

Zia PVA Charity Bass Tournament
Elephant Butte Lake, NM April 3-4, 2010

The Zia Chapter PVA put on another great tourney this year. Unfortunately timing for a lot of people didn't work out; however the Zia PVA is working hard to schedule in coordination with all the major circuits in NM for 2011. There were several constructive comments given to the organization from the NMBFN, Sun Country and ABA. Any tournament in NM with a \$5000 pay day should be loaded and hopefully next year, with the right planning, this will be a big one. If you have suggestions or ideas, please forward them to [Amie Kelm Zia PVA Executive Director](#).

Seth and I prefished Friday from mid-day on and caught several fish cranking and just looking at the lake. We felt like we could catch a limit, but had very little going on with a big fish bite. That would prove to be a problem as the weekend rolled by.

Saturday we started out cranking steeper banks and trying to cover some water. We were able to witness Franco and Mark catch that 44 pound striper 10 minutes in as they were not far down the bank. We figured they had a monster on, but not that big. After about 10 minutes we watched them hoist that monster over the side of the boat. That was the highlight of our day. We continued to grind out a limit and came in with 8.57 on Day 1. Jesse Haynie and Robert Carson deserve a big congrats on Day 1 and Day 2. They came in with a monster bag on Day 1 of 16.68 and backed it up on Day 2 with 13.13. Rumor had it they had three key spots they were flipping. We saw them several times during the day and they were running and gunning.

Sunday came and we ground out another limit, outside of being consistent, that was all it was. We did the same thing and got the same results, consistent, just no big bites to upgrade our limits.

Congratulations to the Jesse and Robert for crushing the field with 29.81 over the two days. Moe and X Gutierrez came in second with 21.51 throwing Mo'Fish baits and Franco and Mark rounded out the top three with 20.91 cranking and throwing jerkbaits.

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