

APRIL 2002 FISHING REPORT ARCHIVES

04/01/02...Spiro Dictakes fished today and caught 40 fish using watermelon brush hawks. There's a lot of prespawn activity in shallow water, close to the bank. Some trout are being caught as well.

04/01/02...Al Stansfield's daughter caught a 10 pounder today at the park using a watermelon senko. Al was extremely happy with the bite as the spawn starts turning on. Green senkos were doing the job too.

04/01/02...Ernie Evans caught 18 today using plugs, some fish were in the 6 lb. class.

04/02/02...From Scott George... "Well my son and I went out tuesday 4/2-got to the lake before 7am and stayed till 1pm-scratched out 10 up to 3.5 lbs.-also lost a small trout at the boat.We were lucky enough to watch a bass of approx. 5-6 lbs. chase and eventually engulf a 10 inch trout-AWESOME!!!! We were also out easter sunday and saw a dink bass of about 10"-11" jump out of the water up onto the rocks of the dam trying to snag a lizard-he flopped around for about 30 seconds till he was able to get back in the water and swim off. Also have you noticed the Bass attacking the mud hens??? This place amazes me each and everytime I go! Tight Lines to ya!"

04/02/02...As reported by Kin Marsh, Western Wildlife Adventures, from last week: "Dave, my son-in-law, and I had a nice day last time out--caught a dozen or so fish up to almost 5#--fished right to "dark city"--got three as we were preparing to dock. I know this constant warm weather has them active. Looking for a great "long day" on the water."

04/02/02...From Craig Beevers..."We caught them on bubblegum,watermelon,and rainbow trout senkos. The biggest fish that was caught was 4.8 and mine was 3.5.I would like to thank Mr. Kelsey for opportunity to visit his ranch."

04/03/02...Mark Dunker fished Monday the 1st. "We ended up with 17. Largest 4# and several in that range. A few small 'bucks' looking to do their thing."

04/03/02...From Bruce Able..."On April 2, 2002 went to the lake for the first time today and had an incredible time. Caught alot of fish and the "dink" was 3 lbs! Looking forward to next week and doing it all over again!"

04/03/02...Norval Pimental reports on his five hour fishing trip on Monday, April 1st. "I caught 53 fish on Monday - 33 in the first three hours using pumkin senkos. The fish were in about 2 1/2 feet of depth up along the shore. The largest was 8.9 lbs., several were between 5.5 to 6 lbs., and a bunch were in the 3 to 4 lb. range. I don't know why those guys go to Mexico to fish, this is the most fabulous fishing I have ever had."

04/05/02...From Dave Kochis..."Went fishing on 4/5. The weather was overcast and threatening but not as bad as the weather forecast would lead you to believe. A friend and I caught 40 with the largest going 3 1/2. It took awhile to find the fish as the unstable weather pulled the fish off the banks."

04/07/02...From Joe Robinson..."Got to the lake at 6am fished until noon fishing was slow had 9 fish total most going 3to4lb range except one. I was was fishing the north part of the lake by the road just outside the tullies when bang bang. I then set the hook trying to rip lips off then the fight was on she had me all over the place back and forth under the boat then heading for the trees. I managed to turn her around and finally after 3or4 minutes my buddy Randy helped me get her in the boat. I knew this fish was big but not that big she weighed in at 11.5lbs my largest bass ever. same old story I was using my favorite bait the watermelon with red flake baby brushog Bass Love Em !"

04/07/02...Dave Bates reports that he did some night fishing on the 4th using crankbaits and spinners. He caught 26 fish. Heaviest was 7.5 lbs.

04/08/02...From Kin Marsh...Jim Curtis (Western Wildlife Adventure guide) and myself, fished KBR Saturday 04/06/02--daylight to 4pm. 20+ nice fish, 3# to 6#, senkos-madman craws-power worms, garden colors (watermelon & pumpkin), the whole lake-deep/shallow. The all day wind was a challenge--but the healthy fighting bass were well worth the effort.

