

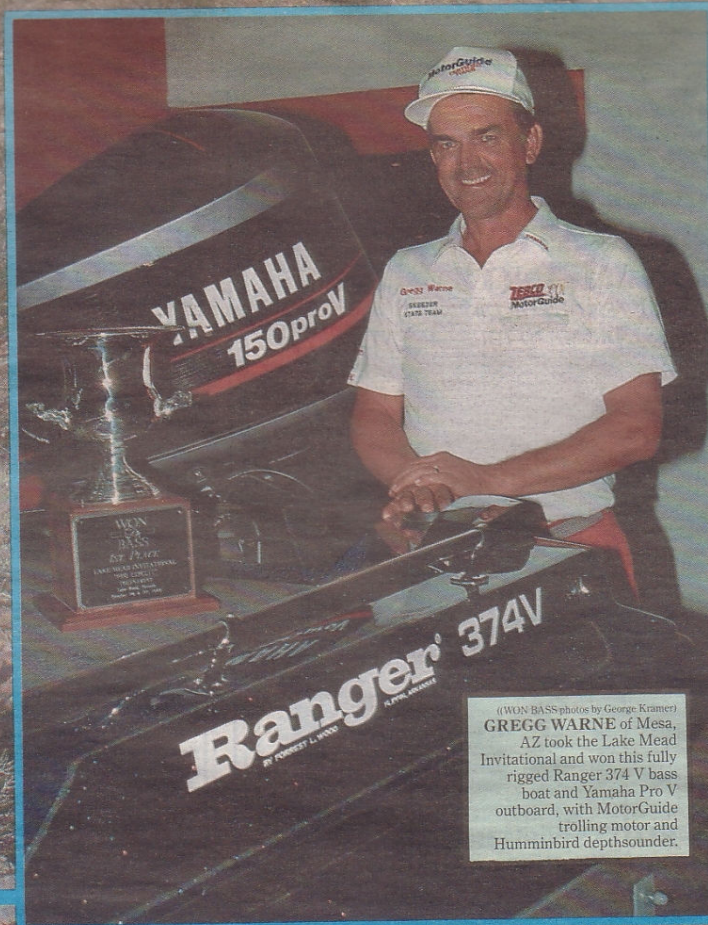
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Warne wins at Mead

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(WON-BASS photos by George Kramer)
GREGG WARNE of Mesa, AZ took the Lake Mead Invitational and won this fully rigged Ranger 374 V bass boat and Yamaha Pro V outboard, with MotorGuide trolling motor and Humminbird depthsounder.

TOPS 220 ANGLERS

Warne outwits stingy Mead

By **GEORGE KRAMER**
WON BASS Editor

BOULDER CITY, Nev. — Overcoming a very stingy Lake Mead and another big field of entrants, Gregg Warne of Mesa, Arizona topped the WON BASS Invitational tournament Oct. 26-27 with a two-day total of 17.73 pounds.

Said the five-year pro, "I can't believe this. It's the most exciting thing that's happened to me," Warne ran off with the top prize of a \$22,000 Ranger 374 V bass boat and Yamaha Pro V 150 outboard equipped with Humminbird depthsounder, and MotorGuide trolling motor by weighing 11.11 pounds of bass on the final round. He also garnered \$1,500 by taking the top spot in the Pro Option pool.

Burning just 10 gallons of gas in two days, Warne splitshot Western Plastics Sweepers in the grass and bushes in 10 to 20 feet of water on main lake points. The trick, he said, was to "ease it through the grass and they would jump on it."

Warne actually hit on the pattern on the opening round, confessing his practice had not



RANDY BEST is off and running in 1990-91, moving up in the All Pro Division by virtue of his \$7,200 win for second place at Lake Mead.

turned up anything reliable. When his first day partner Bill Lanier took a couple of fish on Fat Raps on Friday, and Warne could not score on the same bait, so he went to the soft plastic. "I splitshot fairly fast and I started getting bit. I really just stumbled onto the bite."

He may have stumbled onto the bite, but he didn't lose a fish on the final round and won easily, topping runner-up Randy Best by nearly 4 pounds.

Best, the Browning pro from Norco, piloted his Ranger boat through the lower basin weighing nine bass totalling 13.83 pounds, good for \$7,200 including \$1,200 in Pro Option cash. He too fished the lower basin via the splitshot route when his prefish spinnerbait pattern vanished.

His first day pattern was to work coves "with bait and isolated grass," and he came

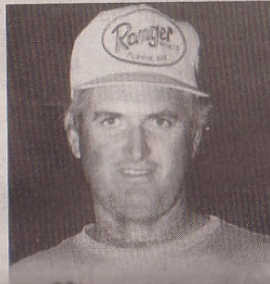
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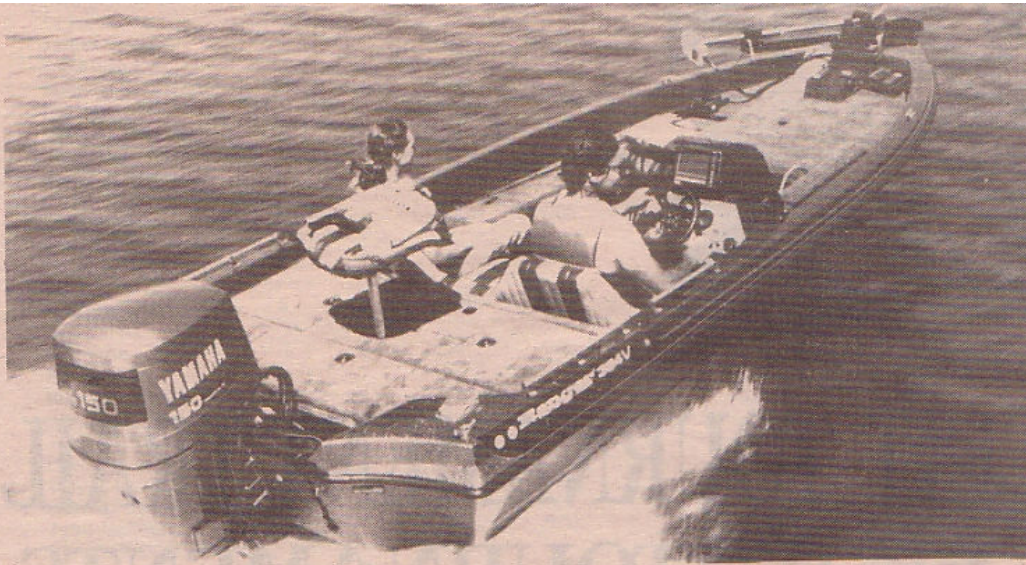


