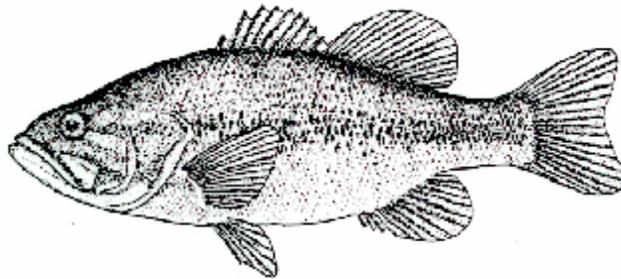


**Georgia Bass Chapter Federation**

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**Tournament Creel Report**



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## GBCF Tournament Report - 2006

In 2006, 90 bass clubs, affiliated with the Georgia Bass Chapter Federation (GBCF), submitted results from 884 tournaments. Several of these tournaments were not analyzed because they involved less than six anglers or lasted less than five hours. The data from tournaments held outside of Georgia were not analyzed. Data from 210 tournaments held at Alabama reservoirs were sent to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and became part of their annual tournament data analysis (B.A.I.T). Data from 648 tournaments on 14 Georgia reservoirs and two rivers were analyzed for this report.

Fishing success at Georgia reservoirs and rivers are compared on the attached table and figures. Bass anglers spent 83,468 hours of effort during the 648 tournaments. The weighed-in, tournament-average catch rate was 0.260 bass / angler hour. This is the highest catch rate in the 29 years of this project. The state-wide catch rate average over the 29 years is 0.220 bass / angler hour. The record high catch rate in 2006 was mainly caused by the 128 tournaments at Clarks Hill where the average catch rate was 0.312. **Richard B. Russell** had the highest catch rate (0.357 bass / angler hour) and the greatest pounds weighed-in / angler hour (0.584 lbs / angler hour). The lowest percent of unsuccessful anglers (12.5%) and the highest percent of anglers with five or more bass (36.5%) were also at **Richard B. Russell**. The greatest average bass weight (2.26 lbs) and the greatest average largest bass (5.10 lbs) were at **Blackshear**. However, the lowest weighed-in catch rate (0.139 bass / angler hour) and the highest percent of unsuccessful anglers (41.3%) were also at **Blackshear**.

This was the third year that clubs were asked to indicate how many bass 5.0 lbs or larger were caught during each tournament. This information was given for 614 of the 648 tournaments used for this report. Only 259 bass 5.0 lbs or larger were caught during these 614 tournaments. On average, it required 305 angler hours to catch a bass of this size. This is down from 407 hours in 2004 and 321 in 2005. There was a big difference in this value for the 14 reservoirs and two rivers. Whereas it took 1,648 hours at **Richard B. Russell** and 1,198 hours at **Lanier** to catch a bass  $\geq$  5 lbs, it took only 123 hours at **Seminole** and 174 hours at the **Savannah River**. Only at **Seminole** was there an average of one 5 lbs bass caught in each tournament.

The reservoir abbreviations on the attached figures are **AL** (Allatoona), **BF** (Bartlett's Ferry), **BS** (Blackshear), **CA** (Carters), **CH** (Clarks Hill), **HW** (Hartwell), **JA** (Jackson), **LA** (Lanier), **OC** (Oconee), **RU** (R. B. Russell), **SE** (Seminole), **SI** (Sinclair), **WG** (W. F. George), **WP** (West Point).

## GBCF TOURNAMENT RESULTS FOR GEORGIA RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS - 2006

Reservoir or River	Number of Tournaments Analyzed	Number of Angler Hours	Bass Weighed-in /Angler Hour	Lbs. Weighed-in/Angler Hour	Percent Anglers with Five or More Bass	Percent Anglers with Zero Bass	Average Largest Bass (lbs.)	Average Bass Weight (lbs.)	Average Winning Weight (lbs.)	Percent Bass as Largemouth	Angler-Hrs Per ≥ 5 lb Bass
<i>Allatoona</i>	17	2009	0.293	0.392	23.8	24.2	3.10	1.34	8.18	22.6	1004
<i>Bartlett's Ferry</i>	12	1852	0.201	0.274	9.1	28.5	3.51	1.34	7.95	52.5	617
<i>Blackshear</i> <sup>a</sup>	17	2346	0.139	0.340	7.5	41.3	5.10	2.26	10.78	100.0	245
<i>Carters</i>	4	386	0.217	0.303	3.9	27.5	2.72	1.29	6.30	2.4	-----
<i>Clarks Hill</i>	128	15266	0.312	0.502	29.3	18.1	4.30	1.61	11.47	98.1	290
<i>Hartwell</i>	30	3305	0.309	0.523	30.1	19.7	3.76	1.70	12.15	70.8	425
<i>Jackson</i>	26	3019	0.229	0.364	13.9	25.9	4.20	1.60	9.15	52.4	415
<i>Lanier</i> <sup>a</sup>	65	7536	0.242	0.493	15.5	21.4	3.79	2.04	11.56	16.4	1198
<i>Oconee</i> <sup>a</sup>	82	10283	0.203	0.391	8.5	27.5	4.01	1.93	10.33	97.7	515
<i>R. B. Russell</i>	24	3438	0.357	0.584	36.5	12.5	3.73	1.56	12.78	49.4	1648
<i>Seminole</i>	40	5337	0.217	0.447	14.1	26.4	5.06	2.03	12.00	99.1	123
<i>Sinclair</i>	73	10020	0.271	0.414	18.3	21.4	4.28	1.53	10.15	95.6	266
<i>W. F. George</i> <sup>b</sup>	40	6068	0.193	0.383	13.0	25.9	4.29	2.01	11.75	84.9	276
<i>West Point</i> <sup>b</sup>	35	6031	0.284	0.446	26.9	14.6	4.41	1.59	12.13	33.6	211
<i>Altamaha River</i>	9	1118	0.183	0.312	9.9	34.7	3.88	1.58	8.70	100.0	559
<i>Savannah River</i>	46	5454	0.297	0.490	22.3	17.3	4.79	1.66	10.50	99.2	174
<b>Total</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>83468</b>	<b>0.260</b>	<b>0.447</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>4.21</b>	<b>1.74</b>	<b>10.95</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>305</b>

