



**March 08' Picture of the Month
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I've never been inspired by anyone more than I have by Clay Dyer. My first opportunity to meet Clay was a few years back in Fulton, Mississippi.

My friend Ben Davis told me that Clay would be attending the Tenn-Tom event. I really didn't know what to think at the time, in fact, I had never heard the name Clay Dyer prior to that event. Ben relayed the story that Clay was born with no legs and nothing more than a short nub for a right arm and was fishing the FLW Pro Tour. Now, having fished most all my life and had a considerable amount of those years being in a competitive arena, I thought there's no way a person can fish with no arms or legs. So goes Clays saying, "If I can You Can!"

As you can see from the picture, Clay continues to inspire people with and without disabilities. The picture shown above is from this year's Super Bowl in Arizona. The C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation was invited to attend this extraordinary outdoor program. Kids absolutely loved the tank full of Trout provided for the event. Clay was there promoting and signing his new book, **"The View from Down Here is Just Fine"**. The View from down here is the incredible story of Clay Dyer. Born without arms and legs Dyer went on to become one of the top professional bass anglers in angling history. Scott Laney, who has spent his career writing for Bass Fan, is the author of the book. Mike Ditka, Football Hall of Fame legend was also on hand signing autographs and talking to the kids as well.

Clay Dyer is an inspiration to individuals with and without disabilities. It has to be very motivating to the young man in the picture, to see someone with a more difficult issue to deal with and still be as upbeat and positive as Clay. Clay has never known another life. He was born without limbs and could have very easily allowed himself to become dependent on others for his welfare. He chose to make the best with what he has and my friends that was a great decision for us all. If you're around him and don't walk away inspired, then you should really make a gut check of your own life and what motivates you. I am very proud to call Clay my friend and hope one day you too will all have an opportunity to meet him and see what a Special Thrill Maker this man has been all his life.