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Scott Sweet
President-California Bass Federation



Well the 2010 California State Championships are upon us! For all those who qualified, congratulations! The 2010 State Championships will be at Lake Havasu on October 1st and 2nd on the Arizona side. We will be launching out of Windsor Beach and we expect to have a great turn out. While it will be hot, I expect that topwater will be the bait of choice for catching some very big fish. I don't think we will be worried about ounces like at Shasta!!

As we wind down on 2010 and start talking about 2011, there are some changes that happened and more to come. In 2010, we launched our new website hosted by the national TBF office. It will ultimately cost the CBF a lot less money and it looks awesome! If you haven't checked it out, please do so at www.californiabass.org. We also got a new Conservation Director, George Fedor who has been a long time Federation member living in Southern California.

As for 2011, the office of the President will be up for election at the annual board meeting as well as State Tournament Director, Youth Director and the Tournament and Regional Directors for the odd regions, 1,3,5 and 7. I will not be running for re-election due to the heavy time commitment required as President. I barely fished this year due to the many events I attended as the President of the CBF. I had a great time being your President and have appreciated the contacts and new relationships I have cultivated during my term. I will likely be doing other things for the CBF so I will still see you around. I want to thank all of you for your support during these nearly 2 years and wish the new President the best of luck for 2011.

From a tournament perspective, the 2011 schedule is nearly completed and will likely be ready by the time you all read this. We hope you all continue to support the CBF as we need your participation! The new season looks very exciting and hopefully the fishing/weather will be more cooperative this coming year. I know from talking to many people, 2010 was a tough fishing year across the entire state so hopefully it will improve for 2011.

Good luck at the State Championships and I will see you on the water at Lake Havasu!

Scott Sweet





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Archie Steele
State Tournament Director



Congratulation to the 118 anglers for qualified for the 2010 State Championship at Lake Havasu. Lake Havasu is a new body of water to the guys in the northern part of the state, but I was there a couple of years ago and had a blast. Next year`s State Championship will be on the California Delta, we will be launching out of Russo`s Marina. This year was a great year , California won the divisional and congrats to Ryan Voorhees and Phil Garcia they will be are representatives at the Nationals next year. Next year looks like it will be another great year. One thing that has changed is that the mother lode region will be hosting no Delta tournament this year they will have a complete mother lode region with to tournament on Comanche. Shasta region will be hosting a duel on Clear Lake with Sac region in March should be an awesome bite. One thing I have always said “if everyone got one new member next year we would double are regions”.

Archie Steele
State Tournament Director

Why Should I Wear My Life Jacket?

The U.S. Coast Guard estimates that life jackets could have saved the lives of more than 80 percent of boating fatality victims. As a boat operator, you`re in command of the safety of your passengers. But accidents can and do happen with terrifying speed on the water. There`s rarely time to reach stowed life jackets. The U.S. Coast Guard challenges you and your passengers to wear your life jacket all the time while underway.

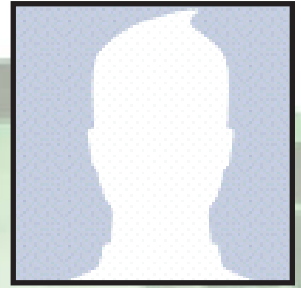
George Fedor
Conservation Director



Catch and release is a core value of all FLW organized bass fishing events. The true value of catch and release is that the fish survives to grow and be caught another day. Let`s talk about the survive part of that statement. There are numerous things we, as anglers, can and need to do to ensure that the survival chances are maximized. A fish can be released alive but die within an hour or a few days. This delayed mortality is something many people choose to ignore when considering their fish handling and care. Some anglers releasing all of their fish are killing more fish than a “meat” angler who catches his daily limit and leaves. Don`t be an accidental fish killer. Here are a few guidelines for some best practices.



George Fedor
Conservation Director



Catching:

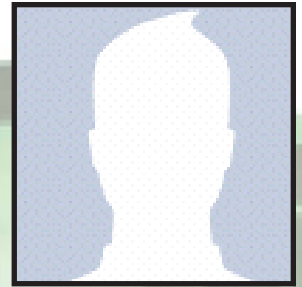
1. Try to catch your fish quickly without totally exhausting the fish, especially in warmer water. If possible use heavier tackle to land the fish, quickly remove the hook and return the fish to the water or the livewell.
2. Remove hooks carefully to minimize further damage to a fishes sensitive gill area. Modern hooks do not rust out so make every effort to remove the hook from deeply hooked fish. It may be prudent to purchase heavy cutting pliers that will allow you to cut the point/barb off of a hook to allow complete hook removal. Leaving a hook in should be a last resort.
3. If you are going to immediately release a fish, do not use a landing net. If a net is used, use a net made of soft, woven, knotless nylon or rubber. Nets made of hard knotted materials can harm fish by removing the mucus (slime) layer.
4. Do not bounce fish all over the boat. This could result in damage to their mucus (slime) coating. Fish require their slime coating to protect against infections.
5. Learn how to and have the required equipment on board to deflate the swim bladder of deep caught fish.
6. If you require additional time to unhook a fish, do it in the livewell and take the time to give the fish a breath or two of freshly oxygenated water so he can breathe. As a comparison, hold your breath anytime you have a fish out of the water to learn how often a fish needs to be returned to the water. The same thing applies when taking photo's.

Keeping:

1. Ensure your livewells are operating correctly and be sure to fill up with fresh local water.
2. When the water temperature exceeds 75 F, set your livewells to run in recirculation mode.
3. Attempt to keep livewell temperatures a FEW (no more than 5) degrees cooler than lake water temperature so that dissolved oxygen levels are higher. Frozen water bottles or ice can be used in moderation.
4. Do NOT use the same livewell water all day long. Empty half out and refill with fresh water so that the ammonia content is lowered in your livewells. Do this periodically throughout the day. You should cool each batch of fresh new water.
5. Commercial fish care products are great when added to the livewell but make sure you refresh the water and add more product in accordance with manufacturer's directions every few hours. You may also use non-iodized salt at a rate of 1/3 cup per 5 gallons of water. Pre-measure the salt into ziplock bags for ease of use when you change livewell water throughout the day.
6. On long runs, take a short break and ensure that your livewell water levels are still high.