<sup>a</sup> 14-inch size limit. <sup>b</sup> 12-inch size limit on spotted bass and 14-inch size limit on largemouth bass.

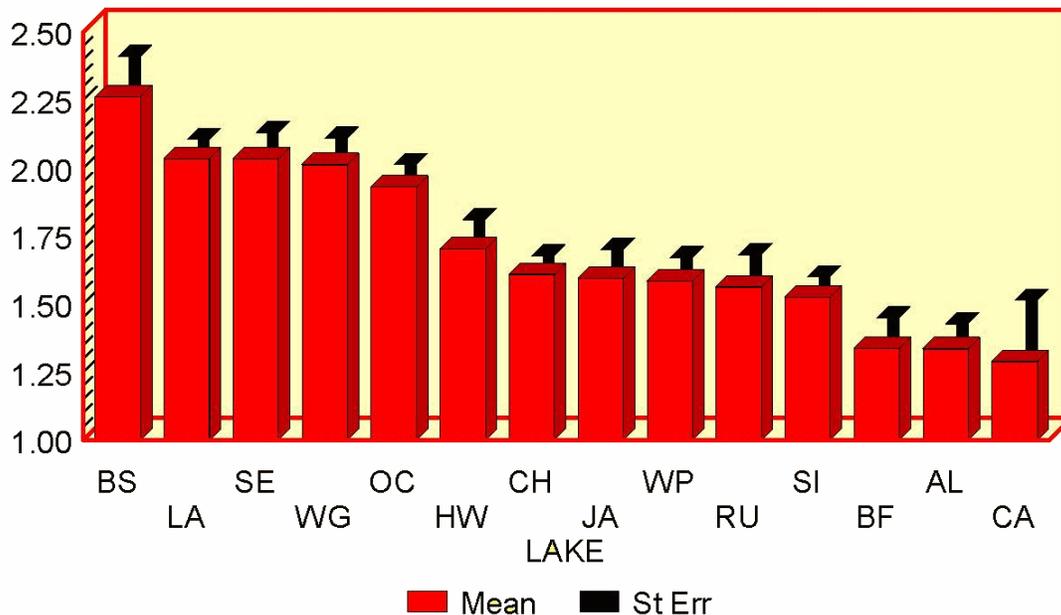
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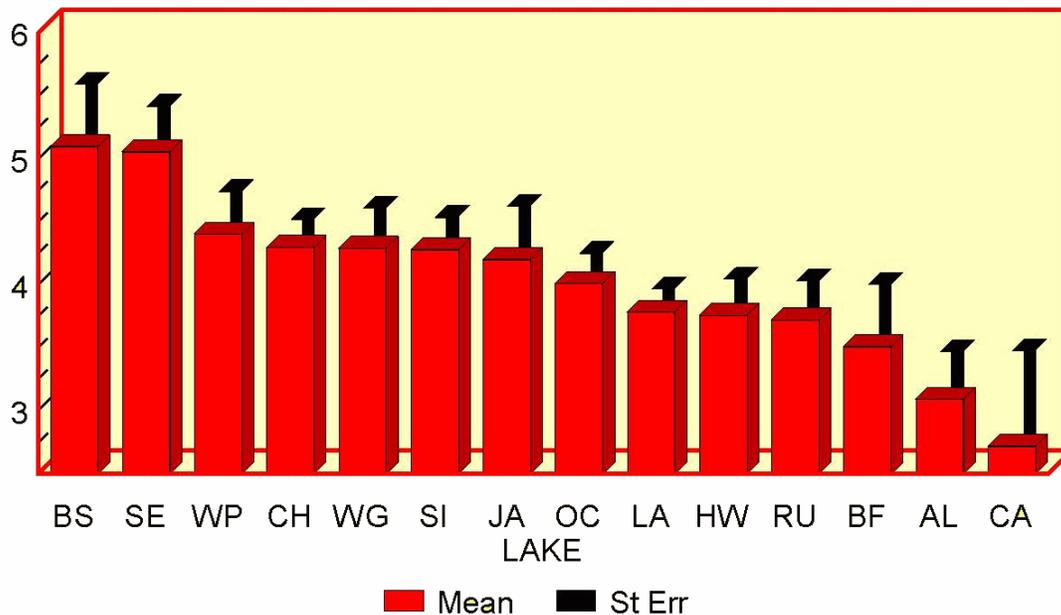
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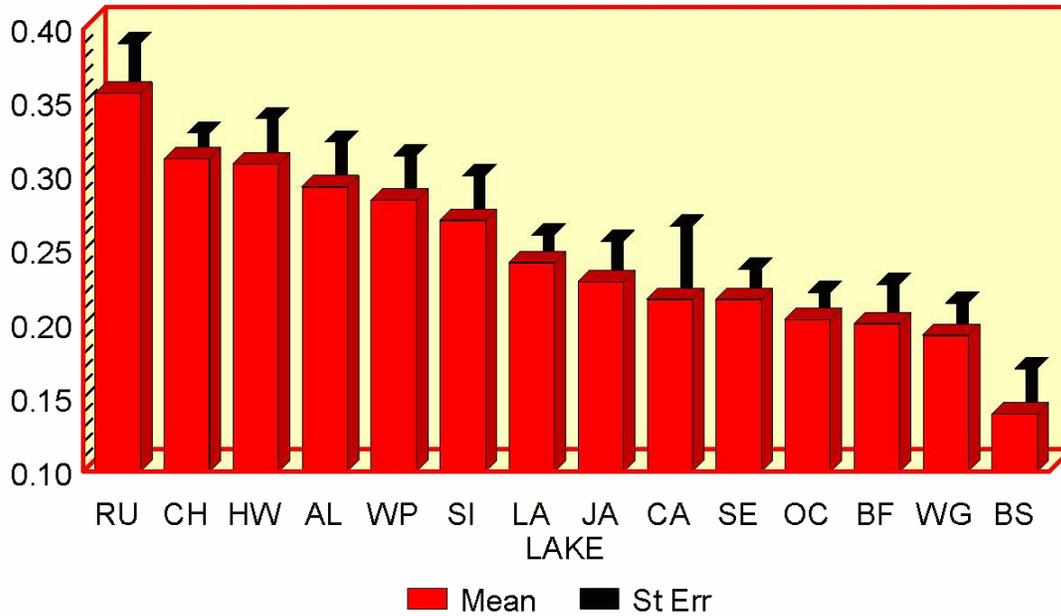
