

March 1, 2001...

Bill DeSalles, Bordonas Furniture, the club's newest member, reports that he caught 20 fish, all between 2 and 4 lbs, pig-n-jig, at the base of trees and shallow water. They all were "nice quality" fish.

March 11, 2001

Bill DeSalles fished here again and caught 40 fish, ranging from 2 lbs to 5 lbs, with the average at about 3 + 1/2 lbs. He used pig'n'jig, black lizards, and amber worms. The fish were caught in deeper water this time, 4 to 6 feet, and not so much in the shallows.

Greg Van Bebber, another new member to the club, had a great day and caught 30 fish, all between 2 and 4 lbs, using Yamamoto grubs. Greg says that the fish were very vigorous.

Robert Fernandez reports he caught 60 fish at Kelsey Reservoir using Senkos and rattletraps. The largest fish was 8 lbs.

March 14, 2001...

Mark Dunker fished here today and caught about 20 fish this afternoon on Senkos. Jig'n'pig was not working like it was on Sunday.

March 16, 2001...

James Stone, caught 20 fish, ranging from 1 lb. up. He was using plastic worms and spinnerbaits. He remarked that this was the first time he had caught a bass here close to one pound, that, like the rest of the fish he caught, were generally in the 3 lb. and up category.

March 17, 2001...

Long Nyugen, our newest member as of today, fished here with Robert Fernandez today, and together caught 45 fish. The heaviest was 4 and 1/2 lbs., and that there were a lot of one pounders caught as well. They used crankbait to catch most of them, spinnerbait on a couple, and that the fish were caught in the middle of the lake. Last weekend, there was a strong bite close to the shore.

March 20, 2001...

James Stones fished here this afternoon and caught a total of 30 fish, 10 of which weighed over 4 1/2 lbs. He caught them all on "plastic." He said, "Today was my best day ever at the lake" and left with a big grin.

March 22, 2001...

As reported by Mark L. Dunker: "Wed. March 22nd - Weather was wonderful. Started early, 6:45 a.m. and quit before 3:00 p.m. Fish seemed to be all over the lake and with careful presentation, would bite. Seemed to be feeding, because even at first bite, the hook would be deep in throat. Cut hooks off, rather than kill fish. Stopped counting when we hit 50 by noon."

Brook Reynolds tells us that he was on the water at 11:00 a.m. - north wind approximately 12 mph with water temp at dock 66 degrees. Trailered boat at 5 p.m. with well over 50 fish - the smallest was 2.1 lbs and the largest was 5.3 lbs. He fished senko bait, green/red flake - great, though larger fish were taken on lucky craft cb 250 crankbait (pearl shad); three fish on top waterlure (sugio splash-clear red mouth). Bite is wide-open. Come on out and enjoy this world-class bass fishery. Thank you KELSEY RANCH!

David Kochis, avid fisherman and club member, reported on March 22: "I caught 42 fish with the majority between 2 & 4 pounds. Caught several over 4. The fish were on the banks especially the points. (Staging and/or making beds.) All were caught on 8 inch Magnum Lizards, watermelon with chart tails. The wind slowed the bite but with good boat positioning, they were still biting. Looked like most of the fish caught were males. Caught maybe one female."

March 26, 2001...

Nick Zinkin reports, "Fishing was great Saturday morning (3/24/01). Although we could only fish for 2 1/2 hours before our trolling motor broke, we caught over 40 fish. We were using jigs and spinner bait. The average fish was 2 lbs, but they fight like 5 lb fish."

Ron Wilson says of his fishing trip on 3/25/01, "On my first cast I hooked a 5 pounder and let my 88 year old mom reel it in. Her next fish was a 7 pounder. We caught fish until 4 p.m. I had two hawks on, one busted me off and the other pulled free both over 10 pounds. My mom caught lots of fish from 1 to 5 pounds. Her best five were two 5 pounders, 2 in the 7 pound class and one in the 10 pound class. My grandson had a ball, while he never caught no monsters he caught at least 20 fish in the 1 to 5 pound range. The average size fish I think was about 2 1/2 pounds. Baby Brush Hawgs in June bug color worked the best. A great day and a memorable one that I will cherish for the rest fo my life. . Jon Thank you very much for the memorable day!"

March 29, 2001...

From Dave Kochis, "...by the time we got to the lake, 8:00 AM, the winds had begun and they blew all day. We left the lake by 3:00 PM. We caught a total of 48 fish with the largest being a 4 pounder, most were upwards of 2 pounds. The surprise of the day was the Senco. Even in the winds, fishing the Senco on slack line was extremely effective. Toss it in, watch your line and hold on. We essentially caught fish all over the lake, on flats, in trees and in the weeds. They were jumping all over the Senco. Earlier we had ripped a few, caught one on a spinner bait and caught many on the 8 inch Magnum Zoom lizards. But the bite was slow. However, when we switched to the Senco, the bite turned on. I guess the fish wanted the baits dead sticked."

From Lou Bacciocco and friends - "All I can say is WOW!!! My hands and wrists were sore from reeling in those hard fighting bass. Mostly 2 -4 pounders but they all fought like they were much bigger. We fished all day and caught over 40 bass apiece, and that was despite a big wind that blew all day! Got some early on spinner baits, but really got most of the fish on Brush Hogs (June bug, Black w/red flake, green pumpkin) and jigs pitched into the trees. I definitely have to use heavier line next time! My friends all agreed it was the best bass fishing we have ever experienced. Thank you Jon Kelsey for providing such a great fishing facility and sharing it with us."

March 31...

From Tony and Zach Alvarez: "Zach and I fished the ranch the past 2 weekends in a row. The wind was kinder today, 3/31, but the fish gods were benevolent both times! We actually stopped counting, and when you've got that father/son competition thing going, well. Top fish was probably close to 6 lbs., with many in the 2-4 range. Only 2 on topwater, the rest on various colors of plastic worms and lizards, though the darker seemed most productive. Good fishing to all!"