George Fedor
Conservation Director



Weigh-In:

1. Fish should be in a weigh-in bag for a MAXIMUM of 3 minutes unless additional oxygen is added to the water.
2. Ensure sufficient water is in all weigh-in bags. Mesh bags can be used at drive-by weigh ins to decrease fish handling and minimize fish stress.
3. Holding fish in a line to weigh-in, weighing in and then holding fish up for photo's places a lot of stress on the fish. Take the extra time to make sure the fish get the oxygenated water they need. Once again, try holding YOUR breath during this process. A standard weigh-in bag with sufficient water will last around 3 minutes before the fish need more oxygen.
4. Holding tanks with a source of fresh oxygen are an excellent supplement to a weigh in and can dramatically increase the levels of oxygen available to fish.
5. Once your fish are weighed and on their way back to the lake, remember that they still need fresh water. It is a good practice to change the water they have been breathing for fresh water for the transport back to the lake. This gives the fish a fresh supply of oxygen and removes the dissolved waste products (ammonia and carbon dioxide) in the water.

Release:

1. Release boats should be utilized when possible. If a release boat is not available, angler boats can be used to release the fish in deeper parts of the lake.
2. Ensure that all fish to be released are swimming well and do not need to have their swim bladder's deflated. If a fish is swimming on its side or upside down it will need to have the swim bladder deflated. It is best to deflate swim bladders immediately after a fish is caught. This will minimize the amount of time that the rest of its internal organs are subjected to additional stress.
3. If a fish requires revival before release, swim it in a forward direction by hand in a figure 8 pattern to pass fresh water over the gills. The gills are designed to remove oxygen from the water as the water flows over them in one direction. Forcing water back over the gills could damage the gills or gill filaments



Sal Gervasi
Youth Director



The 2010 season was very interesting in many ways. Just months before the NGJWC we learned of big cuts from the TBF in funding travel expenses for the Junior program. With the economy the way it is it has effected every one in one way or another. FLW just like every other company around the world has lost Sponsors and revenue. What this meant for us was there would be no money to help pay for our Champions to attend the NGJWC in Atlanta.

To the credit of the Board of the Ca. Bass Federation and its members we were able to fund the trip for our contenders and there fathers. I would like to take the opportunity to thank every one who made a donation and the Board of Directors for making it possible. After the unexpected expenses the Ca. Bass Federation is looking at new ways to fund future travel for our Junior program. The most obvious is to hold a couple open events. We will be discussing this at the upcoming Board meeting at Lake Havasu in October. If You have a suggestion as to how to raise additional funds please contact myself or another Board member.

Matt English and Justin Malpas were eager and very prepared to fish Little River and Wahoo Creeks at Lake Lanier in Georgia. With GPS coordinates and all the right tackle they blasted off with there boat captains immediately after the pros. It was hot and humid and a big storm blasted all at the weigh in. With Thunder, Lightning and Rain coming down in sheets the weigh in continued.

Unfortunately Both of them blanked. The bite was tough even for the pros, some very famous Fisherman blanked both days. That however couldn't ruin the experience foe these young anglers. They had a wonderful time getting to meet and talk with there favorite pros such as Hank Parker and Jimmy Houston. Forest Wood spoke to all the contenders at the Banquet.

Both boys were very happy about making a Sunday on top of my head at the Banquet. Just one of many fun activities planed that night. If asked both of them will tell you they want to go back again next year. This is a wonderful program and with the help of our Anglers in the Bass Federation I hope it will continue.

Sal Gervasi





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R1

Ben Willis
Tournament Director
Region 1



This past year proved to be another close race for AOY all the way up to the last event. We had a great turnout and overall we averaged 45 anglers per event. We started off in March and that's where the race began. Mark Daniels Jr. took first place with a weight of 22.13 lbs and big fish of 7.58 lbs. Brian Carpenter was second with 18.69 lbs and third was Deacon Fernandes with 15.14 lbs.

The second event was April 11th and things reversed with Brian Carpenter in first with 27.36 lbs (largest weight of the year) followed by Mark Daniels Jr. in second weighing 24.28 lbs. Third place was Don Gage with 22.10 lbs and new comer Ken Gunderson had the big fish weighing in an impressive 9.94 lbs. That was also the largest fish weighed in this season.

Moving onto the May 16th event Deacon Fernandes took first place with 21.93 lbs. Brian Carpenter and Mark Daniels Jr. were right behind though. Brian finished in second place with 19.63 lbs. and big fish of 8.36 lbs and Mark third with 19.00 lbs.

Now with only one point separating Brian and Mark the last tournament would definitely be the deal breaker for AOY. Unfortunately Brian had boat issues and didn't even make it back to weigh in. A couple of newcomers and non boaters took the top spot for the last tourney. Brittyn Wiggins won the event weighing in 19.40 lbs. and Jon Rodgers took second with 16.52 lbs. Mark Daniels Jr. was third place weighing in 16.24 lbs and the big fish of the event was brought in by Steve Marino and was 7.13 lbs. Needless to say Mark Daniels Jr. is the AOY for the Delta Region in the 2010 season.

I decided to change things up a little bit for the 2011 season. We are the Delta Region but instead of all the events going out of one launch site I decided to switch off between Ladd's (Buckley Cove) and B&W marina. Events will be March 6th – Ladd's, April 3rd – B&W, May 1st – Ladd's, and ending up with June 5th – B&W. The last event will still be a dual but with the Sacramento Region.

Please watch our website in case of any changes to the schedule dates or times. Bring a friend and let's make this region grow. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I'm really looking forward to the new season and seeing everybody again.

Kelly Willis
Treasurer & Secretary
California Bass Federation



Region 1 Angler Of the Year

Mark Daniels wins California Delta Region Angler of the Year Award

By Brian Carpenter

California Delta — Completing a remarkably consistent 2010 season, boater Mark Daniels won the Region 1 Angler of the Year award. To be eligible, Mark had to fish four tournaments in the Delta Region to top the field of the largest Federation Region in California.



Mark Daniels, now 29 years old, started fishing at the age of 5 around the San Francisco Bay for surf perch with his dad. He joined the Federation at the age of 16. Mark won his first bass club tournament at age 15. He has won 7 Angler of the year titles, and numerous wins in local tournaments. Mark Daniels also finished 6th place in the last FLW tournament on the Delta in 2010.

Mark is one of the nicest anglers around and is a great friend to many. He is a father of two, Mark Daniels Jr.III, and Morgan Daniels. His fiancé Taneisha supports Marks fishing.

Growing up, Mark idolized Tommy Biffle. "He was always fishing shallow trees and wood", "so I learned to flip shallow". Marks favorite bait is a 6 inch Senko on 15lb test P-line fluorocarbon line. Marks favorite technique is flipping shallow cover.

