

## **Four Corner's Team Bass Association joins U. S. Angler's Choice**

The popular local bass fishing circuit, Four Corners Team Bass Association (FCTBA), is joining the largest team bass trail in the nation, U.S. Angler's Choice (AC), for the 2010 tournament season. FCTBA, which draws an average of 35 boats per event and averages a yearly membership of around 100 anglers, will be part of AC's Pro Teams, Region 2.

Bill Hutcheson, who ran bass tournaments for WON Bass recently joined Angler's Choice as Director of Operations and will oversee tournament operations for the organization. Hutcheson pursued FCTBA to fill the void left when the local AC circuit disbanded earlier this year.

"We are extremely pleased to be bringing FCTBA on board," said Hutcheson. "Not only is this relationship going to build the Angler's Choice field, but it will give Four Corners anglers the opportunity to fish regional events and give them the ability to win boat and motor packages. Plus, we are pleased to have a seasoned tournament director heading up this local trail," Hutcheson continued.

Many FCTBA veterans are excited about the expanded opportunities that joining AC will bring to the area. "I have fished Angler's Choice Tournament of Champions tournaments several times and been impressed," commented Wade Jordan of Cortez, Colorado. "Anytime you can have an affiliation like this where you can fish locally and qualify to fish a championship tournament and have a chance to win a boat, how can you beat that?"

Jordan continued, "This is going to be an awesome deal! We can fish Team Bass at a reasonable price and earn the chance to go on and fish new waters and experience great fisheries while having the chance to win a boat in the process like Kurt Palmer did a couple of years ago." Palmer and his partner, Garrett Higgins, captured top honors at the 2008 Tournament of Champions at Lake Powell and scored a fully rigged Legend bass boat and Mercury motor.

Legend Boats is a major sponsor of Angler's Choice, and Jamie Cyphers, of Legend Boats commented on FCTBA joining AC. "From the Legend/Mercury standpoint, we are extremely excited that this is happening. Team Bass' reputation as well as the reputation of the tournament director, Steve Gill, both personally and for running quality tournaments, precedes itself. New Mexico and Colorado are good markets for Legend and we plan to provide incentives to Legend owners to fish this circuit and make special offers to Team Bass members who want to purchase a new Legend."

Four Corner's Team Bass is sponsored by Ziem's Ford Corners, Charlie's Sporting Goods, St. Croix Rods, Rizuto's San Juan River Lodge and Tackle Shop, C & J Trucking, Wade's Plumbing, Rainbow Lodge, Resolution Guide Service, Western Industrial Inc., and Wildlife Expressions.

FCTBA will kick off the 2010 season on April 17 at Navajo Lake. Registration will take place at Ziem's Ford Corners in Farmington at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16.

The season will consist of seven points tournaments, a Last Chance tournament (for championship qualification), a local championship, and the Angler's Choice Tournament of Champions (TOC), which will be held in September at Lake Mead.

For more information, or to participate in one of Four Corner's Team Bass events, log on to [www.abqsportfishing.com](http://www.abqsportfishing.com), click on "New Mexico Tournament information," then click on the FCTBA logo.