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02/02/02 Scott George reports he caught 4 fish up to 3 lbs. using crankbait and artificial worms. Fish look to be in excellent shape, nearly solid white from being deep. The fish are being caught close to the bank. Water temp. is 47 degrees, with a 40 degree reading on a seven foot section of water on the bottom. Nice warm winter day.

02/03/02 Scott George sends in this report: "Went to the lake Saturday....arrived around 10am. What a way to spend the day.....beautiful weather and Kelsey Bass! I only caught five - three on a crankbait off the east end of the dam, one on a crankbait off the island at the south end of the lake, and one on a darter head/brush hog combo out of a tree. All the fish were nice....up to around 3.5 lbs or so. I caught one dink around 12-13". Its been so long since I caught a "small" fish out of Kelsey I forgot they existed!"

02/06/02 From Mark Dunker..."Was out yesterday and fished pretty hard. Got half dozen strikes and 2 fish. Weather was great.Sure liked the improvements being done, the new stable dock and graveling the road."

02/12/02 From Scott George..."Fished from about 10am till about 4pm-caught 6 fish-best around 3.5-4 lbs. I caught one fish on a spinnerbait, one on a crankbait and four on a purple jig and pig in the timber. Fish were caught from one end of the lake to the other - plan on working for them! Fish are getting color and lots of energy! Water is warming rapidly, but as usual this incoming storm will probably change all that. Tight Lines to ya!"

02/16/02 From Joe Robinson..."Jon, just wanted to tell you and the others what my first day was like at the ranch. Well I had the whole lake to myself which I found very peaceful not like those other overcrowded and noisy lakes around here. I fished for about two and a half hours and caught six very healthy bass. Fish were all caught right off the bank in the shallows and on watermelon with red flake baby brushhogs. Two fish were close to 5 lbs; the rest went 3.5 4 lbs. Thanks for such a great place."

02/18/02 From Joe Robinson..."Fished about 4 hours mid morning until noon. Fish still shallow and tight to the timber. Think they're trying to warm up as the sun shines. Caught 10 fish for the day - most going 4-5 lbs. Got one seven pounder - all caught on watermelon with red flake baby brushhogs."

02/22/02 As reported to Jon Kelsey, Robin Lowe fished the lake Friday afternoon with two guests. They caught 25 nice quality fish weighing 3 to 5 lbs. Blades and Seinkos were used."The fish are really starting to come on" said Robin.

02/23/02 From Scott George..."Fished Kelsey Friday - arrived around 10am. Man was it warm.....fish seemed fairly active - caught 3 in the first 45 minutes till the wind came up. The fish turned off after the wind started, then really hard to work for them.Caught 6 total before leaving at 4 pm. Two on a spinnerbait, two on a jig and pig and two on a crankbait."

02/26/02 Scott George writes in..."Got to the lake around 9 am.....fished till around 3pm or so.....caught 11 fish on crankbaits,jig and pig and spinnerbaits. Approx.5-6 other boats on the lake.....saw a couple of them catching fish. Fish are fat and strong! Caught 3 at 5 lbs. or above.Looks like its gonna be a fantastic spring bite! Now to the sad stuff....gotta mention it cuz it really sucks....The Kelseys have been gracious enough to allow us to fish here yet we walk all over that trust they have endowed in us by leaving beer bottles,fishing line,cigarette butts and packs all over the place! PLEASE keep your garbage in the boat and when you get back to the dock place it in the garbage can Jon has furnished.This is soooo disheartening because this is one of the main reasons we are members-to get away from the kind of slobbs that do this-pick up after yourself and if you see garbage someone has left behind-pick it up,it wont kill ya! Treat the place as if it were yours or we may lose the permission to enjoy what the Kelseys work so hard to provide for us and others.Ok enough preaching-tight lines to ya! Scott"