

# CBF

November 2009



Scott Sweet  
President-California Bass Federation



The 2009 season is coming to a close with our 2009 State Championships at Lake Shasta slated for October 15-16. The north is hosting our championships in style with a great program including dinner and our raffle at a golf resort. The weather should be terrific and the fishing will hopefully cooperate for everyone to have a good time. So you all know, state team qualifiers will be able to fish the 2010 TBF Divisional Championships in the spring at the California Delta!

I would like to thank everyone for their participation this 2009 season. We had terrific turn outs in all regions, including our newest addition, Region 8 for the Inland Empire down in Southern California. Thank you for the hard work from Mike Nemic and David Pauley for making your inaugural year a success. We had our bumps along the way, but all in all, we had 8 regions with great participation. What makes the Federation a success is our volunteers working their tails off and the anglers coming out to support the Federation. Thank you for a great year! Without you, we have no CBF...

As many of you now know, John Miller, the former California Bass Federation President, stepped down for personal reasons and I picked up the bag for the remainder of 2009 and 2010. I would like to thank John for contributing his time for the portion of 2009 and wish him the very best. John, you always have a home at the CBF and hope to see you on the water very soon!

As for 2010, there are lots of things happening. First, by the time you see this, the 2009 FLW College Championships will have completed at the California Delta. Many CBF members volunteered their time to help out and we thank you! In the spring, the CBF will be hosting the TBF Western Divisional Championships and I hope to meet many of you at the tournament. The 2010 season will be launched in November in two of our regions and we hope to see you. Finally, we hope to have our new website up and running by the end of the year. We know it has been tough getting good information and we apologize, but we hope to have this behind us soon enough.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors for 2009. Many have donated product for our State Championships. The economy has been tough in 2009 and our sponsors have still supported us. I would like to make special mention of the Pure Fishing sponsorship as they have brought back their discounts to the TBF. Talk with your club President for details or drop me a line.

All of the 2010 permits have been pulled and they will be posted very soon as the permits are issued by the DFG. Finally, we will be posting our 2010 State Championships very soon...stay tuned. Surprise, surprise....

Most importantly, anyone in the Federation may contact me at any time. My phone number is posted on the website as well as my email. Anyone should feel welcome to contact me with questions, suggestions or just to find out what is happening with the California Bass Federation.

Good luck with the State Championships and tight lines for 2010!

Scott Sweet





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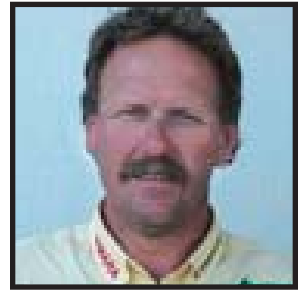
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Archie Steele  
State Tournament Director



Well time goes by way to fast. The last time we talked was at the 2008 New Melones State Championship. Soon we will be at Shasta for the 2009 Championship. I think this year was the biggest qualifying year we have ever had. With the new region joining, we qualified 150 anglers for the State Championship. This year's state team will qualify for the Divisional on the California Delta in May 2010. Good luck to all.

I would like to thank all my tournament directors for all of their hard work this past year. Without them we would not have regions to fish. If anyone is interested in helping please contact the tournament director in your region. They can always use any help you can give them.

Next years schedule is still being worked on so sorry for the delays. We would like to have no conflicts at all and we are trying are best. Every year it is hard to accommodate everyone's schedule with where to fish and host the State Championship. California is a large state and we keep growing every year. We would like to host championships in every region but that is not always possible. With the state growing, we need a body of water that is big enough to host our State Championship. Next year we are looking down south at Havasu. The board will be discussing this at our next board meeting. Next year championship will be on a Friday/Saturday. I am sorry for this year. Due to permit issues, this is not the norm, we had to have our tournament on Thursday/Friday.

I always have said, if one angler brings a new member into fishing, we would double. Please keep looking for new members to fish. Keep a tight line and I will see all of you at Shasta.

Archie Steele

Tim Quilon  
Conservation Director



Does one person really matter when it comes to conservation? YES, that is one less negative affect on our waterways. Hello, my name is Tim Quilon, and I am your newly appointed Conservation Director. This year I hope to make all of you anglers more aware of the dangers California waterways are facing. If we are aware of what's going on, then we can become more conscience of how our actions affect our environment. This is where I come in; I plan on using all the available resources possible to spread the word on to my fellow California Bass Federation members. Our actions today will affect our waterways for generations to come. By focusing our attention on simple tasks such as recycling our fishing line, we are not only cleaning up waste, but also contributing to the creation of underwater fish habitats. I hope to work with your regions tournament directors to get the ball rolling on a line recycling program that is offered by the Berkeley Conservation Institute.

As a kid I was fortunate enough to have a father who took me out on the water. I plan to do the same for my own child. Not every kid who is interested in fishing is as fortunate. Let's all pull together to make our communities more aware of the joys and ethics of bass fishing. The California Bass Federation Youth Program needs devoted anglers like us to mentor and volunteer with today's youth in order to preserve our sport. One person really does make a difference, and I look forward to getting the word out there on conserving California's precious waterways. See you on the Water!



