

FROM THE FRONT DECK

Greetings Utah BASS Nation Anglers—Just wanted to get a newsletter out to everyone since spring fever is in full swing. First off thanks to everyone for staying with the organization, obviously it has been an unprecedented 12 months with the COVID-19 pandemic and the multitude of changes impacting the entire country, economy, businesses, and families.

Thanks to everyone that attended the recent state team qualification tournament at Lake Powell, lots of new members were there and even with covid protocol things went as smooth as can be expected. A 72 angler field competed for 10 spots on the 2022 state team along with a payout of over \$12,000 in prize money.

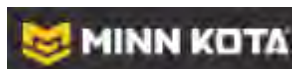
Low water and low 50's water temp had things consistently changing during the three days of completion, throw in a wind shortened day 2 and the criticality of having a 5 fish limit and ability to execute a game plan, manage your fish, and fishing time was needed to be successful.

Day 1 had Jason Warren leading the boater field with 13.56 lbs. and Zac Ortiz on the non-boater side of things with 10.28. Day 2 weather forecast was showing expected wind gusts over 30 mph in the afternoon leading to a safety decision to cut the fishing day by two hours giving anglers only a six hour window to get their limit. Chase Colby jumped to the top of the boater leader board with a five fish limit weighing 13.68 and Mark Shepard moving to the top of the list on the nonboater side of things with a limit weighing 10.46.

Day 3 forecast was perfect with minimal wind and setting things up to be a tight race for all the anglers in contention for the 2022 state team. BASS National Champion Terry Peterson demonstrated his perseverance and consistency once again by putting a 5 fish limit on the scales for 12.24 lbs., garnering the #1 nonboater spot on the state team along with big creel honors for the tournament in that division. The remaining three nonboaters positions were filled out by a mix of young guns Jake Powell and Jaden Vanhooser along with a seasoned tournament veteran Greg Pink. On the boater side of things Jason Warren made key adjustments and put the biggest creel of the event on the scales with 15.15 lbs. earning him the first place finish. Ben Byrd, Joe Paez, Justin Hicks, Ramsey Romanin all brought in 13+ lb limits securing their spots along with Chase Colby on the state team.

The Colby brothers dominated the big fish honors throughout the tournament with Chase Colby weighing in a 6.01 on Day 1, a 5.53 on Day 2 and Ryan Colby putting a 4.49 lb fish on the scales on Day3. Big fish honors for the nonboater side of things went to John Piper with 4.01 lb fish on Day 1, Melissa Nokes with 4.89 fish on Day 2 and Curtis Butler with a 3.78 fish on Day 3.

Thanks again for everyone that attended the event and we look forward to seeing everyone in November.

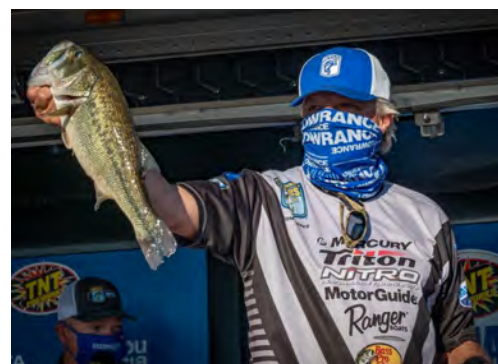




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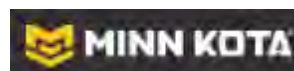
The 2021 Western Divisional was held at Lake Havasu AZ, 31 January thru 5 February 2021. Boater: Ben Byrd, Bill Brown, Justin Hicks, Marc Caldwell, Don Allphin, Tyler Ivie, Jason Warren, Billy Ricker, Eric Inman, and Josh Worth. The nonboaters were: Rick Culver, Rusty Bennett, Tate Brown, Tom Nokes, Dan Gumber, Hunter Loveless, Josh Thalman, Ed Marlow, Randy Pierson, and Mark Sheppard.

