

**Mission of the Lake Fork Sportsman's Association**

- 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

**Lake Fork Carp & Buffalo Challenge LFSA Welcomes Carp & Buffalo Anglers**

The LFSA would like to thank the more than 30 volunteers who came out in support of this year's Carp & Buffalo Challenge.

These hardy souls spent time in training to properly weigh angler's catches. Along with the anglers, the weigh marshals spent over 10 hours each day to insure that the fish caught were quickly weighed and released back into the lake.

Thirty-four teams began fishing on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 and continued to fish non-stop until Sunday at 12:00 noon.

Others we would like to thank are the land owners who gave us permission to use their land. The SRA, Phil & Grant Sadler, Keith Gilbreath, Mark Coker, Jim Cotton and Collins Landing. Without their cooperation we could not have held this event.

Oak Ridge Marina was again the host marina. Barry and Tracy Hatton did an outstanding job.

Finally we want to thank Jason Bernhardt, owner of Wild Carp Companies. Jason brought the tournament to Lake Fork three year ago and it has grown every year. We are sorry to announce that this is Jason's last tournament. He is moving on to other opportunities. The LFSA will miss his enthusiasm and dedication.

Wednesday evening carp & buffalo anglers, weigh marshals, land owners and sponsors gathered at East Fork for dinner. The LFSA plans and funds this social event to show anglers from Europe, England and many of the US States our appreciation for their support of the Lake Fork Carp & Buffalo Challenge.

LFSA members Carolyn West, Carol Kuhn, Carol Boykin, Sue Parrish, Sandra Livingston and Carolyn Russell did a tremendous job of giving our guests a real Texas welcome. A Western Band and a dinner of TEX MEX made everyone feel like a Texan for the evening.



Chairperson Carolyn West and her LFSA committee members



Jason Bernhardt conducting Weigh Marshal Training



Anglers enjoying the social event



The Austin Texas Carp Anglers discuss strategies.



Weigh Marshals getting ready to spend a lot of hours on the lake



Team Carp Pro planning for 72 hours of fishing



Can you spot the good luck charm on the table? (It's not the bottle)

## **LFSA & Yantis ISD Button Bush Project**

The LFSA and Yantis ISD are partnering in a project to replace some of the lost vegetation in Lake Fork. This is the second year for this project and it looks like we will have over 500 button bushes to plant as early as this fall.

LFSA members Sue Parrish and her team of Carol Boykin, Peggy York and Ladale York completed the building of planting trays. The Horticulture Class has now planted all of the bushes in 2 gallon pots and they are beginning to sprout in the greenhouse.



Horticulture students Tyler Bryant, Brittany Shearer, Tonya Ponder, Monica Gonzales, Edgar Yanez along with other helpers Eduardo Romero and Laura Weeks are shown here after completing the planting. Not pictured horticulture student Laura James.

Thanks to teachers Tonya Rabenaldt and Sophia Terrell for a job well done.

## **Jack Is Back**

During last year's Carp & Buffalo Challenge some thoughtless person abandoned a puppy near one of the tournament fishing sites. Jason Bernhardt took it upon himself to rescue this little guy and there was an instant bonding between the two.

At the end of the tournament Jason hitched a ride back to New York State and took Jack home with him.

This little East Texas guy has become a full fledged New Yorker and we are happy to report that he is doing well.

Our tournament would not be complete without Jack, so Jason brought him along this year to visit his LFSA and Angler friends.



Jack and his buddy Jason.