04/10/02...From Alex Maxwell of Steve's Bait Shack..."4/10/02... great fun! began fishing at 1pm to 6pm. We landed 8 fish between 15"- 20". Plus 3 big ones that we lost in the submerged fence. We had our best luck in the shallow weed beds on opposite side the lake from the boat dock, catching fish on blue sapphire brush hawks, blue bitzy bug jigs with green twin tail grub trailer, and especialy a darter jig with a KEEPER brand curl tail grub salt n' pepper wuth blue blood line. The bass were only biting on the initial cast and fall. they wouldn't chase anything . crankbaits and spinnerbaits proved futile. Thanks for a graet time to Kelsey Bass Ranch... Steve's Bait Shack."

04/11/02...From Carmin Rosato..."Results for our half day of fishing today was 26 fish to 3.5 lbs. Mostly on cranks and a few on plastic and a great day to be on your peaceful lake."

04/13/02...From Dave Kochis..."Went fishing April 11, caught 17. The weather was windy & overcast all day pulling the fish away from the banks to cover. Flipped the majority of my fish in tight cover. Water temperature had dropped several degrees from the previous week. I did catch several on top water early AM before the wind and clouds picked up. Looking at my fishing log, the average March

temp this year was 5 degrees colder than March of 2001. This may answer in part why the per trip catch for March of this year was not as "hot" as that for March of 2001. What's all this about global warming?"

04/16/02...From Kin Marsh..."Dave Clute and myself, fished KBR Saturday April 13th from 1:00p.m.--11:00p.m. Bite was tough most of the afternoon, but turned on towards evening--20+ fish, all nice 3#-4#, watermelon Senkos during the day-dark blue that nite. The fish were both shallow and on the wood (4"-6"). The nite was beautiful-lake laid down flat-T' shirts and shorts-(*take your bug spray*). Watched two different 'toads' (7#-8#) do an awesome tail dance and then were GONE, leaving nothing but ripples in a broken heart. THIS IS A GREAT PLACE TO FISH!! Tip: If you are going to swing--swing for the fences."

04/16/02...From Scott George..."Went fishing tuesday the 16th.....weather sucked but fishing was good. Fished from around 10am till about 4pm - caught 29 all on crankbaits.Tried senkos,jigs,worms,spinnerbaits - NADA!"

4/23/02...From Cory Husman and Jason Borofka..."On 4/20/02 we fished from 6:30 a.m to 8:30 p.m. Only caught about 6 fish in morning hrs but afternoon bite was great. Caught 40+ bass between 2 & 4 pounds on anything resembling a shad or baby bass."

04/24/02...From Scott George...Fished the lake the 23rd with guests Chris Munden and his 8 year old son Cody. Weather was great, but the fish seemed un-cooperative, at first. We caught approx.25 fish on crankbaits, buzzbaits and worms. Cody was fortunate enough to catch the first fish of his life! Once AGAIN Kelsey has given someone a lifelong memory - Thanks Jon. Big fish went about 4 lbs. - several of the big fish caught were allready spawned out, but there are still alot on beds too."

04/24/02...Coke Ramos fished today with his friend, they caught 55 to 60 fish. They were using Senkos, any color. The biggest boated fish was 4 1/2 lbs., several 6 to 7 lbers. were lost. "We would of had more but a lot of biggest fish jumped so much that they came off before we could get them in the boat."

04/26/02...From Dave Kochis..."Went fishing on Thursday the 25th. Got some wind and a couple of hours of rain, but a lot of fish. Caught 30, cranking about half and "senkoing" the other half. Water temp dropped several degrees from last week. Saw many clouds of bass fry. Spawning is taking place."

04/26/02...From Walt Butler/Dave Ward..."Walt and Dave fished the lake on the 26th of April, as guests. We caught 20 to 30 beautiful Bass. We had some rain, and plenty of wind. Used Senko's, cranks and wild worms. Wonderful place to fish and relax. Both of us are thinking about applying for membership."

04/30/02...From Scott George..."Fished the lake on the 30th - it was a SLOW day for me losing one at the boat and only landing four. My biggest was over 5lb. and nothing else went under 3lbs. Again I tried it all and caught all my fish on worm/darter head combination."