



# *2017 Central Division Tournament Recap*

## **Lake Marble Falls – January 14, 2017**

All fish were caught on plastics! Techniques used were; Shakey Head, Texas Rig and finesse Carolina Rig. Colors used were; Green Pumpkin Magic Zoom Worm with a dipped tail, Black/Blue senko, Watermelon Red Lizard, Green Pumpkin Fluke, and Mississippi Mud Match the Hatch Stick! Fish were caught off bluff walls, around the bridge, mouth of a creek and cement walls. Three limits were brought to scale with a total weight of 36.11 pounds; Earl weighed Big Bass at 5 pounds even, and Earl and Leisha took first place with a sack of 12.41 pounds, 2nd place was Gus and Toby with 10 pounds even, 3rd place was Kyle fishing solo with 7.01 pounds, and 4th place was Mike and Bob with 6.69 pounds! Good job folks and thanks for coming out for our first tourney of the year! Next month we will be on Lake Buchanan on Feb 18, 2017 launching out of Burnet County Park, registration will begin at 5 AM!

Today's message was given by Earl

## **Lake Buchanan – February 18, 2017**

It was a beautiful day to be out fishing, weather was nice but a bit HOT for Feb. Most got a bit of a sunburn! Fishing was tough, no wind and water like glass. Most fish came early in the day with just a few in the afternoon. Fish were caught on crankbaits and plastics, Brush hogs, lizards, flukes and worms. Colors used were watermelon, pumpkin seed, green pumpkin, afican special, pumpkin red. Water was varied in color from muddy to clear depending on where you went. Some were caught shallow in the muddy water and deeper in the clear water. Next tournament has been moved to Lake Belton, we will launch out of Cedar Ridge Park on March 18th.

## **Lake Belton – March 18, 2017**

The day started off cloudy and a bit of wind temps were comfortable but still got a sunburn! We had 9 teams for this tournament.....The bite was HOT on Belton plenty of short fish were caught on of those days you get tired of setting the hook (not really). We had some nice fish brought to scale - Our first place team had a sack of 13.62 pounds with a big

bass of 6.27. Bob and Mike fished left of the water take up and used Yum dingers on a shaky head with June Bug and Black Blue colors. Our second place team had a sack of 9.61 and a big bass of 3.91. Gus and Toby caught most of their fish on top water baits and they also used a shaky head but they used senkos. Our third place team had a sack of 9.92 but was assessed a 1/2 pound penalty for a dead fish so they their sack was 9.42 and a big bass of 3.47, they were our new team this tournament and got some money! They fished in waters 5 to 15 feet using watermelon red lizards they were culling by 9. Our fourth place teams fishes solo and managed a sack of 7.81 with a big bass of 5.15. Kyle fished on Team Loggains' spot (LOL) and used black blue shaky head in about 5 feet of water. Our fifth place team had a sack of 7.34 with a big bass of 4.10. Earl and Leisha had a limit by 8:30 Earl used his famous Chartreuse and black rattle trap and we used plastics all colors dipped in chartreuse, seemed to be the key. We caught a ton of short fish, whites, and drum! Our big fish didn't come until minutes before 3.....Earl brought the devotional for our group and the scripture was read by Leisha -

Psalm 84:12 Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you (NIV).

Trust Me one day at a time. This keeps you close to Me, responsive to My will. Trust is not a natural response, especially for those who have been deeply wounded. My Spirit within you is your resident Tutor, helping you in this supernatural endeavor. Yield to His gentle touch; be sensitive to His prompting. Exert your will to trust Me in all circumstances. Don't let your need to understand distract you from My Presence. I will equip you to get through this day victoriously, as you live in deep dependence on Me. Tomorrow is busy worrying about itself; don't get tangled up in its worry - web. Trust Me only one day at a time.

## Inks Lake – May 20, 2017

The day started off with thunder and lightning, rain in the morning and then again in the afternoon and a bit of wind at times temps were comfortable but still got a sunburn! We had 5 teams for this tournament....The bite was HOT in the morning and then it slowed but we had some good healthy fish come to scale! Our first place team(Mike and Bob) had a sack of 15.19 pounds with a big bass of 5.68. Bob and Mike fished several places and we all kept running into each other on such a small lake- Yum dingers on a shaky head with Black Blue and T-Rigs with watermelon candy on grass. Our second place team (Earl and Leisha) had a sack of 11.93 had Leisha not lost a five pounder we would have gotten a bit closer to Mike and Bob! I imagine you all can't guess what we used to catch our fish? That's right our little finesse C-Rings and the Mississippi Mud Stick! We only paid two places since we only had five teams. The Central Division is trying to get bigger pots to get more involved.

Earl brought the devotional for our group and the scripture was read by Leisha - 1 John 1:7 When your sins weigh heavily upon you, come to Me. Confess your wrongdoing, which I know all about before you say a word. Stay in the Light of My Presence, receiving forgiveness, cleansing, and healing. Remember that I have clothed you in My Righteousness, so nothing can separate you from Me. Whenever you stumble or fall, I am there to help you up. Man's tendency is to hide from his sin, seeking refuge in the darkness. There he indulges in self-pity, denial, self-righteousness, blaming, and hatred. But I am the Light of the world, and My illumination decimates the darkness. Come close to Me and let My Light envelop you, driving out darkness and permeating you with Peace.

