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Roger Stroman from Emory, TX., caught the heaviest bass over the slot weighing 9.51-lbs. winning hourly and a new Legend 211 Alpha in the 9th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament.



Ron Hershberger from Newton, KS., caught the 2nd heaviest bass over the slot weighing 9.02-lbs. winning hourly and a new Legend 186 SCX in the 9th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament.



Diane Vineyard from Wylie, TX., caught the heaviest bass under the slot weighing 3.00-lbs. winning hourly and a new Legend 199 Alpha in the 9th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament.



Zane Strange from Mineola drew Francis Pelowski's name from the early entries and for this Francis took home a new Legend 186 SCX in the 9th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament.

"Bubba just can't and won't shut-up!"

By: Don J. Hampton

If you have ever seen Bubba speechless, behold you've witnessed a miracle. The only time you may hear a moment of silence from him is when he is eating. You may even hear that same moment of peacefulness when he misses a hook set, his line breaks, or he misses a productive fishing trip. That time will only be momentarily. Then cover the women and children's ears because he may break that moment of silence in a typical outburst.

Bubette has mentioned on more than one occasion that Bubba talks more than two gossips on a fence line. She has even let it be known that he even talks in his sleep and guess what 90% of his conversations are about? If you answered fishing you get an A+ on this exam.

Bubba is not one of these fishermen that believe quiet and stealth is the key to catching fish. He believes in talking to the fish, singing to them, praying for them, cussing them, and praising them. Whatever emotion he is experiencing he vocalizes it either in word, song, or exclamation!

If you have ever fished with Bubba you'll either think; "There is never a dull moment!" or "Will this guy ever shut-up?" You may even think both!

On the trip to the water Bubba listens to

fish tunes. This is a CD he attained over the Internet that is composed of ten original songs in which the words have been changed to a fishing theme. These songs range from Willie Nelson singing "On The Boat Again!" to Dobie Gray singing, "Give Me Some Bait Boy and Free My Pole, I Want To Go Down To The Fishing Hole and Drift Away!" and of course, "Don't Worry Catch Crappie!" It is a really good CD, but fishing with Bubba you tend to hear them all the time! He explains this as his mood music. (As if he needed to get in the mood for fishing.) It really wouldn't be that bad except he knows all the words and lyrics and once the boat is in the water and the radio is off, he's like the Energizer Bunny and keeps going and going and going!

Bubba, when it comes to singing these songs to the fish, truly is a legend in his own mind. He either thinks he is a really good singer or else the inspiration helps him catch more fish. He has now started changing every word to every song he knows to reflect fishing. Remember that beautiful song, "Bring Back That Loving Feeling"? Bubba's goes something like this, "Bring Back that Tuggin' Feelin' Oh, Oh That Tugging Feelin'. Fishey, Fish-ey, I tied my hook on just for yooooou! If you'd only bite it, bite it, tha' way you're

supposed to dooooo!" You get the picture? Sing those words to the lyrics of the song and then picture Bubba on the front of a bass boat with rod n' reel in hand singing that to the fish on Lake Fork!

Bubba doesn't stop with the songs, he has made up slogans you will hear on every trip with him. You've heard the one and maybe even used it a time or two that goes; "Here Fishy, Fishy, Fishy!" Well his goes far beyond that for coaxing the bass to lure. You'll hear him say, "Here Fishy, I got you some artificial sushi, low calorie, sure enough to get hooked on!" Bubba has to watch himself when he is fishing in mixed company with some of his speeches to the fish. One example is many anglers, myself included, refer to big bass as hawgs. Bubba doesn't do this! He refers to them as "Fat Girls" and his favorite saying is, "I'm looking for a fat girl to do the line dance with me!" To my surprise I do believe this one works for him. I have seen him hook a few after this little chant of enticement.

If you ever wish to hear any of Bubba's songs or lyrics, don't expect them on the radio or television, just pull up beside his boat on the lake. You will be sure to hear some then because, "Bubba just won't and can't shut up when it comes to fishing!"

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9th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament

By Don Hampton

As seems the normal the wind blew on Lake Fork but this did not sway the determination of the 1,123 anglers representing 19 states and two countries that came to participate in the 9th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament held on May 17, 18, 19.

With four new Legend bass boats to be won and a total of \$300,000 guaranteed in cash and prizes, determination of the anglers was truly sincere as was proven in the catch ratio.

With seven places being paid per hour, eight hours a day for the three day tournament, the action was never lacking. Not all anglers were competing for Big Bass; some were fishing to be the first knocked out of sixth place in each hour winning them a \$100 gift certificate from one of our local sponsors. Some became pretty efficient at this, winning more than once in the competition.

Besides the hourly paybacks anglers were competing to take home a certificate for a 2013 Legend bass boat. Four of these boats are given away

during the tournament; two for the two heaviest over the slot of 24", one for the heaviest under 16" and one in a drawing from all early entries received on or before April 30th.

In the past few years the winner's weight taking home the boat for the heaviest bass under the slot ranged from 2.61-pounds to 2.78-pounds. This was not the case this year and for the first time in the history of the tournament, a lady angler won this honor. On the second day of the tournament during the 8 to 9 o'clock weigh-in, Diane Vineyard from Wylie, Texas brought a bass measuring 15.25" to the scales that weighed 3.00-pounds. Even with this great weight she won a boat but not a first place check in the hour. For the hour she only made a fourth place check because three bass over the slot of 24" were weighed in that hour. For her catch she still took home a 2013 Legend 199 Alpha.

