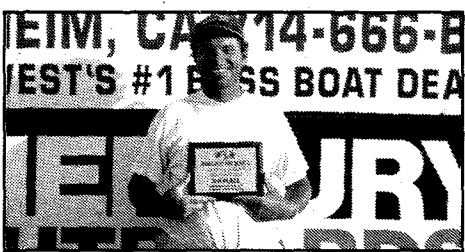


See page 1 for a photo of the winners!



2nd Place at Mohave was Daniel Branscum & Ronald Branscum. They had 16.92 lbs and collected \$550.00 CASH!



3rd Place at Mohave went to Craig McCoy fishing without partner Bob Horn. He had 16.40 lbs and collected a total of \$812.00 CASH!



4th Place at Mohave was Gerald Harbour & Doug Gaskill. They had 16.15 lbs and collected a total of \$300.00 CASH!



Jack Gadlage shows off two quality Lake Mohave Largemouths. Jack had the biggest Bass of the event, a nice 5.68 pounder!

BIG FISH AWARDS

- #1 - Ken Marshall & Jack Gadlage 5.68 lbs
- #2 - David Sterling & Tom Anthony 5.24 lbs
- #3 - Craig McCoy & Bob Horn 5.04 lbs
- #4 - Steve Pike & Larry Howard 4.82 lbs
- #5 - Ray Arbesu & Bam Alamillo 4.54 lbs

LAKE MOHAVE "TEAM TOURNAMENT"

NEVADA REGION

By: Ralph Kilpatrick

The 5th and final tournament in the Nevada Region was staged May 10, 1997 on Lake Mohave, with Cottonwood Cove Marina playing host.

McCoy Fishing Line was the co-sponsor of this event. Angler's in many of our regions are not familiar with McCoy line. This is one great fishing line! Ask around, when you talk to an angler that is using McCoy, they will convince you that you should give it a try. Ask for McCoy Mean Green Fishing Line at your favorite tackle dealer.

Fifty-five teams set their sights on conquering this temperamental body of water. As water levels are lowered to allow for the Spring runoff, Mohave can become unweildng and stingy at times. Competitors figuring out the bite can be rewarded with quality fish, as well as cash and prizes.

At blastoff the morning temperature was quite comfortable. As the hours passed the sun scorched the surrounding desert, and Lake. Temperatures climbed past 100 degrees for the first time this season. While contestants battled the heat, Mohave willingly surrendered its abundance of quality fish. The heat was as hot as the fishing. 184 fish were caught, weighing 474 lbs for a 2.58 average.

As the tournament kicked off, brothers Ron and Dave Raynor of Boulder City, NV held a 10 point lead on the rest of the field. With a limit the brothers should be able to hold on to their lead. Sometimes when things seem so simple, the unexpected can jump up and surprise you. With a limit in the livewell, it seemed they

had the Southern Nevada Region championship locked up. All that was needed was get the fish to the scales and reap the rewards. Wait a minute, could it really be that easy? As Dave and Ron filled their bag with water and emptied their livewell all seemed normal. As they started up the dock, suddenly their bag split open, sending fish in all directions. In a mad dash to retrieve their catch, one flipped back into the water and swam off. Now in a panic to save the remaining fish, a frantic sprint to the holding tank was in order. Finally, with their catch securely in hand, the pair waited anxiously as the rest of the field weighed-in. As the results were compiled and positions listed, I eased the tension by announcing they had indeed held on to become Southern Nevada "Anglers of the Year". Congratulations Ron and Dave on a fine season!

The class of the field was Ken Marshall and Jack Gadlage of Logandale, NV. They used J.R. Jigs, pitching to the base of trees. They brought in 19.22 lbs and "Big Fish" of the tournament, 5.68 lbs. Ken and Jack took home plaques from tournament Co-Sponsor, McCoy "Mean Green" Fishing Line, as well as \$1,218.00 and our Congratulations on a job well done! They are members of the J.R. Jigs and Stanton Marine teams.

Ron and Dan Branscum, father and son from Henderson, NV captured 2nd place. Pitchin' and flippin' their own product, Scorpion Jigs, around brush proved very productive. When the action slowed, they moved to deeper water, using American Fishing Products Soft Jerk Baits, covered with lots of Hot Sauce. They were able to bring an impressive limit of 16.92 lbs. to the scales. The Branscum's took home \$550.00 Cash for their efforts! They are members of the Scorpion Lures, Lamiglass Rods, McCoy Fishing Line, Hot Sauce and American Fishing Products teams.

