

2006 Northern California Club Classic

The 2006 Northern California Club Classic (NCCC) was held this past Saturday October 14, 2006 on the California Delta. The launch site was Russo's Marina on Bethel Island. The NCCC is a tournament where all of the clubs in northern California come together to have a big fish-off to see which club can claim the title as the number one club in northern California and that club for 2006/2007 is West Valley Bass Masters of Tracy.

This year NCCC Tournament Committee wanted to build on the original idea from last year that was started by Spiro Stamos from the Bass Busters of Santa Clara. He thought it would be a great idea to have an event that is fun, builds camaraderie, and brings pride to belonging to a club with the winning club hosting the event the following year. This year's event was hosted by the Delta Bass Club from Brentwood. They had an impressive victory last year with 73 pounds, an average weight of 12.12 lbs per boat.

The day started early at 4:00 am for the volunteers, in fact, some were working the night before trying to get last minute things together for the event. Instructions were given to make sure every boat had live-well inspection, given their tournament bag, recap of rules, and the NCCC commemorative t-shirt. The first boats started showing up at 4:30 am. It was a smooth launch and every boat was in the water before safe light.

There were 66 boats from 11 clubs. The weather was absolutely perfect and as the sun rose in the East, boat number one was called to blast off. There is nothing like blast off at first light. The 66 boats were divided into three flights with each club having two boats per flight. The tournament was on! Who would be the number one club for this year?

As stated before, the weather was ideal but the bite was just the opposite for most contestants. Not a lot of big fish were brought to the scales. This is not typical for the Delta. We thought it would take an average of over 12 pounds per boat to win the event.

About 2:00 pm Cooch (Andy Cuccia) and Gene Buchholz of the Hook, Line, and Sinker showed up to run the weight-in. They set up it up for optimum performance; the goal was no dead fish. We made our goal. We had two-way communication between the scales and the dock to control the number of fish out of their environment. Once the fish were weighed the Angler did not have to worry because it was returned to the Delta by a volunteer. Chuck Russo and his crew did a fantastic job taking care of 66 boats and giving each angler a ride to pick-up their truck and trailer to load their boat. These guys made the tournament.

The first flight arrived on schedule at 3:00 pm followed by the other two at 3:20 and 3:40. As the anglers came to weigh their catch they were met by a Hooter's Girl who gave them their weigh card. While they waited the Misty Girls took pictures with the anglers.

A big thanks goes out to all of the volunteers and the all volunteer committee. Dan Daniel from the Delta Bass Club was the director of this year's event. Rick Tankersly, Rich Peacock, Jeff Wittmayer, and Rich (Marty) Martinez made up the NCCC Committee. Steve Hunger from the West Valley Bass Master and Spiro Stamos were volunteers on the rules committee. They all put in a lot of hours in preparation for this event. Thanks go to all of these guys.

Other big thanks go out to all of our sponsors for this year's event:

1. No Sweat Mist = Misty Girls
2. Cooch (Andy Cuccia)
3. Dee Thomas
4. Bob's Marine
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Listed below are the way the teams finished. The Number One Club is West Valley Bass Masters of Tracy with 70.14 Lbs. They dominated the field with an average boat weight of 11.69 pounds. They will host next years event and they also get to pick where the event will be held.

1. West Valley Bass Masters of Tracy with 70.14 Lbs.
2. Fresno Bass Club with - 65.56 Lbs
3. Contra Costa Bass Club - 64.36 Lbs
4. Delta Bass Masters - 62.01 Lbs
5. Delta Bass Club - 56.17 Lbs
6. Gilroy Bass Masters - 52.99 Lbs
7. Westside Bass Club of Maxwell - 52.66 Lbs
8. Modesto Cast Masters - 51.95 Lbs
9. Manteca Bass Buddies - 48.62 Lbs
10. Bass Classics of Santa Clara - 46.69 Lbs
11. Bass Busters of Santa Clara - 41.12 Lbs

Big Fish was 8.21 Lbs and landed by Terry Flowers from the West Valley Bass Masters of Tracy.

Big Bag was boat 9 with 17.36 Lbs - Ken Yamasaki and Bill Kuslaka of Delta Bass Masters. -

The winner of the Guess the Weight Contest was Miguel Amodio with a guess of 70 Lbs even. Miguel received a great prize that was sponsored by Cathy Daniel realtor.com from Alain Pinel Realty in Walnut Creek, CA. The prize was the new Shimano Curado 300 swim bait reel. Miguel also gets to pick out a new Powell rod to match his new reel. The rod is at the Hook Line and Sinker tackle store in Oakley, CA. Total value is \$ 410.00.

We are looking forward to next years California Club Classic
Dan Daniel and Rich (Marty) Martinez