

**January 6, 2024**

**El Cap  
TOP FIVE**

*1st Place*

**Mike Byrum**

*2nd Place*

**Andy Willoughby**

*3rd Place*

**John Demonet**

*4th Place*

**Will Hogue**

*5th Place*

**Bud Maes**

**Angler of the Year  
Points 2024**

1. Mike Byrum	30
2. Andy Willoughby	29
3. John Demonet	28
4. Will Hogue	27
5. Bud Maes	26
6. Tony Ragusa	24
7. Rick Raskin	23
8. Ryan Tucker	20
9. Mark Quaternik	18
10. Robert Billingsley	17

**Club Meetings**

**February 19, 2024**

**March 18, 2024**

**April 15, 2024**



**Mike Byrum Wins El Cap 3rd Year In a Row**

After looking at the OCBC history stats, I don't think anyone has more impressive results on a single body of water. After winning his second straight El Cap tournament, I looked up the statistics and this is what it shows. Since 2015, Mike has finished six times in 1st place, two times in 2nd, and one time in third place. Wow! Fishing right on the bank first thing in the morning and a little deeper later in the day, Mike fished a Neko rig and a dropshot to catch his limit weighing 14.15 pounds for the season opener win.

Andy Willoughby is off to a good start in 2024, after a awesome 2023 season. Andy brought a limit to the scale weighing 11.47

pounds. Andy fished an A-rig, a Neko rig and an Ika to catch 2nd Place in the season opener.

John Demonet tied up 3rd Place by fishing a jig or a Neko rig around boulders that held the heat a little better in the mid 50s degree water. Johns limit weighed 11.12 pounds.

Will Hogue fished an A-rig, and a 3" single tail grub for his limit of El Cap bass that pushed the scale to 10.12 pounds.

Bud Maes caught a nice 4.42 lb. bass to take the BIG FISH honors on a squarebill crankbait fishing around boulders, which seems to be the winning pattern for El Cap this time of year. Bud added two more fish with a dropshot and a Neko rig

to bring his total to 9.85 pounds and a 5th Place finish.

Eleven members and one guest fished the El Cap opener for 2024. Their combined effort resulted in 35 bass being brought to the scale, weighing a total of 82.12 pounds. Not bad for January! Congratulations to Mike for his second in a row win at El Cap.

There has been an officer change for the 2024 season and we thank John Demonet for serving as VP and Weigh Master, and Ken Cox as the secretary this past season and welcome Will Hogue as VP Weigh Master and Rick Raskin as secretary.

Good fishing to all in 2024!

1st Place Mike Byrum 14.15 lbs



2nd Place Andy Willoughby 11.47 lbs



3rd Place John Demonet 11.12 lbs



4th Place Will Hogue 10.12 lbs



5th Place Bud Maes 9.85 lbs & BIG FISH 4.42 lbs



Tony Ragusa 6th Place 9.20 lbs



Ryan Tucker 8th Place 4.15 lbs



Rick Raskin 7th Place 6.68 lbs



Mark Quaternik

9th Place 3.55 lbs



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### Cast From The Past: February 2018

## John Demonet Wins the Trip to Perris

Well that headline might be a little misleading, but John Demonet lead the OCBC pack of 23 anglers in a two fish tournament held on Perris Lake in Hemet, Ca. John caught his two fish in the morning on a big white spinner-bait and a drop shot ring worm that weighed a total of 7.14 pounds for the win.

Jonathan Demonet wasn't far behind with 6.66 pounds for Second Place, however it could have turned out different except for Ken Cox, who not only gave Jonathan a ride when his boat didn't pass inspection, but let him have the front of the boat all day. Jon caught his fish on a Chatterbait and a drop shot MMII in the shallows.

Keith Beever didn't have a fish until 1:30 in the afternoon when he changed tactics and went to a drop shot 7" power worm in the weeds for his two fish of 6.43 pounds and a Third Place finish.

Jesse Vargas used a drop shot 7" MMIII Robo Worm, fishing in 10-12 feet of water for a limit tipping the scale to 6.16 pounds for Fourth Place.

Chris Rhoden was a different success story, fishing an A-Rig and a green pumpkin Senko. It would seem that the fish were mostly feeding in the morning since he caught only one more fish after 9AM. His fish weighed in at 5.25 pounds to secure the Fifth Place spot.

And then there was Brent Oldham fishing a DD22 Crankbait at the dam, and catching the BIG FISH of the tournament and of the year so far with a 4.48 pounder. It was the right fish, almost, since he was hoping for that 8.75 pounder that he caught in practice using the same bait and fishing in the same place. Maybe next time Brent!

Well to sum up the Perris tournament, thirteen OCBC members weighed in 19 fish for a total of 58.19 pounds. With more than half of the contestants bringing fish to the scale, you could call the Perris tournament a success.

Way to go OCBC!

Orange County Bass Club Records  
 John Demonet

**Biggest Bass:** 13.75 Pounds  
 Silverwood, June 2001



**One-Day Tournament:**

27.25 Pounds San Vicente August 2002

**Two-Day Tournament:**

**Will Hogue**

50.35 pounds Clear Lake September 2016

