

Uvalde Bass Club News

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AMISTAD LAKE TOURNAMENT



December 12, 2013

We had a total of 13 brave or crazy, depending upon who you talked to, souls fish in our December tournaments on Amistad. The weather was extremely cold with a new cold front passing through and the order of the day was to try not to freeze to death. Sunday the club woke up to ice all over the boats and it was cold, cold, cold with temperatures around 25-27 degrees. Believe me the first run of the morning woke you up in a hurry.

Brian Langner took top honors on Saturday with two fish totaling 8.52 lbs. Second place went to Fred Enriquez who had two fish tipping the scales at 3.59 lbs. Ricky Villarreal ended up in third place with one fish

weighing in at 1.66 lbs. Bill Surber was the only other angler in Division I to weigh a fish and his came in at 1.24 lbs. Laura Langner caught a fish on Saturday and she won the Division II tournament. Her fish weighed 1.76 lbs. Brian Langner won the Big Bass of the Day honors with a great 6.02 lb. fish.

Everybody should have stayed in bed on Sunday as the fishing really turned off and the result reflected that fact. There was only one fish brought to the scales on Sunday and that fish was caught just before weigh in. The fish simply did not feed at all the entire day. Ricky Villarreal did manage to catch one just before weigh in and for his efforts he won 1st, 2nd, 3rd and

Big Bass of the Day honors. In other words he won the whole enchilada. The winning fish weighed in at 1.91 lbs. There was no winner in the Division II tournament. The club weighed 7 fish on Saturday for 16.77 lbs. and 1 bass on Sunday for 1.91 lbs. This was the lowest totals caught by the Uvalde Bass Club all year. **The club will hold their Awards Banquet on Sat. Jan 11, 2014 at Herman Sons Hall in Knippa. Next action for the club will be Jan. 18 & 19 on Falcon. You must RSVP for the Banquet by calling McNeil at 591-3757. RSVP deadline will be Monday, January 6, 2014.**

Upcoming Club Tournaments

DATES	LAKE	WEIGH-IN SITE
Jan 11, 2014		AWARDS BANQUET
Jan 18 & 19	FALCON	TBD



Falcon tournaments will be DRAW-TEAM tournaments. Teams determined after weigh in by draw.



Brian Langner is cold but happy as he shows off the Big Bass of the Day on Sat. on Amistad. This fish weighed in at 6.02 lbs. He won 1st.

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The December meeting of the Uvalde Bass Club was held on the 3rd of December at 7:00 pm at the offices of the Workforce Solutions Middle Rio Grande Board. The meeting was convened by Uvalde Bass Club President, Mark Leinweber. There was a quorum established. Motion made to approve the minutes as presented in the newsletter by Vic Tucker with a second from Jim Surber. Motion passed. Motion by Jim Surber and seconded by Tina Surber to approve fiscal statements for November. Motion passed. There was a new application for membership for Rey Carrizales. Motion by McNeil with a second from Harold Henkel to approve. Motion passed. **Uvalde Bass Club Membership now stands at 114.** It was decided that we would eat out on Friday night as well as Saturday night. Nominating committee presented a slate of potential officers for 2014 which included: Bill Surber, Pres.; Leinweber, Vice-Pres.; Tina Surber, Sec/Treas.; McNeil, Reporter; Larry Hall, Tournament Chairman and tournament committee members were Jim Surber, Ricky Villarreal and Wayne Hale. Motion to elect the slate by McNeil with a second from Jim Surber. Motion passed. Members in attendance included the following: Mark Leinweber, Jerry King, Harold Henkel, Vick Tucker, Jim Surber, Bill Surber, Tina Surber, Al Haughey and McNeil. **Members were reminded that if they wanted a room at Oso Blanco for Jan. they needed to let McNeil know as all the rooms on top were already reserved. The dates of the tournament are Jan. 18 & 19, 2014. Also, members were reminded to RSVP for the banquet by calling McNeil.**

AMISTAD LAKE TOURNAMENT - 12/7/2013				AMISTAD LAKE TOURNAMENT - 12/8/2013			
1st	Brian Langner	2 FISH	8.52 lbs.	1st	Ricky Villarreal	1 FISH	1.91 lbs.
2nd	Fred Enriquez	2 FISH	3.59 lbs.	2nd	Ricky Villarreal		
3rd	Ricky Villarreal	1 FISH	1.76 lbs.	3rd	Ricky Villarreal		
4th TIE				4th			
BB	Brian Langner		6.02 lbs.	BB	Ricky Villarreal		1.91 lbs.

