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**Newsletter
June 2010**

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 July 13th at Lake Fork Cafe & Deli

President's Report

At the June general membership meeting President Micheal Rogge welcomed guests Frank Wasson, John Hodnett, scholarship winner Cole Hudson and our newest member Tracy Hatton, the new owner of Oak Ridge Marina.

Micheal reported that he has been in contact with Howard Elder of TP&W and they are planning a survey trip to Lake Fork in the next two weeks to identify areas for spraying for invasive vegetation.

2010 Kid Fish

A big thank you to the LFSA members who volunteered their time in support of Kid Fish. Over 430 young anglers participated this year.

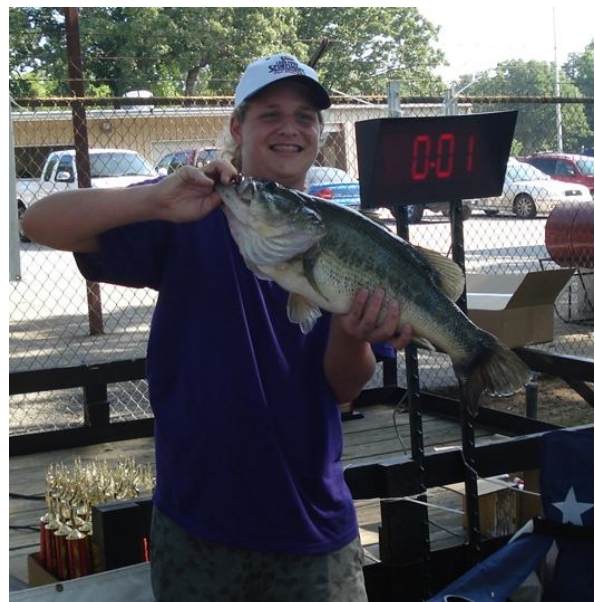
Overall winner was Mitchell Walker (yes, that's my grandson) with a 7.67 pound bass. Mitchell caught his bass using one of his Grandpa Porter's ultra light rod and reels rigged with a small crappie hook and minnow. Needless to say, it was the fish of a lifetime for him.

Other winners: In the 0-4 age group Alexis Swindel .39lb bass, Fisher Reneau 1.96lb catfish, Gunner McFarland .36 lb perch, Leah Bashwiner .84lb crappie and a .36lb bar fish (Larry and Verna Lewis' favorite fisherperson).

In the 5-8 group: Chandler Steele 1.84lb bass, Aleighcca Farnharm 6.74lb catfish, Tray Honea .42lb perch, Riley Fowler 1.32 lb crappie. In the 9-12 group: Shelby Bettis 4.35lb bass, Ross Michaels 5.46lb catfish, Madison Jacobs .45lb perch, Kendall Walker 1.84lb crappie (my granddaughter). In the 13-16 group: Mitchell Walker 7.67lb bass, Taylor Davis 4.47lb catfish, Cody Rozell .33lb perch, Brian Evans .63lb crappie.



Lula Travnichek, Pam Rogge, Sue Parrish, Carol Boykin and Vicki Leggett assist with the weigh-in of the kids' fish.



Mitchell Walker shows off his 7.67 pound Bass



Leah Bashwiner was a double trophy winner

Jessie Parker Memorial Scholarship

Gary DeArmond announced and introduced this year's Jesse Parker Scholarship winner, Cole Hudson. Cole graduated from Rains High School and plans to enroll at Stephen F. Austin in the fall. He plans to pursue a degree in Marine Biology. Cole enjoys outdoor activities and especially enjoys visiting his grandfather in Florida where he has learned to surf.

In his letter of recommendation, Rains Principal Randell Wellman stated, "Cole has continually demonstrated a sincere commitment to the total school program. His academic accomplishments are clearly outstanding. We have been fortunate to have him as a member of the Rains ISD family."



President Micheal Rogge and Scholarship Committee Chairman Gary DeArmond congratulate Cole Hudson.

2nd Annual Yantis Catfish Classic Lake Fork, Texas



Tournament Director Sam Scroggins thanks Bruce and Cheryl Allen and Larry Lewis for their efforts in distributing Tournament flyers. They covered a 100 mile radius. They were able to get Bass Pro in Garland to take 200 flyers and they took an additional 100 for the Grapevine store. Sam reported that over 500 flyers have been mailed to last year's catfish and crappie tournament participants.

Sam stressed that the tournament is rapidly approaching and we are going to need all members to volunteer their time in support of this important fund raiser.

**JULY 24 & 25, 2010
MINNOWBUCKET MARINA**

\$26,000

**GUARANTEED CASH PAYOUT
Open, Individual Competition**

LIVE RELEASE BOAT



Melvin reported that new seals have been installed in the tanks, the license plates have been renewed, a new aerator pump has been installed and we now have more water bottles in the freezer.

Toyota ShareLunker Season Payoff Underway



ATHENS—Anglers who catch Toyota ShareLunkers receive a lot of recognition—ShareLunker clothing, press coverage and a fiberglass replica of their catch—but the program is really about what is happening now.

ShareLunker babies are being delivered and stocked into the lakes where their mothers came from as well as other public reservoirs and private lakes that had fish entered into the program.

On Monday about 2,200 fat, healthy ShareLunker fingerlings were stocked into both Caddo Lake and Lake O' the Pines by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) inland fisheries technicians from the Marshall office. Fingerlings were also stocked Monday into Lake Livingston and Purtil Creek State Park lake.

The fingerlings were harvested early Monday at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens from the pond where they had been growing for the last month. They were trucked to the lakes, transferred to a tank on a boat, and released into the lakes in places with good places for them to hide and grow.

During the remainder of this week, ShareLunker fingerlings are scheduled to be stocked into Choke Canyon, Amistad, Casa Blanca and Falcon on Tuesday; Lakes Austin and LBJ on Thursday; and Lakes Fork and Nocona on Friday.

The two private lakes that contributed Toyota ShareLunkers are scheduled to receive about 500 fingerlings each next week. Because of O.H. Ivie's contribution of 11 ShareLunkers during the season, it will receive the most, some 5,000 fish.

ShareLunker entries are used in a selective breeding program at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) in Athens. Some of the offspring from these fish are stocked back into the water body from which they were caught. Others are being used in the Operation World Record (OWR) program.

"Since the ShareLunker program started we have tried to spawn the lunkers before returning them to the lakes," said TFFC director Allen Forshage. "Many of the offspring have been used as brood fish that have produced fingerlings stocked into public lakes. Today we spawn the fish as part of a selective breeding program, Operation World Record. The OWR fish are being evaluated in public lakes to determine growth over time. We have completed four years of this evaluation. Besides creating a separate brood stock of OWR fish, we also plan to incorporate these fish into the production brood stock at A.E. Wood Hatchery in San Marcos and the new John D. Parker East Texas State Hatchery near Jasper. This will spread the impact of these fish across the entire state, not just the lakes that have produced ShareLunkers."

Other ShareLunker offspring are stocked in public waters around the state in an attempt to increase the overall size and growth rate of largemouth bass in Texas.

For complete information and rules of the ShareLunker program, tips on caring for big bass and a recap of last year's season, go to:

<http://archive.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/tffc/sharelunker/>.

The site also includes a searchable database of all fish entered into the program along with pictures where available.

The Toyota ShareLunker Program is made possible by a grant to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation from Gulf States Toyota. Toyota is a long-time supporter of the Foundation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, providing major funding for a wide variety of education, fish, parks and wildlife projects.



This year's ShareLunker entrants and their replicas