

Thursday, May 10th, 2001

From Dave Kochis...Now is the time to be fishing Kelsey!!! I've fished Mexican lakes 6 times and they don't compare to what's going on NOW at Kelsey. The fish are coming off spawn and they're hungry. The water is warm, high 70's & low 80's, and the fish are going nuts. They are schooling the bait fish. When you see them splash tearing up the schools of bait fish, toss a Senko or for that matter anything into the commotion, and hold on. They are over the lake. Look for them to reveal themselves and throw to the fish. I caught 57 and quit because my elbow was killing me. I was retrieving my boat at the ramp and I was 'bothered' by schooling bass. So I grabbed my Senko rod and cleaned the area of bass so I could retrieve my boat in peace and quiet.

Friday, May 11th, 2001

From Dave Kochis...I caught 35. The water temp had cooled several degrees from that on my previous report. The wind had also come up not only cooling the water but also affecting boat positioning and casting accuracy. The fish were on in the AM with nice catches of 4+ pound fish. But the action slowed from about 10:00 to 2:00. It then picked up again but the fish were smaller. The fish are definitely tight to the weeds.

Tuesday, May 15th, 2001...

From Dave Kochis...May 15th was very windy all day. Water temperature only reached 70 degrees late in the day. The "catching" was challenging but still good. Caught 25 with 11 coming on top water. Lost a "hog" on top water. After setting the hook she came completely out of the water and threw the crank bait. UGH!!

From Matt Watson...Fished may 15th, six fish. Smallest 2.5 lbs biggest 6.2 lbs.

Thursday, May 17th, 2001...

From new members Mike DeRousse & John Onken: It was our first time on the lake. We arrived about 3:00 P.M. and encountered strong winds. We had no clue where to fish and happened to catch one of the Members who pointed out where to start. We had several fish come out of the weeds after our Senkos and released a couple in the 3 - 4 Lb range. We caught a few every hour until just before 8:00 P.M when we caught and released approximately 15-20 in about 1 hour. We had several double hookups. All the fish we caught were between 2 and 4 lbs. Kelsey did not disappoint us. These fish fought harder than any where else we have been.

Friday, May 18th, 2001...

Ron Lara from Western Wildlife Adventures in Santa Clara, CA, writes in...Today was my first day on the lake and became a member immediately. It's a gorgeous lake and very well taken care of. My guest, Al Eby and I caught and released 16 fish ranging from 2-4 pounds but saw a 7 pounder caught by another member. The wind was ripping and we didn't get on the water until almost 8 AM. A great place to fish!

Tuesday, May 22nd, 2001...

From Dave Kochis...Went fishing May 22. The weather was hot and the fishing was red hot. Caught 61. All large fish up to 4 1/4 pounds.

Wednesday, May 30th, 2001...

From Dave Kochis...Went fishing May 30. Caught 31 including 7 on top water using a black and chrome Chug Bug. The rest, you guessed it, were on Senkos. The fish were tight to or in the weeds.

Thursday, May 31st, 2001...

Glenn Yee writes in...Every trip to Kelsey Bass Ranch provides a new and interesting experience. After donning my flippers and launching my pontoon boat I began casting frog popper and wooly bugger to a small clearing between the underwater growth. I momentarily set my rod down to adjust my flippers when i looked up to see that my popper had disappeared. I instinctively grabbed the rod and set the hook. The line went slack. Darn!! A bad knot and a bass that got lucky. After lunch I walked to the dock area and noticed there was a commotion in the water about 60 feet out. I began casting my black popper, which was soon sucked under. When I landed the bass (about 5lbs.) I noticed that he had more than a mouthful of popper. The wooly bugger I had lost earlier was happily retrieved. Unfortunately the popper was imbedded pretty deeply in his throat and I did not take it out in fear of killing the fish. The rest of the afternoon I caught lots of fish on a black wooly bugger. At one point as I was dislodging the popper from a nice fish which had been hooked in a weedy area, when another fish took the trailing wooly bugger. What a way to end a good day of fishing. This is my fourth trip to the Ranch. I hooked over 30 fish even though the temperature was right at 100 degrees. I wonder what I will experience on my next trip to the Kelsey Bass Ranch?