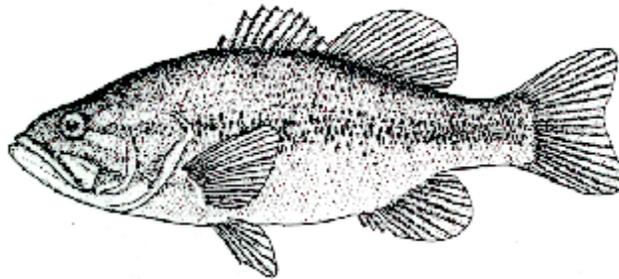


Georgia Bass Chapter Federation

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Tournament Creel Report



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GBCF Tournament Report - 2009

This is the 32nd year of the Georgia Bass Chapter Federation (GBCF) Tournament Creel Report. In 2009, 69 bass clubs submitted results from 677 tournaments. Several of these tournaments were not analyzed because they involved less than six anglers or lasted less than five hours. Also, Georgia reservoirs and rivers with less than six submitted tournaments were not analyzed. The data from tournaments held outside of Georgia were not analyzed. Data from 168 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 500 tournaments on 13 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 57,111 hours of effort during the 500 tournaments. The weighed-in, tournament-average catch rate was 0.265 bass / angler hour. This is the second highest catch rate in the 32 years of this project. The state-wide catch rate average over the 32 years is 0.224 bass / angler hour. The highest catch rate was 0.268 in 2008.

R. B. Russell had the highest catch rate (0.348 bass / angler hour) and the lowest percent of unsuccessful anglers (9.6%). Catch rates were also excellent at **Bartlett's Ferry** (0.343) and **West Point** (0.336). **West Point** had the greatest percent (39.3%) of anglers that weighed in five bass (a tournament limit). Tournament fishing was also very good year at **W. F. George**. Tournaments there had the highest winning weight (18.67 lbs), the greatest average bass weight (2.59 lbs), and greatest average largest bass weight (5.68 lbs).

This was the 6th 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 476 of the 500 tournaments used for this report. Only 205 bass 5.0 lbs or larger were caught during these 476 tournaments. On average, it required 265 angler hours to catch a bass of this size. This is the least number of hours to catch a 5.0 lb bass during the six years of this analysis. There was a big difference in this value for the 13 reservoirs. Whereas it took 1,382 hours at **Bartlett's Ferry** to catch a bass \geq 5 lbs, it took only 85 hours at **Seminole**. Only at **Seminole** and **W. F. George** was there an average of one 5 lb or larger bass caught in each tournament. A bass of this size was caught in only 29% of the 476 tournaments. The largest bass reported in 2009 was 11.1 lbs caught at **Seminole** during February. No other bass 10 pounds or larger were reported for the 500 tournaments in 2009.

The reservoir abbreviations on the attached graphs 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 - 2009

