

Anglers Compete in the 56th Annual Texas State Bass Tournament on Toledo Bend

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The 56th annual Texas State Bass Tournament was held on Toledo Bend Reservoir on April 9-10, 2011. The historic tournament dates back to 1955 when Earl Golding, a sports writer for the Waco Tribune-Herald, organized what is believed to be one of the first major invitational bass fishing contests. In 1956, the competition was repeated but opened up to all Texas anglers as The State Bass Tournament. Though never offering prize money to the winners, it has remained a staple of Texas competitive fishing ever since by reaching out to families and seniors as well as maintaining its highly competitive Individual, Teams, and Couples Divisions.

Fin & Feather Resort hosted this year's tournament. Over 200 anglers were greeted with sunny skies and stiff winds often gusting to over 30 miles per hour. In spite of the tough conditions, many found the patterns needed to bring in some very impressive five-fish stringers.

Topping all anglers in the Individual Division was Jim Moroski (Hemphill) with a two-day total of 18.74 pounds. He was followed in second place by Jeff LeBlanc (Magnolia) with 16.58 pounds.

The team of John Barns and William Barns (Dallas) easily captured the Team Division state championship with a two-day total of 32.11 pounds. They were followed in second by Dale Rabe (Arlington) and Charlie McFarland (Burleson) with 28.38 pounds.

The Championship in the Couples Division was taken by Mike Murski (Dallas) and partner Jackie Serbus (Bedford) with a two-day total of 29.13 pounds. John & Emma Boutte' (Burleson) took second with 25.90 pounds.

The Senior Team Division was taken by William and Anna Polster (Riesel) with solid stringers totaling 30.34 pounds. Jim McDonald (Hemphill) and Stan Verret (Hemphill) finished second with 21.54 pounds.

The Adult/Boy Division was won by William Muncrief and Hunter Muncrief (Pineland) with a catch of 25.68 pounds. D. Keith Stevenson and Cody Stephenson (Burleson) placed second with 15.71 pounds.

Rounding out the six competitive Tournament Divisions were the Adult/Girl Champions, Ed Klobas and Sarah Klobas (Arlington), with 21.36 pounds. Second place went to Arthur Miller (Humble) and Emily Hamilton (Huntington) with 16.73 pounds.

The Tournament's largest bass weighing 7.07 pounds was caught by Charles McFarland (Burluson). Robert Thompson (Spring) weighed a 6.98 pounder to take second and Larry Crist (Ft. Worth) weighed one for 5.79 pounds to take third. Hunter Muncrief (Pineland) took boys big bass honors with a 4.16 pounder and Emily Hamilton (Huntington) bested the girls with a large 3.67 pounder.

In the Bass Club Top 6 competition, the Fort Worth West Side Bass Club took the crown for the third year in-a-row with a combine weight of 58.34 pounds. C.A.S.T. anglers took second place with 54.28 pounds and the Arlington Bass Club captured third with 40.68 pounds, narrowly edging The Two of Us of Houston 's 39.65 pounds.

In other activities, four new members were inducted into the Texas State Bass Tournament Hall-of-Fame. The Hall-of-Fame was formed in 1998 to honor those deemed as Legends of the State Tournament. The new inductees are Leonard M. Spolyar of Houston, Charlie Stone of Ft. Worth, and the couples' team of Jack and Linda Washmon of Milam. The new inductee's names will be displayed at the Texas Parks & Wildlife Freshwater Fishing Center in Athens, Texas along with the 67 other members named previously.

The Tournament's 2011 Sponsors were Strike King Lure Company, Nitro Boats, and Sewin' Sam's Outdoor Wear of Quitman.

The top finishers are listed at the end of this Press Release and at www.texasstatebass.com.



