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Special points of interest:

- **Next meeting will be at Elmer's in Medford at 6:30 pm Tuesday, April 10th.**

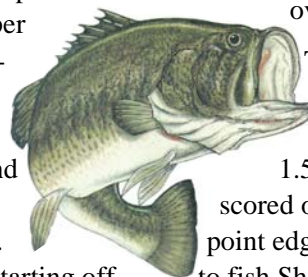
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Shasta - Day 1 Help! All I see are spots!

The weather was beautiful, clear and warm for the first day of the season. Launching the boats and the blast off went as smooth as usual with everyone working together as only Crater Bass does. After letting the other club blast off first, we kicked of the season. I was really looking forward to this, my first tournament as a boater. I cannot tell you how much fun fishing with this club is, but I guess you all already know.

The fishing was about what was expected. Lots of spotted bass in mostly deeper water. The predictions for the winning weight were also right on target. It was predicted that 10 pounds would bring a first place and that's close to what Eric and Neil brought to the scales at 9.6 pounds. Anderson/ Shaw Accountants are starting off the year right where they left off last season, leading the pack. Bob Ryan and Brady Dunn came in second, less than a pound be-



hind with 8.44 pounds anchored by Big Dog's 2.44 pound big fish. Less than two pounds back from first and just over a half-pound out of second was Steve, Jacob and Scott with a total of 7.89. From third place down the weights were incredibly close. Just out of the money, Duke and Shawna took fourth place behind by less than a quarter pound and Jimmy and Kristen were less than a half pound out of third. In fact, third through eighth place was separated by just over one and one-half pounds.

The best news for all who fished was the target number. With a target weight of 1.5 to 2.5 pounds, all teams scored on the target and gain a 3 point edge on anyone who was unable to fish Shasta. Although the fish could be considered small by most of the lakes we fish, it was still a fun day to kick off the season. <'(((><

Day 2 The More Things Change ...

Day two saw a complete change in the weather but the fishing was the same with 7 of the 10 teams weighing a limit. The close weights we saw on day one, were also a repeat with the top three place separated by less than a pound.

Chris Conner and Jordon Rosenberg made the big move up from their day 1 weight to tip the scales on day 2 with a bag of 5 fish for 9.4 pounds and a first place finish. Chris' big fish at 2.09 pounds also took big fish for the day. Second place was the all too familiar team of Neil Shaw and Eric Anderson with a solid weight of

9.25 and a big fish that was a mere .03 pound less than Chris'. Third place was taken by Jim and Kristen Rainey with a total weight of 8.56 pounds and Kristen's big fish of 2.06 pounds was also just off the mark for big fish of the day.

Eric and Neil's 9 pound-plus stringers on both days earned them the First Place trophy for the tournament. Although just out of placing on day 2, Brady and Bob pulled in enough weight to hold on to second place overall and Kristen's big bag on Sunday pulled her and Jimmy into the third place spot for the weekend.<'(((><

Knowledge is power!

This was the first time the club has fished Shasta, but many in the club are veterans on the lake, and the size, location and numbers of fish rang true to the predictions, unlike last years predictions at Crane Prairie.

Fisher-mation.

89 (eighty-nine) fish were brought to the scales. 225 (two-hundred twenty five) keeper fish were reported caught, but there were 19 more fish reported caught on Saturday in the sun shine than on Sunday with the cloud cover. 77 (seventy-seven) 34% of the fish were caught on Sencos in either watermelon, green pumpkin or pumpkin. 36 (thirty-six) fish, 16%, were caught on crank baits, the majority of which were caught on a DD-22 in deep water. 34 (thirty-four) 15% were caught on Gitzit's (Tubes), in the old stand-by watermelon red flake or a brown/ pumpkin color. Twin Tail Hula Grubs caught the next most fish numbering 27 (twenty-seven) or 12% in primarily pumpkin seed, followed closely by pumpkin seed brush hogs bagging 24 (twenty-four) fish, 11%. 3% of the fish, 7 (seven) were caught on pumpkin seed shakey head worms. Drop Shot, jerk baits, swim baits and jigs each caught 2 fish (1%).

89 fish weighing 135.88 lbs. were brought to the scales for a 1.52 average. The difference in Saturday's and Sunday's average was minute .05 pounds.

Crater Bass 2007 Tournament Schedule

March 24 th and 25 th	Shasta
April 21 st	Bob Moore's Cubs vs Scott Heroux's Indians
April 21 st and 22 nd	Dorena
May 5 th and 6 th	Dorena
May 19 th	Kids Fishing Day
June 16 th and 17 th	Applegate
July 21 st and 22 nd	Tahkenitch
August 11 th and 12 th	Tahkenitch
August 18 th	Cast 4 Kids
September 15 th and 16 th	Howard Parrie

On Sat. there were more fish caught in the McCloud Arm than the Pit Arm with the Sacramento Arm having the next most catches. On Sun. the Pit Arm produced more fish than the McCloud Arm with the Back Bone producing the next most fish.

Fish were reported caught in anywhere from 2' to 60'. Sat. most fish caught in 10' to 20' but many were reported as shallow as 5' or less and some fish in the 30' to 40' range. Sunday's fish seemed to be found deeper. Only a few were reported in less than 10' and most were reported caught 10' to 20', but also saw several fish in deeper water up to 60'

Duke, as promised, here is your fisher-mation quiz;

1. What was Chris and Jordan's 2nd and 3rd top lures used to bag their 9.40 pounds on Sunday?
2. Which angler caught two fish on a drop shot rig, Scott Heroux, Debbie Johnson or Jim Rainey?
3. What is the air speed velocity of an un-laden swallow?