Great work by everyone on a really tough event, cold fronts and windy days prior to the tournament kept the fish in an uncooperative mood., generating lots of speculation on how things would unfold rolling into the start of the event. Day 1 found Josh Worth and Tom Nokes executing there game plans and leading the Utah team with 13.4 lbs. and 8.6 lbs. respectively. High winds forced the cancellation of Day 2 leading to a full on shoot out for the coveted two positions for the BASS Nation Championship in November. Tom Nokes closed out the nonboater side of things with a two day total of 12-8 lbs., edging out Hunter Loveless by 8 ounces. Ben Byrd moved up from third place to capture the UTBN boater spot with a 2-day total of 21-15. Both Ben and Tom will be representing the UTAH at the National Championship. Great job by both of them and good luck in November.



UTBN—strong field of anglers and dominating the West.

- 2016—UTBN wins the Western Divisional overall team title, Bill Brown wins the event, leads wire to wire..
- 2017—Mike Powell, coangler National Champion at Lake Hartwell, SC.
- 2019—Tom Nokes wins Western Divisional at Lake Shasta CA.
- 2020—Justin Hicks wins the Western Divisional on Lake Mead NV. Leads wire to wire.
- 2020—Terry Peterson, co-angler National Champion at Pickwick, AL.





MARCH 2021 STATE TEAM QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT RESULTS

UTBN BOATER	DAY 1 # fish	weight	DAY 2 # fish	weight	DAY 3 # fish	weight	total fish	total weight
Jason Warren	5	13.56	5	9.70	5	15.15	15	38.41
Justin Hicks	5	9.11	5	14.27	5	14.25	15	37.63
Chase Colby	5	12.78	5	13.68	5	9.23	15	35.69
Ben Byrd	5	10.02	5	10.09	5	14.85	15	34.96
Ramsey Romanin	5	11.55	5	9.44	5	13.56	15	34.55
Joe Paez	5	9.18	5	9.73	5	14.58	15	33.49
Tom Nokes	5	10.03	5	10.52	5	11.39	15	31.94
Rick Culver	5	11.87	4	11.00	5	9.05	14	31.92
Marc Caldwell	5	10.23	5	10.14	5	11.42	15	31.79
Mike Powell	5	9.88	5	10.10	5	11.34	15	31.32
Ryan Colby	4	7.09	5	10.19	5	13.34	14	30.62
Bill Brown	5	10.04	5	13.73	4	6.60	14	30.37
Randy Austin	5	10.71	4	9.53	5	8.36	14	28.60
Trevor Tippetts	3	6.08	5	10.10	5	12.18	13	28.36
Paul Morley	5	10.08	5	9.67	5	8.54	15	28.29
Bo Dalton	5	11.90	4	6.00	5	8.66	14	26.56
Kyle Charles	5	7.46	5	10.59	5	8.24	15	26.29
Max Spangler	5	10.33	3	7.55	5	8.01	13	25.89
Josh Worth	2	3.84	5	11.08	5	10.19	12	25.11
Cory Jones	5	10.34	3	5.12	5	9.01	13	24.47
Jackson Hinkley	5	6.88	5	6.75	5	8.53	15	22.16
Kory Newbold	5	9.08	2	3.46	5	9.56	12	22.10
Steve Christensen	5	6.80	5	9.16	4	6.05	14	22.01
Wade Headrick	5	6.49	5	7.13	5	8.38	15	22.00
Jade Larson	5	4.58	5	6.87	5	9.49	15	20.94
Sid Reeves	0	0.00	5	8.64	4	10.72	9	19.36
Don Allphin	4	7.98	2	3.13	3	7.30	9	18.41
Billy Ricker	5	7.65	0	0.00	5	10.71	10	18.36
Mike Morford	3	4.93	2	2.54	5	7.99	10	15.46
Wayne Myers	1	2.45	3	3.85	5	8.24	9	14.54
Randy Pierson	0	0.00	2	4.36	5	10.17	7	14.53
Steve Brusig	1	1.61	1	0.96	5	7.45	7	10.02
Eric Inman	1	2.71	1	1.88	2	4.71	4	9.30
Miff Bishop	0	0.00	2	4.03	2	2.88	4	6.91
Ty Crofts	2	4.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	4.00
Jason Metcalf	1	1.16	0	0.00	2	0.00	3	1.16

