

**June 3-4, 2022**

**Havasu  
TOP FIVE**

*1st Place*

John Demonet

*2nd Place*

Andy Willoughby

*3rd Place*

Robert Billingsly

*4th Place*

Mike Byrum

*5th Place*

Will Hogue

**Angler of the Year  
Points 2022**

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| 1. John Demonet     | 175 |
| 2. Mike Byrum       | 173 |
| 3. Keith Beaver     | 161 |
| 4. Bud Maes         | 127 |
| 5. Will Hogue       | 110 |
| 6. Andy Willoughby  | 106 |
| 7. Rick Raskin      | 92  |
| 8. Dennis Rodriguez | 75  |
| 9. Ken Cox          | 71  |
| 10. Tony Ragusa     | 56  |

**Club Meetings**

**July 18, 2022**

**August 15, 2022**

**September 19, 2022**



**The Winning Way of Demonet**

The price of fuel hit the OCBC in June. Instead of going to Clear Lake as scheduled, they opted to go to Havasu for our Long Range, Friday and Saturday tournament. Even with that change, only seven members made the trip to Havasu.

John Demonet spent both days in the river fishing a black frog and flipping a green pumpkin Senko in front of the tulles. John led the tournament with a five fish limit on Day One bringing 16.88 pounds to the scale, and included in his bag was the BIG FISH of the tournament weighing 4.88 pounds. Day Two was even better for John, bringing another five bass limit to the weigh in, tipping the scale to 20.23 pounds. With a 37.11 pound two day total, he bested the field by 11.68 pounds for the win.

Andy Willoughby had the

only other limit on both days fishing in the lake and river with a variety of baits, including, Senko's, Jigs, the Ika, and a small Whopper Plopper. Day One's weight was 11.70 pounds and Day Two was 13.73 for a 2nd Place finish totaling 25.43 pounds.

New comer to the club and 3th Place finisher was Robert Billingsly. Robert used a spinnerbait for all his fish, presenting 12.10 pounds on Day One and 8.71 on Day Two for a two day total of 20.81 pounds.

Mike Byrum caught a 4.75 pound catfish on practice day flipping a pumpkin seed Ika in front of the tulles, so that's what he started with on the first day of the tournament. Mike caught four fish on Day One weighing 10.83 pounds. On Day Two he switched to a black and blue Senko to catch a limit

weighing 9.61 pounds. Mikes total weight for the two days was 20.44 pounds and earned him a 4th Place Plaque.

Will Hogue fished in the south end of Havasu on Day One and worked his way back to the main lake while throwing a Frog, a Top Water plug, and caught a couple on a jig, weighing is four bass for 9.14 pounds. On Day Two Will started on the main lake and worked his way up the river fishing the same baits. Day Two saw his weight increase to 10.57 pounds, for a 5th Place finish weighing 19.71 pounds.

Keith Beaver finished in 6th Place with 17.37 pounds and Bud Maes weighed in 13.83 pounds for 7th Place.

The 7 OCBC members weighed in 60 fish, totaling 154.70 pounds. Great job Orange County Bass Club!

1st Place John Demonet 37.11 pounds



5th Place Will Hogue 19.71



6th Place Keith Beaver 17.37 pounds



7th Place Bud Maes 13.83 pounds



Rick Raskin busts our bubble, there are fish other than bass out there



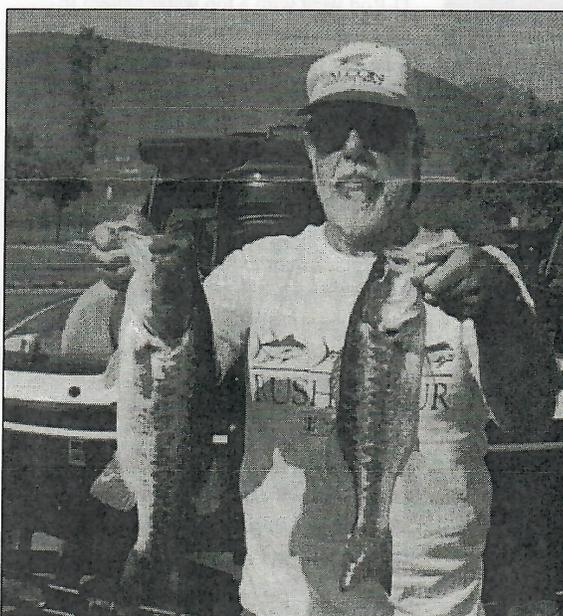
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*Cast From The Past: June 2002*

# Backlash

## Dave Fuske Sights In On Lower Otay

crew how to fish Otay. Finally, they told him in Spanish "Okay gringo, we can't stand the sight of you"! Since Dave was past his tenth margarita and



**Dave Fuske found success at Otay targeting bedding fish with Roboworms.**

his Spanish isn't really that good, he thought they said, "Otay my friend, you should sight fish". So that's what Dave and his partner Bruce did. They bed fished the Northwest side of the Otay arm which was protected by the wind. Dave's fish came drop-shotting 4 1/2 inch softcraw color Roboworms. The win at Otay earns Dave an estimated \$234 for first place, another \$130 for the tournament big fish and \$60 for his share of the big boat option pot. In

The Orange County Bass Club journeyed down to Chula Vista to fish the Lower Otay for the first time in 7 or 8 years. The weather was great, but the fishing was only fair.

addition, he'll receive a 1<sup>st</sup> place name plate, a tournament big fish name plate and he automatically qualifies for the TOC having fished in five OCBC tournaments. Congratulations Dave!

