

## The results of the April 4-6, 2018 Random-Match Bass Tournament

- For this tournament we had 27 teams participating, compared with 25 teams fishing April 2017, 26 team in April 2016, 25 teams in April 2015. With 149 members in the club that 36% participation, compared to 41% last April, 46.4% participation in April 2016 and slightly over 47% in April 2015.
- 156 legal bass were caught this April, compared to 126 in April of 2017, 78 in April 2016, 112 in April 2015, 42 in April 2014, 63 in April 2013, and 52 in April 2012!
- 12 boats (44%) caught the full 5 by the 3-2 rule, compared to 8 boats (32%) in April 2017, 4 boats (15%) in April 2016, 9 boats (36%) in April 2015, and around 11% in previous April tournaments for which I have data.
- 4 of the prize winning fish this April were 19 inches or larger (actually three 20" or larger!), compared to 3 in April 2017, 2 in April of 2016 and 2015, 3 in April 2014, and 2 in April 2013. However, in 2015 FIVE fish were caught that were 19 inches or over, but only two teams caught them all!

We awarded prizes for the longest bass to the top six places. The prize winners:

**FIRST PLACE 20 1/2"**: Jim and Joe North (Caught 4 legal bass)

**SECOND PLACE 20 1/4"**: Dave Garrison and Chip Stapleton. (Caught 7 legal bass)

**THIRD PLACE 20"**: Rick Sommer and Charles Townson. (Caught 13 legal bass)

**FOURTH PLACE 19 1/2"**: Bill Chandler and Kris Townson. (Caught 6 legal bass)

**FIFTH PLACE 18 3/4"**: Lonnie Bacon and Gary Kuba. (Caught 8 legal bass)

**SIXTH PLACE Tie 18 1/2"**: John Anders and Gary Waldron ( Caught 4 legal bass) and Bill Bearss and Harry Elrod (Caught 7 legal bass)

### **BOATS CATCHING FULL 5 BASS BY 3/2 RULE (2 fish caught by one team member and 3 by the other):**

Twelve boats caught the full 5 bass by the 3-2 rule:

- Rick Sommer and Charles Townson: 91 1/4"
- Ron Cady and Bob Stromberg: 83"
- Bill Bearss and Harry Elrod: 82 3/4"
- Scott Jensen and Tom Tamanini: 82 1/2"
- Bill Chandler and Kris Townson: 80 1/2"
- Larry Madden and Paul Pole: 79 1/4"
- Dave Goeckel and Dan Singleton: 78 3/4"
- Lonnie Bacon and Gary Kuba: 76 1/4"
- Jerry Leach and Jerry Shiffer: 76"
- Butch Batton and Mark Yarborough: 71 3/4"
- Sergio Gregoretti and Don Lenahan: 70 1/2"
- Rudy Carbone and John Sheets: 69"

## Keowee Anglers April 2018 Tournament Statistics

Overall Stats	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of Members in Club	106	112	122	149
Number of Teams	25	26	25	27
Percent Participation	47.1%	46.4%	41.0%	36.2%
Number of Legal Bass Caught	112	78	126	156
Number of Prize fish 19"+	2	2	3	4
Number of Teams with 3/2 rule 5	9	4	8	12
Percent of Teams with full 5	36.0%	15.4%	32.0%	44.4%

Length of Prizes	2015	2016	2017	2018
First Place	20"	19 3/4"	20 1/4"	20 1/2"
Second Place	19 1/2"	19 1/4"	19"	20 1/4"
Third Place	18 1/4"	18 1/4"	19"	20"
Fourth Place	17 3/4"	18"	18 3/4"	19 1/2"
Fifth Place	17 3/4"	18"	18 3/4"	18 3/4"
Sixth Place		17 3/4"	18"	18 1/2"
Sixth Place Tie				18 1/2"

Distribution of Fish per boat	2015	2016	2017	2018
# Boats catching no legal bass	1	1	1	1
1 legal bass	4	6	3	-
2 legal bass	4	6	2	-
3 legal bass	2	4	1	6
4 legal bass	3	-	6	5
5 legal bass	3	2	5	1
6 legal bass	3	2	4	5
7 legal bass	1	2	-	3
8 legal bass	-	-	-	1
9 legal bass	-	-	-	-
10 legal bass	2	1	-	3
11 legal bass	-	2	-	1
12 legal bass	-	-	1	-
13 legal bass	-	-	-	1
14 legal bass	-	-	-	-
15 legal bass	-	-	-	-
Median Fish/boat	4	3	4	6
Average Fish/boat	4.5	3.0	5.0	5.8

Distribution of fish by size	2015	2016	2017	2018
12-12 3/4"	6	12	18	17
13-13 3/4"	17	17	19	35
14-14 3/4"	30	14	25	35
15-15 3/4"	24	8	22	25
16-16 3/4"	28	15	17	14
17-17 3/4"	10	7	16	17
18-18 3/4"	1	3	6	8
19-19 3/4"	5	2	2	2
20-20 3/4"		1	1	3
21--21 3/4"				-
Median Fish Length	15 1/2"	14 1/4"	15	14 1/4"

### The Winners

**Back Row Left to Right:** Chip Stapleton, Dave Garrison, Jim North, Joe North, Rick Sommer, Charles Townson, Bill Bearss, Lonnie Bacon, Harry Elrod

**Front Row Left to Right:** Gary Waldron, John Anders, Bill Chandler, Kris Townson, Gary Kuba