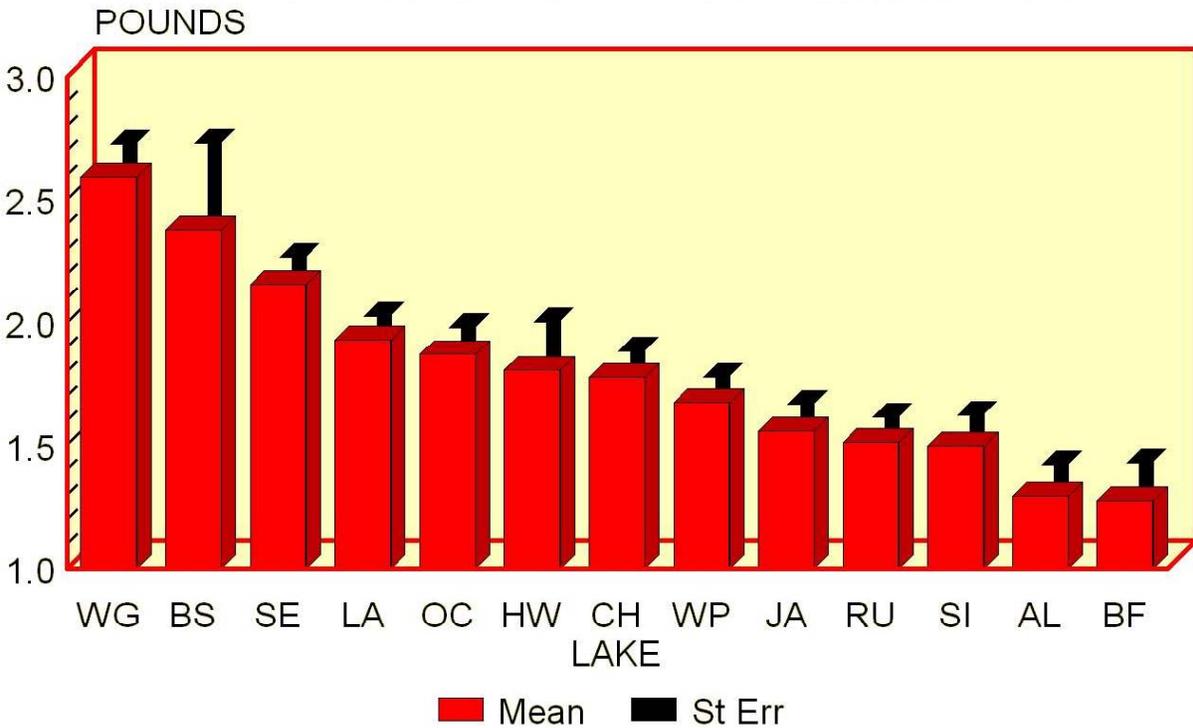
Reservoir or River	Number of Tournaments Analyzed	Number of Angler Hours	Bass Weighed-in /Angler Hour	Lbs. Weighed-in/Angler Hour	Percent Anglers with Five or More Bass	Percent Anglers with Zero Bass	Average Largest Bass (lbs.)	Average Bass Weight (lbs.)	Average Winning Weight (lbs.)	Percent Bass as Largemouth	Angler-Hrs Per ≥ 5 lb Bass
<i>Allatoona</i>	12	1343	0.279	0.360	24.2	11.3	3.02	1.29	8.21	18.5	1229
<i>Bartlett's Ferry</i>	9	1381	0.343	0.429	30.2	11.1	3.98	1.27	10.74	40.8	1382
<i>Blackshear</i> ^a	10	939	0.181	0.387	4.5	35.9	4.04	2.38	8.71	99.2	None Caught
<i>Clarks Hill</i>	85	8267	0.235	0.408	15.5	26.7	3.84	1.78	9.63	99.0	296
<i>Hartwell</i>	23	2515	0.278	0.514	23.2	18.3	3.79	1.81	10.16	51.2	1201
<i>Jackson</i>	28	2854	0.251	0.384	18.2	24.1	3.68	1.56	8.47	41.9	441
<i>Lanier</i> ^a	46	4448	0.245	0.476	16.1	26.7	3.66	1.93	11.34	10.7	1362
<i>Oconee</i> ^a	62	6979	0.231	0.432	12.4	23.5	4.13	1.87	10.76	94.5	323
<i>R. B. Russell</i>	26	3352	0.348	0.526	35.9	9.6	3.71	1.51	12.05	41.0	992
<i>Seminole</i>	40	4903	0.317	0.704	32.2	14.8	5.65	2.16	15.44	99.3	85
<i>Sinclair</i>	47	5153	0.310	0.473	29.3	16.7	4.05	1.50	9.64	98.0	322
<i>W. F. George</i> ^b	31	4982	0.242	0.618	22.1	16.2	5.68	2.59	18.67	89.4	156
<i>West Point</i> ^b	33	5096	0.336	0.555	39.3	12.8	4.90	1.67	12.81	33.4	190
<i>Altamaha River</i>	6	445	0.138	0.218	1.5	40.4	2.87	1.57	5.07	100.0	444
<i>Savannah River</i>	42	4454	0.233	0.318	11.9	25.7	3.50	1.35	7.26	100.0	322
Total	500	57111	0.265	0.467	21.1	21.0	4.14	1.78	10.95	45.7	265

^a 14-inch size limit. ^b 12-inch size limit on spotted bass and 14-inch size limit on largemouth bass.