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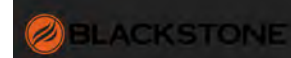




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UTBN NONBOATER	DAY 1 # fish	weight	DAY 2 # fish	weight	DAY 3 # fish	weight	total fish	total weight
Terry Petersen	5	9.24	2	7.20	5	12.24	12	28.68
Greg Pink	5	9.04	5	8.01	5	10.37	15	27.42
Jake Powell	5	8.84	5	8.23	5	9.10	15	26.17
Jaden Van Hooser	5	9.70	5	7.92	5	7.95	15	25.57
Landon Nielson	5	7.92	4	6.99	5	9.89	14	24.80
Tyler Ivy	5	9.89	4	5.56	5	9.07	14	24.52
Cord Johnson	4	7.58	4	9.94	4	5.83	12	23.35
Kenny Keovilayphone	3	5.85	5	9.48	3	7.93	11	23.26
Mark Shepard	5	8.89	5	10.46	1	1.97	11	21.32
John Piper	4	9.45	2	3.76	4	7.32	10	20.53
Chris Cruz	4	6.66	4	10.37	2	2.70	10	19.73
Hunter Roberts	3	6.86	4	5.97	5	6.74	12	19.57
Zac Ortiz	5	10.28	2	3.90	4	5.28	11	19.46
Curtis Butler	4	7.84	0	0.00	4	8.90	8	16.74
Rick McLenen	3	5.69	5	7.81	2	2.78	10	16.28
Melissa Nokes	0	0.00	5	10.33	3	5.93	8	16.26
Josh Thalman	4	6.14	3	4.40	3	5.03	10	15.57
Hunter Loveless	4	7.32	1	2.77	3	5.44	8	15.53
KC Simbro	5	9.79	0	0.00	3	3.93	8	13.72
Ed Marlow	1	2.17	1	1.93	4	9.52	6	13.62
Aaron Warner	3	5.49	1	0.93	5	7.14	9	13.56
TJ Hiatt	2	5.87	2	2.94	2	4.28	6	13.09
Trent Perry	3	4.67	2	2.76	4	5.25	9	12.68
Willis Mickles	4	6.07	2	4.50	1	1.70	7	12.27
Doug Roe	2	3.24	1	1.84	5	5.83	8	10.91
Wayne Whelscel	4	6.88	2	2.23	1	1.65	7	10.76
Jared Decker	3	4.42	3	6.16	0	0.00	6	10.58
Wally Holtom	5	7.46	1	1.66	1	1.36	7	10.48
Ted Grove	0	0.00	3	4.83	3	5.50	6	10.33
Carson Park	5	9.01	1	1.26	0	0.00	6	10.27
Leona Larson	2	5.80	3	4.14	0	0.00	5	9.94
Kaden Argyle	0	0.00	1	1.01	3	7.49	4	8.50
Paul Swan	1	1.67	2	2.59	2	3.67	5	7.93
John Austin	3	4.92	0	0.00	2	2.56	5	7.48
Derek Hansenbeck	2	4.30	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	4.30
Don Edwards	1	0.65	1	0.55	2	2.98	4	4.18

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CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN COLBY

Ryan was the winner of the highly coveted big ticket BLACKSTONE Griddle Package and accessories at the pretournament meeting and raffle. Thanks to BLACKSTONE for there generous product donation and thank-you to everyone for participating in the product raffle. All monies generated are used to support the organization operations, fund the state team and tournaments.

Please see Ryan at the next tournament, since he won the BLACKSTONE griddle package he has offered to cook breakfast for anyone that needs it during all practice and tournament days.

