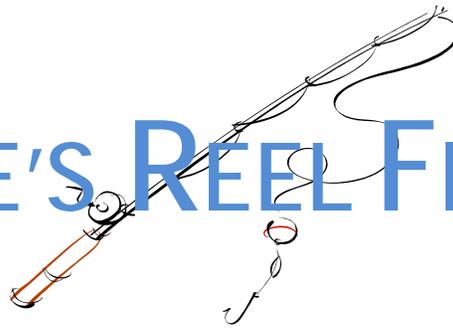


BIG MIKE'S REEL FISHIN'



The objective of our fishing report is to provide our lake users with up-to-date information and to help our anglers on what's working where and when. It is important for everyone to remember that fish have minds of their own and everyday is not going to be the same as the last, but being flexible is vital to consistently catching not just consistently fishing. It is also important to remember that the person providing this information is a fisherman himself and sizes and weights vary slightly from the truth depending on how many times the story has been told.

May 2, 2014

Trout success is screaming and it is as good as it gets. We have seen limits as the norm and there isn't anything that doesn't work right now (except sleeping on the couch has had limited success). The District has made a couple trout plants to the Lake, hoping to see the DFW (Dept. of Fish and Wildlife) truck arrive and fill this baby to the brim with rainbows. The carry over fish from the winter are still showing up and the planters are filling the balance of the creel. Baiters from the shore are doing well on dough baits with 2 to 3 foot leaders on a slip sinker rig and the people on the move trolling have spanked them with Rapalas of all shapes and sizes the brook trout color seems to work best for me this time of year. Of course the lead core boys chatter is two to three colors and the needle fish combo is hard to beat. One thing for sure is water clarity is off the hook and light line is the ticket to fool the smart ones. Stay away from using rope or large cable because it DOESN'T WORK!!! Use as light of line as you can this water clarity is very good and these rainbow trout can be very line shy.

Bassers are finding fish on deep structure and doing well I might add. Lots of 3lb fish are showing up. Try bouncing a jig or two through the structure and wake these fish up. This season is going to be epic for small mouth and large mouth. We just broke a large mouth Lake record and I know the smallie record will be shattered this year as well.

No bluegill reports or crappie, but I can see them getting ready to have the annual crappie spring extravaganza. These crappie have grown quite a bit in a year and this should be a good year for some nice pan ready slabs.

No catfish reports to speak of but I have seen some carp floating on the warm sunny days. Carp Roundup this year is June 21st-22nd; come one, come all!

FISHING TIP OF THE WEEK

Re-spool that old last year's line IT MATTERS



"Starting to heat up on deep structure spots..." - Jofel Yan
(Big Bear Lake Bass fisherman extraordinaire)