# Youth

Sal Gervasi  
Youth Director



Pittsburgh, Pa. That is where contenders from 40 states arrived on Wednesday July 29th. to compete in the National Guard World Championship. The Beautiful Omni was the Host Hotel for the Juniors and there Family's. The NGJWC are held @ the same time as the FLW Cup event and the Contenders never had a dull moment the whole time they were there. From V.I.P. seating @ the Cup weigh ins to a racus pizza party hosted by the National Guard and mceed Hank Parker and special guest Forest Wood himself.

The Juniors actually fished out of River front park in Kittanning Pa. a beautiful park rite on the Alliganey River. The T.B.F. had there Stage set up and Hank Parker did they weigh ins both Days. Now the fishing was far from great but the kids did do much better then the last time we were in Pittsburgh. The three rivers have come a long way since there neer deaths @ the time of the steel mills. Pittsburgh is truly a wonderful place.

This time around most of the jr. anglers caught fish, even though most of them were short. Representing Cali-fornia were Matt Carabello and Nathan Cooper. Both Anglers carried themselves well and really did us proud. Even though they didn't weigh in any fish they both had great stage presence and looked great in there California Jerseys.

The T.B.F. is asking that all Junior clubs turn in there rosters by 12-31 every year just like the adult clubs and also they would like them to upgrade to the 25.00\$ premium membership. This premium membership would get them the FLW magazine as well as a tackle pack and would also return some money to the state. As incentive of getting dues paid by the 12-31 dead line if all junior clubs in the state get there rosters in we will be sent some valuable prizes for our state finals to give away.

REEL KIDS we have another oppportunity to get kits for next year. We almost lost this program due to poor reporting of events. The sponsors need this information back to see if they are getting enough bang for there buck. I am going to order ten kits for next year so if your club is interested Kim holding an event let me know when and where and please get the information back to me in a timely manner.

Sal Gervasi





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Ben Willis  
Tournament Director  
Region 1



Just like I thought, 2009 was another exciting year. It's hard to believe that the State Championship is already here. This year the region averaged over 56 anglers per tournament and I'm expecting it to grow again next year. It's exciting to see all the new faces and many of the returning anglers every year. It's like fishing a giant club event.

Our first tournament, February 8th, started us off with some nice Delta weights. Tim Venkus finished at the top of the list with 20.74 lbs. That's a 4 pound average and he didn't even weigh in a big fish. 2nd place was Kenny Graham with 19.94 lbs and 3rd place was John Martin with 19.05 lbs. Jeff Long brought in the big fish and she weighed 8.83lbs. Great weights guys!

The next event, March 8th, brought in our biggest fish for the year. There were two weighed in over 10 pounds. Roger Nelson was our top finisher with 16.97 lbs and also had the biggest fish of the year, 10.97 lbs. Way to go Roger! Tom Shimabukuro took 2nd place with 15.50 lbs and Deacon Fernandes was 3rd place with 15.12 lbs. Steve Reed weighed in the other beauty, 10.06 lbs. Now the race for AOY begins and Steve Reed was leading with 200 points, Kenny Graham was close behind with 195 points, and Steve Dollard brought up the 3rd spot with 189 points.

