



MIKE RICE TAKE SEASON OPENER

January 22nd, 2017

<u>Lake</u>	Brandy Branch	<u>Hours</u>	7:00am - 3:00pm
<u>Conditions</u>	Cloudy, Windy	<u>Temperature</u>	Low 52-High 63
<u>Anglers</u>	35	<u># of Limits</u>	8
<u>Fish Weighed</u>	82	<u>Total Weight</u>	212.3 lbs.

Wind was the word of the day. It actually started out as a mild, calm January day. It end up as a windy, misting rain, ugly January afternoon. We didn't quite see the best of Brandy Branch, we arrived to a power plant that wasn't generating. Not only did that affect water temperature. It also shuts down the current that those fish are used to.

1st - Mike Rice brought the heaviest limit to the scales. His nice bag weighed in at an even 16.00 lbs. He fooled the lock jawed fish with a wacky rig, split shot fluke, and a Texas rig in 8-12 ft of water above grass.

2nd - Derick Maschmeier had a respectable 14.75 lbs. limit to take 2nd place. Derick used a 1.5 square bill and a 4" senko to catch this nice stringer. Won't be long and Derick will have a new little Maschmeier running around the house. Congrats to the Maschmeier family.

3rd - George Bryan followed closely behind 2nd place with his 14.13 lbs bag to take 3rd. George caught his fish on a senko if I remember correct. I might have this one wrong, but congrats on the nice bag George.

4th - Mark Calhoun brought in the 4th largest limit of the day. Mark caught his fish in basically two ways. He fished an Orange Rogue and a Net Bait craw Texas rigged. Marks fished tipped the scales at 13.70 lbs.

5th - Jon Harshbarger rounds out the top 5 with a 13.38 lbs limit. Jon tricked his limit with a senko and a swim senko.

6th - Dan Phifer takes 6th with a 12.98 lbs limit. Dan caught his on a senko and sight fishing.

Big Bass - Richie Slack pulled out the Big Bass of the tournament at the last moment with a 5.39 lbs. beauty. Caught on a Carolina rig.

Heavy Boat - Waffle House pro, David Porter and tournament winner Mike Rice take the Heavy Boat prize. They combined for 26.80 lbs.

Next Tournament: February 26th , Martin Creek
Launch Ramp: TBD
Registration: 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22nd 2017
Location: Fishin' World, 4402 W. Lovers Lane, Dallas