Mark said," I like the Federation Draw format, because you get a chance to meet new friends". He also said, "This past year was a good year for me." Daniels attributed his success to years of practice and time on the water. He is supported by sponsors like; Rippinlipps.com, Hobbie Polarized eyewear, P-line, Spro, and Dobyns rods. Mark owns a 2006 Ranger Z19 powered by a 225 Evinrude motor.

Good luck Mark, at the California Bass State Championship, Oct 2010 at Lake Havasu.



R2

Bill Kunz
Tournament Director
Region 2



The 2010 Region 2 season started out on January 10th at Lake McClure. This event was a dual event with Region 4. The bite was good with 21 limits brought to the scales, but the quality was lacking. A total of 128 fish were brought to the scales for a grand total of 163.91 lbs and a 1.28 lb per fish average. The quality wasn't too bad for Madera's Seth Rowe who brought (5) fish to the scales for a total of 9.59 lbs and the win. He also had the big fish of the tournament a 2.71 lb largemouth. The amazing part about his win was that it was won on spooks and flukes in the back of a major creek. Second Place went to Jeff Green, the Region 4 tournament director. Jeff caught his fish from the back seat and weighed in (5) fish for a total of 8.28 lbs. Jeff caught his fish in 35 feet of water in the main lake shaking small plastics. Third Place went to Hanford's Bill Kunz who weighed in (5) fish for a total of 7.22 lbs. Bill Caught his fish on main lake points drop shotting in 25-55 feet of water.

The second event of the season was held on February 7, 2010, at Fresno's Lake Millerton. This event saw 24 anglers catch only 7 limits and a total of 66 fish. The total weight of all the fish brought to the scales was 105.89 lbs averaging out to 1.60 lb per fish. First Place went to Hanford's Bill Kunz who bested the field by more than four and a half pounds. Bill caught his fish drop shotting along a channel swing in 55 feet of water. His (5) fish limit tipped the scales at 13.01 lbs and was anchored with the big fish of the tournament a healthy 3.24 lb spot. Second Place went to Clovis' Timmy Wells who landed (5) fish for a total of 8.46 lbs. Timmy caught all his fish on a texas rig in 60 feet of water. Third Place went to Clovis' Tim Wells Sr. who had a (5) fish limit that weighed in at 8.45 lbs.

The third tournament of the season was a dual event with Region 3 on March 21, 2010, at Lake Don Pedro. 29 anglers caught 116 fish consisting of 87 largemouth, 25 smallmouth and 4 spotted bass. The total weight for these fish was 271.44 lbs and an average of 2.34 lbs per fish. Big fish of the event was a 12.77 lb largemouth caught by Steve Dollard. First Place went to Hughson's Steve Dollard who weighed in an impressive (5) fish limit for 22.17 lb. Steve anchored his limit with the 12.77 lb bruiser he caught first thing in the morning on a texas rigged worm. Steve fished plastics on the main lake to catch his winning limit. Second Place went to Oakdale's Randy Pierson who weighed (5) fish for 18.61 lbs. Randy caught his fish in the Rodgers arm fishing senkos and a drop shot. Third Place went to Fresno's Eddie Alonzo who caught his 15.36 lb limit from the back seat of Randy Pierson's boat. Eddie caught his fish texas rigging plastics.

The fourth and final tournament of the season as held on April 18, 2010, at Pine Flat Lake. This tournament saw 19 anglers catch 67 fish, 27 largemouth and 40 spots, for a total of 129.84 lbs and a 1.93 lb average per fish. Big fish of the tournament was a beautiful 9.23 lb largemouth caught by Fresno's Timmy Wells. First Place was Fresno's Timmy Wells who weighed in a (5) fish limit for 20.28 lbs anchored by the tournament big fish of 9.23 lbs. Timmy caught his first limit of the day throwing a swim bait on the main lake. Timmy caught the big fish off a bed at about 1pm. Second Place went to Hanford's Bill Kunz who brought in a (5) fish limit weighing in at 11.24 lbs. Bill caught his fish throwing senkos in the river and drop shotting a rock pile on the main lake. Third Place went to Fresno's Ron Red Sr. who caught (5) that weighed in at 11.00 lbs. Ron caught his fish down by the dam bed fishing and then drop shotting in 15-20 feet of water.

The 2010 Region 2 Angler of the Year honors went to Hanford's --Bill Kunz.



R Angler Of the Year

BILL KUNZ

Town.....Hanford, CA

Age.....44

Hobbies.....Hunting, Fishing, Lure Making

**Family.....Wife-Christina, Son-Matthew
Daughter-Miranda**

Favorite Lake.....Clear Lake, Clear Lake and did I mention Clear Lake!

