

Langham laps the field at Merrill Creek; Gilbert takes LOY lead

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Last year's tournament at Merrill Creek was won by ounces with the top four anglers landing limits and smallmouth almost four pounds. This year's tournament was a few weeks earlier and the bass weren't up on beds yet and made it for a difficult day of fishing for just about everyone in the field.

Former member Rich Langham practiced during the week and was on a pattern that paid off on tournament day. Grinding out the only limit of the 8 hour tournament, Rich landed four smallmouth and one largemouth for 8 pounds 6 ounces and easily claim the victory.

Second place went to Willie Gilbert who caught a lunker largemouth of 5 pounds 4 ounces with just 35 minutes remaining in the tournament. This fish takes the lead for Lunker of the Year awarded for the biggest largemouth over five pounds.

Third place was won by Adam Stinley with one largemouth weighing 4 lbs even. Fourth and fifth place respectively went to Tim McNicholas, 1 smallmouth for 3 lbs 5 ounces and prospective member Matt Paisley, 1 smallmouth 2 lbs 5 oz.

Sixth place was won by Ron Hebert with two largemouth for 1 lb 10 oz, Ron was the only angler other than Langham to land more than one keeper.

Of the 24 anglers fishing, only half landed a keeper bass over the 12 inch minimum. Those 12 anglers weighed 17 bass for 30 pounds 4 ounces with 10 smallmouth and 7 largemouth.



Willie Gilbert with lunker largemouth; 5 lb 4 oz.

Tournament Results:

1. Rich Langham	5 fish	8 lb 6 oz	
2. Willie Gilbert	1 fish	5 lb 4 oz	Lunker
3. Adam Stinley	1 fish	4 lb	
4. Tim McNicholas	1 fish	3 lb 5 oz	
5. Matt Paisley	1 fish	2 lb 5 oz	
6. Ron Hebert	2 fish	1 lb 10 oz	
7. Kyle Reich	1 fish	1 lb 8 oz	
8. Mark Ream	1 fish	1 lb 5 oz	
9. Kevin Fulmer	1 fish	1 lb	
10. John Palmer	1 fish	14 oz	
11. Charlie Harris	1 fish	11 oz	
12. Mike Longacre	1 fish	10 oz	

12 anglers didn't weigh any fish.