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**Newsletter**  
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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 February 9<sup>th</sup> at a location to be announced. Watch the website for details.

## **President's Report**

President Micheal Rogge updated the membership on the upcoming SRA/TP&WD meeting February 4<sup>th</sup>. TP&WD is optimistic that the unusually cold weather has killed much of the water hyacinth. Currently the plan is to wait until May or June to determine the extent of spraying that will be needed.

Micheal encourages everyone to attend the informational meeting February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Lands End Fire Department. TP&WD will be presenting the "State of the Lake." The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Micheal also welcomed new members Bobby and Cathy Flippen.

## **Second Annual Lake Fork Bounty Bonanza, a new type of fishing tournament.**

The Lake Fork Bounty Bonanza sponsored by the Lake Fork Chamber of Commerce began on October 1, 2009 and will continue through September 30, 2010. The tournament entry fee is \$20 and is open to all fishing enthusiasts. The pay out is as follows:

## **Group One Prize List**

Fish must be caught before April 30, 2010

1. Largemouth Bass exceeding the weight of the 50<sup>th</sup> largest in Texas - \$10,000  
Berkley will add a \$250 tackle package.
2. Largemouth Bass exceeding the weight of the 10<sup>th</sup> largest in Texas - \$25,000  
Berkley will add a \$500 tackle package.
3. Largemouth Bass exceeding the weight of the Texas State Record - \$50,000  
Berkley will add a \$1000 tackle package.
4. Largemouth Bass exceeding the World Record \$100,000  
Berkley will add a \$2000 tackle package.

## **Group Two Prize List**

Fish may be caught before September 30, 2010

1. For each Largemouth Bass 13 pounds or greater, Lake Fork Area Chamber of Commerce will award \$500.
2. For the 1<sup>st</sup> Largemouth Bass weighing 9.99 pounds, KMOO will award \$999.99
3. For the heaviest Largemouth Bass, over the slot, weighed each month, Wood County Industrial Commission will award a cash prize.
4. For each Largemouth Bass 13 pounds or greater, Lake Fork Marina will award a \$500 tackle package.

## **Angler of the Year**

The Angler who weighs the heaviest Largemouth Bass during the program, will win an embroidered jacket and an additional prize package.

For complete details and rules of the Lake Fork Bounty Bonanza, please visit the Lake Fork Area Chamber of Commerce Website or the Bounty Bonanza website listed below.

<http://www.lakeforkbountybonanza.com>

<http://www.lakeforkchamber.org>

The Lake Fork Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and economy of the Lake Fork Area through community involvement.

## Lake Fork Eagle Count



The Lake Fork Sportsman's Association and several of its members were on-water escorts for this year's Mid-Winter Eagle Counters. Bruce Allen, Sam Scroggins and Danny Silcox manned the Live Release Boat while Stan Kuhn and Bill Prague provided their boats.

It was an unusually cold weekend with temperatures hovering around 17 degrees. While Bruce Allen and his crew were up in Big Caney on Saturday, one "bird watcher", a five year old child became extremely cold. They had him in many layers and a blanket and a sleeping bag liner in his mother's lap, but he was still losing heat.

Bruce took him, along with his family, to Coffee Creek Marina. They all went into the store and Albert and Debbie Jordan quickly had the two kids standing in front of a heater, they offered everyone coffee for free, and made them feel welcome.

It was obvious that the kids could not continue in the cold. Debbie Jordan graciously took the mother and two kids back to 515 East where their car was parked.

It is this type of help that keeps anglers coming to Lake Fork and makes living around the lake so great. The LFSA extends its sincere thanks to the Jordan's for the help given to this family.

## LIVE RELEASE BOAT



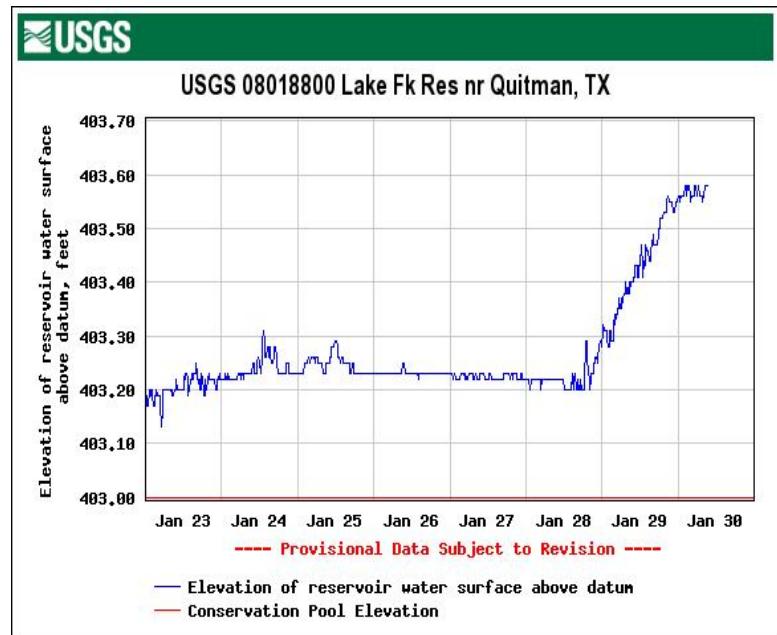
It's almost tournament time. The Association has made several improvements to the Live Release Boat and has it ready to support many of the tournaments currently scheduled for the lake this year. The Live Release Boat is furnished at no charge to any tournament with 50 or more boats entered. We do accept donations. To schedule the boat you can contact Micheal Rogge at 903/440-0525 or Dick Walker at 903/473-9404. You can also contact us through our website, [www.lakeforksa.com](http://www.lakeforksa.com).

## Chili Cookers Put On A Good Show



John Heimgartner and his team of Mel Travnichek, Sam Scroggins and Micheal Rogge entertained the crowd at the Chili Cook-off. While they were shut out in awards, the crowd enjoyed the Duck Shooting gallery and you could hear duck calls all evening. John said, "we will get them next year".

## Lake Fork Pool Level



As the spring fishing season approaches, the lake is over 7 inches above pool level. This should make for a exciting time during the spawn. So get your gear cleaned and readied; it's almost time to hit the water. And remember to **"Fish Friendly"**