



## April 2012 Newsletter

To say the least, the April tournament on Miller's Ferry saw some most unusual occurrences. First of all, for those of us who went up a day early, it was unseasonably cool. It started out cool Saturday morning but started warming up as the sun came up and turned out to be another beautiful day in God's creation. The second unusual occurrence was the fact the Bro. Huey Swilley, the Atmore Flash, didn't catch a sack full of fish. Flash usually spansks a lot of us at MF but didn't do too good this trip. Maybe he was distracted by the very attractive fishing partner he had with him. But the most unusual occurrence was the fact that for the first time in the history of the civilized world, we had THREE disqualifications. Two were DQ'd for bringing too many fish to the scales and one for getting a ticket from a fellow with a badge and gun. And, to pour salt in the wound, two of the three had winning stringers and one of them would have been the tournament winner. All the anglers involved shall remain nameless unless they reveal themselves to you but all are to be commended for their honesty.

Fortunately for Chris Pope, the bad fortune of someone else turned out to be good fortune for him and his 9.77 lb stringer of five fish garnered him first place honors. Mike DeCoux finally got back to his winning ways when he and his partner, JR O'Gwynn, brought the second place sack to the scales. Their second place limit of five fish tipped the scales at 9.12 lbs. The odd couple of Paul Williams and Jim Hardy captured third place with five fish weighing 8.97 lbs. The grumpy old men, Barry Tidwell and Travis Bedsole, extended their winning streak and took fourth place with five fish and a creel weight of 7.94 lbs. The final prize winning bag was brought to the scales by the Merritt twins, Mike and Denise. Their 5.57 lbs. was good enough to earn them the fifth place prize. Denise also took the small fish pot and the tournament lunker prize was awarded to Chris Pope for his 2.85 lb'er. The large fish of the tournament was 3.41 lbs but it was caught by a member of one of the teams that was disqualified and its weight was not allowed.

All totaled, the club caught 44 bass with a total weight of 76.28 lbs. That equates to an average weight of 1.74 lb per fish. Last year's average weight was 1.67 lbs.

The Kid's Fishing Tournament is coming up on May 19<sup>th</sup> and Bro. Justin will need all the help he can get. Remember, this event pays 5 bonus points for participation and you can ask Carl Edwards (NASCAR driver) how important one point can be.