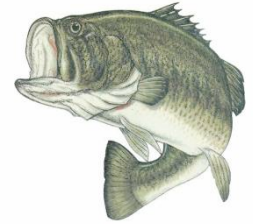


Smithville Bassmasters



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Record Setting Catch Helps McIntire Secure Back-to-Back Wins

The Smithville Bassmasters recently held their first two tournaments of the 2018 season at Stockton Lake, March 17th & 18th and at Pomme de Terre Lake April 14th & 15th. Platte City Angler, Josh McIntire managed to walk away with the title in both events with his latest win coming with the help of a record setting 26.33 pound limit.

McIntire's win at Stockton Lake was secured by a two day total of 24.21 pounds. "I was happy to weigh a limit both days," he said. "I was able to capitalize on catching multiple fish in a short period of time each day." (photo attached – credit Clay Palmer)

Fishing painfully slow helped second place finisher, Denny Sheafer, weigh in two limits as well, with the total weight coming in at 21.15 pounds. Michael Harris came in third with eight fish weighing 17.13 pounds.

Ashton Stute had the big bass of day one, a 4.40 pound lunker. Jeff Lang captured the day two big bass of 3.02 pounds. (photos attached – credit Clay Palmer)

Six places were paid out of the \$818 prize money, as well as first and second place big bass prizes each day of the event. Twenty-two anglers brought eighty-two fish to the scales for a total of 179.99 pounds.

McIntire's winning ways continued as the club made the trip to Pomme de Terre Lake near Hermitage, Missouri. After coming in 9 pounds behind the day one leader, Michael Harris with a huge day one weight of 23.01 pounds, McIntire had almost resigned himself to second place. Day two brought near freezing temperatures, high winds and snow showers. The bad weather seemed to not affect the fish at all as McIntire was able to capture a recent club record single day bag of 26.33 pounds. For the two days, he weighed in 10 fish for a whopping 40.76 pounds total, securing first place. (photo attached – credit Clay Palmer)

"Man, this was the best tournament day I've ever had," McIntire said of day two fishing. "I was fishing in wind so strong, that when I would catch a fish, by the time I put it in the livewell I was already 50 yards from where I had caught it. From the size of the fish, to the weather, it was just an unbelievable day all around."

Mr. McIntire's limit also included the day two big bass of 6.16 pounds

Michael Harris had the second largest total with 10 fish for 36.42 pounds. Day one big bass honors went to Harris with a 7.56 pound trophy largemouth. (photo attached – credit Clay Palmer)

The third place finisher for this event was Travis Rivest with a two-day total of 28.00 pounds.

Twenty-two anglers took part in the competition, weighing in one hundred thirty-seven fish for a total weight of 366.19 pounds. The club paid out \$818 to six places and first and second place big bass prizes each day.

The Smithville Bassmasters' next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, May 1st, 6:30pm at the Smithville Pizza Hut. Pairings for the next tournament to be held at Smithville Lake, May 12th will take place at this meeting. New and current members are welcome to attend.

For a complete tournament schedule and photos as well as results of recent events, visit Smithvillebassmasters.com or facebook.com/smithvillebassmasters.

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