE – Sunday Morning

We had a really nice pavilion with tables next to the ramp. Some guys launched before the service and some after the service. There was no rush, everything was right there and everyone was in a relaxed disposition for the start of day 2.

The theme of the service was The Lord's Supper.

Charley read:

John 6:53

I tell you the truth unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man & drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you.

He explained the symbolic meaning. Then read these scriptures explaining the meaning and relationship to communion.

Romans 6:1-11

Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:18

You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Hebrews 10:10

And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

We then read the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

And then took communion as Charley read..

Luke 22:18-20

For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

Jon Griffin led us in song

Jesus Paid It All

Elvina M. Hall, 1865

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

And now complete in Him,
My robe, His righteousness,
Close sheltered 'neath His side,
I am divinely blest.

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the *leper's spots [*leopard's]
And melt the heart of stone.

When from my dying bed
My ransomed soul shall rise,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
Shall rend the vaulted skies.

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
I'll lay my trophies down,
All down at Jesus' feet.

Jon said we all have troubles and the verse most leaned on by missionaries is...

Hebrews 13:5

... "Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you."

We close with a prayer and began to get ready for the takeoff.

One last thing, after the weigh-in, everyone stepped up for one of our brothers in need. We passed the hat and raised \$810.00.

God is good All the time.

Ray Roberts - August 22, 2015

Congratulations to Jamey Burchett and Jeff Burchett. Jeff came all the way from Hot Springs, Arkansas to fish with his brother Jamey and together they boated the only 3 fish limit. Their big bass weighed 3.81 pounds and their combined weight was 6.99 pounds. They took home \$301.00 by fishing the submerged road bed near the ramp throwing white spinner baits.

Deja vu! Joe Chancey again caught the big bass of the tournament on a chatter bait. It weighed 5.37 pounds

LAKE CONDITIONS

The ramp conditions were not the best. No shade and no beaching spots for the boats. There was a restroom and plenty of parking.

Air temp: 75-96 | Water temp: 82-84 | Wind speed: 10-17 gusts to 20 mph | Wind direction: South | Moon: | Water clarity: clear | Lake level: above full | Skies: sunny and hot. | Grass: didn't see any | Barometric pressure: 29.92 to 29.95 at 10:00 am then fell to 29.86 at weigh-in.

Zebra mussels everywhere! They were little razor blades that were under the water cutting lines.

THE RESULTS

20 teams fished
1 limits were caught (a limit is 3 bass, 14 inches or greater)
10 teams zeroed
16 fish were weighed in with a weight of 34.86 pounds
2.17 pounds was the average fish weight

Jamey Burchett and Jeff Burchett.....	6.99-lb	\$301.00
Darren Coslin and Bud Benner.....	5.44-lb	\$175.00
Joe Chancey and Nathan Brewer.....	5.37-lb	\$105.00
Bryan Barfield and Kyle Barfield.....	4.61-lb	\$70.00
Mike Thurman and Joe Lee.....	3.08-lb	\$49.00

Big Bass: Joe Chancey.....5.37-lb \$100.00

Full results:

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Pictures:

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SCATTER SHOOTING

Almost every team caught freshwater drum (gaspergou). Jon and Al probably boated 16. It seemed to be the dominant species in the lake. The 2nd dominate species seem to be 6 inch largemouth bass. They were everywhere.....**Daren** and **Bud** pulled out ahead of the pack on the angler race. They placed 2nd in the tournament with 2 bass. Their 1st bass was caught at 7:30 am in the willows on a blue flake power worm and the bigger bass was caught at 1:15 in deep water at the dam on a C-rig blue flake power worm.....4th place team, **Joe and Mike**, caught their 2 bass on speed craws and crank baits. One was caught around the ramp area and one in the state park cove.....5th place team, the **Barfields**, caught their 2 bass on chatter baits on the underwater road bed by the boat ramp.....6th place, **Brandon Clayton** and **Heath Harper** caught their 2 bass

on crank baits and brush hogs in shallow water.....**Charley** caught one keeper by the tower at the dam. He didn't see the off limits area until after he caught the fish and after realizing he was in a no fish area, he released the bass.....Big thanks to **Albert and Matt Love, Charlie and Donna** for bringing and setting up the shade for the weigh-in. The heat really was not that bad under the shade.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Darren Coslin / Bud Benner 2.34-lb beat Jamey Burchett / Joel Smith 0-lb