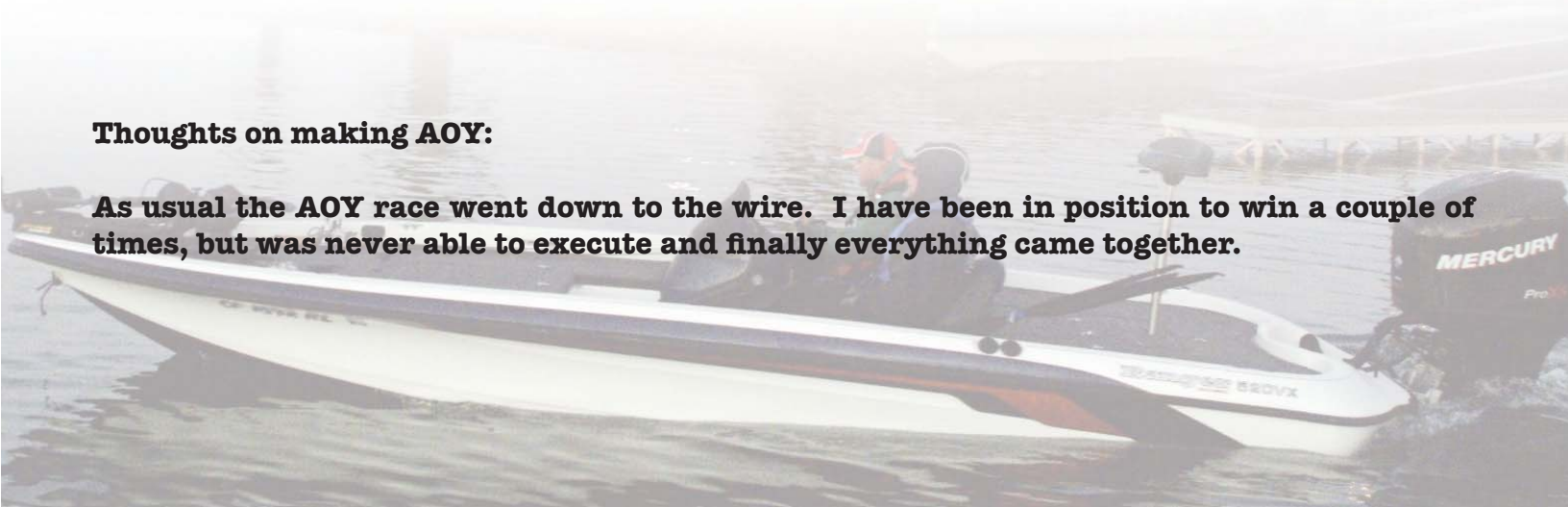
Least favorite Lake.....Millerton

Best attribute.....Being versatile and not getting locked into the same old thing.

Favorite fishing technique / pattern.....Topwater, Burning LV 500's, Swimming a Jig

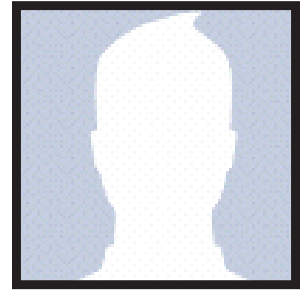
Thoughts on making AOY:

As usual the AOY race went down to the wire. I have been in position to win a couple of times, but was never able to execute and finally everything came together.



R 3

John Lake
Tournament Director
Region 3



Half way through the season Region 3 made the trip to Oroville on June 6th. The spotted bass were biting and as with most spotted bass fisheries the weights would be very close. At the scales Bryan Strombom topped the field with 5 fish at 9.50lbs beating out 2nd place Adam Cartwright by 2/10th of a pound. Adams total catch of 9.30lbs was anchored by the tournament big fish of 2.63lbs. 3rd place would go to Rick Kendrick with 8.63. Rounding out the top 5 were Steve Dollard with 8.34lbs and Russ Greenlee at 8.22lbs.

The final event of the year would be at Clear Lake on July 18th. To make things more interesting Rick Kendrick and Steve Dollard were tied for Region 3 Angler of the Year (AOY) coming into the event. Mark Daniels Jr. also had a chance for Travelers Region AOY by placing in the top 3. When the weighs hit the scales once again Clear Lake didn't disappoint. 1st place would go to Mark Daniels Jr. with 22.13lbs and securing his Travelers Region AOY title. Steve Greene would finish in 2nd place with 19.36lbs. 3rd place would go to TBF first timer Binh Phi with 4 fish for 17.85lbs. We should expect to see this name more in the future. Rick Kendrick would finish in 4th with 16.28lbs taking the Region 3 AOY title for the 2nd consecutive year. 5th place would go to Ryan Peterson with 15.30lbs.

Congrats to Mark Daniels Jr. and Rick Kendrick on your 2010 AOY Titles. Thanks to all that joined us this year and I look forward to see you all again in 2011.

Here is your sneak peek at Region 3's 2011 schedule

March 27th Clear Lake Dual with R5

May 1st Lake Sonoma

June 5th Delta Dual with R1

July 17th Clear Lake





Angler Of the Year

RICK KENDRICK

Town.....Sacramento Ca

Birth Date.....1945

Hobbies.....Fishing and woodworking

Family.....Wife, two boys one girl

Favorite Lake.....Oroville

Least favorite Lake.....Delta

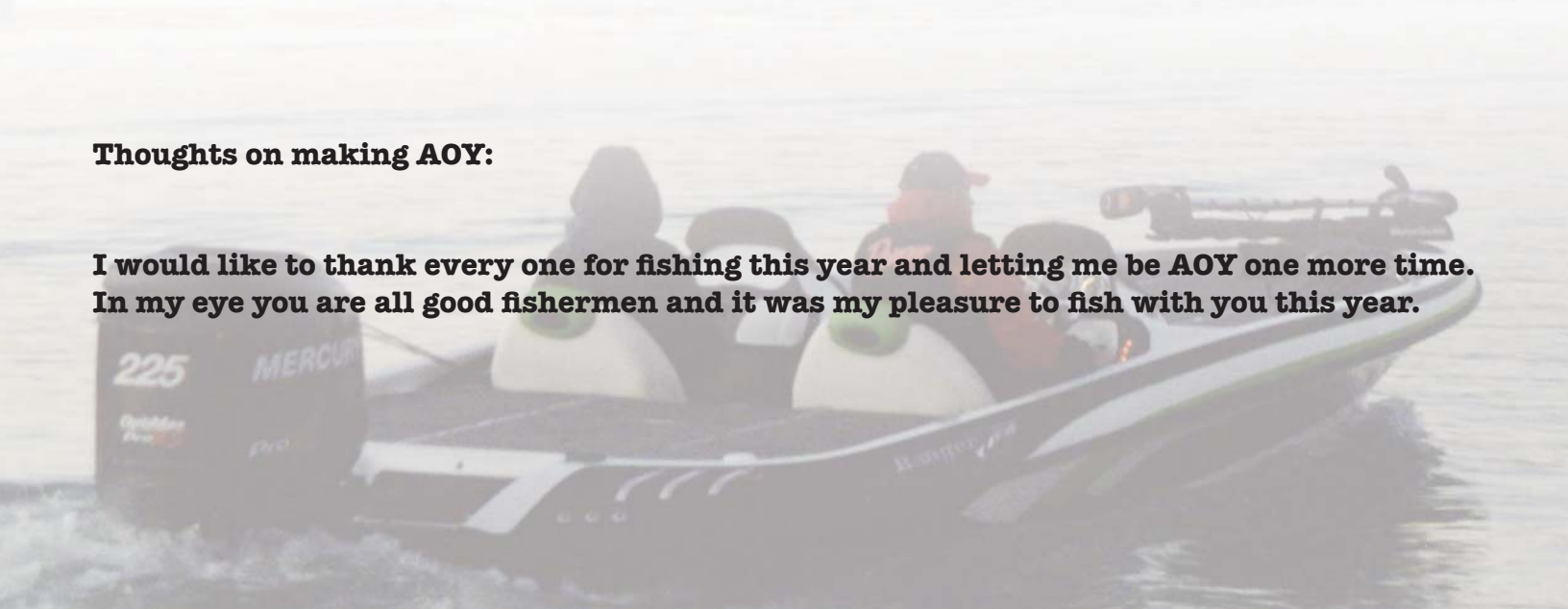
Sponsors.....Bob's Marine, Stratos Boats

Favorite fishing technique / pattern.....Dart head jigs...Swimming the dart head



Thoughts on making AOY:

I would like to thank every one for fishing this year and letting me be AOY one more time. In my eye you are all good fishermen and it was my pleasure to fish with you this year.



