



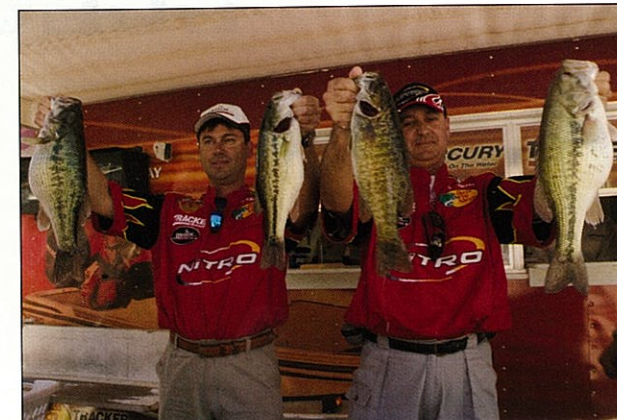
Maria helps David with his Spanish!

Heartland  
Trails

## TEAM SPOTLIGHT

by Mike Eutsler

The anglers who fish Heartland Trails Tournaments come from almost every state in the United States to fish, however; in the Table Rock, March 31, 2007, Elite Tournament, Cesar Munoz, Spain, became the first Heartland Tournament international angler! The following day Munoz fished with his fellow countryman, Juan Romero, became the very first international team to fish in a Heartland Trails event.



Cesar and Juan won the United States trip through European competition and Bass Pro Shops/Tracker Marine provided the team with an all expenses paid trip to Bass Pro Shops in Springfield, Missouri, plus it also gave Cesar the opportunity to compete in the Elite

tournament and for both of them to fish the Heartland Trails BFT on Table Rock Lake.

The team was accompanied by Maria Picaza, who served as interpreter for the team.

Tournament fishing in Spain and

surrounding countries is a little different in format than in the United States, however; bass are bass everywhere and good bass fishermen can catch them regardless of the continent!

Cesar Munoz, who is sponsored by Bass Pro Shops and Nitro, proved this point with an outstanding 17th place finish in the Heartland trails Elite tournament on a lake that he had only two days to

prefish! The 5 fish limit weighed in at 15.14 pounds, which was helped by a 4.33 pound lunker. This fine effort earned him a \$475 paycheck.

Cesar was joined by teammate Juan Romero on Sunday to fish Heartlands BFT buddy event. Sunday fishing after a major event is usually tougher as the bass have been worked over, but the Spaniards managed to bring 4 nice bass to the scales. The 10.28 pound bag put them in 26th place. Not bad considering the high skies and bright sunshine!

Cesar and Juan live in Los Palacios Y Villafranco, UST and are looking forward to returning to the Midwest to do some more bass fishing. They expressed their deep gratitude for the opportunity to fish in the United States that was provided by Bass Pro Shops and Tracker Marine, without that support the trip would not have been possible.

Maria Picaza, Las Rozas, Madrid, UST, was the team's guide and interpreter. Maria wished to thank Mark Curry, Tracker Marine, for his support and guidance during their journey.

If any Heartland members are thinking of fishing international waters we now have the contacts! Who knows, maybe a Heartland championship held in Spain?

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