MEAD TITLEIST — Gregg Warne of Mesa, AZ took the title of the Lake Mead Invitational, weighing a total of 17.73 pounds. He won a fully rigged Ranger bass boat, plus \$1,500 from the Pro Option pool.

Big Bass Winners

Angler	Placed	Bass Weight	Total Winnings	Division
Tony DiGiovanna El Cajon, CA	1	3.55	1000.00	Pro Div
Jay Yelas Brookland, TX	2	3.38	900.00	Pro Div
Kenny Baldwin Needles, CA	3	3.10	700.00	Pro Div





NINE RANGER/YAMAHA packages, including 8 powered by 150 Pro Vs and one with a 200 horse outboard, will be awarded in **WON BASS** pro and team competition in 1990-91. Six rigs will be the top prizes in Pro Circuit events; one each will go to the top team from the Tri-States region and the top team in the Upstate region; and the 200 horse rig will go to the winner of the 1991 Pro Finals.



THE PHENIX RODS Big Bass Cajon for his 3.55-lb. bass at Lake Lovino.

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John Suzow	64
Newbury Park, CA	
Donny Johnson	65
Mesa, AZ	
Rodney Okimoto	66
Artesia, CA	
Manny Homen	67
Tucson, AZ	
Robert Ray Sanford	68
Las Vegas, NV	
Jim Sleight	69
Jamul, CA	
Doug Chessmore	70
Santa Barbara, CA	

Warne best at Mead...

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through with 7.00 pounds which put him in fourth place. But a bit of luck, both bad and good, boosted him high in the standings. Early on the final round, mechanical failure caused him to be towed back to Lake Mead Marina where he arrived at 11 a.m. and finished the day working a ledge in 10 to 15 feet of water. He splitshot pumpkin colored worms with 8-pound Trilene XT.

showed why he is one of the best young fishermen on the circuit as he worked for six bass weighing

11.34 pounds, earning \$3,000 plus another \$1,000 from the Pro Option pool. Fishing 8-pound
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"90% OF MY FISH
CAME UPHILL..."

Third place went to Trilene ace Don Payne of Modesto with nine bass weighing 12.46 pounds, good for \$4,000. It was an uphill struggle for Payne who said that "90 percent of my fish came uphill dragging" a purple Power Worm or Iovino Worm. His split-shotting technique was centered on wood and grass in two to 15 feet of water, and he explained, "If they weren't on the outside, I'd move right in (shallow)."

Mike Reynolds of Modesto



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3.79	34	0.00
3.75	33	0.00
3.74	32	0.00
3.69	31	0.00
3.68	30	0.00
3.59	29	0.00
3.58	28	0.00
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3.46	26	0.00
3.40	25	0.00
3.37	24	0.00
3.37	24	0.00
3.34	22	0.00
3.34	22	0.00
3.34	22	0.00
3.28	19	0.00
3.23	18	0.00
3.17	17	0.00
3.15	16	0.00
3.14	15	0.00
3.11	14	0.00
3.11	14	0.00
3.11	14	0.00
3.09	11	0.00
3.04	10	0.00
3.01	9	0.00
2.95	8	0.00
2.91	7	0.00
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Mead...

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Trilene on a Browning spinning rod, he splitshot Iovino worms in "grass with brush" in 10 to 20 feet of water.

...HE SPLITSHOT'
IOVINO WORMS IN
"GRASS WITH
BRUSH"...

Reynolds noted that the grass was growing "low to the water," but that he spotted lots of bluegill in the grass, and then found a school of bass in one which tipped him off on where to fish during the tournament.

Mike Folkestad of Yorba Linda took fifth place with eight bass weighing 11.20 pounds, good for \$2,600. Although Folkestad did not pre-practice, he still managed four bass each day, although



MIKE REYNOLDS of Modesto had another outstanding finish at Lake Mead, weighing six bass totalling 11.34 pounds, good for \$3,000, plus another \$1,000 from the option pool.



MIKE FOLKESTAD of Yorba Linda returned to the West just long enough to take 5th place and \$2,600 including option money at Mead.

the patterns varied. On the first round he fished a Bulldog spinnerbait and a black and blue Bulldog jig, but the fish got finicky later and he like many of the others turned to the splitshot

THE LARGEST BASS
IN THE CONTEST
WAS A 3.55-LB.
LARGEMOUTH

rig. His second day catch only came "after I put those other rods in the locker" allowing him to slow down with a reaper in 15 feet of water.

The largest bass in the contest was a 3.55-pound largemouth caught by Tony DiGiovanna of El Cajon, CA which earned him \$1,000 in cash and a Phenix rod. He fished a Cooker jig and Western Plastics trailer to fool the top "money fish."

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