R 4

Jeff Green
Tournament Director
Region 4



Region 4 will be changing up a little bit for the 2011 season. It will start in November and end in May. Below is the schedule. Please watch the website for any date or time changes.

November 14th – Camanche
February 6th – New Melones
April 17th – Pardee
May 22nd – Camanche

Jeff Green



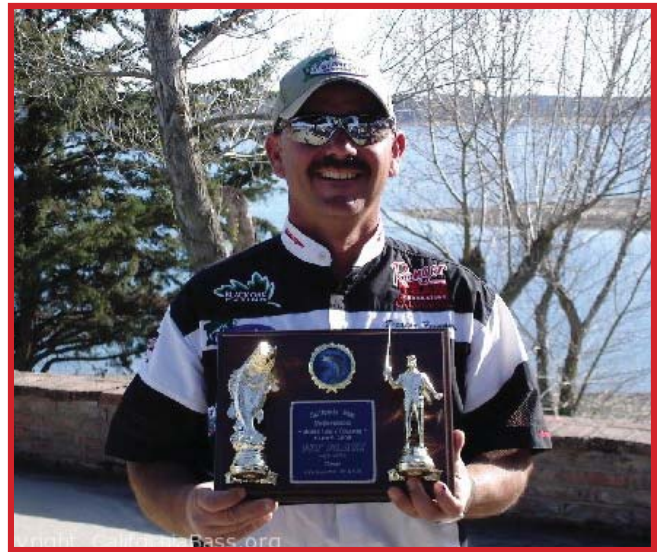


Angler Of the Year

DEACON FERNANDES

By Shelly Gentry

Well another year has come and gone. It was a close race for three anglers in the Mother Lode region. It came down to the last tournament and after the points have been counted the Mother Lode AOY was Deacon Fernandes.



Deacon 42, is from Sonora, Ca. He has three kids Brendon 19, Sierra 15, and Amber 11. He started fishing when he was 10 years old. His first boat was a 1986 Ranger 350 V with a Yamaha motor. In 1991 he started fishing club tournaments and in 2003 Deacon started fishing the Federation. He has won three AOY's in which 2006 he won Mother Lode and Travlers AOY's. Now he runs a Ranger 521 with a 250 Evinrude with Lowerance electronics, trolling motor Minn-Kota 101 in which he won at the 2008 Federation dinner and adwards banquet in a drawing.

His favorite technique/pattern is a jig. When asked why," Just because it's a big fish or small fish bait. 8 out of 10 times you are going to catch a good one". Deacon pours and ties his owe jigs. This year my son Kyle caught the new lake record large mouth 18.11 lbs at New Melones in a tournament with one of Deacons jigs. So if you need jigs give him a call.

Deacon's home lake is New Melones but his favorite lake is Camanche. His favorite time of the year there is late March. His biggest fish is a 12.5 lbs large mouth from saltsprings on a jig. His other hobbies are deer and elk hunting and hanging out at the house boat.

When I asked him what he liked the most about the Federation he said, " The friendships that are made. We are like family. If you need anything you can call them and they will help you out with whatever you need from baits to there boats".

His sponsors are Gloryhole Sports, Black Oak Casino, and a very big thank you to C&C Marine Modesto,Ca. for keeping him on the water and for all his other fishing needs.



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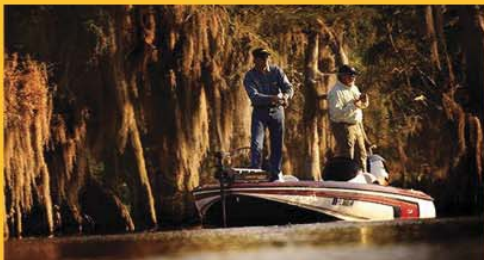
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R5

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Joe Kopp
Tournament Director
Region 5



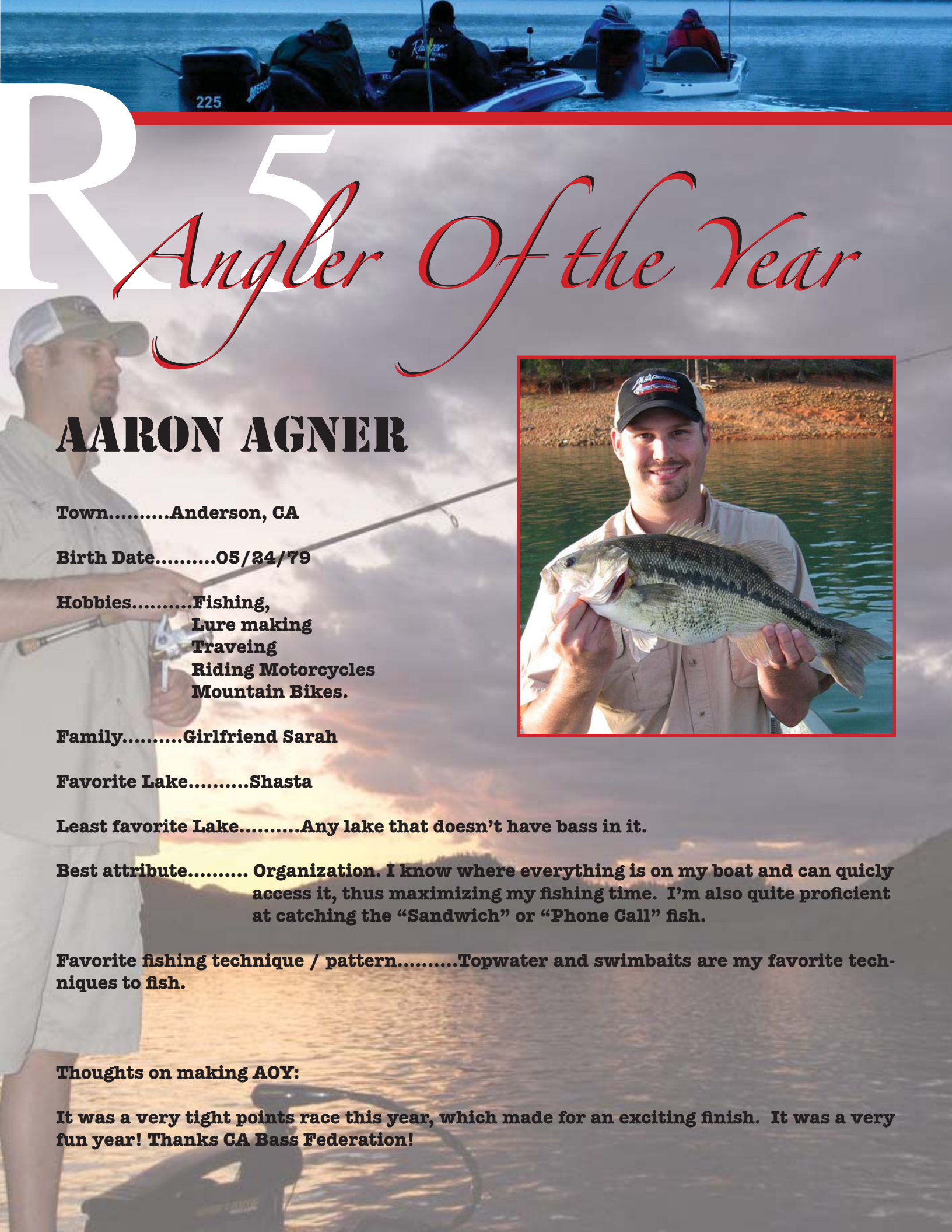
The season has ended for the Shasta Region, and boy what a season it has been. This year has seen up and downs for our region with many guys just not fishing as much this year. The economy has been a big factor, and we hope to see everyone return this coming season. This year has also brought a lot of new guys to our region and I anticipate they are going to be returning year after year as everyone expressed how much fun they had.

