

## **Mission of the Organization**

- Promote sportsmanship and the protection of natural resources
- Promote the quality of Lake Fork fishery and other outdoor recreational activities
- Promote the future of angling through youth programs
- Promote a spirit of cooperation with local, county, state, and federal governmental agencies, and other civic organizations for the purpose of improving Lake Fork and its surrounding communities
- Promote items of interest of the membership at large

## **President's Report**

Micheal thanks the members for there hard work during the Crappie tournament. Special thanks to Arlan Jeager, Stan Kuhn, Larry Lewis, John Heimgartner and Sandra Livingston for cleaning over 520 Crappie. The Crappie committee headed by Stan Kuhn did another outstanding job. Thanks again everyone.

## **Paul O'Bier of Gunter Captures LFSA Crappie Crown**



The Second Annual Lake Fork Sportsman's Association Crappie Tournament was held this past weekend at the Minnow Bucket Marina on Lake Fork. The two-day competition attracted eighty-one anglers from across Texas and the neighboring states to vie for \$6000 in guaranteed prize money.

A Youth Division was provided for anglers under age 15, and separate bonuses were paid for big fish and the top lady anglers.

Blessed with near-perfect weather on Saturday, Paul O'Bier of Gunter used a combination of minnows and jigs to amass 10.86 pounds with the 6-crappie tournament limit.

As is often the norm in north-east Texas during autumn, conditions changed radically on Saturday night as a front brought heavy rains that continued well into the early afternoon on Sunday. In spite of the unpleasant conditions, O'Bier's fish were plentiful and allowed him to weigh a solid 8.36 pound stringer on Sunday. This easily gave him the two-day Tournament win with a total of 19.22 pounds.

The top finishers, their weights and winnings are summarized below:

- 1st Paul O'Bier (Gunter, TX), 19.22 lbs, \$3000
- 2nd Freddie Dooly (Hughes Springs), 16.50 lbs, \$1200
- 3rd Pamela Putman (Lone Oak), 16.48 lbs, \$1325
- 4th Mark Standridge (Canton), 15.96 lbs
- 5th James Rains (Rockwall), 15.83 lbs
- 6th Andrew Hawkins (Mineola), 15.16 lbs
- 7th Robert Young (Yantis), 14.80 lbs, \$1500 (w/\$700 Big Fish)
- 8th Becky Reed (Atlanta), 14.59 lbs, \$175

The complete results can be found on the LFSA's web-site, [www.lakeforksa.com](http://www.lakeforksa.com).



Robert Young with his **Big Fish Winner** at 2.69 pounds.



Beck Putman **Lady Angler** winner and third overall with one of her big slabs.



Teenager Daniel Wrynski of Mineola took the first-day lead in the Youth Division with 4.61 pounds. Daniel added 3.43 pounds on the second day and won the Youth Division with 8.04 lbs.

The 2009 Crappie Tournament's major underwriter was the City National Bank branches of Quitman and Yantis.



Other substantial contributors included Loomis Lake Fork Lodge & Guide Service, Micheal's Marine & Guide Service, Sartin Marine, Stan Kuhn's Lake Fork Guide Service, S&A Sportswear, the Suphur Springs Department of Tourism, Team Putman Pros Crappie Baits, and the Wood County Industrial Commission.

KMOO 99.9 FM provided advertising and substantial promotional support.

The 2010 event is tentatively scheduled for the first full weekend in October. Details and other information will be posted on the Lake Fork Sportsman's Association web-site as they are developed.

## ***Tournament Time***



Berkley Big Bass Tournament  
 October 17  
 Captain: Sam Scroggins  
 Helper: Arlan Jaeger

October 18  
 Captain: Sandra Livingston  
 Helper: Gene Stowe

October 18  
 Captain: Bruce Allen  
 Helper: Cheryl Allen

## ***Next LFSA General Meeting***

**Our next meeting will be November 10, at a location to be determined.**



## Support our Member Merchants



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## Crappie Tournament Photos



L/R LFSA members Larry Lewis, Stan Kuhn, Arlan Jeager and Sandra Livingston cleaning Crappie



L/R LFSA members Pam Rogge, Lula Travnichek and Sam Scroggins calculating the winners



Wood County 4Her's acted as fish runners during the Crappie Tournament