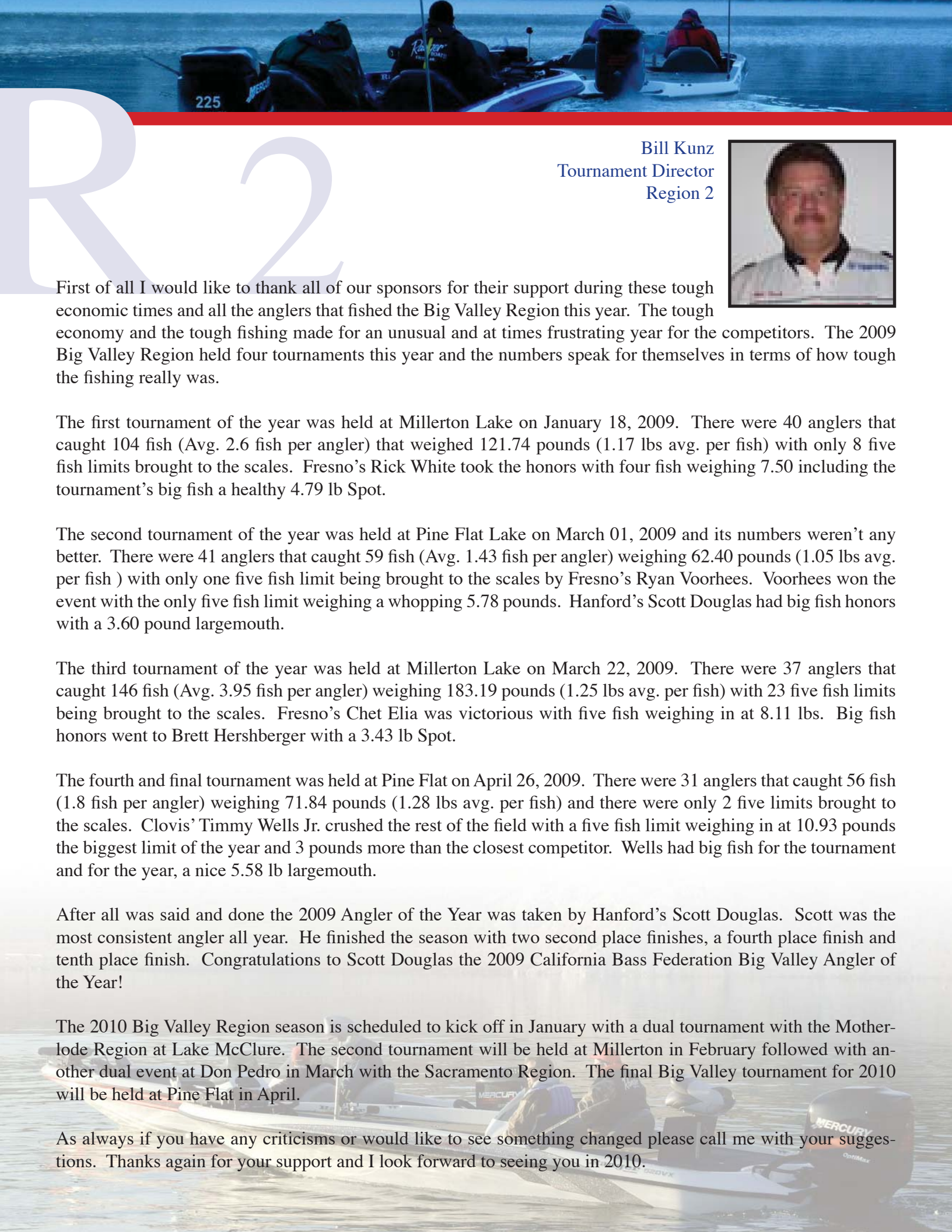
The third event, April 26th, was just as exciting as the previous two. John Martin took 1st place with 19.03 lbs. Deacon Fernandes brought in 18.30 lbs for 2nd place and Andre Garcia was 3rd place with a weight of 17.30 lbs. Charlie Delight had the big fish that weighed 9.65. Now the AOY race heats up. John Martin now leads with 290 points. In second remains Kenny Graham with 283 points and Roger Nelson moves up to third with 275 points. The last event was a dual so it adds to the pressure.

June 7th was our last event and was a dual with the Mother Lode Region. What a way to end the year. Bryan Strombom brought the winning weight to the scale of 17.65 lbs and he also had the big fish of 7.87 lbs. John Martin weighed in 16.39 lbs, which put him in 2nd place, and Deacon Fernandes finished in 3rd place with 13.70 lbs.

John Martin, a new comer to the Federation, earned the title of Angler of the Year for the Delta Region. He had a total of 394 points and Justin Arellano finished in 2nd overall with 362 points. Outstanding job John. That's one heck of a way to start off in a circuit. We look forward to seeing everybody back next year and hope you all bring somebody new with you. We couldn't do it without our sponsors, clubs, and members.

Kelly Willis  
Treasurer & Secretary  
California Bass Federation





# R2

Bill Kunz  
Tournament Director  
Region 2



First of all I would like to thank all of our sponsors for their support during these tough economic times and all the anglers that fished the Big Valley Region this year. The tough economy and the tough fishing made for an unusual and at times frustrating year for the competitors. The 2009 Big Valley Region held four tournaments this year and the numbers speak for themselves in terms of how tough the fishing really was.

The first tournament of the year was held at Millerton Lake on January 18, 2009. There were 40 anglers that caught 104 fish (Avg. 2.6 fish per angler) that weighed 121.74 pounds (1.17 lbs avg. per fish) with only 8 five fish limits brought to the scales. Fresno's Rick White took the honors with four fish weighing 7.50 including the tournament's big fish a healthy 4.79 lb Spot.

The second tournament of the year was held at Pine Flat Lake on March 01, 2009 and its numbers weren't any better. There were 41 anglers that caught 59 fish (Avg. 1.43 fish per angler) weighing 62.40 pounds (1.05 lbs avg. per fish ) with only one five fish limit being brought to the scales by Fresno's Ryan Voorhees. Voorhees won the event with the only five fish limit weighing a whopping 5.78 pounds. Hanford's Scott Douglas had big fish honors with a 3.60 pound largemouth.

The third tournament of the year was held at Millerton Lake on March 22, 2009. There were 37 anglers that caught 146 fish (Avg. 3.95 fish per angler) weighing 183.19 pounds (1.25 lbs avg. per fish) with 23 five fish limits being brought to the scales. Fresno's Chet Elia was victorious with five fish weighing in at 8.11 lbs. Big fish honors went to Brett Hershberger with a 3.43 lb Spot.

The fourth and final tournament was held at Pine Flat on April 26, 2009. There were 31 anglers that caught 56 fish (1.8 fish per angler) weighing 71.84 pounds (1.28 lbs avg. per fish) and there were only 2 five limits brought to the scales. Clovis' Timmy Wells Jr. crushed the rest of the field with a five fish limit weighing in at 10.93 pounds the biggest limit of the year and 3 pounds more than the closest competitor. Wells had big fish for the tournament and for the year, a nice 5.58 lb largemouth.