LAKESIDE DEVOTIONAL

Jon Griffin dedicated this devotional message to his mother, Ouita Griffin. Jon's mom was 80 years old & passed away unexpectedly on August 4th while on vacation with her husband in Ruidoso, NM. 3 ½ years ago, Jon made a change of careers from over 30 years in radio broadcasting to the family's oil & gas operations company. This job now requires Jon to travel for work in Breckenridge, TX every week, but also has given him over 3 years of quality time with his parents, including his mother, Ouita. Jon talked about some things that he & his mother had discussed in the past few months, including some of Ouita's favorite scriptures, which Jon said described his mother perfectly.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8; 13

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. And now these three remain: faith, hope & love. But the greatest of these is love.

Jon also talked about some video sermons they had watched together by noted preacher Louie Giglio. One entitled "How Great is our God", and the other titled "Indescribable".

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

How Great is Our God: with Louie Giglio (full video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PtpTk2ENq7o>

Louie Giglio - Indescribable

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNgJhulCrVA>

Both Jon & his mother Ouita were blown away at how Giglio describes the awesomeness of God, and how occasionally God allows us to catch a small glimpse of His presence. Including the Hubble Space Telescope's farthest image to date. The "X Structure" 31 million light years away. What is amazing is the image appears to be that of a man on a cross.

Picture: "X" Structure at Core of Whirlpool Galaxy (M51)

<http://hubblesite.org/gallery/album/pr1992017a/>

Giglio also discusses LAMININ. It's the cell adhesion molecule found in every living cell on earth. It's the "rebar" of the human body...the glue...it holds everything together. It's vital for life &

existence. Jon showed what he & his mother saw together: The scientific image & microscopic images of Laminin.

The image of Laminin:

https://www.google.com/search?q=laminin&rlz=1C1GGGE_enUS483US486&espv=2&biw=1366&bih=667&source=Inms&tbn=isch&sa=X&ved=0CAYQ_AUoAWoVChMIz77V9ZzPxlVhYoNCh19Wwe2&dpr=1

Yes, in the shape of the cross. And yes, amazing how similar the microscopic image is very similar to the X Factor from space. Even more amazing is the Apostle Paul's description of Christ in Colossians.

Colossians 1:17

Christ is before all things, and in Him holds all things together!

Jon shared this is how he & his family are dealing with the loss of his mother. Christ holds us all together. Apart from Him, we're a falling apart mess. With Him, we are together in Him!

Bob Sandlin - July 25, 2015

Al Kohutek and Jon Griffin take 1st fishing next to the launch site. Jon's VRO pump failed during takeoff and that stranded them at the ramp. The only option was to drop the trolling motor and fish around the launch site. Their first keeper (a 15 incher) came at 6:15 am on a twin tail close to the park's swimming area. At around 7:00 am, they pulled the boat out of the lake and tried to fix the VRO pump but were unsuccessful. They decided to stick it out and fish in the shade under the bridge next to the ramp. The Kohutek-Griffin team boated 12 bass (7 of them were over 14 inches). Their 3 best came on a Texas rigged speed craw and giant Senkos. The biggest bass was caught around noon, and the bite quit soon after that. The outboard motor breakdown was a blessing in disguise because it forced them to fish hard in a small area that they would not have otherwise. Almost all the bass they caught were suspended in 10-ft of water that was 20-ft deep under the bridge. Their big bass was 3.60-lbs and total weight was only 7.80-lbs.....good enough for a \$331 check.

Joe Chancey caught the big bass of the tournament on his 3rd cast using a chatter bait. It weighed 6.09 pounds

LAKE CONDITIONS

Due to high water at Joe Pool Lake, the club members voted to switch the July tournament to Bob Sandlin.

The ramp conditions were great, but there was no place to beach your boat once we launched. This made the tournament briefing and prayer a bit challenging.

Air temp: 77-96 | Water temp: 87-91 | Wind speed: 0-9 mph | Wind direction: East | Moon: less than 1/2. | Water clarity: clear | Lake level: full | Skies: sunny and hot. | Grass: everywhere | Barometric pressure: 29.92 to 29.95 at noon then fell to 29.89 at weigh-in.

