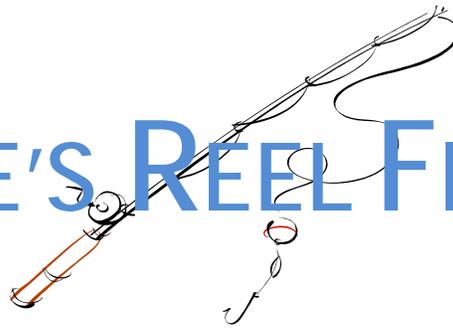


# BIG MIKE'S REEL FISHIN'



*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.*

## June 18, 2014

The secret is out and "YES" we have been dumping truckloads of trout in Big Bear Lake. Along with Fish and Wildlife's scheduled stockings, the District has purchased 4 loads to date including a truck unloading trout as I write this report.

The trout fishing has been good to excellent depending on your skill level and time off work. Trollers with Rapalas and needle fish are cleaning up on fish up to 5lbs. Shore anglers are doing well with a slip sinker rig and dough baits. The lake is stratifying (layering) as we speak and a slip bobber rig is going to be the ticket very soon.

The lake had a small algae bloom which impaired clarity a bit and as we layer we will see better clarity. Choose your colors according to the current conditions. Lights when it is light and darks when it is dark.

Bass are flying off the nests and are going postal on your offerings. They are moving onto structure and finding the perfect ambush point to spank your bait.

Crappie went nuts for the last couple weeks and are slowing a bit but still getting some great reports of nice sized slabs showing on meal worms and mini jigs. A lot of the rock piles are high and dry to edges and ledges are where to find them before they suspend for the summer.

Bluegill are doing great for the last couple years and this year should be even better. A few nice fish showing on the old bobber and worm trick seems to fool them every time.

Cats are still a little quite but with the water temps rising into the mid 60's they are gearing up to boil on your stink baits.

GET READY! So you carp boys and girls hear this. ITS ON!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Spawning has begun and the 11<sup>th</sup> year Carp Round -Up timing could be just perfect. June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. We have more prizes than ever and then Bass Pro stepped up big time to help keep you Carp Hunters in quality gear and gifts cards. I have folks entered that don't even shoot the tournament just to be a part of the monster raffle and random prizes we offer and of course the incredible gourmet hot dog lunch prepared by my staff of doggie chefs.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike S." with a stylized flourish at the end.

### FISHING TIP OF THE WEEK

Even though bow fishing for carp takes place in shallow water -- less than five feet deep -- a pair of polarized glasses will help you see carp better. Polarized glasses reduce the glare and reflection of the water, which gives you a better sense of the true location of the fish.