AMISTAD LAKE DIVISION II TOURNAMENT 12/7/2013				AMISTAD LAKE DIVISION II TOURNAMENT 12/8/2013			
1st	Laura Langner	1 fish	1.76 lbs.	1st	NO WINNER!!!		



Fred Enriquez is all bundled up in an attempt to stay warm on Saturday on Amistad. Fred did manage to bring in two fish to claim 2nd place. Fred had a good year fishing with the club for the first time. He finished in fourth place for the year barely beating out his fishing partner, Gonzalo Nandin.



Ricky Villarreal shows off the only fish brought in by the club on Sunday on Amistad. This fish weighed 1.91 lbs. and earned him 1st, 2nd & 3rd place as well as the Big Bass of the Day honors. The **WHOLE ENCHILADA!!!!**



Jeff & Stephanie Noah celebrated his birthday with a cake made by Patsy Surber with club members at Wright's Steakhouse.

Uvalde Bass Club Top Ten		
Name	# Fish	Lbs.
Brian Langner	52	138.44
Jimbo Beard	33	109.00
Mark Leinweber	44	103.03
Fred Enriquez	43	95.71
Howard Ponish	39	94.01
Gonzalo Nandin	40	89.64
Ricky Villarreal	43	89.53
Laura Langner	42	82.62
Ricky McNeil	35	73.75
Jerry King	33	70.71

Big Bass Leader
Donnie Moore 8.09 lbs.



Bill Surber was the lucky winner of the Yamalube oil drawing on Sunday.

“HOOK, LINE and SINKER”

By Ricky McNeil, Reporter

I got a text message on my phone as I was going to Amistad last Friday morning and they wanted to know if the fish start biting real good when a cold front comes through like the deer begin to go into rut. I told them that I really did not know but I was going to find out. I can now say that NO, they do not react the same as deer. Surber, Leinweber and I prefished on Friday and for the first time in my life we were the ONLY boat on the entire lake with the exception of Border Patrol boats. It was really cold and very windy and the fish did not bite at all. It only got worse as the weekend progressed. Sunday we had a tremendous amount of ice on the boats and nobody was in a real big hurry to put in on the water. We finally did and it was 27 degrees when we launched. I am glad that we will be off Amistad for a while as the fishing has been extremely tough over there for the last several months. Hopefully when we hit Falcon in January we will have better luck. Congratulations to Brian Langner who will win the TOP Weight Award at the banquet this year. Brian fished steady all year and he came out on top with 138.44 lbs. of fish which is great considering we fished a three fish limit all year. Also, congratulations to Donnie Moore who caught a great 8.09 lb. bass out of my boat in January on Falcon and it proved to be the heaviest bass brought in all year. Donnie will win the Big Bass of the Year honors at the banquet. In many ways this was a record breaking year for the club, not the least was the total membership grew to 114 members. I am looking forward to a new year and hopefully the fishing on Amistad will pick up next year. This edition of the Uvalde Bass Club newsletter marks the completion of my 11th year to publish it. I would like to thank all of the new officers that have agreed to serve the club this next year and I have agreed to publish the newsletter again. I would also like to say thanks to Patsy Surber, who made us some wonderful desserts for our tournaments all year long. Thanks a bunch, Patsy. Tina Surber and Laura Langner have agreed to head up the food detail for the banquet. Please call them or myself to find out what we need. We will be cooking our own steaks and we will need volunteers to help with the cooking and setup in Knippa. **Remember you must RSVP by calling me by Monday, Jan. 6, 2014 as we need an accurate count. We will collect 2014 dues that night. Merry Xmas!!!!**