

May 6, 2023

**Skinner
TOP FIVE**

1st Place

John Demonet

2nd Place

Will Hogue

3rd Place

Mitch Garcia

4th Place

Jared Flicker

5th Place

Ryan Tucker

**Angler of the Year
Points 2022**

1. John Demonet	140
2. Mitch Garcia	126
3. Andy Willoughby	115
4. Mike Byrum	101
5. Mark Quaternik	93
6. Ken Cox	91
7. Tony Ragusa	81
8. Will Hogue	79
9. Bud Maes	70
10. Rick Raskin	68

Club Meetings

June 19, 2023

July 17, 2023

August 21, 2023



John Demonet, The Skinner Winner

As the 15 members of the OCBC and two guests, Dylan and Randy, started their fishing day on Skinner, they found that most of the bass were guarding fry in front of the tule lines.

John Demonet made the most out of the post spawn by presenting a 7" Neko rigged worm that was to their liking and weighed in the only limit of the day, totaling 15.37 pounds, to become the Skinner Winner.

There were still some bed fish to be had, and Andy Willoughby fished a dropshot on those beds to catch three keepers, and caught one cruiser on a Senko for his four fish weighing 12.03 pounds to take 2nd Place.

Mitch Garcia seems to like 3rd Place as he has nailed down that spot in the last

two tournaments. Mitch threw an Ika and a Slim Senko right into the fry balls to catch 4 bass, pulling the scale to 11.30 pounds. If the guests, Dylan with 11.92 pounds and Randy with 11.54 pounds, would have joined the club, Mitch would have finished in 5th Place.

Mike Byrum fished a wacky Slim Senko in the back of a cove for his three bass which included the BIG FISH of the tournament weighing 4.33 pounds. Adding his other two fish placed him in 4th Place totaling 9.74 pounds for the day.

Ken Cox couldn't buy a bite in front of the tules, but had to fish ten feet away from them to catch his two fish on a wacky Slim Senko to clinch 5th Place with a total weight of

6.05 pounds.

Skinner wasn't so kind to six of the OCBC members, and it wasn't because of lack of experience. The old saying that "*I would rather be lucky than good*" is appropriate for this tournament. Skinner did produce 28 bass weighing a total of 95.45 pounds, an average of 3.41 pounds per fish. I wouldn't mind that size fish in any tournament.

Congratulations to John for his third win of the year and to the rest of the OCBC for a fairly decent tournament at Lake Skinner.

Next up is the Delta and you can prepare by reading *Cast from the Past from June of 2007*. Good Luck to all in June 2023.

1st Place John Demonet 15.37 pounds



2nd Place Andy Willoughby 12.03 pounds



3rd Place Mitch Garcia 11.30 pounds



4th Place Mike Byrum 9.74 total +BIG Fish 4.33 lbs



5th Place Ken Cox 6.05 pounds



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Cast From The Past: June 2007

“Backseaters Win in the Wind”

OCBC blew into Stockton for the sixth tournament of the year at the Delta. 17 members and 3 guests balanced out the 10 boats for our Friday–Saturday event. For the first time in memory, places 1, 2 and 3 were all from the back seat. Friday started out overcast with the wind coming up by Noon. Saturday was a different day with no clouds, and hot sun and wind by 7am. The weights for each day showed the differences in the weather. Usually the second days’ weights are less, but since we had all day Saturday to fish, things got better. Ernie Sudberry got back in the winners circle, topping the tournament field with 27.65 pounds—his best for the year. Watermelon/Red flake Senko was his weapon of choice in the Ward Island area.

Steve Turley used his new secret purple copper weenie to take 2nd place with 26.65 lbs. Steve drop-shotted in 14 mile slough and Herman/Helen Marina areas, where he caught his 6.80 pound big fish. Steve Turley and Rick Anderson started in Discovery Bay where Steve won a tournament a few years ago.

Ruben Ortiz was our 3rd place back seater with 22.50 pounds. Red crawler Robo worms were the winning bait. He also fished the Ward Island area with Al Morris. One of the reasons the backseaters did so well was because of the boaters’ years of experience on the waters of the Delta, with well over 100 years of combined experience.

The Big Fish of the Delta was brought in by Al Morris on his red/orange Lucky Craft crank bait. 8.50 pounds! Al was also in 4th place. Al, what would have happened if you weighed ALL the fish in your livewell???

Big Boat for Friday was John Demonet and Ken Cox and Saturday’s winners were Bill Pert and Doug Coulter.

It was good to see Steve Steward on the water again, even if he had to split the \$1.00 bet with Bill Pert, who caught limits both days.

Ken Cox continues his reputation as a great guide as he put his client onto big fish again.

Good Job Ken!

Bernard Ma competed in his first bass tournament and did well. (Hope he doesn’t think the back seaters always do this good!) Welcome to the Orange County Bass Club.

By guest reporter Elaine Cox

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