Third place was taken by the team of Craig McCoy and Bobby Horn. Craig, fishing alone, used Sweetwater Jigs, casting in shallow water to brush and wood structures. Craig took 16.40 lbs. of fish from Lake Mohave, as well as 3rd "Big Fish" weighing 5.04 lbs. and walked away with \$812.00 Cash and a nice plaque! They are members of the Sweetwater, Shimano, Gibbs Propellers, Maxima and McCoy Fishing Line teams.

Gary Harbour and Doug Gaskill from Las Vegas, NV finished in 4th place with 16.15 lbs. Covering their Q.T.M. Jigs with Hot Sauce, pitching to brush in shallow water proved to be the right choice for this team. Gary & Doug received plaques and \$300.00 Cash!

Rounding out the Top 5 was Tom Anthony & Dave Sterling from Vegas. Tom and Dave caught the 2nd "Big Fish" a 5.24 lb kicker. Using Zoom Lizards and Berkley power worms the pair brought a nice limit weighing 16.06 lbs. They also fished brush piles in

Place	Team	Weight	Winnings
1	Ken Marshall & Jack Gadlage	19.22	\$1,218
2	Daniel Branscum & Ronald Branscum	16.92	\$ 550
3	Bob Horn & Craig McCoy	16.40	\$ 812
4	Gerald Harbour & Doug Gaskill	16.15	\$ 300
5	David Sterling & Tom Anthony	16.06	\$ 715
6	Ray Arbesu & Faustino Alamillo	15.64	\$ 526
7	Rich Mispagel & Frank Hartle	15.39	\$ 220
8	James Broughton & Steve Bowen	14.89	\$ 200
9	Steve Dickerson & John Riley	13.79	\$ 200
10	Dean Buz Shiner & Tom Downard	13.50	\$ 200
11	Josh Burchette & Brian Madden	13.33	\$ 150
12	Bob Toohig & Rita Toohig	13.28	\$ 150
13	Mike Hendrix & Ted Roper	12.93	\$ 120
14	Rick Shipman & Matt Guild	12.82	\$ 120
15	Rick Grover & Bob Simmons	12.38	
16	John Murray & Joe Wheeler	12.24	
17	Ron Raynor & Dave Raynor	12.01	
18	Craig Bamson & Dan Bamson	11.09	
19	Tim Klinger & Mike Klinger	10.64	
20	Al Robinson & Alton Robinson Jr	10.15	
21	Cole Cook & Mike Pruncheck	9.93	
22	Terry Bamson & Robert E. Ward	9.42	
23	John Martinez & John Antonuccio	9.42	
24	Rick Tobler & Brandon Todler	9.15	
25	Ron Ressler & Jim Elmore	9.10	
26	Jim Siwy & Andy Legrow	8.90	
27	Pat Coghlan & Larry Newman	8.73	
28	Larry Locatis & Justin Locatis	8.22	
29	Bobby Sandberg & Michael Mercurio	8.04	
30	Mike Vannatta & Richard Whelan	8.03	

Additional places that cashed out of the top 30
34 Steve Pike & Larry Howard 7.67 \$ 159

★ Nevada Region ★

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Points Standings

- * 1 Ron Raynor & Dave Raynor 501
- 2 Terry Bamson & Robert E. Ward 486
- 3 Craig Bamson & Dan Bamson 481
- 3 Ron Ressler & Jim Elmore 481
- 4 Gerald Harbour & Doug Gaskill 475
- 5 Cole Cook & Mike Pruncheck 463
- 6 Ray Arbesu & Faustino Alamillo 442
- 7 Gene Raynor & Ron Beard 440
- 8 Paul Campbell & Del Pragnell 426
- 9 Kenneth Marshall & Jack Gadlage 420
- 10 Rick Shipman & Matt Guild 417
- 11 Rock Dowd & Paul Mittwede 410
- 12 David Sterling & Tom Anthony 396
- 13 Mike Vannatta & Richard Whelan 395
- 14 Lenny Helmbolt & Jon Shook 390
- 15 Jeremy Vance & Lynn Irwin 380
- 16 James Crockford & Chris Crockford 375
- 17 Tim Klinger & Mike Klinger 374
- 18 Al Robinson & Alton Robinson Jr 371
- 18 Mike Hendrix & Ted Roper 371
- 19 Dennis & David Rasmussen 360
- 19 Bobby Sandberg & Michael Mercurio 360
- 20 Josh Burchette & Brian Madden 350
- 21 Cory Rogers & Thomas Martin 343
- 22 Bob Toohig & Rita Toohig 341
- 23 Eric Kruse & Ronald Walls 340
- 24 John Martinez & John Antonuccio 337
- 25 Daniel Unten & Bill Barker 330
- 26 Jim Siwy & Andy Legrow 310
- 27 Frank Morrin & Irl Bilbrey 307
- 28 James Baldonado & Marie Baldonado 301
- 29 Mike Harris & David Baker 285
- 29 Pat Coghlan & Larry Newman 285
- 30 Casey Morganthaler & Sam Upton 284