After all was said and done the 2009 Angler of the Year was taken by Hanford's Scott Douglas. Scott was the most consistent angler all year. He finished the season with two second place finishes, a fourth place finish and tenth place finish. Congratulations to Scott Douglas the 2009 California Bass Federation Big Valley Angler of the Year!

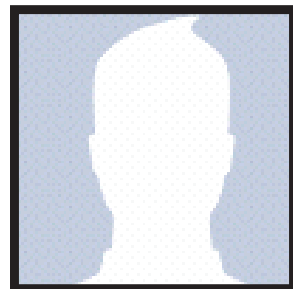
The 2010 Big Valley Region season is scheduled to kick off in January with a dual tournament with the Motherlode Region at Lake McClure. The second tournament will be held at Millerton in February followed with another dual event at Don Pedro in March with the Sacramento Region. The final Big Valley tournament for 2010 will be held at Pine Flat in April.

As always if you have any criticisms or would like to see something changed please call me with your suggestions. Thanks again for your support and I look forward to seeing you in 2010.



# R3

John Lake  
Tournament Director  
Region 3



Region 3 Kicked off its 1st event on March 15th at Clear Lake. A dual event with Region 5. The bite had been up 1 day and down the next making weight predictions tough and the final numbers proved it. Jason Milligan took the top spot with 22.21lbs. Jason caught most of his winning bag on chatterbaits and swimbaits. Second place was awarded to Tony Thomasy with 18.13, rounding out the top 5 were. Mark Daniels with 16.02lbs, Rick Kendrick with 15.80lbs and Mac McCullough with 15.12lbs.

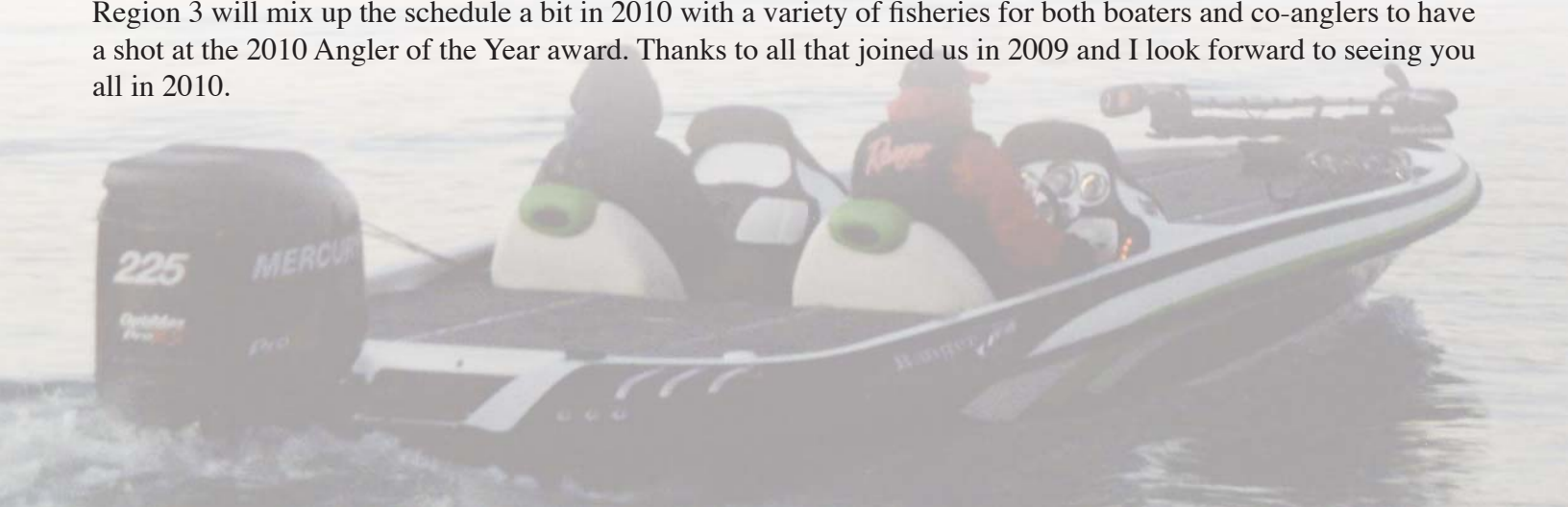
The second stop of the year would be the spotted bass waters of Lake Oroville on May 3rd. 29 anglers arrived to check in with dumping rain that later cleared to blue bird sky's and a brisk north wind. Steve Shaffer would take the win and big fish a nice 3.82lb spotted bass and total weigh of 12.69lbs. Steve bounced bridge pilings dropping plastics on the fish for the win. Second place was John Lake with 10.15lbs. John caught all his fish on spinnerbaits fished fast off vertical walls. Rounding off the top 5 were Gunnar Hobbs with 9.55lbs, Ray Crane with 9.40lbs and Terry Goetze with 9.40lbs.

The California Delta would be the 3rd event of the year. Reports of a tough bite from most of the 27 anglers during check in was the tale of the day at weigh ins. First place went to Tom Shimabukuro with 18.41lbs. Second Place was Region 3's 2008 Angler of the Year Mark Daniels Jr. with 16.55lbs. Rounding out the top 5 were Rick Kendrick with 11.82lbs, Ben Willis with 11.31lbs and Craig Eller with 11.16 lbs. Big Fish of the event went to Steve Wilson with a nice 6.15lbr. Thanks to the Russo's staff for helping with the weigh in set up and facilities.

