

26th ANNUAL KCKL 95.9 FM BIG BASS TOURNAMENT
Cedar Creek Lake
March 28-29, 2009

By The KCKL Tournament Staff

When you hold a Bass Tournament for 26 years in the spring in Texas, you know you will sometimes have great weather and sometimes poor weather. The first day of the 26th Annual KCKL Tournament began with post frontal conditions of 35 degrees and 25 MPH north winds creating uncomfortable and challenging conditions for the anglers. But on the second day the weather did a 180 and presented light winds, warm temps and lots of Cedar Creek big bass.



As is usually the case with a large number of anglers on the water, the key to the catching is found and some nice bass are brought to the scales. The winning fish of this year's event was Mike Kindley of Mansfield with a 9.66 big bass. For his win, Mike took home \$5,200 + a Kistler Magnesium rod, and specially embroidered Tournament Champion Tackle Bag and Tournament Champion Hat.



Mike Kindley – 9.66 lbs. 1st Place in the 26th Annual KCKL Tournament

2nd Prize was won by Rusty Harris of Port Neches with a 9.39 lb. bass. Rusty took home \$1,450 for his catch.



In addition to the Top 20 Places in the Final Standings, 80 anglers weighing in during the Hourly competition took home some cash.



Mike Vestal with an Hourly big fish entry



Long time KCKL angler Tommy Climer brings a nice 5 lb. class fish to win Hourly cash and try for the even weight Bonus Prize.

Since the 2nd Annual KCKL Bass Tournament, entrants have received Tournament hats as part of their participation. Some have claimed to have a hat from the 1st Tournament, but the truth is we didn't think about giving them away until the 2nd year.



Pat's collection of the hats from 26 previous KCKL Tournaments

One of the increasingly popular aspects of the Tournament is the Youth Division. Under 16 anglers can enter for \$10, win prizes in the Youth Division, and they are eligible for all other Tournament prizes including the \$5,000 1st Prize.



In addition to the 125 + Cash Prizes for fish catches, there were over 80 Door Prizes valued at \$45 to \$225 each including Kistler Rods, Lure Packs from Strike King Lures and Bumper Stumper Lures, and Gift Certificates and merchandise from Wulf Outdoor Stores.



Many anglers won prizes like a Kistler rod and Strike King Tackle Pack in the 80 Door Prize drawings after each day's Final Weigh In



L to R - 2nd Place, Tournament Director Mike McBurney, 1st Place winner Mike Kindley, & Tournament Operations Manager Pat Isaacson

We recently received the following Tournament recap by our 2009 Winner, Mike Kindley -

"The 2009 KCKL Tournament started out with windy and cold conditions. Making it hard to get to your favorite fishing spots. Fishing was still pretty good with my partner taking me to school, catching about 15 fish to my 2. We caught most of them on soft plastics off of secondary points. We hit the water Sunday, it was clear and cold but no wind. Fishing from mid-lake south. The fishing turned on, as the weigh-in lines showed. My partner and I caught fish on a variety of baits from crankbaits to jigs, both shallow and deep water.

To me it was a typical KCKL tournament. One day of good weather the other pretty tough, but both with great fish being weighed in. Cedar Creek never stops amazing me with the number of fish it has over 5lbs. Come join us this year for one of the best Open Tournaments in the state.

Good Fishing

Mike (2Dogs) Kindley"

Thanks for the kind words Mike.

Below is a picture of Mike's release of the Tournament winning 9.66 lb. bass.



We would like to thank and acknowledge all our sponsors and supporters for the 26th Annual KCKL Tournament including Radio Station KCKL 95.9 FM, Triton Boats, Mercury Motors, H&W Marine, Wulf Outdoors, Strike King Lures, Kistler Rods, Vicious Line, Sewin Sam's Embroidered Graphics, and Bumper Stumper Lures.

Mark you calendar now for next year's 27th Annual Tournament. Dates are March 27-28, 2010. More info will be posted at the Tournament web site www.fishingworld.com/kcklbass Hope you can join us.

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1. Mike Kindley, Mansfield	9.66	\$5,200.00 plus Kistler Magnesium Rod, 2009 Champion's Tackle Bag & 2009 Champion's Hat
2. Rusty Harris, Port Neches	9.39	\$1,450.00
3. Damon Lewis, Mabank	8.95	\$1,200.00
4. Robert "Chris" DiSanto	7.46	\$\$\$ Overall + Hourly Cash
5. Justin Richardson, Scurry	7.43	\$\$\$ Plus Youth Division Prizes
6. Terry O'Daniel, Waxahachie	6.96	\$\$
7. Amy Hanson, Red Oak	6.76	\$\$ + Ladies Division Prizes
8. Robert Hughes, Athens	6.68	\$\$
9. William Palmer, Arlington	6.41	\$\$
10. Terry Ashlock, Newark	6.14	\$\$
11. Scotty Catlett, Waxahachie	6.10	\$\$
12. Jerry Logan, Gun Barrel City	5.84	\$\$
13. Johnny Watkins, Mabank	5.80	\$\$
14. Johnie Myers, Jr., Malakoff	5.78	\$\$
15. Ted Vaughn, Maypearl	5.77	\$\$
16. Michael Edgett, Arlington	5.71	\$\$

17 Clint Weaks, Malakoff	5.68	\$\$
18 Lance Ueberroth, Ennis	5.59	\$\$
19 Travis Klepper, Temple	5.49	\$\$
20. Richard Deatherage, Dallas	5.39	\$\$

LADIES DIVISION

1. Amy Hansen, Red Oak	.76	\$200 + Hourly Cash + Kistler Rod
2. Ruby Lewis, Kemp	4.96	\$100
3. Regina Speckman, Athens	4.18	\$75

YOUTH DIVISION (\$10 Entry Fee)

1. Justin Richardson, Scurry	7.43	\$100 + Hourly Cash + Kistler Rod
2. Matt Burns, Corsicana	5.22	\$100
3. Jordan Schulte, Athens	3.45	\$100
4. Brice Mummert, Ennis	3.25	\$100
5. Garrett Henry, Paradise	3.19	\$100
6. Jaxson Abdoo, Mesquite	3.13	\$100
7. Christopher Gallegos, Royse City	2.32	\$100
8. Michael Stamper, Fairfield	2.02	\$100
9. Ryan Miller, Mesquite	1.90	\$100
10. Cory Rosa, Malakoff	1.89	\$100

Overall, approximately 200 Tournament and Door Prizes were awarded. In addition to the \$5,000 1st Prize, there were 34 Final Standings checks in three Divisions, 80 Hourly checks, and three even 3.00 lb. \$100 checks awarded to the winning anglers. The 80 Door Prizes valued at \$50 to \$200 were given to contestants attending the final 3:00 Weigh-ins on Saturday and Sunday.