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Dave May and Ryan Rigau Win the Car Shop, Lake June in the Winter Summer Showdown



Dave May and alternate Ryan Rigau beat 42 other teams to claim the Car Shop Summer Showdown on Lake June. The only thing resembling winter on this hot August day was the name of this body of water. Dave and Ryan didn't even have our Quantum Lunker of the Tournament, they just had five good fish. How did they pull off such a miraculous achievement you ask, well sit back in that there chair and listen to the facts I'm about to give you. Only the truth has been change to protect the innocent. (I wrote the following article before I knew that Ryan fished with Dave. As your reading just substitute Ryan's name for Dave's every once in a while and it will be fine. Sorry about that Ryan.)

Well Dave started his journey as a fishing guru this year at Dick's Sporting goods this spring. He took the coupons he won at our raffle at Beef O' Brady's, and cashed them in on some great products. He bought some Culprit T Rex worms, some Strike King spinner baits, and some Gambler Burner Craws. He had also won a Lunkerhunt Popping Frog and purchased a couple more at the same time. He then started practicing with this arsenal for the next few months and was now ready for the challenge. He called Paul over at Allstate and got his insurance in order for his boat and also moved his automotive insurance there as well. Brian at the Car Shop had done an oil change and tune up on his truck the week before this glorious weekend so he felt ready to take on anything or anybody. It was a long drive that morning to the lake but he kept alert with the help of a Walpole bulk carrier driver. He knows these guys are true professionals and would be watching the road ahead of him. He just dropped behind this artesian of the highway and let him lead the way. When he arrived at the ramp and launched his boat, he knew this was going to be his day. He pulled out his 13 Fishing rods equipped with Quantum Smoke reels and Vicious mono, braid and fluorocarbon line. He also pulled out his Fitzgerald rods with the Quantum MG reels. They were loaded with the same quality line. He tied on a Live Target Baitball topwater popper to one of his combos and put the Bruiser Swim bait on the naked hook that was there beside him. He took out his Dr Dan's Lip Balm and generously applied it then took out his Beyond Coastal face stick and rubbed it into his rosy red cheeks. Rosy is good, sunburnt is not and he knew that the SPF 30 would protect him. The long sleeves of his SPF 50 Valley fashion jersey would protect his arms from the blistering August sun. The national anthem was played and he was off. The morning air was making his eyes burn so he slid on his sunglasses held solidly around his neck by his Chums eyewear. Off to his first spot. As he arrived he thought, this would be a good place to fish that Keitech Swim impact swimmer. The grabbed that rod and applied a generous coat of Liquid Mayhem fish attractant to it. That bait no sooner hit the water when a good largemouth inhaled it and Dave set the hook. The fight was on and Dave hoisted in a nice 4.88 pound beauty in the boat. What a way to start the day he thought but then he noticed that

the bass had taken that bait pretty deep. He thought he better put some Fish Life first aid on that fish and put some of their livewell treatment in his well. Dave slid her back in the well and she was doing fine. Back to fishing. After a few more casts Dave hooks another nice fish. She would go three pounds even and would help his totals at the end of the day. A few more casts and he hooks a small one. He thought to himself (because he was fishing by himself and had no one to talk to other than himself) That fish could probably slide right into the New Pro live well vents that T. A. Mahoney Co. Inc at 4990 E. Adamo Dr in Tampa had installed for him. (They had also serviced his trailer bearings and brakes while they had it down there.) He knew this small fish would not make the cut so he released him to grow up. After an hour of no more bites, he moved offshore to a nice drop off he had located. He started working the area when his phone rang. It was his wife, Mrs. May. She told Dave that she had been watching one of those real estate shows that morning on her Buddy's Home Furnishings 65" TV and she saw a house she liked. She told Dave that she called Tiia at Cartwright Reality about this home. Tiia knew the home and would be glad to show it to them when he got back. Tiia told her that she knew the home was well cared for because they had Bay Area Pools taking care of the pool. With that commitment to excellence on the pool, she knew the house was well cared for. She also complained that her brakes were squealing when she went out to get coffee that morning. Dave told her to take it to Richards Quality Automotive Monday morning and they would have her back on the road by that afternoon with new brakes and quality workmanship at a fair price. After all that he finally got to go back to fishing. He started to work the drop off with his whole arsenal of baits and started to pick up a fish here and there. He grabbed his Mirrolure 17MR and worked this Mirrodine with a slow and steady pop, rest cadence and boated another nice three pounder. Before he knew it 12 largemouth bass had been lifted over his gunnels and he had culled up to an impressive 15.12 pounds. Would that be enough? With this Bay Area Club, you never know. At any given time, someone could smash them. Would today be my day? Only time would tell. He slid his boat right up on the concrete boat ramp on his Keel Guard keel protector because he knew with that type of protection, nothing was going to damage his hull. As he was waiting for his turn to weigh in his catch, he would give his boat a nice rub down with his bottle of liquid gold, Bass Boat Saver. This kept his boat looking like new week after week with almost no effort. This was some great stuff and thinking of great stuff, he remembered he needed to go see RPM (Richards Power and Motion) early Monday morning to get that quality electric motor he needed for that job Tuesday afternoon. Right after he meet with Hamilton Engineering about the new job site surveys his company was working on. It was finally time to weigh his catch in. He knew he had a chance and then he realized that he had done it. He had won. He thought back on the reasons he took this victory and soon realized that he had used everyone of Bay Area Bassmasters sponsors to help him get just a little bit of an edge over the entire field. Follow Dave's lead, support our sponsors. They will make you a better fisherman.

