

Monday, July 2nd, 2001...

Dave Kochis reports, "Went fishing July 2. The weather was hot hot, over 100 degrees. But the fishing was a little cold by "Kelsey Standards". Only caught 18 with the largest going 5# 12 oz. Got one on a Spook and the rest on Senkos. Have not been able to get the frog working yet this year."

Saturday, July 7th, 2001...

From Scott George of Chowchilla..."Went to the lake Saturday July 7th.....a bit rainy but it didn't turn the fish on like I'd hoped it would. Fished from about 8am till 11:45 a.m. and caught 11 up to about 4.5 lbs. all on frogs. I can't wait till next Saturday to ask these pros what I'm doing wrong with this frog.....I lost 15-20 fish most of them BIG today for no reason.....just came unbuttoned. All in all a beautiful day till the sun came out.....TOO HOT so we went home."

Tuesday, July 10th, 2001...

From Dave Kochis..."Went fishing July 10th. Beautiful day with temperature in the 80's and mild breezes. Caught 26 fish with the largest going 5# 13 oz. Top five went 17# 15 oz."

Saturday, July 14th, 2001...

From Scott George of Chowchilla..."Went to the fishing clinic Saturday the 14th.....really informative and I learned some new spots on the lake as well as ways to help preserve the wonderful fishing we seem to take for granted at the "ranch". Never knew that putting a bleeding bass back in the water for 30 seconds would stop the bleeding! I always feel bad when a fish gets damaged by my catching it. Anyway, to the fishing.....fished from the end of the seminar till around noon I guess.....caught one 3 lb'er on a frog in tortilla flats.....lost another HUGE fish (damn those frogs!) Fished the main body with a crankbait and caught 19 more from 13 inches up to 5 lbs. My daughter caught one that was real skinny yet still weighed in at 3.14.....would have really been a chunk if it had its weight! Also caught one dink of the dam on a darter and a buddy bait hand pour. Another excellent day at the lake.....coyotes howling, slammin bass and one of my two kids.....thanks AGAIN Jon for taking the time to give us such a beautiful place to fish -we probably don't realize how much time you have to put in to keep it what it is! Thanks also to the BOATS UNLIMITED pros and Don Payne for taking the time to help us all out. Tight lines to you all! SEND IN YOUR FISHING REPORTS AND PICS!!!!!!!!!"

Wednesday, July 18th, 2001...

From Dave Kochis..."Went fishing on July 18. Started out slow not getting bit for the first two hours. As the day warmed, the fish did likewise. Caught 29 including a 5# 2 oz kicker. The top five went for 18# 4oz."

Tuesday, July 24th, 2001...

From Dave Kochis..."Caught 20 fish. The top five weighed 13# 4 oz with the largest going 3# 4 Oz. Fishing was slow and the "big boys" didn't come out to play."

Wednesday, July 25th, 2001...

From Mark Dunker..."Tough day. Started about 5:30 AM and were gone by noon. Don't think the temperature reached its predicted levels, but it was warm enough. Lots of activity on the lake early. Only 15, but a reasonable average weight of about 3#. Lots of weeds growing so need to be careful with trolling motor maintenance. Fun as always."

Saturday, July 28th, 2001...

From Scott George..."Well.....today was not what you would expect for this lake.....took my daughter and her friend and we caught....7. Tough would barely describe today's fishing. We caught all but one on crankbaits. Fished worms on the dam and picked up one dink.....frog fishing was almost non-existent, had to fish blow up but no hook ups. Water is warm and REALLY geen.....lots of weeds even in the main body of the lake. TOO MANY floaters....we need to be extremely careful with the fish, guys.....repay them for the enjoyment they just gave you by releasing them gently and unharmed. Tight lines to ya!"

Tuesday, July 31st, 2001...

From Dave Kochis..."Toughest day of the year, so far. Caught 12 fish. The top five weighed at 14# 8 oz. The largest fish went at 3# 2 oz. Very tough getting a bite. Had to throw many times at the same target to invoke a strike."