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2011 Team Champions

Place	Total Fish	Total Weight	Champions
1	10	32.11	John Barns (Dallas, TX) & William Barns (Dallas, TX)
2	10	28.38	Dale Rabe (Arlington, TX) & Charles McFarland (Burleson, TX)
3	10	26.65	Mike McBurney (Sunnyvale, TX) & Gary Baldwin (Longview, TX)
4	10	26.18	Larry Crist (Ft. Worth, TX) & Trait Crist (Dallas, TX)
5	10	24.68	Richard_O McGehee (Katy, TX) & Richard_Bryan McGehee (Houston, TX)
6	10	24.08	Charles Wright (Arlington, TX) & Kevin Nowell (Azle, TX)
7	10	23.92	M._C._(Marvin) Sims (Yantis, TX) & Bill Sims (Southlake, TX)
8	10	22.29	Dennis Exum (Keller, TX) & Christopher Scott (Saginaw, TX)
9	9	22.19	Robert Thompson, Jr. (Spring, TX) & Blake Thompson (Spring, TX)
10	10	21.85	Dan Davis (Alexander, AR) & Chris Lester (Mayflower, AR)
11	10	21.64	Billy Keener (Winnsboro, TX) & Darren Keener (Mayflower, AR)
12	9	21.23	Danny Camp (Burleson, TX) & Mike Camp (Burleson, TX)
13	10	20.90	Tom LeBlanc (Sugar Land, TX) & Travis LeBlanc (Houston, TX)
14	9	20.38	Chance Mitchell (Burleson, TX) & Tony Rogers (Arlington, TX)
15	10	20.10	Leonard Watson (Fort Worth, TX) & Ricky Watson (Mansfield, TX)
16	10	19.96	Roy Carlson (Burleson, TX) & Randall Boyd (Westlake, TX)
17	8	19.19	Alan Whittle (Port Arthur, TX) & Robert Whittle (Tyler, TX)
18	10	19.17	Mike Walker (Collinsville, TX) & Mike Mauldin (Fort Worth, TX)
19	10	17.90	Lisa Rabe (Kennedale, TX) & Sue Langley (Kennedale, TX)
20	8	17.45	T._Brian Squyres (San Antonio, TX) & Brandon Guebard (Rio Medina, TX)



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2011 Individual Champions

Place	Total Fish	Total Weight	Champion
1	7	18.74	Jim Moroski (Hemphill, TX)
2	6	16.58	Jeff LeBlanc (Magnolia, TX)
3	8	16.50	Jim Masters (Red Oak, TX)
4	7	14.76	Bobby Smith_Sr. (Lufkin, TX)
5	7	13.77	Cecil B. Dressendorfer (Huntsville, TX)
6	7	13.03	Tom Hatfield (Richardson, TX)
7	6	11.67	David Holder (Spring, TX)
8	3	9.05	Ricky Blake (Lufkin, TX)
9	4	8.69	James Vincent (Spring, TX)
10	3	4.91	Tim Cunningham (Bronson, TX)



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2011 Couples Champions

Place	Total Fish	Total Weight	Champions
1	10	29.13	Mike Murski (Dallas, TX) & Jackie Serbus (Bedford, TX)
2	10	25.90	John Boutte' (Burleson, TX) & Emma Boutte' (Burleson, TX)
3	10	24.95	Larry Ledbetter (Joshua, TX) & Laurel Ledbetter (Joshua, TX)
4	10	24.49	Bill Wilcox (Burleson, TX) & Barbara Potts (Fort Worth, TX)
5	10	23.94	John Lewis, Sr. (Jasper, TX) & Liz Lewis (Jasper, TX)
6	10	23.60	Allen Hendrickson (Houston, TX) & Ruby Hendrickson (Houston, TX)
7	7	17.06	Robert Moore (Ft. Worth, TX) & Sherry Moore (Ft. Worth, TX)
8	7	14.72	Ronnie Poe (Granbury, TX) & Donna Poe (Granbury, TX)
9	8	14.63	Terry Tanner (Seven Points, TX) & Marilyn Tanner (Seven Points, TX)
10	6	13.78	Gene Winchester (Conroe, TX) & Ronna Winchester (Conroe, TX)
11	7	12.08	Jerry Crain (Lufkin, TX) & Lynda Crain (Lufkin, TX)
12	7	11.24	Leroy Wilson (Chireno, TX) & Esther Wilson (Chireno, TX)
13	5	10.97	Jack Washmon (Milam, TX) & Linda Washmon (Milam, TX)
14	2	6.52	Kolton Brewster (Buna, TX) & Carolyn Brewster (Brookeland, TX)
15	2	5.91	Eddie Roper (Conroe, TX) & Christi Roper (Conroe, TX)



