

# West Valley BassMasters of Tracy

## Items discussed at last board meeting & actions taken by the board.

- 🐟 Guest fees, dropped to \$10 & money would apply to membership. Not eligible for payout, only side pots.
- 🐟 BBAC Dinner: When - Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup>. Where - at the Italian Athletic club in Stockton, Dinner at 7:30pm with hors d' oeuvres @ 6:00pm cost \$35 per person. Tickets will be available at the meeting.
- 🐟 Clear Lake Lodging: Edgewater Resort, cabins & campsites for reservations call 800-396-6224
- 🐟 Insurance: FLW, everyone must be signed up with FLW go to their web site & sign up, must have your FLW # or receipt to fish the April tournament.
- 🐟 Sharing information: The winning Team from every tournament will talk to the club at the next meeting & explain what they caught them on, type of water "clear/muddy/stained" current incoming or outgoing. High tide or Low tide. Depth 0-5ft, 5-10ft, 10-25ft. Area of the Delta or Lake fished. Type of Rod, Reel & Line used, I know this sounds lame but someone in the club may benefit from knowing what your doing especially if your catching the fish & they are not.
- 🐟 Charity options, Big Brother, Boy & Girls club, St Jude? Need your input.

If you ordered a club jacket it should be in by our next meeting please bring your \$65 & pay Brittyn for them.

Membership is down & if you know someone who might want to join a club or just fish a tournament now is the time to bring them out, only a \$10 guest fee & our dues have dropped to \$150 this year.

Reminder I still need your boat insurance, from all the boaters in the club, they have to be on file in case of an accident.

Results for our February Tournament. @ New Melones

1<sup>st</sup> Place went to Brittyn & Camryn Wiggins with a whopping 5.64lbs for 4 fish, anchored with the big fish of the tournament a 2.15lb spot.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place goes to Jim Gondal & Brent Vierra for their catch of 3.90lbs for 3 fish

3<sup>rd</sup> Place honors go to Jessie Ochoa & Mike Lofstedt with 2.81 lbs for 2 fish

4<sup>th</sup> Place points go to Steve & Chris Hunger with a nice 1.99lb spot

Next tournament is at Holland Riverside on March 30<sup>th</sup> lets try to put 8 boats on the water, with everyone bringing in 15lb limits or better. The bite should be ON!

Someone please remind Steve Hunger to take some pictures at the weigh-in so we can see some nice fish in these newsletters.

If your fishing the Clear Lake Tournament & can bring something for a BBQ potluck Please write down @ the meeting what you would like to bring, so I can make a list & of what the club will need to buy & I can post in the next Newsletter what we need if you did not put anything down the first go round thanks. The club will provide chicken & some sort of beef.

Raffle this month, bring your money, and win a new rod.

Next meeting 7:00pm Wed. March 12<sup>th</sup> 2008. @ Perkos in Tracy.

## Steve's Corner

There's a lot of stuff going on in the world of bass fishing right now. As I write this, the FLW National Guard Series has 200 boats on the delta beating up my fish. Fuel prices are no longer creeping up, they're jumping in leaps and bounds. The plug is out of my boat and I'm hoping I remember to put it back in before I launch. And, there are more meetings going on in this state regarding water issues than I've ever seen as more articles about the Peripheral Canal than I ever seen.

It's come to my attention that they've recently closed Lake Casitas. I've heard a number of people say that they'd never do this kind of stuff because of the loss of revenue of launch fees and permits, but it's finally happened and I fear it's just the start of things. We've seen them close EBMUD water to residents of Santa Clara County. Again, we thought it would never happen, but it has. I also understand that they surprised anglers with a boat inspection at Clear Lake.

Here's the deal, guys:

This state has two, count 'em 2, natural bodies of water. The rest of the water is collected in man-made reservoirs and is "owned" by someone, somewhere, somehow. Those "rights" we thought we had as anglers and recreational boaters are superseded by the "rights" of others to use the water for agriculture, drinking, waterfalls, swimming pools, green yards and fountains. The closing of Casitas is potentially just the start of things to come.

At the next meeting, we will have tickets available for the annual BBAC fundraising dinner, they're \$35 each. Regardless of what you (or I) feel about the BBAC, I would strongly suggest that this might be an important thing to get involved in. At the current time, they ARE our voice in Sacramento and right now, more than ever, that voice needs to be heard. As it stands, the governor intends to build that canal by executive order. That's going to make a serious mess out of the delta and a huge habitat for carp and not much else. We also have a good chance to lose our opportunities to fish lakes one by one, as we already have with Casitas.

Don't think for a minute that the fees you pay for boating and fishing are going to amount to much when it's weighed against the dollars generated by selling water.

Now's the time to support your BBAC, NCCC and local clubs. It starts with the club level. This thing is a numbers game. Be one of 'em.

See you on the water.....