

Folks: September's tournament is in the books...six teams met on Saturday, September 28, at Bartlett Lake. Fishing from approximately 6:00am till 3:00pm under mostly clear skies with some clouds and off-and-on-breezes throughout the day...water temperatures starting at around 75 and moving up to 80 during the day and water visibility ranging from about two feet in the river area to very clear in the main lake...the fish were in an early fall mood, mostly following and smacking shad balls and moving shallow to deep and back again. This made establishing a pattern fairly challenging...so mostly junk fishing prevailed. Congratulations to Ken Landry and Bill Pfeifer for taking first place with 11.16 pounds and capturing big fish at 2.43. Gus Brisco and Bruce Thomas came in second with 8.90 pounds.

We had two guests...Don Robinson fished his second tournament with us this year partnered with Alf Penland. Chris Hoffarth teamed up with Angelo Messina. It was a fun tournament for the most part...fish activity most of the day, but you had to be in the right places and willing to move and find them when they shifted from deeper water suspended to shallower following the shad. Squarebill crankbaits did a lot of damage...jerkbaits... chatterbaits...some topwater baits...Carolina/split shot rigs and the ever popular drop shot accounted for most of the fish.

Our next tournament is a two day event at Roosevelt Lake on October 26 and 27; and our next club meeting will be this Tuesday, October 1, at Rusty's on Grant Road starting at 7:00pm. Hope to see y'all there...