

**Established in 1956**



Known for his engaging personality, down-home writing style and self-effacing humor, Earl Golding began his career as a sportswriter at the *Tribune-Herald* in 1949 and started covering outdoors sports the following year.

In 1955, during an era when recreational activities in Texas were on the rise at newly created reservoirs, Golding hatched the idea of a "bass tournament" to determine the best fisherman in Texas. Held by invitation-only at the recently impounded Lake Whitney, it was the first competitive bass tournament in the state and the first known competitive bass tournament in the nation. A total of 75 anglers were invited and 73 showed up to fish.

Golding noted in a 1998 Interview, "When word got out about the 1955 event, we got letters from all over the state saying they wanted to be involved. So the next year, we decided to make it the Texas State Bass Tournament." The Tournament has continued its tradition every year since, and for his vision, Golding was inducted into both the Texas State Bass Tournament Hall of Fame and the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame in 1998.

Over the years, the State Tournament added various competitive Divisions to encourage family and youth participation. As a result, the field today includes everyone from young anglers participating in their first tournament to seasoned veterans that are among the best in the state. Bucking the trend to lure anglers with high dollar prizes, the State Tournament draws contestants year-in and year-out with only one goal in mind: to join the ranks of other legendary anglers who have claimed the title as "Texas State Bass Fishing

**Inducted into the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall-of-Fame in 2016**

**Sponsors**



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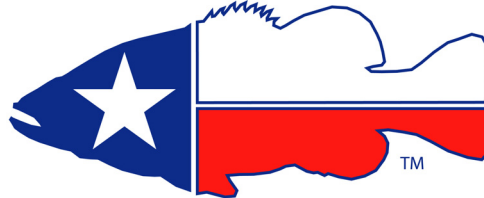
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**"THE WORLD'S OLDEST OPEN BASS TOURNAMENT"**

**64th Annual**



**TEXAS STATE BASS TOURNAMENT**

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**Toledo Bend Reservoir Fin & Feather Resort April 27 & 28, 2019**

**2018 State Champions**

Individual: Jim McDonald (Hemphill)

Team Division: Emily Hamilton & John Hamilton (Hemphill)

Couples Division: Joseph & Tammy Fagen (Dayton)

Senior Team Division – Glen Hamilton & John Long (Jacksonville)

Adult & Boy Division – Terry Stevens and Layne Stevens (Hutto)

Adult & Girl Division – Phil Marks & Payton Marks (Dallas)

**2018 Big Bass**

Overall: 1 Scott Burns (Lufkin) - 7.74 lbs  
2 Joseph Wayne Fagen (Dayton) - 6.43 lbs  
3 Tammy Fagen (Dayton) - 6.01 lbs

Youth: Hunter Cope (Ft. Worth) - 2.00 lbs

**2018 Bass Club Top 6**

Ft. Worth Westside Bass Club (Team 2) - 54.64 lbs

Lee Lavender Jim Nath Dennis Exum  
Wes Brownlee Scott Hoover Chris Scott

**APRIL 27-28, 2019**  
**TOLEDO BEND RESERVOIR**

**TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN**

All anglers or their delegates are required to check in under the Pavilion at Fin & Feather Resort between 4:00pm and 10:00pm on Friday, April 26. **CHECK-IN IS MANDATORY.**

All High School Team Boat Captains are required to provide "Proof of Insurance" during the Team's check-in process.

**KEY TIMES**

	Saturday	Sunday
First Cast	6:00 am	6:00 am
Weigh-In 1st Flight	3:00 pm *	1:00 pm *
Weigh-In 2nd Flight	3:30 pm	1:30 pm

1st Flight = Couples, Seniors, Adult/Boy, & Adult/Girl  
2nd Flight = Individual, Team, College Team, & High School Team  
\* Scales open 1 hour before 1st Flight's weigh-in.

**AWARDS SUMMARY**

Team Division	1st-20th Place
Individual Division	1st-6th Place
Couples Division	1st-15th Place
College Team Division	1st-5th Place
High School Team Division	1st-5th Place
Adult/Boy Division	1st-5th Place
Adult/Girl Division	1st-5th Place
Senior Team Division	1st-3rd Place
Big Bass (Overall)	1st-3rd Place
Youth Big Bass (Boy or Girl)	1st Place
Bass Club Top Six	1st Place

**TOURNAMENT EXTRAS**

Saturday post-Tournament meal courtesy of *The No Frills Grill & Sports Bar*, Strike King Tackle Packs, Tournament Caps, Door Prizes, and a Cash Drawing for Early Entries!