

THE CLUB NEWSLETTER



October 2022 - Newsletter

Oct Results Moss

1 st Place team:	Bill B & Blake	with 10.93 lbs
2 nd Place team:	Bill W & Santiago	with 10.71 lbs
3 rd Place team:	Dashon & Ben	with 10.12 lbs
Big Bass – Dashon with 2.24 and Heavy Stringer Bill B. with 7.0		

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 54th Street restaurant in The Colony on Nov 2nd at 7pm. See you there. If you are traveling, join us on zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9728008661>

It isn't about how big

Or is it... The total water acreage of the last tournaments adds up to 1,194 acres. You might have spent some gas getting there, but didn't spend any time motoring around. For scale, Grapevine is 7,280 and Texoma is 89K. So, why think about lake sizes and gas??? It is time to talk Classic! One of our members put together a list of all possible lakes and it should be posted on the web site soon. Give it a gander and have your ideas ready

Meeting Minutes

Letter to the Editor

TCBC 2022 Season in Review by: Jerry Young

It is hard to believe the 2022 "regular" season is almost over with The Classic coming in just a few short weeks. I often reflect after each tournament on things that I could have done better or learned that can be applied in the future. Here are some of the reflections I had this year and hopefully many of you will find these helpful.

Eagle Mountain & Welsh: It's the little things

After a slow morning with no visible top water activity and no reactions to moving baits Rob and I quickly realized that the bass were honed in on the Zoom baby brush hog. We tried a few colors but consistently it was the green pumpkin that landed fish in the boat. Not to say other baits we threw didn't work but that seemed to be "the juice" that day. However, there was one other key factor that seemed to increase the frequency of bites; the retrieve. We didn't get many bites when we worked the bait but when it sat and we let the current take it the bass reacted more often than not.

Todd can confirm on Eagle Mountain I commented I should switch from a Texas rigged worm to a shaky head but I didn't want to waste the time finding them and switching

baits. I kicked myself later at weigh-in when Russ and Jerry M mentioned they had a lot of luck with that presentation.

Sometimes the retrieve can make a difference as can small changes such as a shaky head versus a Texas rig, etc.

Fairfield, Lewisville, & Ray Roberts: Never give up

In all three of these tournaments, it was in the final hours of the tournament that I finally landed keeper fish in the boat. It is really easy to get frustrated but if you keep grinding you can be rewarded. Several other club members have mentioned this to me as well.

As a bonus tip here, I caught a lot of non-keeper bass at Lewisville predominantly on shad pattern crankbaits. In hindsight, I should have adjusted my presentation by either picking a different color, pattern, or diving depth to try and attract bigger fish. That is a tip I saw online from Randy Blaukat afterwards.

Athens & Fork: Spring sight fishing can be tricky

In both these tournaments I found water with good clarity where I could clearly see bass protecting their beds or structure. As many may recall Athens was Easter weekend and pretty much every female had been picked off their beds leaving some males protecting. I spent 30 minutes casting a white chatterbait at a male that seemed to be protecting a bed. It would swipe at it, sometimes leaving the bed, and returning a few minutes later. I finally (and most likely accidentally) finally got it to bite the hook. I tried again on a couple other beds and had zero luck. I wonder if I had spent that same amount of time power fishing if I would have done better?

On Fork, I found a submerged stump and a bass would swipe at the bait, swim into the stump or swim off and return later. Same thing, I probably spent 45 minutes or more trying to catch this stubborn fish.

I'm not saying it isn't worth a try but my catch rate in tournaments this year was probably 20% (1 for 5) for 3+ hours total spent in these scenarios.

Every lake: Follow your game plan

It is easy to get stuck on a single spot or bait thinking there will be a lunker on the next cast. Stick to the game plan of working an area for a set amount of time, cycle your confidence baits, and remember you can always return to that area again later. Also pay attention to changes in conditions that might alter the fishing patterns and adjust your strategy accordingly.

Minutes of last meeting

Start 7:07

- Motion to make and accept the newsletter
- Jerseys have been ordered. Will probably ship just before the classic
- Remember the classic is coming. Start thinking for nominations
- Top 6 tournament #19 out of 38 teams
- Update on B.A.S.S
 - o Championship coming up on PK this weekend
 - o Didn't have enough non-boaters so people which didn't qualify can fish
 - o Club president meeting for our region in Hillsboro. Dashon went and going some local lakes on next years list. Championship on Sandlin/Cypruss
- Elections are coming up. Anyone that wants to help out and volunteer for a position are welcome
- Kids Fish to get planned with Pier 121. Arneil to work with them and get the discussion started
- The club is going to get another banner
- Squaw creek is open: water is still very hot. Good catching on the north end
- Quitman tournament results by David
- Moss tournament
 - o North Ramp
 - o 6:30 to 2:30
 - o No Paper live fish only.
 - Large under 16
 - Small 14+
 - Spotted only
 - o Side pot is big stringer only
- Open discussion: Weights in fish happened in a big tournament
- Discussion about the ramp/lake fee for Moss
- Draw for Moss
 - o Arneil – Blackstock
 - o Lynn – Todd
 - o Alonza – Tony
 - o Bill W – Santiago
 - o Patrick – Jerry M
 - o Dashon – Ben
 - o Ron W – Yarik
 - o Non-boaters not chosen: Jordan / Blake
 - o Bill - Crystal
- Door Prizes