Second place was won by the team of Chris and Rick Walters. I know that you will get all the details of that impressive stringer and they might even be closer to the truth than what I might come up with. They had a good limit that would go 13.77 pounds. The Quantum Lunker Leader was our third place team of Jeff Crandon and Dan Richardson. We were glad to see Dan back in our family after a short hiatus. Jeff and Dan jumped around the lake fishing humps, bumps, drops, brush piles, and any other irregularity they could find. They picked up the 5.81 pound money fish with a 3/4 oz. trap that they ran parallel to a drop off. Jeff just decided to give it a try and was slow rolling it on the bottom when all of a sudden it stopped. After he set the hook he realized that it was a good fish and he worked it to the boat with his one good arm and his getting better other arm. Dan did not appear like

he was out of practice as he did an expert job manning the net. They would end up with 13.61 pounds to claim third place and also took the lead on the TAOY points race. It will be a close battle to finish out the year as they are only ahead of Steve and Ryan Mekdeci by 6 points. The Mekdeci's finished 15th in this tournament to keep it close. It will all come down to the last two tournaments of the year, Istokpoga, and Okeechobee. Fourth place would go to Casey Gonzalez and Eugene Terkoski with 13.08. Fifth went to the team of Greg and Lee Allen. Sixth would belong to Ken and Stephen Whitlow, and seventh would go to our esteemed Tournament Director, Mr. Gary you got to charge it? Ford and Mr. Joe I never saw a plug Hobson. They brought in 10.32 pounds to a fully charged scale. The final check went to Team Mirrolure, Eric and Shelby Bachnik. They would bring in the only nine pound bag of the tournament with 9.05. Jim Stillwell and Glen Bailey owned the dink of the tournament with the smallest of only two bass weighted in that did not reach the one pound mark. He weighted ninety five one hundredths of a pound.

Overall we lost 10 fish in this tournament. Please guys take care of these fish as well as you can. Its hot but we can bring some ice to keep it bearable for these treasures that we fish for every month. Put some vents in the live wells, Keep some frozen bottles handy to drop in. Put some salt or chemicals in your water to help the fish. Check them frequently and do the best you can to keep these fish alive and more importantly, healthy enough to survive the trip to the scales and back out to be caught another day.

Looks like it was a little tough on Lake June with the average fish only weighing 1.68 pounds. Only one half of our anglers managed to lasso a limit. 147 fish were brought to the scales with 43 teams participating. Lets see if we can improve these stats on Istokpoga next month. See you there.



Fizzing Fish In Florida?

Something very unusual happened in Lake June last Tournament. My fish were floating upside down in my live well and they were very much alive. Like most of you I had looked offshore for some brush piles and had found a good one. It was in about 20-25 feet of water on one of the drop offs this lake is known for. I boated our first fish and put him in the well. I checked the well a few minutes later and noticed that he was upside down. I had lost my first 10 pounder in a tournament a number of years earlier because of this so I always carry a vent needle in my boat. For the first time ever in a bass tournament I had to vent (fizz) these fish. Everyone we caught had to go under the needle to keep them alive. At weigh in they were all healthy and happy, all 6 plus pounds of them.

September's meeting will be Tuesday, the 5th at Beef O Brady's in Seffner. The address is 812 W. Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. at 7:00



2017 Schedule

Month	Meeting/Tour.			Location	Ramp
January	10	14	13 Fishing	Winter Haven	Lake Shipp Ramp
February	7	11	RPM Inc	Lake Harris	Hickory Point
March	7	11	Allstate	Lake Kissimmee	Camp Mack
April	4	8	Richards Quality	Lake Istokpoga	98 Ramp
May	9	13	Walpole	*Lake Kissimmee	*Camp Mack
June	6	10	Hamilton	Lake Harris	Hickory Point
July	5 (Wed)	8	T. A. Mahoney Co	Lake Toho	Southport
August	8	12	Car Shop	June in Winter	Public Ramps
September	5	9	Cartwright Realty	Lake Istokpoga	98 Ramp
October	10	14	Mirrolure	Lake Okeechobee	Okeetantie
November	7/14	11-12	Bay Area Pool	(Club Classic)	TBD

FBN Championship Dates

Sept 30—Oct 1	Team State Championship	Lake Harris	Hickory Point
October 28-29	Pro/Am State Championship	Scott Driver Park	Okeechobee

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