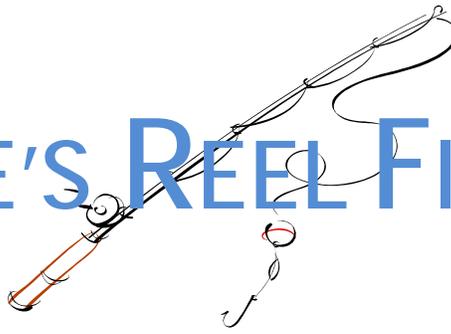


BIG MIKE'S REEL FISHIN'



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.

April 23, 2013

Here we go fisher people, the season is upon us and this is the time to set a new personal record. Whether it is the biggest fish or heaviest stringer, now is memory time. You can train a monkey to catch trout in the springtime on Big Bear Lake and this year is no exception.

Beautiful day on the Lake!
Tom and Josh with a nice three pounder



Water is about 51 degrees and rising fast. These carry-over trout are starting to boil on any and all of your baits. Troller's must stay slow with needle fish and rapelas which all seem to be working as usual. Baiters on the water, using the wind to your favor and drifting, have produced limits consistently. I use light colors in the spring but that is just me. Also the red, white, and blue dough bait has its place in the spring plus it makes you feel good when an eagle flies by. Remember the fish are searching for warmer water so they swim east to find it and then when it gets too warm they turn and burn back west. DFW has spread the great news that our allotment of pretty rainbow trout to Big Bear this season is about the same as last year which is wonderful and a lot of truck

loads. I would love to tell you when the trucks are coming but you know I don't want to threaten anyone's lives. So I won't. But let's just say that in May DFW's trucking fuel bill is going up (A LOT). Also a crazy good thing going on right now is the dissolved oxygen is at full saturation levels which mean that it can't get "more better". So when you hear "thermal this", and "oxyie that", never mind because it is good all over.

Bass fishing is off the hook this spring. Buzz and spinner baits seem to be the answer to get the pre-spawner's to reach out and touch someone.

The most interesting story is reports of catfish being caught. I know it is true cuz I saw it on the internet. These big bad dudes usually don't wake up until the water hits 60 degrees, but stranger things happen.

FISHING TIP OF THE WEEK

Change that stinkin' old line.
New line can make the difference between a good day and a bad day.

Great trout!
DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET!!



Sam says, "There aren't any browns in Big Bear Lake...trust me."



A stylized signature that reads "Mike S." in a cursive font.