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**New Property Dunlay - Lake Leinweber**



**PWF is happy to announce this highly anticipated new property to our members, Lake Leinweber. Located just 35 miles West of San Antonio features a sizeable 22 acres of water; and like many of the lakes in South Texas, rises and falls with large rain events. The lake has a good forage base of bluegill, red-ear sunfish, and the bass population has rebounded nicely from the drought of 2010-2014. Today there are large numbers of bass in the 1.5 to 3 lbs. class with bass up to 9 lbs.. A 14 foot Jon boat is available for members to use. Launching your own boat will not be easy, so aluminum boats on trailers are not recommended. Kayaks, Bass Buster type boats, and Sun Dolphin boats can easily be launched.**

**Please note, this property remains closed during the general hunting season. Located 110 miles West of Austin.**

## **Facebook Contest Winner!**

**Chris Casner has won the members-only Facebook contest for a free fishing trip at Mt. Pleasant, Broseco Ranch! Be sure and watch the video (found below) of the official drawing for the Facebook contest. Thank you to all of the members who participated, and congratulations to Chris!**

**We love to hear from our members. So, even if you missed the contest, please feel free to visit our Facebook page and gives a like, write a review, or post a photo!**



## Bowie - Backside of the Moon is Open!

If you like fat bass, remote locations, have a SUV or truck now is the time to check out Bowie Back Side of the Moon. Check out the Youtube video of John B. fishing Bowie - Back Side of the Moon.



We receive numerous calls each week regarding the status of our lakes, but likely the lake that receives the most curiosity is a lake less than 60 miles NW of Fort Worth between Bowie and Jacksboro called Back Side of the Moon.

Is it the name that makes someone interested? (obviously an odd name)

Is it its location? (really the only club lake NW of the Metroplex)

Is it the description? (likely the most remote property in the whole club)

Is it the size? (50 acres makes it one of the largest)

Whatever it is, members are curious.

The challenge has been and continues to be the water clarity. The lake has an abundant amount of common carp that have eaten every single strand of aquatic vegetation in this lake. The lake is very shallow (less than 3 feet) for the northern 1/3 of the lake. Although, 2/3 of the lake has a lot of depth and rock for cover. The combination of the common carp stirring up the bottom and the wind stirring up the bottom, the lake is usually turbid (muddy). The turbid water makes it difficult for the fish to see your lure. Visibility is usually 10 to 12 inches. The carp also cause another issue, which can be both good and bad. The constant rooting around on the bottom, can really cause a recruitment issue for both the bluegill and the bass.

The carp simply disturb the bass nest in the Spring, causing recruitment numbers to be low. The bad news is that there are low densities of bass in the lake; however, there is good news. The bass densities are low, so the bass that do survive are studs! Why? The bass that do survive are likely genetically stronger, just by the mere fact that the odds were stacked against them, that the survival of the fittest mantra holds true. Even more importantly, the few bass that make it are FEASTING on the common carp that dominate the lake. A bass is at the top of the predator food chain and they have thousands upon thousands of small (4 to 6 inch) carp to eat.

About 6 months ago Private Water Fishing performed an electrofishing survey at the lake, and we were floored at the quality (not quantity) of the bass in the lake. The fish are likely the fattest in the club. Most of the bass are 125% to 130% of their normal weight. Almost unheard of in Private Lakes. I received a phone call from the owner about a month ago and he told me the water clarity is the best it has been in years. Moreover, our UTube fishing members Robert Terkla of Lunkers TV and John Barzacchini of Jon B Fishing shot a video of their trip a couple of weeks ago. I'm not sure if the bass are winning and starting to reduce the number of carp (which helps with less stirring of the water) or the calm winds of the summer, but visibility is 15 to 24 inches. FYI, you will think it is less visible; 99% of people think water is less clear than it is.