THE RESULTS

22 teams fished
5 limits were caught (a limit is 3 bass, 14 inches or greater)
5 teams zeroed
33 fish were weighed in with a weight of 78.62 pounds
2.38 pounds was the average fish weight

1st Al Kohutek / Jon Griffin	7.80-lb	\$331.00
2nd Bryan Barfield / Kyle Barfield.....	6.60-lb	\$192.00
3rd James Cook / Eric Cook.....	6.56-lb	\$115.00
4th Joe Crouch / Tina Crouch.....	6.56-lb	\$77.00
5th James Fabby / Jonah Segovia.....	6.44-lb	\$53.00

Big Bass: Joe Chancey / Nathan Brewer.....6.09-lb \$110.00

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SCATTER SHOOTING

There was a tie for 3rd and 4th place. Big bass in the sack was the tie breaker.....**Reggie Stewart** substituted for **Joe Lee** because Joe had to stay close to town. Joe's brother remains in critical condition at the hospital after a motor cycle accident..... 2nd place team **Bryan Barfield / Kyle Barfield** caught their bass on weightless flukes and swim baits shallow3rd place team James Cook / Eric Cook caught theirs on c-rigs and brush hogs.....4th place team **Joe Crouch / Tina Crouch** caught their bass on rattle traps, big bite craws in 17-19 foot of water.....Bud and Daren caught a last minute bass next to the ramp. That 1 and only fish was huge regarding the place standings and enabled them to say in the running for AOY.....A lot of teams were absent probably due to the heat and long drive.....**Jamey Burchett** blew a tire on the boat trailer on the way back from Lake Bob Sandlin. He said "just east of Greenville on I-30 I managed to get to the service road and in to a commercial driveway. While getting tools together to change it a Highway Patrolman stopped and said he had a floor jack and power tools in his cruiser to change it. He got out of his air conditioned vehicle, got the jack and tools out, put on his work gloves and changed the flat in a matter of minutes on a very hot afternoon. I sure have a new respect for the Highway Patrol now"There is a tie for AOY. **Joe & Tina Crouch** and **Bud Benner & Darren Coslin** both lead the club with 1148 points.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Darren Coslin / Bud Benner 2.34-lb beat Jamey Burchett / Joel Smith 0-lb

LAKESIDE DEVOTIONAL

Brian Hopkins gave his personal testimony. He joined the club in 2011 and thanked everyone for making him feel so welcome. He came from a great family and gives credit to his parents and grandparents for his talents on the football field, his ability to fish competitively, and his faith in Christ.

Brian told about his love for living things and that he could not imagine going hunting or harming anything or anyone. Even when he hooks a bass in a tournament, he is real careful not to injure the fish and goes to great lengths to make sure the fish is comfortable in his livewell.

Things took a turn for Brian when he went to college. As young adult he was not living a good life and blew a football scholarship at the University of Texas. Some bad choices had real consequences with major setbacks for him, but again, he said that he owes it to his family for giving him a foundation that enabled him to recover. He said that what his parents did for him, he also is doing for his daughter. He said it so important that we pass on a "strong foundation" to our children and then quoted...

Proverbs 22:6

Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Brian then jumped to present day. He said his job was outsourced in the trucking business and he had to figure out a way to press on. Just a few weeks ago he and his family started Hopkins Family Transport. He said it's a tough road and is constantly being tested, but he is making it happen. He then read...

Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

And finally he wanted to give his wife credit for standing by him, helping with the business, and being the great wife that she is. He then quoted....

Proverbs 31:10-14

Epilogue: The Wife of Noble Character

A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies.

Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.

She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.

She selects wool and flax
and works with eager hands.

She is like the merchant ships,
bringing her food from afar.

Again, Brain wanted to thank everyone in the club for the friendships and making him feel comfortable.

Charley then handed out the awards and closed us in prayer.

Athens - June 27, 2015

Congratulations James and Eric Cook! They caught 3 "OVERs" and take first place. The big one was caught at 9:00 am and weighed 7.01 pounds. Their second "OVER" was caught at 10:00 am and weighed 6 pounds, and their 3rd "OVER" was caught at 1:30 pm and weighed 6.66 pounds. The rules say that only 1 "OVER" can be brought to the scales, so two small "UNDERS" combined with the 7.01-lb "OVER" gave them a 8.68 pound sack and \$581.00 cash in their pockets. They boated a total of 23 bass using a black and blue jig and a 10 inch zoom worm fishing offshore in 12-20 feet of water.

LAKE CONDITIONS

The rain stayed away while we were launching but came down hard just as the sun was coming up. Big THANKS to Lake Athens Marina for providing a covered area that we could all fit under for the tournament briefing and prayer. The rain and lightning delayed the start by about 15 minutes and it rained off and on until about 8:00 am. It was perfect summertime fishing conditions. The facilities at the marina were excellent. Plenty of parking, shade, picnic tables, convenience store, restaurant, and beaching area.

