

# SliderLines

Finesse Fishing Began Here

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## A NOTE FROM CHARLIE



Charlie Brewer, Jr.

Fishermen have said, "Those little finesse baits are fine for small fish but I am going for the big fish."

Slider anglers using our "little finesse baits" can testify big fish also pound the baits.

Slider lures also a perfect for fishing clear water and pressured water and for fish like smallmouth, crappie and spotted bass.

For instance, checkout the article on page two about rod builder John Miles' six pound plus spotted bass. John caught the possible new Tennessee state record spotted bass on a Slider 1 1/2 inch Grub. I'd say that was a little more than a "small fish".

And to further prove the point, notice the big fish Jay Ramey caught (story to the right) with a Slider 4" Bassin' Grub.

Slider Finesse Fishing is about catching fish in varied lake conditions, water clarity, species, action, weather, fishing pressure and structure. Not about choosing whether you want to catch big or small fish.

## California Slidin'

Jay Ramey fishes north California with the Slider Bass Grub and Four Inch Worm. Ramey's choice of lures include a Spider Pro 3/16 oz. Slider Head and a 4" Slider Worm in motor oil with an orange tail and a watermelon worm.



Nice bass caught by swimming the 4" Bass Grub in grass.

Ramey boated three nice large-mouth on one of his trips with the Slider lures.

The first fish was caught near



Good California bass that hit the motor oil with an orange tail Slider 4" worm.

a shallow flat in spring with a motor oil/orange tail Bass Grub cast next to a large tree from his Tracker Boat.

Two other bass hammered the Pro 3/16 oz. Slider Head and a watermelon 4" Bass Grub.

Ramey said he was dragging the lures on the bottom, swimming the lures thru grass allowing it to fall into small openings and pitching. The fish hit the lures as they dropped.

His equipment was a CarbonLite Spinning rod/reel and XPS Fluorocarbon line.



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## Possible record spotted bass caught with a Slider Grub

John Miles had no idea what he might hook on a November 2015 fishing trip to the Tennessee River.

John hauled in a spotted bass that he said weighed over six pounds. Miles said, "When I finally got it in the net and looked at it I about had a heart attack. I said, Tim this is a Kentucky bass! The Tennessee record spotted bass stands at six pounds, one ounce.



John noted he caught the big spot with a *Slider 1 1/2 oz. Grub*. He caught the fish on the Tennessee River near Moccasin Bend.

Big spot caught with a Slider Grub. Photo Tim Hurst

The former Marine said he

thought he might have a record spot. He said, "I looked at it and thought about getting it weighed but I didn't want to risk killing it for a state record. I just decided to put it back and maybe let someone else catch it."



## A lesson on worms - Part Three

"IN HIS OWN WORDS" - CHARLIE BREWER, SR.

Mr. Beard said fishing got slow in the lake and he could hardly catch any bass at all. He wondered if the bass had simply quit biting or disappeared.

Mr. Beard said he had heard and read a little about these plastic/rubber worms and wondered if they would work in his farm pond since they were so new and unheard of on the market. He said he found a place to order them.

When the worms came in he gave them a try in his farm pond. He said the bass hopped all over the plastic or rubber worms. Bass were caught easier and in more numbers than he had ever caught before.

Mr. Beard was now anxious to take them to Lake Okeechobee and give them a try. Mr. Beard said he and his wife caught 23 bass that day they fished Okeechobee.

The couple had a very small flat bottom boat. The boat wasn't quite sea worthy enough to go out onto the big lake so they did all their fishing in the canal that ran in front of the camp.

They fished a closed face spinning reel which was just beginning to get popular.

The old gent could see I was extremely interested in these plastic/rubber worms so he gave me several in different colors and explained how he fished them.

Beard rigged the head of the worm on the end of a hook with no weed guard. A small split shot was attached on the line about 8 to 12" above the lure. Simply cast the worm rig near the canal bank and let it sink a few feet, then slowly

retrieve it back. That was all there was is to it.

Before I left the trailer that night Mr. Beard told me where I could order these worms. The worms were plain old 6" straight worms with no tail or just a little bit of a flat tail.

I was excited about learning something new and sharing it with my buddies. My buddies didn't seem to show much interest even though Mr. Beard was catching fish on a day we could hardly catch any. They were catching fish in places considered not near as good as the prime water we were fishing

Early the next morning my buddies and I were back on the lake. Again, fishing proved to be very slow. I cast my old faithful lures for 2 to 3 hours with very little results. I couldn't wait to give the plastic/rubber worm a try. I had to spot cast into small openings in grass and weeds to keep from hanging-up much like I did my topwater bait.

The bass started crawling all over the worm. Fishing the worm was like throwing raw meat into an alligator pit. I was getting fast action, but missing almost every fish. In the shallow water many bass would part the water as they charged toward the bait. Excited, I would set the hook before the bass would really get a hold of the worm.

My first experience with a worm produced a good string of bass for me that day. But I felt like I was missing 2, 3, or 4 times more bass than I was catching.

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