Our last tournament of the season was on Trinity Lake, with expectations high to catch those hard fighting smallmouth and possibly a kicker largemouth with a swimbait. Add to that, the AOY race was real close with 2 anglers vying for the crown and mere a few points apart. It was going to be a showdown. Unfortunately, the fish did not cooperate for most fishermen due to the quick rising waters the week leading into the tournament. Just 7 days prior to the tournament we weren't even sure we were going to launch as all the ramps were closed, but the rains came and the water rose, so the contest was a go.

Winning the last tournament of the year was none other than the TD, Joe Kopp. His bag of 5 smallmouth and 2nd big fish, secured top honors. The real race though came down to the AOY with Gunnar Hobbs and Aaron Agner battling to the wire. Aaron, fishing as a boater, won the 1st tournament of the season and took the AOY lead, but Gunnar, fishing as a non-boater, came back by the 2nd tournament and took over the lead. It was a back & forth series for both fisherman and they gave it their all. In the end they actually tied in total points, so a tie-breaker was needed to decide the winner. The tie went to the total number of fish caught, and the winner was Aaron Agner. Congratulations to both fishermen for a great season and nail biting finish. Congrats to Aaron for the win.

Next season starts early for us once again, so here's a chance for you to get those traveler points going now. Our first Tournament will be this Nov 14, on our home lake, Lake Shasta. Come join us for the great spotted bass bite. This year we will also be exploring a new lake in our region; Black Butte Lake. This lake has some great spotted bass fishing, yet many of our anglers have not fished at it. So, it should be a great challenge for everyone. Go online and get in touch with me or Tony Thomasy if you're interested in fishing the Shasta Region this year; we hope to see you out there.





R5 Angler Of the Year

AARON AGNER

Town.....Anderson, CA

Birth Date.....05/24/79

**Hobbies.....Fishing,
Lure making
Traveing
Riding Motorcycles
Mountain Bikes.**

Family.....Girlfriend Sarah

Favorite Lake.....Shasta

Least favorite Lake.....Any lake that doesn't have bass in it.

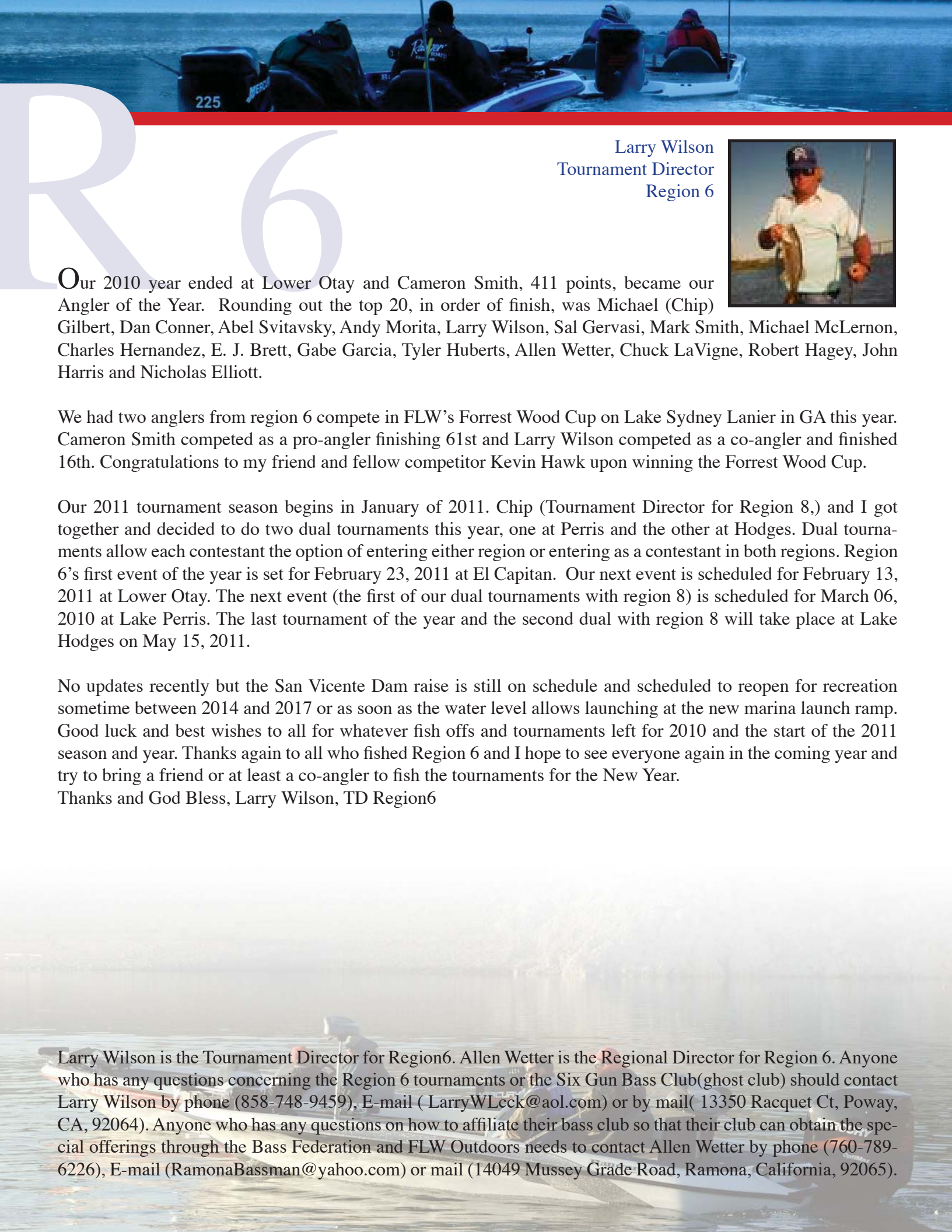
Best attribute..... Organization. I know where everything is on my boat and can quicly access it, thus maximizing my fishing time. I'm also quite proficient at catching the "Sandwich" or "Phone Call" fish.

