

# 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 5, 2015

Yo! Did you hear it? The sound of one million rainbow trout being planted into Big Bear Lake. You heard me right. ONE MIIIIIIIIION. The blue light was flashing and the District purchased some beauties to over-flow our Lake for this season and seasons to come. I'm keeping half of the trout secured in my super-secret location until they grow larger for you anglers to catch a toad down the road.

The carry-over from last fall and winter are bringing in some nice numbers for people drifting from Rock Wall to the Zebra Room or center-lake from the Observatory to Windy Point. My thoughts are using dough baits and night crawlers if you want to reel in dinner. Trolling hasn't fared quite as well and water temps are in the mid-fifties. But for you die-hard trollers, the rainbow trout colored Rapalas will be your best bet. Keep your lines low. These babies are staying fairly deep between 12-20ft. Give it time. They will be moving east soon with the temperatures rising.

The bass are still in pre-spawn and haven't shown all their hiding places yet. You bassers hold tight. When these guys emerge from their winter haunts, they will be hungry, aggressive and protecting the nest. Please remember these fish grow very slow and will be spawning in early spring so return them quickly to fight another day. You just have to be patient for that time and then wham, bam, thank you ma'am.

Catfish and bluegill are still not showing, but the carp are coming out in the warmer afternoons just in time to get your shooting skills sharpened for the BBMWD's Carp Round-Up June 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. A new category for fishing only is added to this year's event and we expect a giant turn-out and even better prizes.

I expect those crazy, in the news, read-all-about-it, record breaking numbers to come rolling in this season. Don't miss out. Share your photos with us!

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



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