

Sun Country Bass Association
East Points #3, Super Team and Ranger Cup
Conchas Lake, NM April 17-18, 2010

As has been the case the past few years, Conchas is a tough lake to get motivated for. The fishing has been great, but the quality of keeper fish is less than desirable. Prefishing for this one was not a priority as the lake has not changed much the last three years and outside of knowing water temp, etc. the only possibility that remains is sticking that big fish before the tourney and not during. Spent Friday afternoon strolling around looking at my Humminbird down and side scan unit to see where there were fish. There were fish everywhere and I caught a keeper largemouth and a crappie on crankbaits.

From Doug Stewart:

Another fun filled weekend of fishing for all 47 teams that showed up!!!! I guess the "Global Warming" climate change hasn't been told to everyone in the eastern side of New Mexico considering lake temperatures this year. Both lakes have been running 5 degrees cooler than last year and that along with cold fronts has made fishing less than perfect. I know the weather was part of the problem this weekend but someone at NMGF has got to look at changing the Smallmouth limit here or it isn't worth fishing in the immediate future. 2 years in a row we have been there with 45 or more teams and produced a lot of "0" weight limits. Congrats to Alan Bauder and Lawrence Roybal for the catch they did have and their first place finish, second place went to Ray Gorman and Jimmy Liles and third place to Randy Massucci and Rod Haselhof. All had the largest stringers for the weekend and Liles and Gorman anchored their sack with a 4.37 pound largemouth on Saturday. Large Bass for the weekend went to Jim Douglas with a 5.11 pound largemouth on Saturday and Tyler Wilson caught a 5.02 on Sunday. The prettiest catch was a 4.12 pound Smallie weighed in by Kyle Brewer on Sunday. That fish was picture perfect, great color and size so congrats to Kyle. The group at North Dock was great and the lake was coming up but it will take some management to improve that fishery at this point. Final results are posted and Super Team overall standings are on the Tournament Page under the Ranger Cup logo.

Seth met up with me in time to pull me out of the lake before the, almost predictable, pre tourney cold front rolled in Friday afternoon with some rain, lightning and 20 degree temperature drop. There is nothing more fun than fishing an already tough lake in the spring post cold front. The rules meeting was a lot of fun and the folks at the North Dock made us feel welcome. With almost 50 teams it was going to be a battle. Thanks to Ed and Sandra for opening up the restaurant so we had somewhere to eat and get a drink.

Saturday came and as suspected, we caught 30-40 fish of which only one measured better than 14"'. At one point, we just left the board in the net as many we just shy of 14"'. We were not alone as many teams had 1 fish and about 18 had zero. Tough would be an understatement for what historically has been a great time to fish Conchas. Sun Country tried to maximize the catch by placing the tourney on that dates they did, but Mother Nature has not been kind for spring fishing this year.

After weigh-in Saturday, it was still wide-open, one fish could change everything. We made the decision to jump around and try to target some specific areas. In hindsight, we probably should have put the trolling motor down and saved our gas. It didn't do us any good. We caught one keeper again and unfortunately our two keepers were skinny smallmouth where several teams had keeper largemouth. Our two fish landed us in 30th place. We fished everything under the sun, the usual junk fishing.

The next Sun Country is at Elephant Butte and should be a great tourney. The fish there are plentiful and lots of keepers and big fish also.

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