Air temp: 71-86 | **Water temp:** 87-89 | **Wind speed:** 0-5 mph | **Wind direction:** North and West | **Moon:** less than 1/2. | **Water clarity:** clear | **Lake level:** full | **Skies:** rain and cloudy. | **Grass:** everywhere | **Barometric pressure:** 29.99 to 30.03 at noon then to 29.98 at weigh-in.

THE RESULTS

29 teams fished

19 limits was caught (a limit is 3 bass outside the 14-21" slot. Only 1 over 21 per team)

5 teams zeroed

63 fish were weighed in with a weight of 102.90 pounds

1.67 pounds was the average fish weight

1st: James Cook / Eric Cook.....	8.68-lb	\$436.00
2nd: Phil Hickle / Craig Lewis.....	8.20-lb	\$253.00
3rd: Joe Crouch / Tina Crouch.....	7.75-lb	\$152.00
4th: Rodney Pickard / Jacob Stanford.....	7.59-lb	\$101.00
5th: Al Kohutec / Jon Griffin.....	7.37-lb	\$71.00

Big Bass: James Cook 7.01-lbs \$145.00

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SCATTER SHOOTING

Ralph Gomez had to make a trip to the emergency room to remove a \$14.00 lure from his hand. To add insult to injury, the hospital would not give him his expensive lure back. The nurse said it was a bio-hazard because it had blood on it and she had to put it in the bio-hazard bin (probably some kind of EPA rule).....**Charley** and **Donna David** skipped this tournament to go on Vacation. They were leading the pack in points before Athens, now they are sitting in 16th place overall.....We failed to note **Bud Benner's** dead bass on the score card. After we posted the points on the website, they noticed the mistake and asked us to adjust their weight. Hats off to some true sportsman!!!!.....A police officer was present and checking all the "OVERS". Everyone was legal.....2nd place team (**Phil Hickle / Craig Lewis**) caught their bass on "Pop Rs".....3rd place team (**Joe and Tina Crouch**) caught their bass on zoom craw worms. Their "OVER" had a heart attack and died as soon as it was put in the livewell..... 4th place team (**Rodney Pickard / Jacob Stanford**) caught their bass on Texas rigged senkos in the pads.....5th place team (**Al Kohutek and Jon Griffin**) caught their best 3 bass by 9 am. Jon caught the "OVER" on a C-rig speed craw off shore. The "UNDERS" were caught on a watermelon-black flake senkos and a watermelon red baby brush hog. They caught 7 "UNDERS" and countless "SLOTS" in the same areas that they fished last year.....**Brandon** and **George** caught their "OVER" at 12:30 pm on a zoom worm.....Dead fish consequences, these anglers lost \$ and points due to fish care: **Joe & Tina Crouch** would have gotten 2nd place / **Rodney Pinkard & Jacob Stanford** would have gotten 3rd. / **Jamey Burchett & Joel Smith** also would have gotten 3rd place / **Gene Collins & Brain Couvillier** would have gotten 5th place.....**Bud** and **Daren** are now leading the pack!

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Doug Powell & Charlie Conine 3.56-lb beat Bryan Barfield & Kyle Barfield 3.4-lb

LAKESIDE DEVOTIONAL

Lisa Walden gave us an inspirational testimony about memorizing scripture.

She said 3 years ago, she joined a group of women that commits to memorizing 2 scriptures a month and she shared what a blessing it has been.

Memorizing scripture has...

1. Allowed me to praise God daily as I learn to follow Jesus.

Psalms 92:1-2 It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night

Exodus 15:11 Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

2. Taught me to rely on God.

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

3. Reminds me that I have Gods Holy Spirit in me.

John 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Romans 8:26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

4. God has opened this door for me to share Him with others. Giving me a ministry of sharing scripture with a local team of 15 ladies.

Jeremiah 1:9 Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth.

Lisa says her verses to God all the time, on her way to work, in her quiet time, fishing, when she is happy, angry, hurt, confused or sad. God uses the verses to bring her peace in all times.

* When her Dad was diagnosed with cancer.

Psalms 103:2-3 Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

* When she feels angry.

Psalms 37:8 Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.

* When she is disappointed, hurt, and does not want to forgive or love them anymore. God reminded me of forgiveness.

