



West Coast Kickboats

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Picture of the Month



Welcome to West Coast KickBoats

Welcome everybody to the second issue of West Coast Kickboats. Both kickboat clubs have started the season with their openers. The Sonoma County Belly Boat Bass Club opened with a tournament at Lake Sonoma on February 4th and Bass-n-Tubes Delta Region had its first event at Beacon Harbor on the 12th. Not only are the kickboat clubs starting to get busy, but while driving by a local lake I saw a bunch of float tubers and kickboaters taking advantage of the week of warm weather and getting out for some fun fishing. Hope you like the new look of the newsletter, and good luck fishing!

Feb 2006 Tourney Results

SCBBBC

The Sonoma County belly Boat Bass Club kicked of their 2006 season opener at Lake Sonoma on Saturday and 27 anglers were greeted with extremely tough conditions. Only 19 bass were brought to the scales and it only took 2 bass to win it all! **Todd Iwamoto** was back to show why he has 4 out of the last 5 Angler of the Year trophy's setting at home. On a tough day Todd was able to entice 2 nice bass to take his custom made jig and that's all he needed to claim 1st place with both big fish, 4.12lb & 3.30lb. Congratulations to Todd for this first win of the season. 2nd place goes to **Russ Stansbury** with a weight of 5.29lb. Russ continues his dominance since the end of last season with yet another top 3 finish. Russ surely must be considered a favorite to contend for this year's championship. 3rd place went to **Mike Ayers** with 4.42lb. Mike caught his fish using a texas rigged senko worked around wood. 4th place was **Jay Bryant** with 3.06lb. Jay also used a senko to catch his fish. Welcome back Jay! 5th place was taken by Travis Tarver with 2.67lb caught with his jig. And just in the money was **Bill Sweatt** with 6th place. We had 27 anglers for the season opener and it was a great event at Lake Sonoma even though the bass didn't seem to want to bite.



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B-n-T Delta Region

BnT's Delta Region first tournament of the year was a delta region event on February 12th at the tubers favorite launch on the river, Beacon Harbor. Twenty anglers enjoyed an awesome day on the California delta with warm February temps and plenty of sunshine. The fishing turned out to be fantastic for late winter kickboating with 9 guys bringing limits to the scales. The bigger fish were harder to come by, but someone always finds a couple good ones on the Delta. In the end Bass-n-Tubes newest member **Bob Williams** took the victory with four fish for a total weight of 11.37 pounds anchored by a nice 4.52 pound beauty which ended up being the big fish of the tourney. **John Lake** had a nice limit of 10.94 pounds and the day's second big fish of 3.92 pounds to secure second place. As always **Mike Ayers** was in the hunt, this guy just knows Beacon Harbor. Mike brought a limit to the scales, which totaled 10.14 pounds and was good for a third place finish. **Scott Rouhier** had 9.91 pounds for his best 5 and finished in fourth place to take the last paying position. Most anglers reported getting their fish on jigs and drop shot in 8-15 feet of water. The big fish of the tournament came on a jig and although most guys were tossing crawdad imitators it's the delta so one angler was even able to snag a keeper on a buzzbait.



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Tips Tricks & Mods



The focus for this section in West Coast Kickboats is intended to be a place where kickboaters can share fishing tips and rigging tricks and mods that have made their kickboats into efficient fishing machines. If you have any advice to fellow kickboaters or want to show off how tricked out a kickboat can be and want to share how you did it. Submit your ideas to kickboatbass@comcast.net and your tip, trick or mod will be used in a future issue.

Livewells

Whether you have a livewell for tournament fishing or for fun fishing a properly designed livewell will ensure the life of your fish. Fish care should always be on our minds because a dead fish can be the difference between placing higher in a tournament or not being able to return the trophy to the lake after carting it back to shore for a quick photo.

1. Make sure the livewell is large enough. You need to be able to put in a limit of bass without them being too cramped. If you're fishing for trophy's make sure a large bass will fit. A livewell with a diagonal length of 30 inches should be sufficient for most trophy bass.
2. Don't skimp on a pump, sure they make smaller pumps but get at least a 500 gallons per hour bilge pump so you can quickly fill the well and freshen the water every 30 minutes
3. Use a quality lid and latch set up. The worst thing to have happen is to have a fish jump out of your livewell and watch it swim away, while fishing

in a kickboat this can happen quite easily

4. Use an additive like rejuvenade it will help relax the fish in the livewell increasing the chances that they will swim away just fine after weigh-ins.