Final Event for Region 3 was at Clear Lake on July 26th. Jimmy of Clear Lake Bait and Tackle opened the store at 4am for the 45 anglers to get last minute baits and coffee. With the worse algae bloom reported in 2 decades Jimmy's staff hosed down the ramp as we checked in having it ready for us to launch and play with the Clear Lake big girls. Unfortunately the big fish were no where to be found on this hot summer day. Archie Steele would dropshot his was to victory with 16.86lbs. Mitch Thiele finished in the second spot with 16.26lbs. Rounding out the top 5 were Kim Adkins with 16.16lbs, Brian Garland with 15.93lbs and Jason Milligan with 15.90lbs.

Congrats to Rick Kendrick placing 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 13th place and earning the 2009 Region 3 Angler of the Year award. Rick proved to be the most versatile angler, scoring solid finishes no matter what body of water we fished.

Region 3 will mix up the schedule a bit in 2010 with a variety of fisheries for both boaters and co-anglers to have a shot at the 2010 Angler of the Year award. Thanks to all that joined us in 2009 and I look forward to seeing you all in 2010.





Jeff Green  
Tournament Director  
Region 4



Well anglers, another year down and a successful one at that! Participation numbers were up from last year. I would like to thank you all for the year. I personally had a great time with everybody. As far as the fishing went, the bite this year was a little tougher than years in the past. Talking to other tournament directors, total numbers of fish being weighed in were down from the past, but all in all, Region 4 did well. Great job guys!

Just a recap of the season goes like this. We started in February at New Melones. 1st place went to Deacon Fernandes with 11.49, 2nd was Kevin Burge with 10.67, and 3rd Tim Wells with 9.89. Then March was Camanche. It was a better bite there. 1st was Joe Martarano with 12.99, 2nd Andre Garcia with 12.12 and 3rd Steve Greene with 11.47. The month of April proved to be good once again at Pardee with good weights. 1st was Archie Steele with 19.98, 2nd Ben Willis with 14.94, and 3rd Tim Wells with 14.19. This was just a great tournament!

We ended the season with a dual on the Delta. It was a great turn out. 1st was John Martin with 16.39, 2nd was Deacon Fernandes with 13.70, and 3rd was Fred Lerond with 13.37. The top three places went to Delta region guys. Next year the Mother Lode guys will get them.

The 2010 season should be exciting. We did some schedule changes to help with the numbers so be sure to look for our tournament schedule on the web page soon. I look forward to seeing you all back in 2010. Find a friend and lets get them in the Federation. I want to end this with a big special thanks to two women that really make this region run and work at the weigh ins. That is to Kelly Willis and Pat Golden. Without them we would be lost, so ladies, thank you very much!!

Jeff Green





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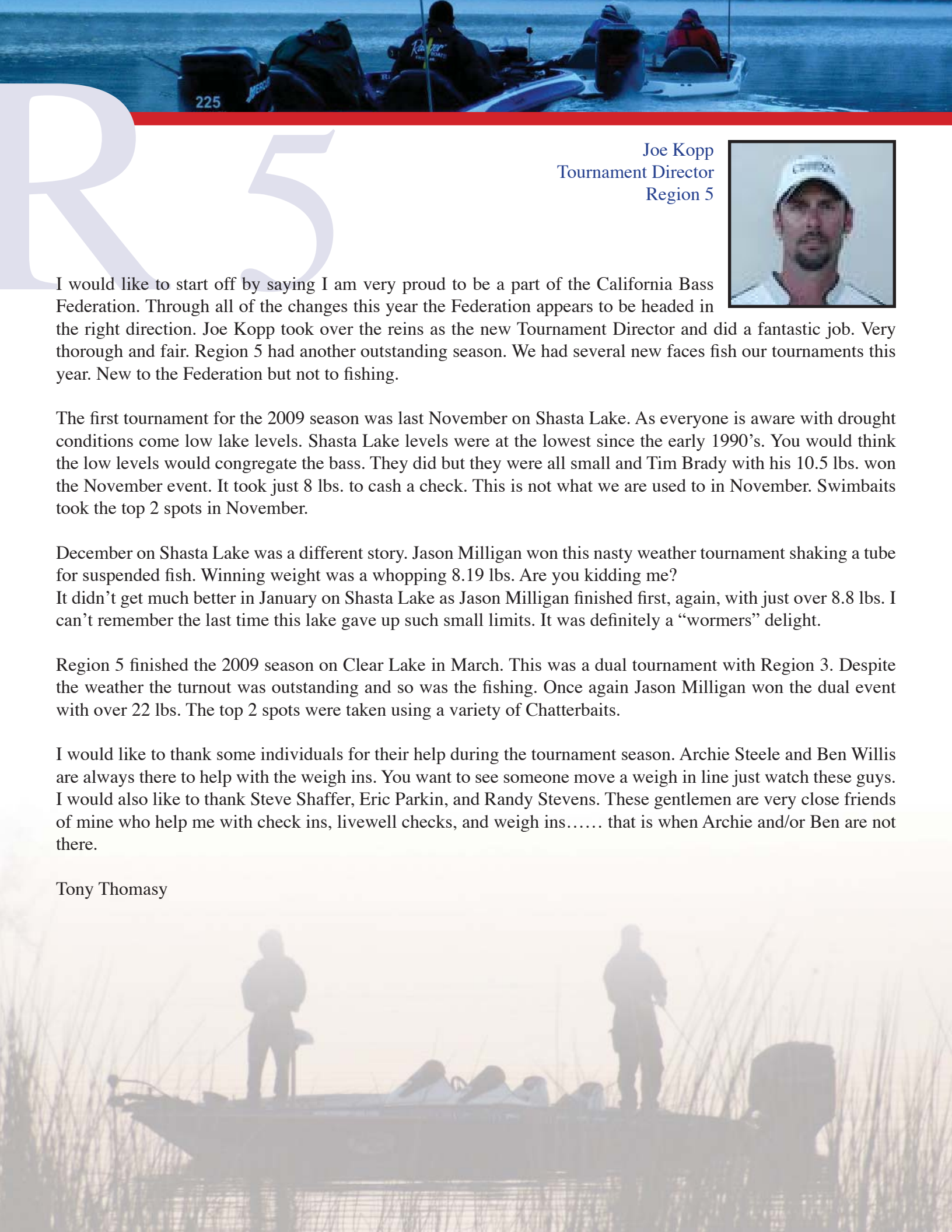