Favorite fishing technique / pattern.....Topwater and swimbaits are my favorite techniques to fish.

Thoughts on making AOY:

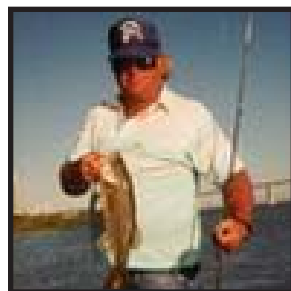
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R6

Larry Wilson
Tournament Director
Region 6



Our 2010 year ended at Lower Otay and Cameron Smith, 411 points, became our Angler of the Year. Rounding out the top 20, in order of finish, was Michael (Chip) Gilbert, Dan Conner, Abel Svitavsky, Andy Morita, Larry Wilson, Sal Gervasi, Mark Smith, Michael McLernon, Charles Hernandez, E. J. Brett, Gabe Garcia, Tyler Huberts, Allen Wetter, Chuck LaVigne, Robert Hagey, John Harris and Nicholas Elliott.

We had two anglers from region 6 compete in FLW's Forrest Wood Cup on Lake Sydney Lanier in GA this year. Cameron Smith competed as a pro-angler finishing 61st and Larry Wilson competed as a co-angler and finished 16th. Congratulations to my friend and fellow competitor Kevin Hawk upon winning the Forrest Wood Cup.

Our 2011 tournament season begins in January of 2011. Chip (Tournament Director for Region 8,) and I got together and decided to do two dual tournaments this year, one at Perris and the other at Hodges. Dual tournaments allow each contestant the option of entering either region or entering as a contestant in both regions. Region 6's first event of the year is set for February 23, 2011 at El Capitan. Our next event is scheduled for February 13, 2011 at Lower Otay. The next event (the first of our dual tournaments with region 8) is scheduled for March 06, 2010 at Lake Perris. The last tournament of the year and the second dual with region 8 will take place at Lake Hodges on May 15, 2011.

No updates recently but 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 2010 and the start of the 2011 season and year. Thanks again to all who fished Region 6 and I hope to see everyone again in the coming year and try to bring a friend or at least a co-angler to fish the tournaments for the New Year.

Thanks and God Bless, Larry Wilson, TD Region6

Larry Wilson is the Tournament Director for Region6. 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(ghost 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).



R6 Angler Of the Year

CAMERON SMITH

Town.....Dana Point, CA

Hobbies.....Fishing, Lure making

Family.....Patricia and Mark Smith

Favorite Lake.....Havasu

Least favorite Lake.....Toledo Bend

Best attribute..... Tenacity

Favorite fishing technique / pattern..... Topwater and swimbaits are my favorite techniques to fish.

Thoughts on making AOY:

It was a very tight point's race this year, which made for an exciting finish. It was a very fun year! Thanks CA Bass Federation!





Ray Leyerly
Tournament Director
Region 7



Warm sunny post spawn conditions presented themselves to the anglers for the final tournament of the 2009/2010 region 7 qualifying events. Qualifying for the state championship was on the mind of all the anglers, and for 3 anglers it was the last chance to try and win The Angler of The Year trophy. Lance Karafelas, Bryan Kurata, and last years runner up Tony Capparelli were all looking for that 5 fish limit to take them over the top and become the 2010 Angler of The Year.

For the tournament there were 22 anglers who showed up to fish Lake Piru and most new the fish were coming off post spawn and that the shad were now spawning. This meant if you found the right school on a ledge you could win this tournament. Just over half the field had a limit and all the anglers weighed in fish with no dead fish accounted for on the day. In 6th place with a 5 fish limit weighing in at 10.38 pounds was Ben De La Fuente. Ben is a huge supporter of Region 7 and has been fishing with me since I started as a tournament director. Congrats Ben. 5th place went to Victor Allen with a total weight of 10.67 pounds. Vic drives from Canyon Lake to fish region 7 and he is also a great supporter of Region 7 and the federation. In fourth place was Tony Capparelli with a total weight of 12.09 pounds. Tony fished all over the lake with reaction baits and plastics to catch his limit. Would that be enough, for Tony, to finally capture his first ever Angler of the Year title? Time would tell and Tony had to wait for the final weights to be announced. In 3rd. Place with a total weight of 14.15 pounds and in the hunt for the A.O.Y. title was Lance (bird dog) Karafelas. Lance told the crowd he caught all his fish on Ledges using reaction baits. Bryan Kurata came in second with a total weight of 14.68 pounds. Bryan also said he caught all his fish on ledges on reaction baits. First place went to Ray Leyerly with a total weight of 15.23 pounds. Ray fished from the back of the boat and caught all his fish on reaction baits. Ray would like to thank his sponsors Legend Boats, Wade rods, Allen GMC, and all the anglers who fished today. On a side note the top 3 anglers all fished within sight of each other all day and not 1 voice was raised by any of the anglers throughout the day. Great job in sharing water, as well as proper etiquette on the water, all day long. As far as big fish being caught well a beautiful 6.68 pound fish was weighed in By Gary Ryon. That topped all by a landslide. Congrats to Gary.