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

* My dear husband

Psalms 128:3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

Over the past 3 years Lisa memorized 60 scriptures and she encourage all of us start off by finding one verse that God speaks personally to us. If we are struggling to find a verse, she advised us to call on the Holy Spirit to help and promised that we would not be disappointed.

If you want to know more about the women's scripture group, feel free to contact Lisa for the info.

We then closed the tournament with a prayer and we were dismissed.

Winnsboro – May 16, 2015

Congratulations to Charley David / Donna David!

LAKE CONDITIONS

Air temp: 71-87. Water temp: Wind speed: 5-15 mph with gusts to 22 mph. Wind direction: south and South. Moon: just a sliver. Water clarity: Lake level: full Skies: cloudy. Grass: Barometric pressure: 29.91 to 29.97 at 9:30 am then to 29.85 at weigh-in.

THE RESULTS

22 teams fished
16 limits was caught (a limit is 3 bass 14 inches and over)
0 teams zeroed
57 fish were weighed in with a weight of 145.66 pounds
2.55 pounds was the average fish weight

1 Charley David / Donna David.....11.68-lbs \$331.00 (Buzz Bait)
2 Doug Powell / Mark Buhlman.....10.06-lbs \$192.00 (Chatter Bait, Frog, TxRig)
3 Joe Chancey / Nathan Brewer.....9.98-lbs \$115.00 (Chatter Bait on windy banks)
4 Darren Coslin / Bud Benner.....9.02-lbs \$77.00 (TxRig in the grass, Square Bill)
5 Brandon Woodell / George Walker.....8.89-lbs \$53.00 (Frog, beaver baits in the grass)

Big Bass James Fabby /Jonah Segovia 7.13-lbs \$110.00 (Frog)

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SCATTER SHOOTING

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Kennith & Scott Mohone 6.68 beat Gene Collins & Shane Wheat 3.4

LAKESIDE DEVOTIONAL

Jon Griffin led the devo. Here are his notes.....

Since we were baptizing 3 club members in Lake Winnsboro, I thought it appropriate to discuss baptism from a biblical perspective, taken from www.clarifyingchristianity.com and the Holy Bible.

1-Is baptizing required for heaven?

No! The bible is very, very clear. People are saved by faith in Christ alone. However, as evidenced over & over in the bible, typically salvation & baptism are always tied together. Yes, Jesus was an exception, because believer's baptism was not a common occurrence up to that point, since the baptism in the Gospels signified Jesus' death & resurrection.

2-What is baptism?

Baptism is "immersion". Why do I say this?? The transliteration of the original Greek word "baptize" is baptizo's...which has a root of "bapto"...a term used in the 1st century for immersing a garment 1st into bleach & then into dye, both cleansing & changing the color of the cloth. If "sprinkling" of any kind was to be practiced, a different Greek word would have been used, but it was not.

3-When should someone be baptized?

Immediately, or very soon after they have believed. Thus belief & baptism are together, as evidenced through scripture over & over.

a-Acts 2:41 "3,000 people were baptized after believing on the 1st day of the Christian church." Verses 38 & 39 make it clear that this is the way that it will always be done.

b-Acts 9:19 "After Saul's (Paul) encounter with Jesus on the Damascus road, he later accepted Jesus, and was baptized."

c-Acts 16:13-15 "Lydia and her household believed and were baptized"

d-Acts 16:16-34 "The Philippian jailer believed with his household and they were baptized..and this was in the middle of the night"

e-Eph 4:4-6"one Lord, one faith, one baptism"

*These are just a few of countless scriptures to support the close ties between belief and baptism.

4-Why should someone be baptized?

a-to follow Christ in obedience

b-Galatians 3:27 "we put on Christ when we are baptized". Our inside has been changed by Christ, so our outward testimony is our baptism. It's an ideal way to make our public profession of faith. For Jesus said in Matthew 10 "acknowledge me before men, & I will acknowledge you before my Father in heaven".

Jon then prayed, then Darren & Hunter Coslin, and Bud Benner were led into the lake as Charley David baptized them in the name of the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit!

Cedar Creek – April 25, 2015

Congratulations to Joe and Tina Crouch!

They take first with 12.75 pounds and big bass of the tournament, a 6.44 pound hawg.