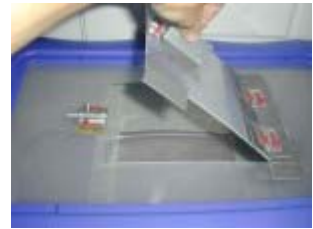
Below are a few shots of some quality kickboat livewells. While many people still enjoy using a follow me bag style livewell the best way to care for your fish is to devote the time to create a great big ol' fish tank for your kickboat so you don't have to worry about bass dying on you.



Recessed livewell



JC's Large Livewell



Lock Latch for Lid

Stick of the Month

Todd Iwamoto



February's Stick of the month is rightfully Todd Iwamoto, Todd has excelled in tubing tournaments since he began fishing with the Sonoma Belly Boat Bass Club back in 2000 and did it once again this month at Lake Sonoma.



When the rest of the club seemed to be struggling Todd enticed some good ones to eat. Iwamoto has an extensive record of money finishes in the kickboat tournaments with 16 victories, 10 2nd place finishes and 7 being in third. Todd has earned the title of Angler of the Year for SCBBBC a total of 4 times and won the TOC in 2002 and the invitational event in 2003. Todd says that he loves to get out and fish kickboat tournaments. Fishing with a great group of friends and of course a little friendly competition which he seems to be quite good at. Fishing from a Tube forces you to stay in one area and Todd recognizes this helped him learn how to fish more thoroughly and efficient. Iwamoto gives a lot of credit to his success to all the anglers he has been able to learn from over the years of fishing kickboat tournaments. Todd has stepped it up in larger tournaments as well with a 3rd place finish fishing out of the boat in the BASS western open at Clear Lake in 2003. Todd is always ready to help out other anglers on the water so if you see him out there don't be afraid to come up and ask him a question or two you just might learn something new.

Tournament Tubing Ladies

Kickboats aren't just for guys you know! Theresa Coutts and Wendy Yeh are the real deal. These two lady's not only fish with the guys they fish to win! Theresa is



becoming a seasoned pro in her kickboat, fishing the B-n-T Shasta Region and all the opens. Theresa has stepped up to Assistant Tournament Director for the Shasta Region this year and I know she will do a great job. Wendy Yeh is our newest kickboating gal and she looks to improve her skills with a full year of competing with the Sonoma County Belly Boat Bass Club this year.

I'm expecting great things from both lady's this year and it won't be long till they are both taking all our money.



Upcoming Tourneys

March 4th and 5th will be the start of the BnT Shasta Region with the first event of the season taking place at Lake Shasta with the launch location at Packers Bay on the 4th and Jones Valley on the 5th.

The SCBBBC's March event is also the weekend of March 4th and will be taking place at Lake Berryessa with a launch location at the Capel ramp. There have been some big fish coming out of Berryessa lately and this should be a great event to fish.

The following weekend on March 12th BnT's Delta Region will be fishing at Mildred Island the bite is turning on in the Delta and this event should have some large fish weighed in.

March 4th & 5th BnT Shasta Region - Lake Shasta

March 4th Scbbbc - Lake Berryessa

March 12th BnT Delta Region - Milred Island

West Coast Kickboat Top 100

We at WCKB are proud to announce the first ever top 100 tournament kickboat anglers and there overall rankings. The first official rankings come from every kickboat tournament documented with stats since 1999 - 2005. So with out further ado here's your top 100.

