

Local anglers stay busy at area lakes

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Thirty boats made the weekly trip out to Moss Lake last Thursday.

Brian Thrift and Matt Arey had a stringer weighing 15.79 pounds to win. Brian Hoyle and Jerrod Toney had 11.94 for second. Dustin and Doug Clay took third with 6.03, while Tommy and Sandy Chapman were fourth with 4.69. In fifth were Randall and Randy Wright with 4.56.

Big bass of the night was a 3.84-pound largemouth brought in by Billy Wooten and Richard McAbee.

Kosa retirees

The Kosa retirees fished Lake Wylie this past week with John Rankin and Tom Mayhew picking up the win with a catch of 13.10 pounds. Tony Black and Ned Blanton had 11.15 and were second. Don and Sarah Ledford had 9.70 and got third.

Big bass was a 3.80-pound largemouth brought in by the winning dynamic duo of Rankin and Mayhew.

The oldtimers will take next week off due to the July 4 holiday. They will resume at Lake Hickory the following week. The start/finish time has changed to 6 a.m. until noon.

S.C. license holders

Just a reminder to all anglers with a South Carolina fishing license, the new year starts July 1. Be sure you have your new license before heading out next week.

Bass Casters hit Norman

The Bass Casters fished Lake Norman last weekend for somewhat of a night tournament, starting at 7 p.m.

Ricky McKinney got the win with a catch of 10.15 pounds. Second place went to Terry Knight with 9.8 pounds. Mark Swink claimed third place with 9.4 and Christian Johnson had 7.3 to get fourth. Rounding out the top five was Mitch McCracken with 6.5.

Big bass of the night was a 3.2 largemouth brought in by Terry Knight.

This concludes the year for the Bass Casters. The top 10 in points ended up (in order): Chris Hoopaugh, Mark Swink, Jeff Blanton, Randy Scarborough, Terry Knight, Wayne Bowen/Brandon Scarborough (tie), Bruce Camp, Bobby Winn, Mitch McCracken.

These 10 will battle in the fishoff sometime between now and December.

Mark Swink won big bass of the year with a 9.1-pound largemouth at Santee-Cooper.

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