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# R5

Joe Kopp  
Tournament Director  
Region 5



I would like to start off by saying I am very proud to be a part of the California Bass Federation. Through all of the changes this year the Federation appears to be headed in the right direction. Joe Kopp took over the reins as the new Tournament Director and did a fantastic job. Very thorough and fair. Region 5 had another outstanding season. We had several new faces fish our tournaments this year. New to the Federation but not to fishing.

The first tournament for the 2009 season was last November on Shasta Lake. As everyone is aware with drought conditions come low lake levels. Shasta Lake levels were at the lowest since the early 1990's. You would think the low levels would congregate the bass. They did but they were all small and Tim Brady with his 10.5 lbs. won the November event. It took just 8 lbs. to cash a check. This is not what we are used to in November. Swimbaits took the top 2 spots in November.

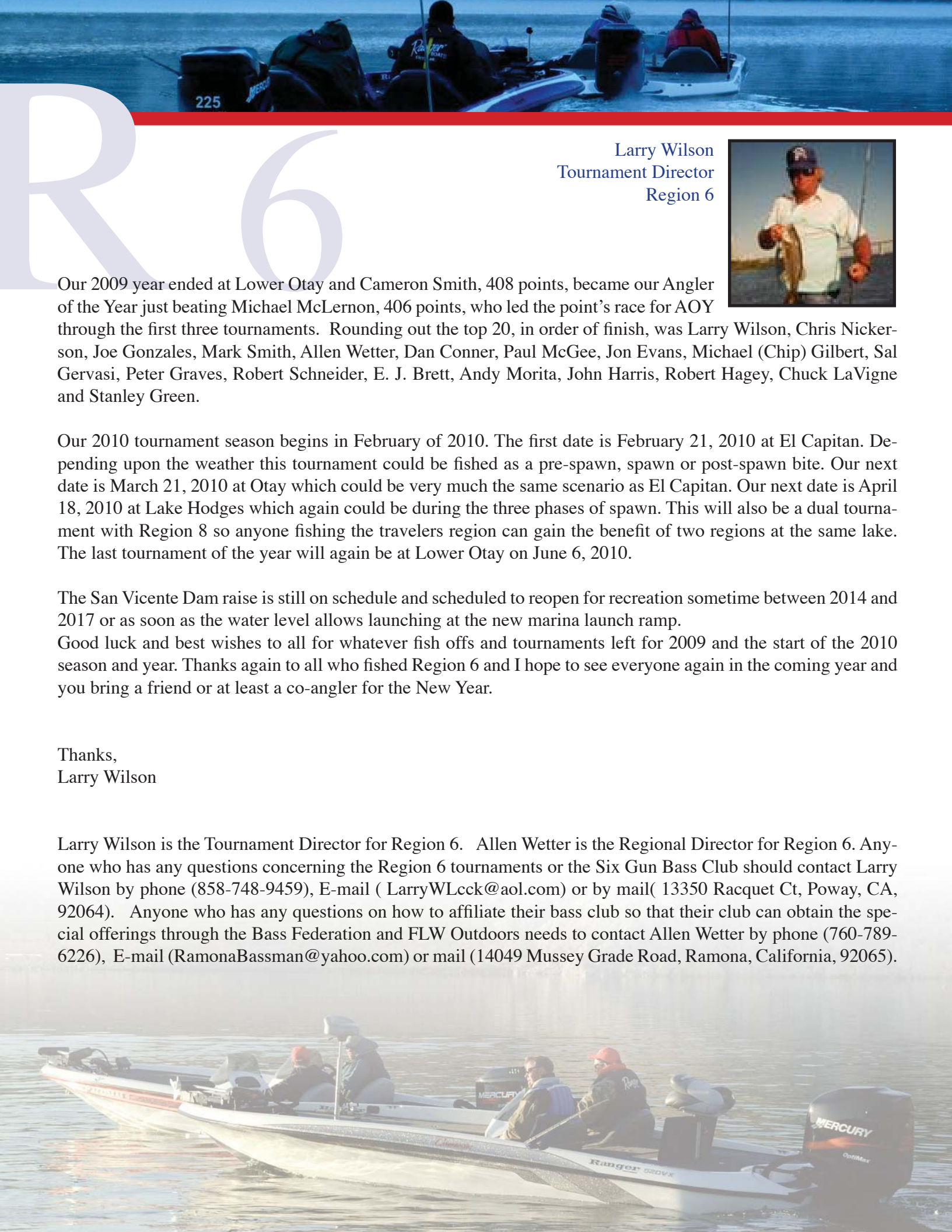
December on Shasta Lake was a different story. Jason Milligan won this nasty weather tournament shaking a tube for suspended fish. Winning weight was a whopping 8.19 lbs. Are you kidding me? It didn't get much better in January on Shasta Lake as Jason Milligan finished first, again, with just over 8.8 lbs. I can't remember the last time this lake gave up such small limits. It was definitely a "wormers" delight.