Dave Fuske sight fished his way to the win with a nice limit of bass weighing 13.15 pounds anchored by the tournament big fish weighing 4.55 pounds. Instead of prefishing, Dave chose to go on a Royal Caribbean cruise to Mexico with his lovely wife Joan. Unbeknown to all but this reporter, he was able to pick up the Spanish language while sipping margaritas around the pool. Since Otay is almost in Mexico, he figured one of the crew members must have information on the lake. Dave was relentless asking the

The June tournament at the Lower Otay was the Orange County Bass Club's sixth event of the year. The lake is lined with tules and the water level has been rising daily for the past few weeks. As usual, getting a bag and bringing a limit of fish to the scales proved to be challenging. You had to be patient and fish with confidence. The club launched 17 boats with 28 OCBC anglers boating 49 bass. A little over 71% of the field caught fish. There were a number of quality fish over three pounds caught and four guys were able to land limits.

### 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





**John Demonet with a runner-up finish at Otay.**

John Demonet continued to demonstrate tournament excellence placing second with five bass totaling 12.55 pounds. John caught his fish drop-shotting oxblood red flake color Roboworms. His largest bass went 3.85 lbs. John is having another awesome year leading in the club point standings and finishing in the top five in five of six tournaments this year! John's second place finish earns him a 2<sup>nd</sup> place name plate and a check for an estimated \$140.



**Richard's strikes all came on a Yamamoto Senko.**

Third place went to Richard Cabori who targeted the Northeast shore of the Otay arm. With the wind blowing into the

Northeast shore, he felt that it made the fish a little more active moving out from the tules in search of baitfish. Rich caught eight keepers during the day with the best five going 12.15 pounds, all on the Yamamoto 5-inch root beer red & gold flake color Senko. His third place finish earns him a 3<sup>rd</sup> place name plate and a check for an estimated \$94.

D-Rod went with a top water pattern to take fourth place. His big fish was a 3.10 lber that capped his five bass limit weighing 10.60 pounds. Dennis was one of only four guys able to bag a limit at Otay. Dennis is in second place in the club point standings, just six points behind the leader John Demonet.

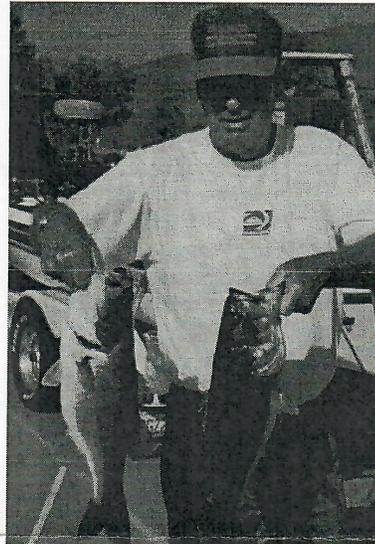
Fifth place went to Rick Anderson who boated four bass for 9.75 pounds. Rick caught one of his fish on a bed, one on a jerkbait and two pitching a 5-inch Senko in front of the tules. Rick's bag was lead by a chunk 4.15 lber.

Rounding out the top 10 were Paul Carter 6<sup>th</sup>, Dan Vance 7<sup>th</sup>, Greg Stevenson 8<sup>th</sup>, Jonathan Demonet 9<sup>th</sup>, and Scott Carter 10<sup>th</sup>.

Many of the club members came up to the lake on Friday afternoon to get into line. Once again Al Morris hosted the pre-tournament poker challenge. I think that at least two of the big losers finished the tournament in the top five.

## OCBC is Heading to Lake Mead

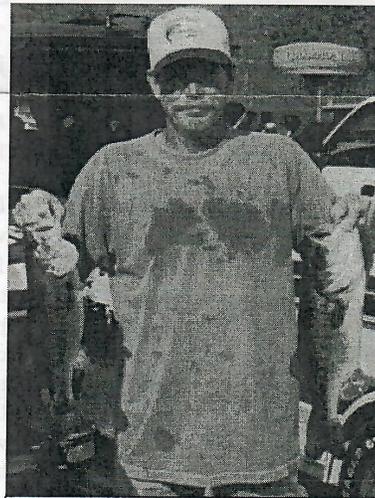
The Orange County Bass Club's July two-day pick-your-partner tournament is scheduled for July 13-14 out of Hemingway. If you haven't already done so, you'll need to make your hotel or camping reservations as soon as possible. A number of the guys are opting to stay at what was the Reserve and I believe is now been changed to the Fiesta (702-567-7777). Remember the water level is way down, so boating safety is very important.



**Rick Anderson showing off two nice Otay bass.**

## Monday Night Bassin

Our June club meeting is this Monday night, June 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope to discuss the selected lakes for 2003 season. In addition, I'd like to see us discuss the club's first night tournament in August at San Vicente. Some guys may be savvier on fishing at night. For safety reasons, it would be good for us all to share some information.



**Paul Carter had an excellent outing at Otay.**