Joe said they started out fishing the flooded willows with white spinner baits and caught several short bass and 1 keeper. Thinking they better change things up, they ventured offshore and found a hump with a ball of shad with bass on it in 11-15 foot of water. Hovering over the hump seemed to spook the fish, so they backed off and let the wind push them over it and that's when they picked up the big ones on Carolina rigs. Then, just like that, the fish moved off the hump and they didn't catch anymore.

Their total take home was \$733.00 and they climb to 5th place in the overall standing.

LAKE CONDITIONS

Air temp: 68-82. Water temp: 70. Wind speed: calm to 10 mph with gusts to 16. Wind direction: south and SSW, WSW, SW, West. Moon: 1/2 full. Water clarity: muddy. Lake level: full and a couple of inches high. Skies: Foggy in the morning, clear after that. Grass: flooded weeds. Barometric pressure: 29.72 - 29.75 - 29.68.

We had a very hard rain the night before. The parking area at Log Cabin was very muddy but the ramp was in great conditions. Muddy water everywhere. Lots of fishing pressure the weeks before. One other club was fishing lake the same day we did. Lots of jet skies and pleasure boaters on the lake. Weather-wise it was a great day to be on the lake!

THE RESULTS

40 teams fished
21 limits was caught (a limit is 3 bass 14 inches and over)
8 teams zeroed
82 fish were weighed in with a weight of 204.37 pounds
2.49 pounds was the average fish weight

1st: Joe Crouch / Tina Crouch.....12.75-lb \$586.95
2nd: Charley David / Donna David.....12.61-lb \$341.25
3rd: Jamey Burchett / Joel Smith.....10.60-lb \$204.75
4th: Darren Coslin / Bud Benner.....10.41-lb \$136.50
5th: Brian Hopkins / Joe Stepp.....9.95-lb \$95.55

Big Bass 1: Joe Crouch.....6.44-lb \$146.25
Big Bass 2: Charley David.....6.43-lb \$48.75

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SCATTER SHOOTING

2nd place: **Charley David / Donna David** caught their bass on white spinner baits.....3rd place: **Jamey Burchett / Joel Smith** caught their bass on chatter baits and brush hogs.....4th place **Darren Coslin / Bud Benner** caught their bass on chatter baits and dingers.....5th place: **Brian Hopkins / Joe Stepp** caught their bass on chatter baits and spinners.....**Al and Jon** broke down about 1/2 mile from the boat ramp (VRO pump issues).....**Randy Crab** found a 11 pounder on a nest but could not get her to bite. He wanted to go back on Sunday to see if he could catch her.....look at the big bass weights between first (6.44) and second (6.43). So close.....Lots of new faces. Welcome to all.....**Jon** had not caught a keeper all day. Finally around 1 pm he had one on, but it came off. While Jon was putting another bait on, Al pitched in and hooked the fish that Jon lost and it had Jon's bait still in it's mouth! Jon did redeem himself with a 3.26 pounder about 30 minutes later.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Gary Boyd and Tracy Dantzler caught 5.01 pounds, beating Andy and Anne Wright's 1.71 pounds. Gary and Tracy get free entry into the May tournament.

LAKESIDE DEVOTIONAL

Reggie Stewart led the Lakeside devo. The topic was the wide and narrow path.

He started out telling us a story from Tim Guraedy's book "Mountain Man: Keepin' a Slow Profile". Tim is one of the cast on TV series called Duck Dynasty and he is the character who talks real slow.

Reggie told us about a chapter in the book where Mountain Man keeps falling out of the boat when he is traveling through a narrow path in the swamp. Two times in one day he was lodged atop of a stump, and while trying to rock the boat off, he falls in. He then tells us about foot control vs hand control trolling motors and about how back in the old days, it was real easy to lose your balance using a foot control and fall out of the boat. He said life is that way too! We can lose our balance real easy and find ourselves out of the boat and in the lake or off the road with our truck in a ditch. Taking the narrow, least traveled path is not easy. Reggie then read:

Matthew 7:13-14

The Narrow and Wide Gates

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Reggie reminded us that a young calf is usually afraid of new gates on the ranch. He said people act the same way.....scared of the narrow gates.

Following Christ on the narrow path is not easy. Don't give in and follow the many down the wide path because it leads to destruction. The truth is without the help of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and other Christians we will for sure fall off the narrow path, and when we are on the narrow path it's our duty to help others along the way. No one can do it alone!

Believing in Jesus is the only way to heaven.

Richland Chambers – March 28, 2015

Congratulations to Jamey Burchett of Terrell and Joel Smith of Royse City!

