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Finally, a report that makes me smile. \$50k tournament was very well received by the folks participating in the bonanza. One tagged fish was caught but he wasn't the big dollar pescado. Everyone who tried caught fish and the ones that didn't try got a tan. The weather was really nice and the launch ramps were not too congested for everyone to get on the water in time. The trollers using rapalas and swim baits knocked them dead and lead core needle fish peeps did just as well. Saw a large number of slab daddies coming off the shore with dough bait and crawlers that needed to burp. Trout fishing with inflated baby snakes is superb at the moment and my friends from Fish and Wildlife are being very generous with the stockings and making this a bumper crop season that we haven't seen in a while. Thanks DFW!!!!

The tournament folks from the Visitor's Bureau and staff did a bang-up job organizing the event and really ramped it up this year. \$50K is here to stay!! Nice work!!!

Carp tournament was a huge success as far as participants enjoying themselves and eating a lot of venison chili dogs. The scales were off quite a bit from previous years due to the low pressure system that dropped in on us and dropped the fish down to the bottom and out of sight. We had a new tournament record fish, and although it didn't break the lake record, it brought the excitement level up for all. The shooting the week before was as good as I have ever seen it and of course the minute everyone left the lake began to boil. The spawn is far from over and the gettin' is good as we speak.

The bass fishing is picking up around the docks and rocks and the bass are continuing to grow up to be big boys. Bouncing jigs near structure and morning and late evening top water has been productive. Someone spread the rumor that we didn't have small mouth bass in Big Bear Lake. Well they are wrong as a football glove but no need to spread the truth - - that just leaves more for us!

We stocked some kitties this last fall and it seems it worked—they are showing up all over along with some very hefty bull heads at the scales. Cut mackerel and crawlers have been doing the trick and as the water warms, it can only get better.

Lake is low and the catching is high.