Now for the Angler of the Year. It was a close race all year but only 1 person stayed consistent and came out the winner this year. Tony Capparelli is the 2009/ 2010 Angler of the Year for Region 7. Congratulations to Tony. Job well done.

On a side not I would like to thank all the anglers this past season for supporting the Region and the Federation. All of you have become friends and I hope it will stay that way. I would also like to thank 3 people who helped support the region, Jim Basham and his sponsor Monster energy drink, Troy Lindner and his sponsor Rapala, and Whitney Uyeda and his bait company. All 3 of these gentlemen went to there sponsors and were able to donate product to the region to be given at tournaments. Thank You to all of you.

Last thing for me is to say good bye for now. I have stepped down as the Region 7 tournament director. I would like to thank all the anglers who have fished region 7 over the years. You all were great in your own way. You supported me from day 1 at my first tournament at Castaic. You were behind me when we had all the problems at Castitas and I had to cancel the tournament. You were all fun to be around and were always there to pitch in and help whenever and wherever I needed help. Each of you I now consider a friend and hope it stays that way for a long time. Good Luck and please keep supporting Region 7 and the California Bass Federation.-----Ray Leyerly



Angler Of the Year

TONY CAPPARELLI

Town.....Camarillo, CA

Birth date.....1/20/60

Hobbies.....Fishing, hunting, fatherhood

Family.....Son TJ

Favorite Lake.....Lake Mead

Least favorite Lake.....New Melones

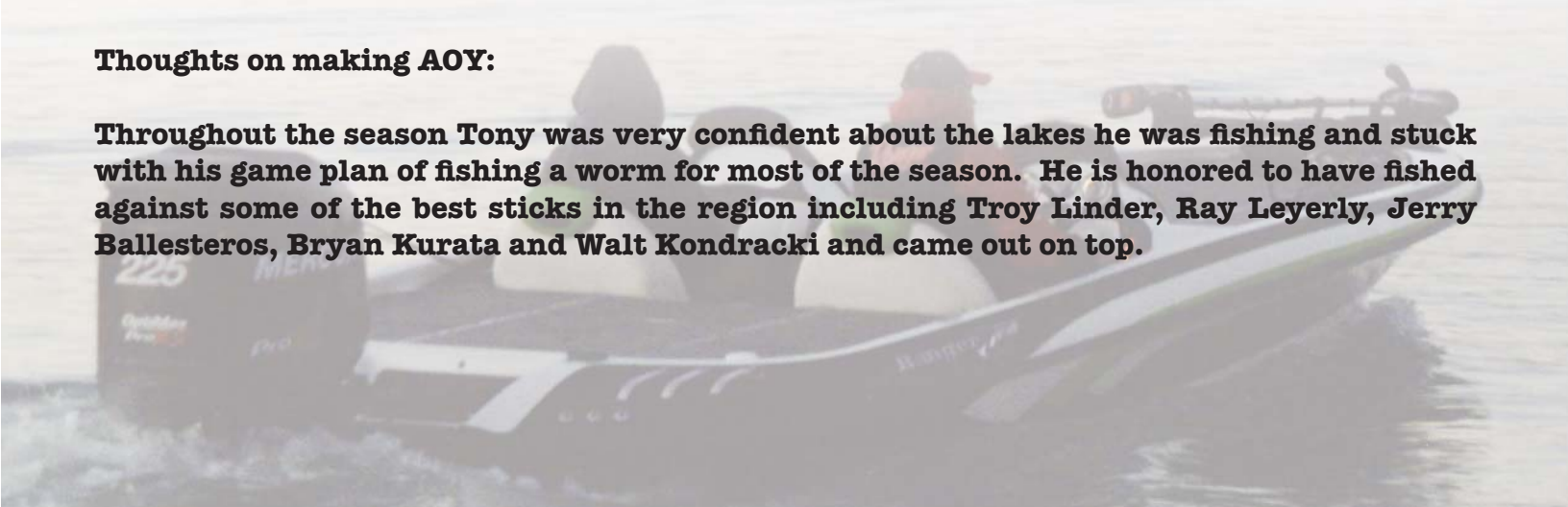
Best attribute.....The tougher the bite, the more he in to it.

Favorite fishing technique / pattern.....Topwater and dropshot are my favorite techniques to fish.



Thoughts on making AOY:

Throughout the season Tony was very confident about the lakes he was fishing and stuck with his game plan of fishing a worm for most of the season. He is honored to have fished against some of the best sticks in the region including Troy Linder, Ray Leyerly, Jerry Ballesteros, Bryan Kurata and Walt Kondracki and came out on top.





R 8

Chip Gilbert
Tournament Director
Region 8



Hello guys,

The season for region 8 was very difficult to say the least. The first 2 tournaments of the year had many guys wondering if they would make the cut. With only 11 guys catching fish in the first 2 events. Chip Gilbert stood above the rest by placing in the top 5 at Elsinore and then winning the next event at Perris with only 7 and 1/2 pounds.

The last 2 lakes in the schedule were more forgiving and gave up a lot more fish for everyone. Yet again Chip got another victory at Diamond Valley and a top 5 at Hodges. Which in turn gave him Angler of the Year for the region.

This next season looks to be a lot friendlier to the anglers. The lakes have been chosen during their best times. Or what has been shown in the past for the lakes we are fishing. With the start of the year at Diamond Valley then Lake Perris in early March. We will also be having 2 duals with region 6 this year. With 1 being at Lake Perris and the other being Lake Hodges. This is the year for the guys in southern California to make a run at Traveler's Angler of the Year award for next year. Good luck to all and tight lines.

Thanks
Chip Gilbert





R & Angler Of the Year

CHIP GILBERT

Town.....San Marcos, Ca

Birth date.....05/03/1974

Hobbies.....Bass Fishing

**Family.....Beautiful wife Michelle
and wonderful daughter Marina**

Favorite Lake.....Lake Hodges or El Capitan

Least favorite Lake.....Lake Otay

**Best attribute.....I am a pretty well rounded
fishermen. Decent at throwing anything from the
big swimbait down to the darter head**

**Favorite fishing technique / pattern.....
Topwater and Spinnerbait and when the Bass
are on a Swimbait bite**

Thoughts on making AOY:

**I am very happy to have made AOY this year. It was by far the toughest fishing season this
year for region 8. I was in the top 5 in all 4 events with 2 wins to help me get the title.**



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