They sack up 13.81 pounds with an 8.71 kicker that's in the lead for big bass of the year.

Jamey said....."My fishing partner (Joel) caught the big fish. I caught our other 2 keepers. I caught my 2 on Texas Rigged black/blue Senko. I caught one off a boat dock in the first cove south of the 287 bridge. The other fish I caught in the marina. Joel hung into a really big fish around 11:00 am at the back of the cove where the marina is. It went under the boat, then out and came unbuttoned. We were sick thinking we had just lost the fish that would have won the tournament for us. As we dried our tears and got back to fishing and a little further back in the cove about 12:30 Joel hangs the 8.71 we managed to get in the boat. He caught it on a jig with black/blue craw trailer. Joel said the key to getting his bites was that he was having to work the Jig really, really slow. Joel and I have been fishing together for almost 3 years now and this is the first tournament we have won".

Their total take home was \$629.00 and they move to 5th place in the overall standing.

Picture of the winning

team: http://i1381.photobucket.com/albums/ah212/cowboychurchbassclubnd/Richland%202015%2003%2028/aIMG_7800_zpsllikkusq.jpg

LAKE CONDITIONS

Air temp: 48-83. **Water temp:** 58-62 (upper lake). **Wind speed:** 5-16 mph. **Wind direction:** south and SSW. **Moon:** less than ¼ full. **Water clarity:** muddy upper end. **Lake level:** 6.21-ft low. **Skies:** clear and sunny. **Grass:** none on the upper end of the lake. **Barometric pressure:** flat at 20.13 until about 11 am, then slow fall to 30.00.

Only 1 lane open at the ramp. Docking was on the bank only because the curtesy dock was roped off and unavailable. The Oak Cove store/lodge office closed at 8 pm that Friday but did open early for breakfast Saturday morning. Plenty of parking and great weigh-in site. Boat beaching area was a little challenging and several boat were strung up together due to the limited spacing. The boat docks were high and dry or had just an inch or so of water under them.

THE RESULTS

34 teams fished

11 limits was caught (a limit is 3 bass 14 inches and over)

6 teams zeroed

57 fish were weighed in with a weight of 187.80 pounds

3.29 pounds was the average fish weight

1st Jamey Burchett / Joel Smith	13.81-lb	\$511.70
2nd Joe Chancey / Nathan Brewer	12.64-lb	\$297.50
3rd Darren Coslin / Bud Benner	12.34-lb	\$178.50

4th **Charley David / Donna David**.....12.23-lb \$119.00
5th **Brandon Clayton / Heath Harper**.....11.82-lb \$83.30

Big Bass # 1 **Joel Smith**.....8.71-lb \$127.00
Big Bass # 2 **Brandon Clayton**.....6.74-lbs \$42.50

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SCATTER SHOOTING

5th place team **Brandon Clayton & Heath Harper** caught their fish on spooks, tiny torpedoes, and red bud worms.....4th place team **Charley & Donna David** caught their fish on lizards on the other side of the bridge near the ramp.....3rd place team **Darren Coslin & Bud Benner** caught their bass on black and blue beaver bugs, chatter baits and spinner baits.....2nd place team **Joe Chancey & Nathan Brewer** caught their bass on black and blue beavers and wacky rigs.....**Reggie** is back on the list.....10 bass in the 5 pound range were brought to the scales.....Long Branch was a hot spot.....**Al and Jon** struck out in their 2013 hot spot.....Fishing was poor in the upper end of the lake.....**Charley and Donna David** are leading the pack.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Brandon Clayton & Heath Harper caught 11.82 pounds, beating Jim Anderson 6.52 pounds. Brandon & Heath get free entry into the April tournament at Cedar Creek.

LAKESIDE DEVOTIONAL

Joe Lee led the Lakeside devo. The main topic was man's timeline vs. God's timeline.

He started out comparing our time on the water tournament fishing to life in general. With fishing we have our ups and downs, our struggles, preparations, winning/losing, just like in our day-to-day life. It all fits into our earthly timeline.

Many of us live and act as if that is the only timeline, not thinking about God's timeline, which goes on forever. He gave us some comparisons between man's timelines and God's timelines.

He then read:

John 11:26

“whoever lives by believing in me will never die.....”

Joe encouraged us to get on God's timeline if we are not already on it. He let everyone know that the leadership team can help us with that if needed. If you would like to be baptized they can help with that too.....our timeline is so short and will be over in a flash. God's timeline has no struggles and does not have an end.