We had a special prayer for Earl and his dad - Earl for traveling mercies as he heads to AZ to be with his dad in the hospital and for his dad that God guide the doctors in the direction to go. Then we had praises for Kyle's grandfather and his stroke as he was showing improvement and a prayer asking God to continue to heal his grandfather.

## Lake Stillhouse – June 17, 2017

The day started off with a few clouds and a lite breeze but that gave away to WIND! About 15 to 20 white caps and a lot of SUN that made it HOT! We had last cast at 2, we were happy for that! We had 8 teams participate with us, Joe Crouch and Kenneth Mahone came down from the North Division and we had a new team of Ronnie Chance and Vickii Camp (Ron and

Ron, LOL), we also had two visitors fish with us in place of our regular folks Earl had just got back from AZ with his dad so our son Todd fished with me and we had Johnathan Stockdale fish with Cole. Our first place team of Gus and Toby put a hurtin' on the rest of us as they had 14.86 pounds in just three fish with their big bass weighing in at 6.44. Kyle fishes by himself and he schooled us too, he weighed in 9.73 and our new team of Ron and Vickii were just under 9 pounds. The point race is tight in the Central Division, every tournament counts! Everyone caught fish around grass on the lake except Kyle he went way up the river a lot of folks used flukes and sounded like as long as you used watermelon with some red in it you were doing good! The folks present voted on changing the lake to Belton for the July tournament and we will fish from 5 to 1 as it is really getting HOT! The Central Division is talking about the next years schedule and maybe changing up the months that we fish (June, July and Aug) are really HOT! The devotional was read by Leisha and it was about Time and Pressure - A diamond is a chunk of coal that made good under pressure. Consider it all joy...when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance, And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4

#### The Value of Pressure

When you stop to admire a diamond in a jeweler's window, do you ever imagine the chunk of coal it once was? We put a high price tag on quality, but often we forget what process it took to achieve that worth. A diamond takes time and pressure to showcase its best features. After all, that expensive, flawless stone started out as a crumbly chunk of carbon. Life throws us curveballs now and then, God knew these trials would put the squeeze on us much the same way time and pressure shape a chunk of coal. A metamorphosis takes place, and something wonderful emerges. Remember that you are a work in progress. Like any good artisan, God uses His hammer and chisel to shape a thing of beauty. And He has promised not to leave His work undone.

Troubles may come, but they only increase your value. we shared some prayer requests and praises John said the departing prayer! See you on the water

## Lake Belton – July 22, 2017

The day started off HOT and it only got HOTTER! We had 3 new teams join us and Cole brought his brother Carson out to fish with us. 18 fish were caught on a variety of techniques and colors. Gus spoke about Fin Clips vs Fizzing fish. We did have two casualties they succumbed to the heat causing Bob and Mike losing 1 pound and falling out of the money. Pastor Brian Hawkins from Refuge Ministries brought our message after weigh in about being Fishers of Men. The Central Division voted on changing the lake to LBJ on 19 Aug and starting at 4 with last cast at noon! They also voted to run our season from Sept to April.....now you can fish the Cowboy trail all year long!!! I don't have many notes to share I have had much on my plate lately and not enough hours in the day! Only 5 points separate 1,2, and 3rd place on the Central Trail.....It always comes down to the last tournament to determine the Anglers of the year.....Who will it be? Stay tuned.....

## Lake LBJ – August 19, 2017

The day started off HOT and it only got HOTTER! The members voted to fish from 4 AM to NOON thank goodness it was HOT before 9, did I mention it was HOT!!!! 12 fish were brought to scale and were released ALIVE...I'm not so sure that I survived. The water temp was 84 in the coolest place and climbed from there.....Congrats to Mike and Bob for bringing in the big sack of 13.90, you guys rock! Pretty sure they just sewed up the Central Division Anglers of the year but we shall see who can bring them in on Waco! We welcomed Bob and Jane into the trail this tourney. The Central Division will be changing their season from Sept to April to avoid all this HEAT and recreational folks next year.....we will draw lakes at the Waco tourney.

the devotional from Catch of the Day (Jimmy Houston). Deuteronomy 28:2 Obey the Lord your God so that all

these blessings will come and stay with you. Many times in tournaments I've just missed finding a really big bunch of bass. Maybe I was on a spot at the wrong time, didn't go far enough up a creek, or didn't go far enough down the bank. I might have used the wrong lure or technique. I was close but made mistakes that cost me. Probably every tournament angler can identify with this. I believe that often we come close to God's blessings but miss out because of things we do or don't do. Not thinking robs us of blessings. Sinning sexually, being greedy, envying, gossiping, telling lies, being proud, and committing other sins short us on God's blessings. God laid out a very well-defined path to receive and keep His blessings. Obey God.

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