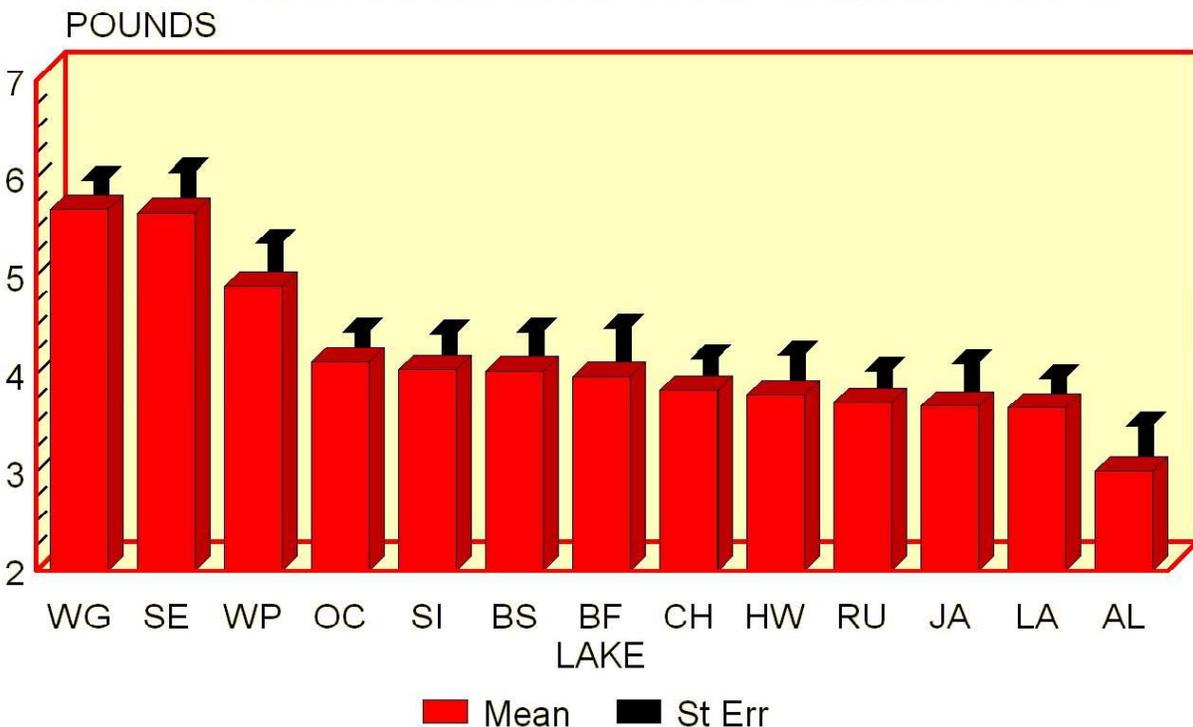
Note: Only tournaments with six or more anglers and five or more hours in length were analyzed.
Reservoirs or rivers with less than six tournaments were not analyzed.