Tip of the Month-

If your lure gets hung on your line often when you cast, it may be because you have a limber rod, or you're snapping the rod at the end of your cast, which causes the lure to tumble and the hook to grab the line. Try making a smoother casting motion. Also reel the lure close to the top guide on the rod before casting, which should keep the lure from tumbling.

Non Boater Rotation Order

- #1 Jordan Rosenburg
- #2 Steve and Jacob Wall
- #3 Mary Stokes
- #4 Tyler Cook
- #5 Bill Pierce
- #6 Zach Northouse

OVERALL WEEKEND TOURNAMENT TROPHY WINNERS

- ★ 1st Place Eric Anderson and Neil
- ★ 2nd Place Brady Dunn and Bob Ryan
- ★ 3rd Place Jim Rainey and Kristen Rainey
- ★ Big Fish Prize Brady Dunn ... correct me if I'm wrong, is this the 3rd tournament in a row with a Dunn catching the big fish?

The Wrap Sheet - Shasta , March 24TH and 25TH

NAME	Team	Day 1 LBS	Day 1 Big Fish Wt.	Target Fish Points	Day 1 Rank	Day 1 Points	Day 2 LBS	Day 2 Big Fish Wt.	Target Fish Points	Day 2 Rank	Day 2 Points	Shasta Tourney Rank	Shasta Tourney Points	Total Tourney Points	March Meeting	Total Meeting Points	Total Project Points	Total Points
BILL PIERCE	6	6.83	1.53	3	7	47	1.16	1.16	3	10	44	10	91	91	5	5	0	96
BOB MOORE		-	-	0	DNF	0	-	-	0	DNF	0	DNF	0	0	5	5	0	5
BOB RYAN	5	8.44	-	3	2	52	7.81	-	0	4	47	2	99	99	5	5	0	104
BRADY DUNN	5	8.44	2.44	3	2	52	7.81	1.68	0	4	47	2	99	99	5	5	0	104
BRIGITTE MOORE		-	-	0	DNF	0	-	-	0	DNF	0	DNF	0	0	5	5	0	5
CHRIS CONNER	3	6.31	1.65	3	8	46	9.40	2.09	0	1	50	4	96	96	5	5	0	101
DEBBIE JOHNSON	8	6.29	-	3	9	45	3.77	-	0	9	42	8	87	87	5	5	0	92
DUKE BARRIS	2	7.65	1.82	3	4	50	6.96	1.51	0	5	46	5	96	96	5	5	0	101
ERIC ANDERSEN	7	9.60	2.10	3	1	53	9.25	2.06	0	2	49	1	102	102	5	5	0	107
GREG GLASS	4	7.21	-	3	6	48	6.52	-	3	6	48	6	96	96		0	0	96
JACOB WALL	11	7.89	-	3	3	51	4.70	-	3	8	46	7	97	97	5	5	0	102
JIM RAINEY	10	7.48	1.64	3	5	49	8.56	-	0	3	48	3	97	97	5	5	0	102
JIM ULRAY Jr	1	3.74	-	3	10	44	6.31	1.57	0	7	44	9	88	88	5	5	0	93
JIM ULRAY Sr	1	3.74	1.63	3	10	44	6.31	-	0	7	44	9	88	88		0	0	88
JORDAN ROSENBERG	3	6.31	-	3	8	46	9.40	-	0	1	50	4	96	96	5	5	0	101
KRISTEN RAINEY	10	7.48	-	3	5	49	8.56	2.06	0	3	48	3	97	97		0	0	97
LISA ULREY		-	-	0	DNF	0	-	-	0	DNF	0	DNF	0	0		0	0	0
LONNIE JOHNSON	8	6.29	2.34	3	9	45	3.77	1.58	0	9	42	8	87	87	5	5	0	92
MARY STOKES		-	-	0	DNF	0	-	-	0	DNF	0	DNF	0	0	5	5	0	5
NIEL SHAW	7	9.60	-	3	1	53	9.25	-	0	2	49	1	102	102	5	5	0	107
PERRY NORTHOUSE		-	-	0	DNF	0	-	-	0	DNF	0	DNF	0	0		0	0	0
RICHARD GALLEGOS		-	-	0	DNF	0	-	-	0	DNF	0	DNF	0	0	5	5	0	5
ROD ROBERTSON	6	6.83	-	3	7	47	1.16	-	3	10	44	10	91	91	5	5	0	96
SCOTT HEROUX	11	7.89	1.60	3	3	51	4.70	1.47	3	8	46	7	97	97	5	5	0	102
SHAWNA BARRIS	2	7.65	-	3	4	50	6.96	-	0	5	46	5	96	96		0	0	96
STEVE WALL	11	7.89	-	3	3	51	4.70	-	3	8	46	7	97	97	5	5	0	102
TRISTEN MOORE		-	-	0	DNF	0	-	-	0	DNF	0	DNF	0	0		0	0	0
TRAVIS GLASS	4	7.21	1.54	3	6	48	6.52	1.50	3	6	48	6	96	96	5	5	0	101
TYLER COOK		-	-	0	DNF	0	-	-	0	DNF	0	DNF	0	0	5	5	0	5
ZACH NORTHOUSE		-	-	0	DNF	0	-	-	0	DNF	0	DNF	0	0		0	0	0

DNF = Did Not Fish

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A SPECIAL THANKS!

With the first tournament out of the way run by the new board and this being the first news letter of the new season, I wanted to say thanks to the founding members and the past board members from the first two seasons. It is because of this core group who founded Crater Bass just over two years ago that we all have a fun, competitive, yet friendly forum in which to share and pursue our passion for bass fishing. For me personally, without Crater Bass and its unique format that encourages and helps newcomers to the sport, I may never have taken the chance to tournament fish. I