Lake Palestine - March 7, 2015

Congratulations to Austin Stracener and Kenneth Mahone! Austin caught the big one.....an 8.65 pound hawg. Austin teamed up with his grandfather Kenneth and his bass was the only fish that they brought to the scales. She was full of eggs and was caught around 12:30 pm on a Texas rigged silver and black worm in about 3-ft of water, in Flat Creek area. This was Austin's personal best bass and was good for \$639.00.

BIG THANKS

Thank you Joe and Tina Crouch! Everyone was able to fill up on venison chili and homemade beans with all the fixings. It was a perfect lunch after a tough day out on the lake.

LAKE CONDITIONS

Air temp: 28-62. **Water temp:** 43-60. **Wind speed:** calm-5 mph. **Wind direction:** south. **Moon:** big and full. **Water clarity:** muddy in Kick-A-Poo. **Lake level:** 0.82-ft high. **Skies:** clear and sunny. **Grass:** everywhere in kick-a-poo. **Barometric pressure:** slight rise from 30.46 at start to 30.49 at 10 am, then a sharp fall to 30.32.

There was a current in Kick-A-Poo under the bridges....heavy rains in the area a few days before the tournament...a hard frost in the morning. The bass had lock jaw but we saw many crappie being caught on the old bridges in Kick-A-Poo. A bug hatch was going on and seagulls were feasting on them (probably mayflies). With 20 of the 34 teams zeroing and only 1 limit weighed in, the conditions were not favorable for catching.

THE RESULTS

34 teams fished
1 limit was caught (a limit is 3 bass 14 inches and over)
20 teams zeroed
22 fish were weighed in with a weight of 56.63 pounds
2.57 pounds was the average fish weight

1st: Kenneth Mahone / Austin Stracener...8.65 \$512.00
2nd: James Fabby / Jonah Segovia.....6.19 \$297.00
3rd: Rodney Pickard / Jacob Stanford.....6.08 \$178.00
4th: Mike Aman / Mike Smith.....5.59 \$119.00
5th: Al Kohutek / Jon Griffin.....5.38 \$83.00

Big Bass #1: Austin Stracener.....8.65 \$127.00
Big Bass #2: Charley David.....4.43 \$42.00

Full results:

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SCATTER SHOOTING

Al Kohutek and **Jon Griffin** caught the only 3 fish limit. They took 5th place with 5.38 pounds. Their 3 fish were caught on a chartreuse Livingston crank, black/blue chatter bait, and giant senko. All were caught around a duck blind in Kick-A-Poo between 12:30 and 1:30 pm in 54 degree water temp.....4th place team **Mike Aman / Mike Smith** caught their 2 bass on wooden boat dock ladders at 7:30 am and 12:30 pm.....3rd place team **Rodney Pickard and Jacob Stanford** caught their 2 bass on flipping reeds with a jig and on a shaky head in the marina just before quitting time.....2nd place team **James Fabby and Jonah Segovia** caught their 2 bass on a jig fishing docks and a chatter bait.....2nd big bass was caught by **Charley David** on his last cast in the marina on a black/blue beaver.....**Gene Dodson** lost his lower unit. **Jim Love** and **Tracy Derrick** went on a search and rescue mission, found them, and towed them back to the ramp after the weigh-in.....Al and Jon found 60 degree water on the lake side of the bridges in Kick-A-Poo in a shallow pocket at the end of the tournament. It was between the last and middle creek channels.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Rodney Pickard and Jacob Stanford caught 6.08 pounds, beating Randal and Kel Collins 5.01 pounds.

Rodney and Jacob get free entry into the March tournament at RC.

LAKESIDE DEVOTIONAL

Charley David led the devo. He started out by reading....

Amos 3:3

Do two walk together

unless they have agreed to do so?

1 John 2:15

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

John 14:23-26

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Charley said....people who workout, do so to stay in-shape and be fit. We all need to stay fit with Christ. That means we need to fellowship with other Christians, and stay in the Word by reading our Bibles, studying, and growing our relationship with God.

Fishing is great!.....as long as it's not our 1st priority.

Hanging out with our old buddies is good!.....as long as we let our light shine, and we do good deeds, and we glorify God .

When we accept Jesus, he comes into our heart and is going to guide us....if we let him.

Joe Crouch gave us an update on his cancer and let us all know that prayer does work! He thanked everyone for praying for his recovery.

Jon Griffin closed us with a prayer and we were dismissed.

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