

Young and Ryan off to great start in the 2008 JR points' race!

La Cygne Lake proved to be outstanding for many of the youth from around Kansas. The April 5th tournament had 36 JR's in 18 boats fishing in some of the warmest water in Kansas. I had planned on 41 youth and 22 boats, but with the weather changing, kids getting ill, some could not make the event.

After a minor delay early that morning, we were quick to get the boats and youth into the water and the fun began. I had several "extra" boats on hand that really added a lot of comfort. I watched as Sam Starr boated a few fish within the first half hour. One of which he dropped right into the net as his boater tried to ready it for a scoop!

The weather was great as the sun rose above the stacks at the Power Plant. A slight breeze greeted the anglers as they raced from spot to spot in hope of catching some of the quality fish the lake has to offer. This southwest breeze would continue to build in its intensity as the day progressed, but never got too strong! Temperature at take off was around 37 degrees and climbed to 67 degrees as the winds turned more toward the south around lunch time.

At 1:00 pm the junior anglers returned to the ramp. Lunch was prepared and provided by Rodney Kirk, Floyd Rebarry, and Dana Young, all parents of members of the KickBack JR Bass Club, which sponsored this tournament. Lunch included hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, chips, cookies, baked beans, tator salad, and drinks to wash it all down!

As the lunch was being served boater, Dan Rodlund, was brought up and introduced to the crowd. Dan told the story of how he became involved in bass fishing and then opened up a Q&A session. Thanks to Dan for lending his support and humor to us all. (I HAVE IT ON VIDEO!)

Chris Wornkey for the Sandhills JR Bass Club was asked to speak about the Ken Unruh Fund that is getting set up to honor its namesake. Ken was very involved with youth fishing and recently passed. Sam Nelson, Ken's Grandson, will attend the JWC in New York this fall. I will miss Ken very much, but the formation of the fund will ensure his dedication to the sport of bass fishing will continue. Lyle Starr spoke at the conclusion of the announcement stating that the McPherson JR Bassmasters would donate \$100.00 and issued a challenge to the other JR clubs to match their donation to the Unruh Fund. More details to follow as we get them.

Results of the tournament follow:

SR age group 15 – 18

1st	Chandler Young KickBack	300 points
2nd	Sam Starr McPherson BM's	295 points
3rd	Brandon Deaton KickBack	290 points

4 th	Harold McAtee	Puddle Jumpers	285 points
5 th	Cale Renollet	KHP Reel Deal	280 points
6 th	Daniel Wornkey	Sandhills	275 points
7 th	Tyler Regier	McPherson	270 points
8 th	Nathan Snyder	McPherson	265 points
9 th	Brande Branine	KHP Reel Deal	260 points
10 th	Jered Smith	KickBack	255 points
11 th	Dorian Rossback	Puddle Jumpers	250 points
12 th	Alec Reberry	KickBack	245 points
13 th	AJ Wenzel	Puddle Jumpers	240 points
14 th	Ties with 50 show up points:		

Aaron Dix (McPherson), Brady Sherman (McPherson), Josh Butler (Puddle Jumpers), Terry Reed (McPherson), Tim Umscheid (JR Hawgs), and Joe Orsi (KHP Reel Deal)

JR age group 10 - 14

1 st	John Jay Ryan	JR Hawgs	300 points
2 nd	Victoria Kirk	KickBack	295 points
3 rd	Jayden Bowen	Puddle Jumpers	290 points
4 th	Brian Brallier	Puddle Jumpers	285 points
5 th	Cole Bowen	Puddle Jumpers	280 points
6 th	Daniel Wiens	McPherson	275 points
5 th	Ties with 50 show up points:		

Cody Cranes (McPherson), Joe Van Riette (Puddle Jumpers), Chris Brallier (Puddle Jumpers), Benny Deaton (KickBack), Ryan Burkhart (McPherson), Chase Curl (McPherson), Garrett Evens (JR Hawgs), Dalton Frank (Sandhills), Craig Brallier (Puddle Jumpers), Brooklyn Graham (Sandhills), and Emmie Lohr (Sandhills)

Jim Parson from Flint Hills Bass Club was the lucky boater with both Chandler Young and John Jay Ryan. Their combined weight of the top fish that each angler caught totaled 18.89 LBS!!!!

Jim's dedication paid off with him being the winner of the Nautilus Exide Battery provided by Exide Battery Corporation!

I would like to thank the boaters that provided a great day on the lake for our youth. Jason Keller (Backlashers), Chad Curl (McPherson), Mike and Larry Brumley (Flinthills), Bill Pflumm (KickBack), Jim Parson (Flinthills), David Branine (Chisholm Trail), Dan Rodlund (Puddle Jumpers), Ed Young (KickBack), Pat Deaton (KickBack), Merrill Cunningham, Richard McLeod,

Bruce Black (Backlashers), Kenneth Durst, Joel Porter (Lastcast), Brad Van Riette (Lastcast), Melvin Smoot (Lastcast), and Kenneth Powel.

Boater prizes included products from the following sponsors: Plano Tackle Systems, Mercury Motor Co., Motorguide, Berkley, Bass Pro Shops, plus miscellaneous ball caps!

JR anglers 1st – 3rd place each age group picked up some nice prizes as well.

1st place each received one Quantum Tour Edition PT rod and reel combos, Viscous fishing line and sticker packs, Smelly Jelly scents, and plaques provided by Forbes Auto Supply

2nd place each received Plano 1373-10 Rack System tackle boxes, a sponsor ball cap, Smelly Jelly scents, Vicious fishing line and sticker packs, and plaques provided by Forbes Auto Supply

3rd place each received (2) Plano 3700 tackle trays, Smelly Jelly scents, Vicious fishing line and sticker packs, sponsor ball caps, and plaques provided by Forbes Auto Supply.

Cole Bowen received his State JR Champion Jacket and Quantum's Performance Tuned DVD. He will compete this year in New York for the 2007 JWC title.

All youth in attendance picked up Plano 3700 Tackle Trays and Smelly Jelly scent samples. They also had a chance to pick through a large box of donated or salvaged items (thanks to KBCFN anglers that cleaned out their excess over the winter).

Terri and Brande Branine helped to sell raffle tickets for items including the Motorguide TR 82, (2) Kistler Custom Rods (model # He66MHC LTA & He2MH69S LTX), and Lowrance H2O Handheld GPS. These items are to be drawn for later in the year, so if you wish to get tickets, contact me.

Come join the fun and look for the Mercury SS Prop to be at the next tournament at Eureka City Lake on April 26, 2008!!!

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