Region 5 finished the 2009 season on Clear Lake in March. This was a dual tournament with Region 3. Despite the weather the turnout was outstanding and so was the fishing. Once again Jason Milligan won the dual event with over 22 lbs. The top 2 spots were taken using a variety of Chatterbaits.

I would like to thank some individuals for their help during the tournament season. Archie Steele and Ben Willis are always there to help with the weigh ins. You want to see someone move a weigh in line just watch these guys. I would also like to thank Steve Shaffer, Eric Parkin, and Randy Stevens. These gentlemen are very close friends of mine who help me with check ins, livewell checks, and weigh ins..... that is when Archie and/or Ben are not there.

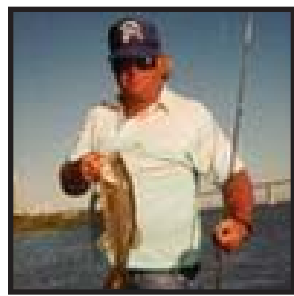
Tony Thomasy





# R6

Larry Wilson  
Tournament Director  
Region 6



Our 2009 year ended at Lower Otay and Cameron Smith, 408 points, became our Angler of the Year just beating Michael McLernon, 406 points, who led the point's race for AOY through the first three tournaments. Rounding out the top 20, in order of finish, was Larry Wilson, Chris Nickerson, Joe Gonzales, Mark Smith, Allen Wetter, Dan Conner, Paul McGee, Jon Evans, Michael (Chip) Gilbert, Sal Gervasi, Peter Graves, Robert Schneider, E. J. Brett, Andy Morita, John Harris, Robert Hagey, Chuck LaVigne and Stanley Green.

Our 2010 tournament season begins in February of 2010. The first date is February 21, 2010 at El Capitan. Depending upon the weather this tournament could be fished as a pre-spawn, spawn or post-spawn bite. Our next date is March 21, 2010 at Otay which could be very much the same scenario as El Capitan. Our next date is April 18, 2010 at Lake Hodges which again could be during the three phases of spawn. This will also be a dual tournament with Region 8 so anyone fishing the travelers region can gain the benefit of two regions at the same lake. The last tournament of the year will again be at Lower Otay on June 6, 2010.

The San Vicente Dam raise is still on schedule and scheduled to reopen for recreation sometime between 2014 and 2017 or as soon as the water level allows launching at the new marina launch ramp.

Good luck and best wishes to all for whatever fish offs and tournaments left for 2009 and the start of the 2010 season and year. Thanks again to all who fished Region 6 and I hope to see everyone again in the coming year and you bring a friend or at least a co-angler for the New Year.

Thanks,  
Larry Wilson

Larry Wilson is the Tournament Director for Region 6. Allen Wetter is the Regional Director for Region 6. Anyone who has any questions concerning the Region 6 tournaments or the Six Gun Bass Club should contact Larry Wilson by phone (858-748-9459), E-mail ( LarryWLcck@aol.com) or by mail( 13350 Racquet Ct, Poway, CA, 92064). Anyone who has any questions on how to affiliate their bass club so that their club can obtain the special offerings through the Bass Federation and FLW Outdoors needs to contact Allen Wetter by phone (760-789-6226), E-mail (RamonaBassman@yahoo.com) or mail (14049 Mussey Grade Road, Ramona, California, 92065).





R7

Ray Leyerly  
Tournament Director  
Region 7



Last season was a huge success for region 7 even in these tough economic times. We had a great group of anglers for each event that saw 4 different winners for the season.

The first tournament of the year was postponed because of adverse conditions but the make up tournament saw last seasons A.O.Y., Jerry Ballesteros, pull off the win at Lake Castaic. The win put him in the hot seat for a repeat of Angler of the Year. The Angler of the Year would be a hotly contested spot for the entire season.

