

January 7, 2023

**El Cap  
TOP FIVE**

*1st Place*

**Mike Byrum**

*2nd Place*

**Andy Willoughby**

*3rd Place*

**Bud Maes**

*4th Place*

**John Demonet**

*5th Place*

**Robert Billingsley**

**Angler of the Year  
Points 2022**

1. Mike Byrum	30
2. Andy Willoughby	30
3. Bud Maes	27
4. John Demonet	25
5. Robert Billingsley	23
6. Ken Cox	22
7. Mark Quaternik	21
8. Mitch Garcia	20
9. Doug Bullard	18
10. Will Hogue	17

**Club Meetings**

**February 20, 2023**

**March 20, 2023**

**April 17, 2023**



**Mike Byrum Has El Cap Dialed In**

A cold and cloudy morning met the OCBC members, but the fish were on the bank for the taking.

To say that Mike Byrum has El Cap dialed in is an understatement. Mike had six bites and five keepers by 10:30. It was a good thing, because his batteries died so he had to fish without his trolling motor the rest of the day. Mike caught one fish on a drop shot rig and the other four on a Ned rig bringing the only limit to the scale weighing in at 11.96 pounds for the win.

Andy Willoughby had keen sight spotting the bass busting the shad on the bank and quickly caught three nice ones on an A rig, including the BIG BASS weighing 5.92 pounds. Andy caught one

more bass on a drop shot MMIII to take Second Place with 10.92 pounds.

Bud Maes nailed down the Third Place Trophy by catching four bass, two on a Neko rig, one on a drop shot, and one on a blade bait, bringing his total weight to 6.52 pounds.

John Demonet finished in Fourth Place catching three bass tipping the scale to 5.67 pounds, fishing with the Senko and the Neko rig.

Robert Billingsley caught two nice ones throwing a Ned rig with a 3" floating Senko as the trailer to take the Fifth Place honors with a total weight of 5.48 pounds.

It was good to see Tony Ragusa back on a boat after having knee surgery

last year and he even weighed in a bass from El Cap.

The OCBC welcomes back Mitch Garcia to the club again and two new members to the club, Cody Grover and Lou Louis. Welcome guys!

El Cap wasn't bad for a January tournament, fourteen members competed catching twenty nine bass weighing 61.45 pounds.

Good Job OCBC!

The club hasn't fished San Vicente in February since the new dam was put in, so March was as close as I could find for Cast From The Past, but I think it well give you a starting point for the next tournament. Good Fishing to all!

1st Place Mike Byrum 11.96 lbs



2nd Place Andy Willoughby 10.92 lbs



3rd Place Bud Maes 6.52 lbs



5h Place Robert Billingsley 5.48 lbs





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### Cast From The Past: March 2017

#### John Demonet gets it done at San Vicente

As Second Place finisher, Scott Stewart stated, " San V is awesome." One of the most fishable lakes in Southern California, it didn't disappoint most of the OCBC members and the weather was perfect.

John Demonet fished a green pumpkin Slim Senko to seal the deal at 1st Place with a limit of 18.59 pounds, with a 5.04 pound kicker fish in the mix.

Scott Stewart caught a 4 pounder on his first cast of the morning and had his limit by 7:30 am. **So Much For Catching a Fish on the First Cast Taboo.** Scott used a variety of baits including a deep diving crank-bait, a black and blue flippin jig that he flipped in the trees, and a Carolina rig that his kicker fish of 5.74 pounds gulped down. Scott weighed in 16.87 pounds for 2nd Place.

Chris Rhode with the BIG FISH of the day, a 7.56 pounder that inhaled a line through swim bait, also fished with flukes, Senkos, crankbaits, and the A-rig to bring a limit to the scale of 16.35 pounds for a Third Place finish.

Wil Hogue nailed down Fourth Place fishing a Strike King KVD 300 deep diving jerkbait over the tops of the trees and believe it or not, a black frog in the back of a cove. Wil's fish jerked the scale down to 15.68 pounds.

Richard Cabori used his tried and true Texas rigged 6" Oxblood Red Flake and the MMIII to grab the Fifth Spot with 15.24 pounds.

Every one of the OCBC members weighed in fish, 101 bass for 261.11 pounds with fifteen out of 26 members with a limit. It looks like the 15 year shut down of the lake didn't hurt it any.

Congratulations to the top five finishers!

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:**

**Wil Hogue**

50.35 pounds Clear Lake September 2016

