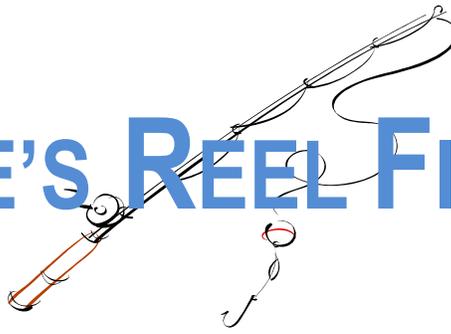


BIG MIKE'S REEL FISHIN'



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.

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I hate to say it but winter is just around the corner and the weather is about to get weird, BUT this is when these trout get their second wind and get with it again. Water is cooling fast and the oxygen has been good all season but now the Lake is mixed and the D.O. is even top to bottom. So slip bobbin and controlled depth fishing is not so critical and the fish are everywhere. We all know that spring and fall are the times to catch rainbows on Big Bear Lake and summer can be a little rough to get those dudes to feed on what you are cookin! But when it is the catching season (like right now!!) they will even feed on what my wife is cookin' (just kidding she is a good cook). Trollers with rapalas and needle fish are doing well and bait boys and girls are filling stringers with dough baits. The fish are still holding mostly to the west however as we cool with each day getting shorter everything will start the run to the morning sun.

Bassers have had the record breaking year for sure with numerous personal bests along with some new Lake records. Small Mouth Bass have taken hold and are doing their job staying busy chasing your baits. Spinner baits seen to be leading the charge but crank baits and all types of plastics are a strong second. Just remember when picking a color try to match what they are eating and you will have better success. Large mouths are also doing great with a successful spawn and with lots of smaller fish showing up we are looking forward to some good years to come.

Bluegill and crappie have been very strong on mini jigs and worms around the structure and weed beds with some very nice red ear and pumpkin seed showing up this season.

Cat fishing is still holding on but as the water cools so does their desire to eat.

Carp hunters better hurry up because we are seeing a massive slowing of surface fish; still some hanging out on top when the sun is booming but not much during the early morning hours.

FISHING TIP OF THE WEEK

Live Bait Must Be Lively - For example, worms must be lively to work effectively. A half dead worm is of little use to the angler. Keep your worms cool and they will stay livelier.