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**BAY AREA**



# Bob Grosso Wins FBN Central Division Angler Of The Year

Our very own Bob Grosso is Angler of the Year for the Florida Bass Nation Central Division. He beat out 90 of the best anglers in the state to earn this title. He will now get a free entry into the State Championship and try for State Angler of the year. If he beats the other three anglers of the year from the other divisions he will get an instant birth on the State Team for 2016. Bob is the first Bay Area Bassmaster member to earn this prestigious award. Thanks you Bob for representing us so well. Congratulations on a tremendous year and good luck in the State Championship on Lake Harris in the fall. ( I don't know why but Bob loves the Harris Chain. I would put my money on him to take the crown.) Good job Sir!



## Jeff Crandon and Dan Richardson Take The Lucky Dog Rodman Rumble

Jeff and Dan earn their first win of the year in Rodman Reservoir last month. They put together one of only four limits that were brought to the scales. Their top five fish went 14.39 pounds. They caught their fish all in very shallow water with a flippin' stick. They were holding in less than two feet of water under heavy vegetation. Most of the fish they caught fell to the Culprit Incredi-punch craw in black blue flake with a 1 1/2oz Eco-Pro tungsten weight.

Rodney Yavorsky and Chuck Gomez had a very tough morning. They couldn't catch a fish that would even come close to measuring. By 1:00 they had all but given up but Rodney decided to run down to the lock and see if anything was going on there. They pulled up and started throwing traps and the fish were there. They put a limit in the boat and culled a couple before time ran out and they had to head back in. That last minute decision earned them a second place finish and 12.60 pounds.

Limits were very hard to come by this Saturday morning. Just ask our third place finishers. Michael and Allen Press took third place on just two fish. Of course it helps if one of those fish happen to weigh 9.64 pounds. Mike was running a swim bait early in the morning and just stopped it to do something. He wasn't paying attention to his bait at all but when he got ready to reel it in, it was swimming away. He set the hook and put our lunker of the tournament in the boat. They had a problem, she wouldn't fit in Allen's livewell. She was too long. They flagged down Tom Craighead and they put her in his livewell. Tom and Tim took care of her the rest of the day and she came in to weigh-in alive and well. Thanks guys! They only managed one more fish all day but it was good enough to take third.

Paul Macchia and Kevin Hebert put a limit together to earn fourth place. Their fish would top the scales at 10.11 pounds. Our current leader of the Team Anglers of the Year race, Jeff Baker and Darin Betts, took fifth with the last limit brought to the scales. Their limit would go 9.91 pounds. Steve and Ryan Mekdeci brought in four fish that went 8.40 pounds for sixth but after that the weights and numbers dropped fast. Seventh place was only one fish. Overall 23 teams brought in two fish or less with 9 zero's put on the score card. It took 30 teams to bring 47 fish to the scales. That was a tough day on one of Florida's crown jewels of bass fishing. The good news is we only lost two of them to heat exhaustion.



## Sponsor News & Notes

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- **LIVETARGET** – Congratulations on another award winning bait at ICAST as they took home the award for the best of show in the soft bait category for their hollow body sunfish. We can't wait for this lure to hit the market as it will be a sure success in our waters..
- **Keelguard** – We have heard from a couple of people who have turned in their Keelguard certificates for a SkegGuard and SkegPro and they are very happy with the products and the ease with which they can be applied to protect their boats!
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- **Bluewater LED** – We've had a couple of our members have the pleasure of winning some Bluewater kits and as they get them installed we're getting to see some really cool boats at launch time. They have a great array of products with easy installation and lifetime warranties.
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July	7 11	Car Shop	Mystery Lake	TBD
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*September	8 12	Walpole Inc.	Lake Kissimmee	Camp Mack
October	6 10	Bay Area Pool Service	Lake Istokpoga	98 Ramp
November	10/17 14-15	(Club Classic)	Lake Okeechobee	Roland Martins Resort

### Florida B.A.S.S. Nation Team Championship

September 19-20                      Lake Okeechobee                      Scott Driver Park / Okeechobee

### Florida B.A.S.S. Nation State Championship

November 7-8                      Lake Harris                      Venetian Gardens



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