



Texas Bass Couples

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Martin Creek Lake

Newsletter

Well the first Texas Bass Couples, East Region tournament has come and gone. We had 9 courageous couples brave the cold weather and multiple cold fronts. It was Valentine's Day.....is there any better way to celebrate than on the water with your sweetheart catching fish?

Only two days prior to the tournament East Texas was covered with a thick blanket of snow. Luckily the weather cleared and warmed up just enough to melt away the snow and gave us just enough of a "decent" weather window to get the tournament completed.

The morning started out clear and rather cold. Our couples bundled up in their cold weather gear and at safe light, headed to their secret honey holes. A little after noon, the next cold front made its way into the area. The winds switched around to the north and began to get colder. Several couples reported that the bass bite really got good when the wind switched around and allowed them to cull several smaller fish from their strings. All the couples caught fish and we had some very nice stringers brought to the scales.

Our first place team was Bill and Sally Butts from Longview with a very impressive weight of 18.32 lbs. Our second place team was Doug and Bettie Taylor, also from Longview with a fine bag of fish weighing 18.17 lbs. Our third place team was Tom and Debra McCraven from Gladewater with a nice string of fish weighing 15.78 lbs. The Big bass honors went to Bob Harskamp from Frankston with a nice 6.44 lb fish. There was a total of 40 fish weighed in for a combined weight of 115.39 lbs. Not too shabby for a bunch of sweethearts on Valentine's Day! There were two other tournaments held on the lake this weekend and the Texas Bass Couples brought in the heaviest strings.

We would like to thank several businesses who were generous enough to donate some nice door prizes for our tournament. R&R Marine in Pittsburg, East Texas Sonar and J.D.'s Tackle in Longview. Also a big thanks to our sponsors Sebile Baits and Just Keepers Weigh Bags.

Candra and I would like to thank Tommy & Pam Busbee for all their help and guidance prior to and during our first ever tournament as directors. Hopefully they can join us for one of our tournaments this year and meet everyone in person. They are "good people" and have worked hard to make Texas Bass Couples the best couples's tournament circuit in Texas.

We would also like to thank all the couples that attended our first tournament. Candra and I are new at being directors. We are learning as we go. Bear with us.....there will be some bumps in the road for sure, but we will work hard to make the East Region of Texas Bass Couples as good as we can make it. We really enjoyed meeting and making new friends. If anyone has any suggestions on how to make the tournaments more enjoyable and fun, please let us know. Feel free to give us a call anytime.

Our next tournament will be on Lake Palestine on March 14th. We will be fishing out of the Villages Marina. Pre-registration will be held at the Lake Palestine Motor Inn on Saturday afternoon from 3:00 PM till 5:00 PM. There is a bank of 10 rooms reserved at the motel. If you want to stay there, call them and tell them you are fishing with the Texas Bass Couples. Please let us know if you are staying there so we can cancel any extra rooms at least one week prior to the tournament.

We hope to see everyone there for some good times and great fishing!