



**Newsletter  
September 2010**

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## **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

### **Next LFSA General Meeting**

Our next regular meeting will be October 12. We will meet at Oak Ridge Marina. Come early and enjoy the great food.

## **President's Report**

During the August general membership meeting a change to the bylaws was put forth for a vote of the members present. Article 5.02 Number, Qualifications, and Tenure of Directors was to be amended to read as follows:

The number of directors will be a number determined by the Board that is not less than five and not greater than nine. The Board has currently set the number of directors at 7 (2 homeowner/residents, 2 merchants, 2 licensed guides, and **1 sportsman from at large. At large being defined as from any of the currently defined membership categories.**) Directors must be Texas residents and members of the Association. Each director will serve a term of two years (2). The directors' terms will be staggered so that the term of half of the directors will begin in even numbered years; and the terms of the other half, in odd-numbered years.

The proposed change is necessary because of the limited number of candidates in the Non-Area Resident category who can or will be able to attend Director or General Membership meetings. On a unanimous vote the change was approved.

**IF YOU RECEIVED A MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE REMEMBER IT IS DUE IN SEPTEMBER.**

## **Howard Elder Addresses Sportsman's**



Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Aquatic Biologist Howard Elder updated the LFSA members on the spraying of water hyacinths on Lake Fork this summer.

The water hyacinth problem has been building for the past several years. Mild winters permitted the plants to remain active during the winter. This, of course, resulted in the plants multiplying in record numbers.

This past winter we got a break. We had some major cold days and nights that resulted in the mature plants being killed. While the cold weather had an impact on the numbers of plants it did not eliminate the problem completely. We knew we would again face a spread of these highly invasive plants.

Stepping up to help, the SRA provided \$50,000 for spraying. TP&W came up with \$25,000 and the Lake Fork Sportsman's Association donated \$10,000. This gave us \$85,000 to attack the problem. TP&W has contracted with an experienced company to find and spray the water hyacinths. To date the contractor has spent approximately 430 hours spraying. Targeted areas have been Birch Creek and Glade Creek. These areas have been prime breeding areas for the hyacinths. The contractor still has 70 hours on its current contract. The plan is to finish out the spraying through the end of October.



President Micheal Rogge thanks TPWD Aquatic Biologist Howard Elder for an informative presentation to the membership.

## ***Hello Giant Salvinia. Goodbye Texas Lakes.***

While giant salvinia has not been reported in Lake Fork the possibility exists when fishermen from other area come to fish our great fisherie.

Giant Salvinia is currently one of the most dangerous invasive plants in Texas. A native of Brazil, giant salvinia is a highly invasive, free floating aquatic fern that can double its size in less than a week. It was first found in Texas in 1998 and to date, has been reported in over a dozen water bodies in Texas.

Because of its fast growth and invasive nature, it is illegal to knowingly or unknowingly transport giant salvinia. The best control is prevention! It can be transported from lake to lake on anything that has entered infested waters. Watercraft owners are encouraged to clean boats and trailers before leaving any boat ramp. Texas game wardens are authorized to issue tickets for transport of salvinia species as well as other prohibited plants. Transporting giant salvinia is a class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500 per violation.

3rd Annual  
LAKE FORK, TEXAS  
**CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT**  
October 2-3, 2010  
The Minnow Bucket  
Marina

## **LIVE RELEASE BOAT**



The Live Release Boat has a busy schedule for the next couple of months. We will be looking for volunteers to man the LRB during tournaments.

The McDonalds Tournament has come and gone. We want to thank the LFSA members who volunteered their time to ensure that the fish were returned to the lake in the best condition possible.

### ***Friday Volunteers:***

Stan Kuhn, Captain  
Jim Leggett, Helper

Dick Walker, Captain  
Richard Nipp, Helper

### ***Saturday Volunteers:***

Sandra Livingston, Captain  
Gene Stowe, Helper

Rick McDougall, Captain  
Bobby Flippin, Helper

### ***Sunday Volunteers:***

Dick Walker, Captain  
Janice Walker, Helper

Bruce Allen, Captain  
Sue Parrish, Helper  
Carol Boykin, Helper

A special thank you to **Ken** and **Carol West** who answered the call for fish runners on Friday morning. We appreciate these new members coming out at the last minute.



Another bass ready to go back into the lake