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AVERAGE BASS WEIGHT - 2009 GBCF TOURNAMENTS ON GEORGIA LAKES

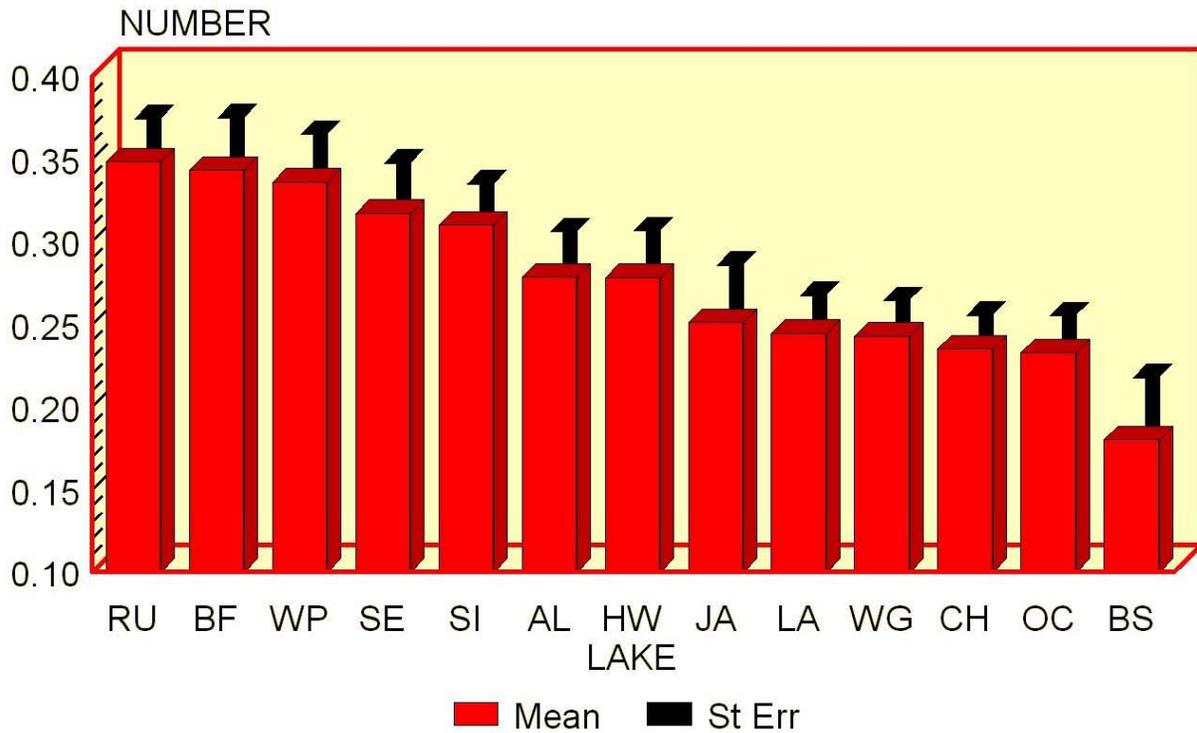


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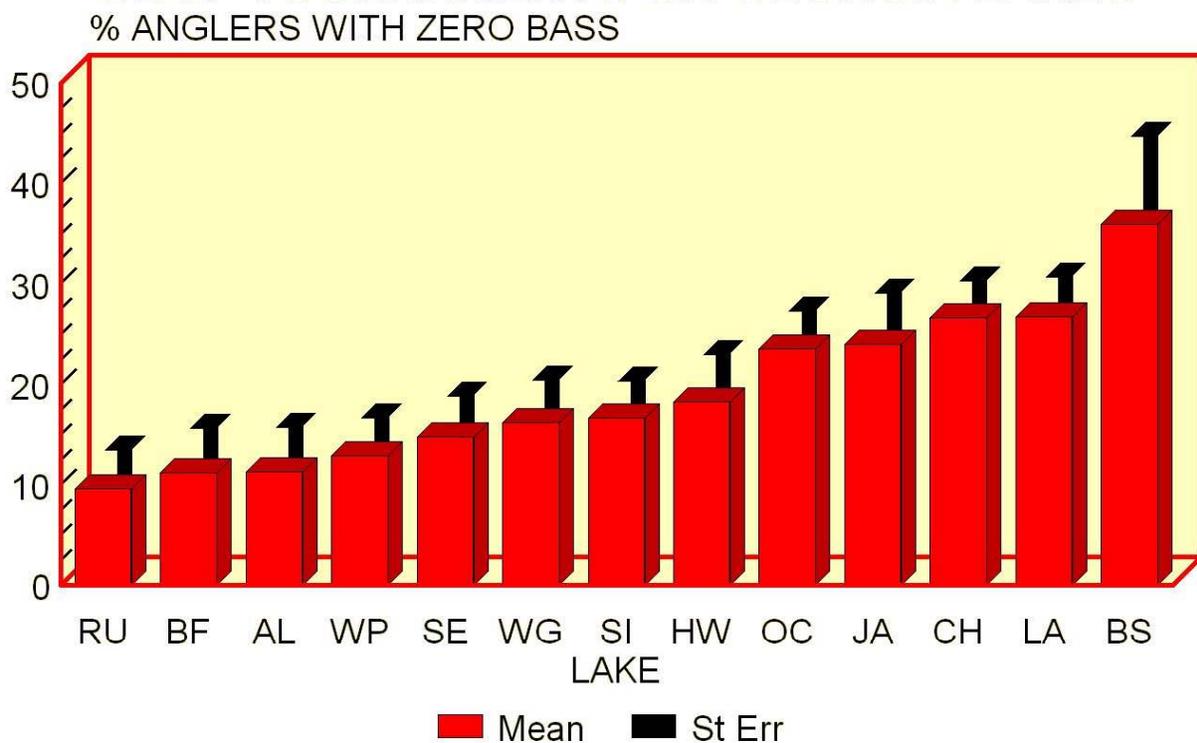