The second event of the season was held at Lake Pyramid in late February and conditions were to say the least tough. Chances of snow were in the forecast and snow was on the hillsides as the Anglers were launching there boats. Fishing was outstanding for Lake Pyramid with the per fish avg. over 2 pounds. The winner would not be decided until the last person to weigh in. Lance Karafelas beat out Jerry Ballesteros by less than a quarter pound to take the win.

The third event was at Beautiful Lake Piru in the spring and conditions in the air were great for a big bag of fish to be weighed in that day. The one factor everyone forgot about was the fish. Many instead were thinking about Jerry B. running away with the A.O.Y. title and forgot about the fish. One person did not however and that was Doug Delgado. Fishing out of the back of the boat Doug managed to catch the eventual winning weight of 11.25 pounds and become the champion at Lake Piru. Jerry however faltered and finished 11th. At this tournament and now made it a real race for angler of the year. On a side note, Doug Delgado and his boater Psalm Respress overcame some real adversity and still managed to catch fish and also the win. Psalm's trolling motor cable broke very early on in the tournament and had to motor around and then drift to catch there fish, Great job guys.

The 4th and final event of the season was back up at Pyramid Lake. This the final event of the season had a lot on the line. For starters the top 20 qualifiers to go to the state championship would be decided, as well as the Angler of the Year title would be decided with only 10 points separating the top 4 anglers. Pyramid proved to be a tough post spawn bite. As you all know somebody seems to always get the 5 bites needed to win. Kevin Shin was that man. He made his 5 bites count as he, boated the only 5 bites he had all day. Those bites produced the winning weight of 11.24 pounds and gave Kevin the win at Pyramid Lake.

Jerry Ballesteros rose to the occasion finishing in 4th place with 1 of only 5 limits caught for the day. With this finish Jerry became the first Back to Back Angler of the Year since I became a tournament director for this region 4 years ago. Congrats to you Jerry and to all the Anglers who won events this year and made the championship to be held at Beautiful Lake Shasta.

I would like to thank all the anglers as well as Monster Energy drink for sponsoring the first out of the money award and Troy Lindner along with Rapala for the great donation of hard baits we raffled off during the season.

Join us next year for the 2009/2010 season that will kick off in November at Lake Castaic and will end in May 2010 at Beautiful Lake Piru.



# R 8

Chip Gilbert  
Tournament Director  
Region 8



Hello guys,

Its Chip Gilbert I have heard from David Pauley that I was voted in as tournament director for region 8. I really want to thank you for the chance to change the region and make it bigger and better. I will be seeing all of you at the state championship in Shasta so we can all meet face to face. Scott had asked about doing something for the news letter. I put a little something together. I was kinda of unsure if i should write it as tournament director or not. If this will not work let me know and i could change it around.

The season has come to an end for the new region in the C B F. We started region 8 this year to open up more lakes in the inland empire to fish. There was a good turn out of guys to support the new region. A big thanks goes out to all of you who fished with us. With a few ups and downs that go with everything new the season was great.

We are awarding a non-boat A.O.Y. this year. A big accomplishment from the back of the boat. I am happy to announce Chris Studinger gets the honors this year. It was a close race with a few guys still having a chance at the last tournament.

We are making some changes this year to the region as well. There will be a new tournament director announced this year at the fish off in Shasta. Hoping to make the region run a little smooth.

Thanks  
Chip Gilbert





The California Bass Federation State Championships were held at Lake Shasta on October 15 and 16th. The weather preceding the tournament was both windy and rainy and it lingered in to day 1 of the tournament, but day 2 proved to be a beautiful day.

The event was hosted at the great facilities of the Gold Hills Golf Club in Redding whose people made it special. The food was on time, hot and satisfying to all who attended. I would like to thank the staff of Gold Hills Golf Club for their hospitality. We appreciate you working so hard for us.

The fishing was quite eventful. Day 1 had some great weights with two folks nailing the kicker fish resulting in bags over 10lbs. As we all know, the trick of Lake Shasta is weeding through the cookie cutter fish to get to the bigger ones. Both Cameron Smith and Phil Garcia made that happen on day 1. Day 2 proved to be a bit tougher. It seems the cookie cutter was all over the lake and people were culling for 0.02 pounds to make a difference. The balance beam or an accurate scale would be so important!

In the end, places 6-11 would have a spread of just over 2 ounces! Making the State Team, or not, was settled by less than 2 ounces. Who would have guessed that a Southern California boy would take the big prize of State Champion ... CONGRATULATIONS to Cameron Smith with a total weight of 24.78 lbs.

The California Bass Federation State Team members are:

- Cameron Smith
- Philip Garcia
- Ryan Voorhees
- Jeff Farmer
- Steve Dollard
- Ryan Krost
- Randy Pierson
- Ken Eddy
- Jason Milligan
- Tom Shimabakuro
- Bill Kunz – Team Captain
- Mike Sperbeck
- Paul McGee – Alternate

These folks will be representing California at the TBF Southwest Divisional Championships in May at the California Delta, hosted by the California Bass Federation. As a reward for their accomplishment, Dobyns Rods will be offering 1 year Pro-Staff contracts to all State Team members. Congratulations and THANK YOU Gary Dobyns!

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