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2011 Senior Team Champions

Place	Total Fish	Total Weight	Champions
1	10	30.34	William Polster (Riesel, TX) & Anna Polster (Riesel, TX)
2	10	21.54	Jim McDonald (Hemphill, TX) & Charles_"Stan" Verret (Hemphill, TX)
3	6	20.77	Bill Boyd (Bedford, TX) & Hoyt Fincher (Ft. Worth, TX)



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2011 Adult/Boy Champions

Place	Total Fish	Total Weight	Champions
1	10	25.68	William Muncrief (Pineland, TX) & Hunter Muncrief (Pineland, TX)
2	7	15.71	D. Keith Stevenson (Burlison, TX) & Cody Stevenson (Burlison, TX)
3	7	14.76	Derek Hirsch (San Augustine, TX) & Nic Hirsch (San Augustine, TX)
4	7	13.43	Corey Kizer_Sr. (Huntsville, TX) & Corey Kizer_Jr. (Huntsville, TX)
5	7	12.21	Mike_G. Davis (Katy, TX) & Matthew Davis (Katy, TX)



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2011 Adult/Girl Champions

Place	Total Fish	Total Weight	Champions
1	10	21.36	Ed Klobas (Arlington, TX) & Sarah Klobas (Arlington, TX)
2	9	16.73	Arthur Miller (Humble, TX) & Emily Hamilton (Huntington, TX)
3	6	13.61	John A. Hamilton (Huntington, TX) & Erin Hamilton (Huntington, TX)
4	7	11.82	Mark Wych (Huntington, TX) & Natalie Wych (Huntington, TX)



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2011 Big Bass Report

Place	Angler	Big Bass
Big Bass Boys		
1	Hunter Muncrief (Pineland, TX)	4.16
Big Bass Girls		
1	Emily Hamilton (Huntington, TX)	3.67
Big Bass Overall		
1	Charles McFarland (Burleson, TX)	7.07
2	Robert Thompson, Jr. (Spring, TX)	6.98
3	Larry Crist (Ft. Worth, TX)	5.79

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Bass Club Totals

Place			Sat. Net	Sun. Net	Total Weight
1	T6 - Westside Bass Club				
	Wright, Charles	Nowell, Kevin	11.86	12.22	24.08
	Exum, Ricky	White, David	7.19	4.78	11.97
	Exum, Dennis	Scott, Christopher	9.70	12.59	22.29
	Total:		28.75	29.59	58.34
Place			Sat. Net	Sun. Net	Total Weight
2	Cast				
	Polster , William	Polster, Anna	16.95	13.39	30.34
	Lewis, Sr., John	Lewis, Liz	13.62	10.32	23.94
	Total:		30.57	23.71	54.28
Place			Sat. Net	Sun. Net	Total Weight
3	T6 - Arlington Bass Club				
	Dale, Dan	Ford, Charlie	6.64	0.00	6.64
	Hubbard, Bob	Robertson, Ed	5.77	3.78	9.55
	Wilcox, Bill	Potts, Barbara	12.84	11.65	24.49
	Total:		25.25	15.43	40.68
Place			Sat. Net	Sun. Net	Total Weight
4	T6 - The Two of Us of Houston				
	Hendrickson , Allen	Hendrickson, Ruby	13.16	10.44	23.60
	Washmon , Jack	Washmon, Linda	4.56	6.41	10.97
	Ellason , Lindy	Ellason, Sylvia	5.08	0.00	5.08
	Total:		22.80	16.85	39.65