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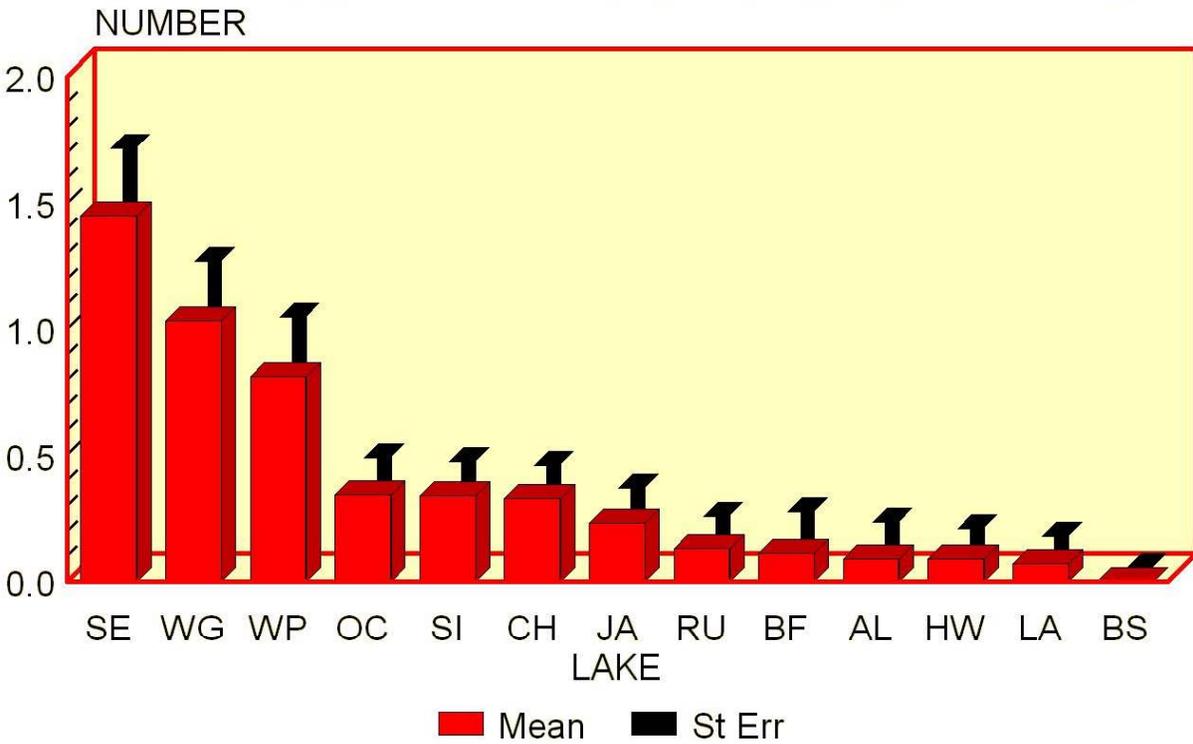


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NUMBER OF 5 LB BASS / TOURNAMENT - 2009 GBCF TOURNAMENTS ON GEORGIA LAKES



WINNING WEIGHT - 2009 GBCF TOURNAMENTS ON GEORGIA LAKES