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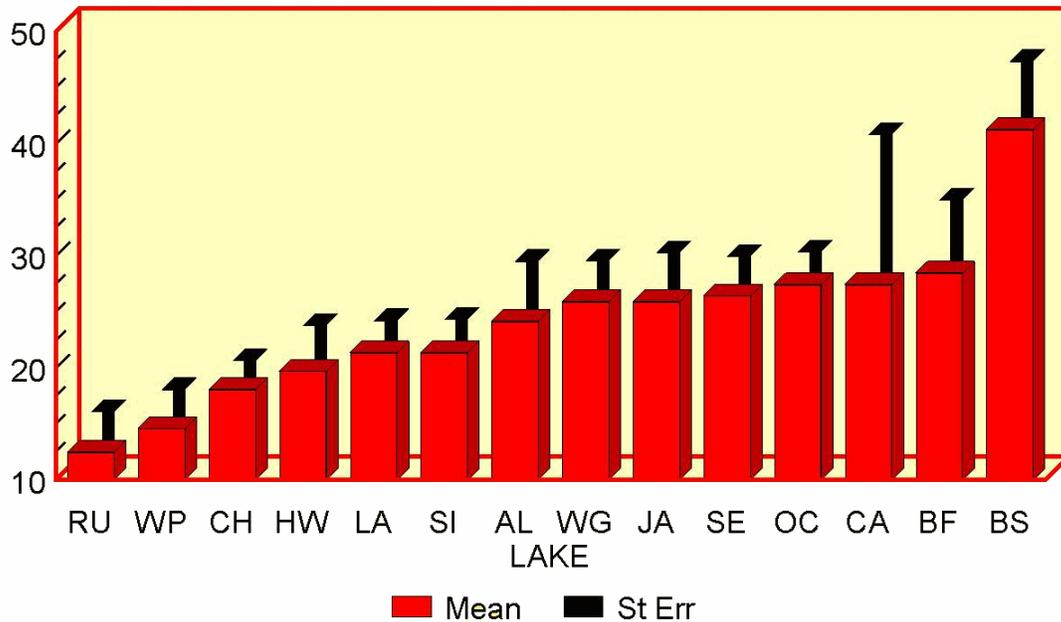
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## PERCENT UNSUCCESSFUL ANGLERS - 2006 GBCF TOURNAMENTS ON GEORGIA LAKES

% ANGLERS WITH ZERO BASS



# NUMBER OF 5 LB BASS / TOURNAMENT - 2006 GBCF TOURNAMENTS ON GEORGIA LAKES

NR 5 LB BASS

