

## **Texas anglers take gold spoons to school for show and tell**

Schools are back in session in the Rockport area and the Inshore Fishing Association (IFA) Redfish Tour team of Paul Braly and John Bremser are holding class.

It was definitely a “show and tell” morning by the two anglers who found comfort, and a win, in fishing the recent and last event of the Texas division on their home waters. Their subject for the day: “How to fish a big school of reds that have spawning on their minds.”

Braly and Bremser took top honors with their allowed limit of two fish weighing in at 15.08 pounds, with both fish being 7-pounders. The total was good enough to edge out runner-ups Hunter Morgan and Hoga Morgan by less than one-half pound.

Rounding out the top five finishers of this Redfish Tour presented by Cabela’s event were: third place – Kyle Ross and Brent Waldren with 13.65 pounds; fourth place – Norberto and Cindy Ramon with 13.46 pounds; and fifth place – Roy Burnett and Larry Gaskin with 13.11 pounds. The next 13 teams also had double-digit weights, indicating the famed fishing waters are indeed producing as usual for this time of year, and the locals knew it.

“We left Rockport and headed straight for Corpus Christi Bay and the Point of Mustang, a known staging area for reds this time of year,” Braly said. “We immediately got onto a school that had upwards of a thousand fish in it, and strategically worked the sides so as not to break them up.

“I’d cast in advance of the school and let my bait lie on the bottom, waiting for the first several fish to pass over it before raising my tip and beginning the retrieve. It was then that John would cast his bait into the group. We’d both have fish on instantly, but we never landed both during the same hook-up. There were just too many fish and too many things to go wrong for that to happen,” he explained.

Braly went on to say that the one fish landed during their first two casts was the one weighing 7.77 pounds. The other keeper in their limit, the 7.32 pounder, came on the fourth approach.

“We were finished by 9 a.m., left the school thinking we had a top-five weight, and went looking for an 8-pounder to upgrade our catch in some places where we had seen big fish a couple of days before. But that never happened,” he added.

The winning team was tossing gold-colored Johnson Sprite spoons in one-quarter and one-half ounce sizes. “This was definitely a spoon-fed win for us,” quipped Braly in talking about their gear.

For the win, the pair was awarded a fully-rigged Ranger Banshee, valued at \$20,000 as equipped with a 50 HP, 4-stroke Yamaha outboard, Loadmaster trailer, Power Pole shallow water anchor, Minn Kota trolling motor and Humminbird electronics.

Braly and Bremser were also the Ranger Cup winners and pocketed the \$1,000 Ranger Cup check by being the top finishers qualified for the special incentive cash prize by owning and fishing from a Ranger boat (for Ranger Cup program details visit [www.rangerboats.com](http://www.rangerboats.com)). In fact, the outing was just the third trip in Braly's brand new Cayman.

The Rockport event's \$500 Big Fish check went to the third place team of Ross and Waldren for a 8.24 pound redfish.

In addition to the Texas division, there are also Florida East Coast, Florida West Coast, Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana and Texas IFA Divisions. All are one-day events with three tournaments in each. Teams that fish in all three events qualify to compete in the two-day, no-entry-fee IFA Redfish Tour Championship scheduled for November 2 – 3, 2007, at Panama City, Fla.

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