1.Todd Iwamoto	158	32.Phil Rageneau	14
2.John Lake	110	33.Joe Rivera	13
3.Joe Castro	107	33.Rick Alexander	13
4.Mitch Teman	104	34.Dan Chester	12
5.Bill Sweatt	89	34.Fred Church	12
6.Chris Zaldain	67	34.Steve Coutts	12
6.Doug Tyler	67	35.Josh Schroeder	11
7.Darce Caldwell	66	35.Travis Tarver	11
8.Rich Caro	63	36.Mark Zandenbergen	10
9.Derren Kozenko	57	37.Casey Langley	9
10.Kevin Marchschi	50	37.Dave Brown	9
11.Eric Howard	48	38.Beno Huene	8
12.Mike Ayers	45	38.Joe Puente	8
13.Rob Belloni	43	38.Skaggs	8
14.Tim Crane Jr	42	39.Brian Garland	7
15.Andy Parsons	40	39.Matt Daily	7
16.Jeff Andress	39	39.Mike Pierce	7
16.Robert Linden	39	39.Phil Van Zee	7
17.Carson Riley	38	40.Dave Kaffke	6
17.Dave Sternitzke	38	40.Steve Wilson	6
18.Jamie Mctaggart	33	41.John Stangle	5
18.Paul Mibach	33	42.Alex Meine	4
18.Sal Plasencia	33	42.Juan Acosta	4
19.Binh Phi	31	42.Mark Goodrich	4
20.Chris Youlden	30	42.Matt Hules	4
20.Eric Keith	30	42.Mike Boggs	4
20.Russ Stansbury	30	42.Nick Wong	4
21.Scott Beem	29	42.Scott Hupp	4
22.Dave Ryle	28	42.Teresa Coutts	4

23.Chris Zelenka	27	42.Terry Almeraz	4
23.Dan Bass	27	43.A Wilber	3
24.Jay Bryant	22	43.Alex Meza	3
25.Dave Montiero	21	43.Bill Price	3
25.Paul Fontes	21	43.Elliot Phelps	3
26.David Pham	20	43.Ileo Ortiz	3
26.Jeff Smith	20	43.Ken Gooding	3
27.Clint Ryle	19	43.Mark Chaussee	3
27.Greg Vogel	19	44.Chris Zaldfay	2
27.Matt Cahill	19	44.Kevin Anderson	2
28.Mark Serrano	18	44.Kevin Nunez	2
29.Gorden Rydquist	17	44.Mike Williams	2
29.Jereme Brumblow	17	44.Nick Trubic	2
29.Terry Cherney	17	44.Wendy Yeh	2
29.Tim Zandenbergen	17	45.Alex Mcdonald	1
30.Mark Tierney	16	45.Brian Vogt	1
30.Steve Williams	16	45.Mark Senzig	1
30.William Perez	16	45.Max Krieg	1
31.Scott Rouhier	15	45.Pat Person	1
31.Tad Montgomery	15	45.R.Senzig	1
32.Ervin Bass	14	45.Terry Yeh	1

Formula for Ranking:

(1) No tourneys factored with less then 10 anglers.

(2) Regular

Tourneys

1st place +5

2nd place +4

3rd place +3

4th place +2

5th place +1

(3) Major Tourneys - US Open, Invite and TOC

1st place +2

2nd place +1

3rd place +1

4th place +1

5th place +1

(4) Angler of the

Year

points +3

Example: winner of the invite (now classic) +5 regular points +2 for major =7 pts

2nd place winner of same event +4 regular points +1 for major =5 pts

3rd place winner of same event +3 regular points +1 for major =4 pts

Club Officials

Bass-N-Tubes

Travellers Region Tournament Director - Paul Mibach*

Assist. TR Tournament Director - Scott Rouhier

Delta Region Tournament Director - Mitch Teman**

Assist. DR Tournament Director - Chris Zelenka

Shasta Region Tournament Director - Tim Zanderbergen

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Top 10 from last month's tourneys!

TOP 10 Scbbbc @ Lake Sonoma

1. Todd Iwamoto	7.42lbs BF 4.12
2. Russ Stansbury	5.29lbs
3. Mike Ayers	4.42lbs
4. Jay Bryant	3.06lbs
5. Travis Tarver	2.67lbs
6. Bill Sweatt	2.58lbs
7. Terry Yeh	2.51lbs
8. Dan Chester	2.45lbs
9. Dave Sternitzke	2.35lbs
10. Binh Phi	2.23

Top 10 BnT Delta Region @ Beacon Harbor

1. Bob Williams	11.37lbs BF 4.52
2. John Lake	10.94lbs
3. Mike Ayers	10.14lbs
4. Scott Rouhier	9.91 lbs
5. Chris Zelenka	9.63lbs
6. Paul Fontes	9.61lbs
7. Robert Linden	9.14lbs
8. Jay Bryant	8.89lbs
9. Doug Tyler	8.15lbs
10. Mitch Teman	7.87lbs

Looking for Writers

if you would be interested in writing a monthly column for West Coast Kickboaters please let us know what you have in mind. Also if there's something special you would like us to add please inform us.

Thanks for taking a look at this months West Coast Kickboats!

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