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Cinderella No More: Johnson Wins Lady Bass Classic; Mayo Wins Triple Crown

(Florence, AL) – Anglers participating in the 2015 Lady Bass Anglers Association (LBAA) Lady Bass Classic were once again faced today with changing conditions and a changing bite. Even though the bite was different each day, Center, Alabama Pro Lisa Johnson made the best of those changing conditions and brought another limit to the scales weighing in three Lake Pickwick bass weighing 10.31-pounds to hold off the charge by Rookie of the Year Amanda Godfrey of Candler, NC and Foristell, MO Pro Lynda Gessner. Johnson's final three day weight was 35.00-pounds. Enough to win her first event for the 2015 season and the title of 2015 Lady Bass Classic Champion.

Lisa Johnson - 2015 LBAA Classic Champion - Pro

On three occasions this year Alabama Pro Lisa Johnson had come up just shy of the first place trophy. This did not deter her one bit when it came to the Lady Bass Classic in Florence!. This never waivered her confidence. “I trusted my chatterbait bite from the beginning of the event to the end,” Johnson commented. “I had several place that I worked through each day.” While Johnson would pick up a few other baits to try each day, there just was not the success with those. Johnson needed to be consistent. Consistency on all three days was the key to her bringing home the first win of the season. Five fish per day with double digit weights each day were enough to hold off the run from Rookie of the Year Amanda Godfrey who brought in a three day total of 32.05 lbs. A last day run by Foristell, Missouri's Lynda Gessner made it a closer race at the top! Gessner brought in a day three 13.65 lb bag to jump into the running and finish with a three day weight of 30.14 lbs. Gessner commented that "October is a month that I usually struggle with, but I stayed with my strengths and it paid off in the end." Each day the conditions changed and the top three finishers were able to make the necessary adjustments. All three had totally different approaches to their fishing.

In a true to fashion manner, Lisa
Johnson showed her true class during the awards ceremony. As Johnson was being awarded her championship trophy, she asked that Jeff and Alison Holshouser to come up on stage. She presented them the trophy and dedicated her win in Lauren's memory! There wasn't a dry eye in the area to say the least.

LBAA 2015 Lady Bass Classic pro division final standings are as follows: Lisa Johnson / Center, AL 35.00, Amanda Godfrey/ Candler, NC 32.05, Lynda Gessner/Foristell, MO 30.14 Pam Ridgle/Murchison, TX 24.05, Cheryl Bowden/Fort Worth, TX 23.67, Robin Babb/Livingston, TX 14.92, Robbie Hartline/Foristell, MO 13.65, Robbie Hartline/Foristell, MO 10.82, Secret York/Benton, KY 13.54, Teri Cindric/Hermitage, TN 10.02, Monica Altman/Angier, NC 9.49, Jan Hudson Diamond City/AR 9.22, Leslie Anderson/ St. Louis, MO 7.42, Brandi Vanover/Madisonville, KY 3.99, Penny McCurdy/Gilliam, LA 3.46, Terri Bittner/McKinleyville, CA 0.00.

Angela Mayo - 2015 LBAA Classic Champion - Co

In the co-angler division, Co-Angler of the Year Angela Mayo made a final day charge bringing in three fish limit weighin in at 7.92 lbs to charge up from 5th place to first. This win earned Mayo the elusive Triple Crown. The Triple Crown consists of winning a tournament, earning the Co-Angler of the Year title and finally winning first place at the Lady Bass Classic all during the same season! Mayo is from Maiden, NC and now has the opportunity to move to the pro side during the 2016 season and paying half the entry fees. The final standings for the LBAA 2015 Lady Bass Classic co-angler division are as follows: Angela Mayo/Maiden, NC
The Big Bass award winner for the event was Pam Ridgle of Murchison, Texas who brought in a 5.55 lb bass during the event.

The LBAA would like to express a huge thanks to Mr. Parker for extending such a warm welcome to the LBAA on behalf of the city of Florence, Alabama. Thanks also goes out to Debbye Olsten of the City of Florence Parks and Recreation for taking care of assisting the LBAA with all of the necessary arrangements in order to make the event such a success. The Florence Parks and Recreation is located at 2830 Arby Drive Florence, Alabama 35630 or 256-760-6497. A final thank you also goes out to the local police department for their diligence and monitoring of our entire event.

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