* 1997 Angler's of the Year!

SINGLES CATEGORY

- 1 J.L. Pennington & J.L. Pennington

HUSBAND & WIFE CATEGORY

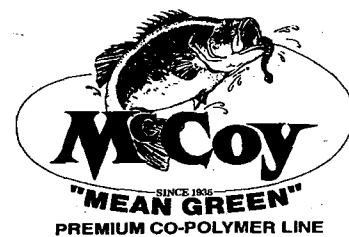
- 1 Bob Toohig & Rita Toohig
- 2 James Baldonado & Marie Baldonado
- 3 John Gibbs & Karen Gibbs
- 4 Gene Edwards & Lynn Edwards
- 5 Darius Arberry & Tuyet Arberry
- 6 Tom Bowman & Janet Bowman
- 7 John Morrow & Tammy Morrow

FATHER & SON CATEGORY

- 1 Rick Tobler & Brandon Todler
- 2 Joe Sudjarit & Joey Sudjarit

shallow water. Tom and Dave took home \$715.00 Cash for a well spent day on Lake Mohave.

I will be on vacation most of the Summer so call the American Bass office at (310) 376-1026 for more information on fishing this exciting region. See you when we kick off the 1998 season!



Lake Mohave 5/10/97 - "How The Top 10 Caught Their Fish" - An Exclusive Feature To Inform And Educate American Bass Anglers - Save This Table!

1 Ken Marshall & Jack Gadlage 19.22	Pitchin' Brown & Purple 1/2 oz J.R. Jigs w/3" Trailer to trees in backs of cuts from Cottonwood to Owl Point, the bite was all day
2 Daniel Branscum & Ronald Branscum 16.92	Bm & Purple Scorpion Jigs & Amer. Fish. Prod. soft jerkbaits w/Hot Sauce, Pitchin' & Flippin' 4'-10' brush, McCoy line, Gamakatsu Hooks, Lamiglass Rods & Shimano Reels
3 Bob Horn & Craig McCoy 16.40	Casting 3/8 oz Brown Sweetwater Jigs in 7' & less in the Cottonwood area using 12# line and Shimano Rods & Reels, the bite was all day
4 Gerald Harbour & Doug Gaskill 16.15	Pitchin' 3/8 oz Brown QTM Jigs w/Copper Brown Trailer covered with Hot Sauce in 5'-10' in the North end, the bite was in the morning
5 David Sterling & Tom Anthony 16.06	7" Zoom Lizards and 4" worms fished in outside brush piles in the South end of the lake using McCoy 10# line, the bite was all day
6 Ray Arbesu & Bam Alamillo 15.64	Flippin' Green Yamamoto Grubs and Big Boy Baits in trees in 2'-10' in the North end using McCoy 12#-16# line, the bite was all day
7 Rich Mispagel & Frank Hartle 15.39	Casting Yamamoto Grubs and Chris Scott Jigs to bushes in 5' North of Cottonwood using 8#-10# line, Gamakatsu Hooks and Shimano Reels, the bite was all day
8 James Broughton & Steve Bowen 14.89	Flippin' & Pitchin' Yamamoto Pumpkin Green Flake Jigs, #208 Trailer & worms around brush & rock, shade pockets using 17# line and Gamakatsu Hooks, 6:00-12:00
9 Steve Dickerson & John Riley 13.79	Pitchin' Red Smoke Gitzit's to the shade of brush in 5'-10' in the upper lake using 8# line, Garland 1/8 oz jig heads and Shimano Reels, the bite was all day
10 Dean Buz Shiner & Tom Downard 13.50	MGM Worms and Gitzit's fished slow in 6'-10' on shallow rock points using Gamakatsu Hooks and Shimano Reels, the bite was in the afternoon

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