The heaviest over the slot to win a new 2013 Legend 211 Alpha bass boat was caught by a local to the area. Roger Stroman from Emory, Texas

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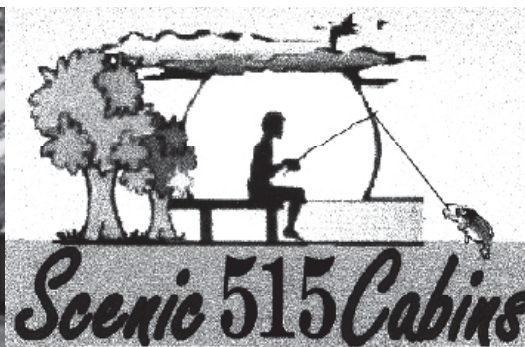


9th ANNUAL LEGEND OF LAKE FORK OPEN BIG BASS TOURNAMENT FINALS

DAY 1		DAY 2		DAY 3	
7 - 8 Hour	11 - 12 Hour	7 - 8 Hour	11 - 12 Hour	7 - 8 Hour	11 - 12 Hour
Danny Azlin 2.05	Windell Cook 7.26	Ron Hershberger 9.02	Ernest Sistrunk 8.25	Aaron Wilkerson 8.01	Brad Johnson 7.99
Travis Copeland 2.00	John Brothers 2.63	Richard Lewis 8.39	Stanley Pace 7.60	Michael Golden 7.78	Loran Nowlin 2.01
Randel Bunch 1.96	Joe Woods 2.33	William Smith 2.59	Brandon Brossett 2.28	Chris Banz 2.42	Robert Bottom 1.97
Justin Wharton 1.96	Robert Derr 2.23	Bruce Spring 2.20	Chad Craddock 2.19	Scott Spindle 2.21	Taylor Everett 1.95
Bobby Sanford 1.93	Bartlett Green 2.15	David Vanderburg 2.19	Mike Aaron 2.18	Jason Myers 2.17	Douglas Kaley 1.94
Richard Leigeber 1.85	John Hufstedler 2.11	Laura Harp 2.06	Jacob Spoerl 2.18	Ronald Morrison 2.10	Steve Payne 1.91
8 - 9 Hour	12 - 1 Hour	8 - 9 Hour	12 - 1 Hour	8 - 9 Hour	12 - 1 Hour
Kurt Ratliff 2.31	N. Dee Williams 8.91	Roger Stroman 9.51	Lonnie Scott 2.32	Don Atchley 8.80	Garret Hall 8.03
Matthew Derr 2.30	Michael Sheppard 2.39	Steve Long 9.00	Daniel Kent 2.24	Gary Jackson 2.48	Weldon Miller 2.11
Robert Aubrey 2.15	Andy Sallee 2.35	Greg Ledford 8.86	Stanley Pace 2.22	Michael Lambert 2.36	Randy Maxwell 2.11
Charles Floyd 2.12	Jeff Fisher 2.31	Diane Vineyard 3.00	Harry Vissering 2.07	Bart Meadows 2.19	Troy Rossman 2.08
Louie Petty 2.09	Danny Blankenship 2.24	Joshua Cameron 2.19	Kyle Bilby 2.07	Bob Roberts 2.18	Christopher Petty 2.05
Ronnie Norris 2.05	John Brothers 2.22	Alan Glass 2.12	Rodney Walker 2.05	Wesley Rowell 1.99	Andy Sallee 2.02
9 - 10 Hour	1 - 2 Hour	9 - 10 Hour	1 - 2 Hour	9 - 10 Hour	1 - 2 Hour
Sammy Evans 8.67	Travis Copeland 2.31	Andy Ingram 8.47	Richard James 8.12	Bill Long 7.34	Jerry Riddle 2.33
Bart Gardner 7.46	Clarence Mee 2.24	Clifton King 8.35	Myron Simms 2.49	Richard Leigeber 2.16	Allan Rutledge 2.24
Mark Child 2.18	James Johnson 2.22	Jim Spalding 2.42	Micheal Rogge 2.31	Jeremy Phillips 2.14	Thomas Samples Jr. 2.23
Roger Walch 2.03	Randy Clayton 2.21	Johnny Trammell 2.31	Wayne Kralik 2.26	Albert Jordan 2.12	John Goergen 2.10
Pedro D. Soto 1.99	Bill Sweeten 2.20	Keith Arnold 2.19	Don Penick 2.25	Bob Pool 1.98	Edward Frantz 2.01
Gary Bowein 1.97	Brent Leboeuf 2.20	Ron Peterson 1.99	Bob Roberts 2.16	Scott Smiley 1.95	Robert Meroney 1.98
10 - 11 Hour	2 - 3 Hour	10 - 11 Hour	2 - 3 Hour	10 - 11 Hour	2 - 3 Hour
David Bair 2.61	James Crawford 2.26	Gary McDaniel 8.15	Jeff Jackson 8.50	Brad Thomas 2.41	Mike Brower 2.37
David Roche 2.21	James Painter 2.24	Troy Rossman 2.34	Don Atchley 7.67	Robin Smiley 2.11	Vincent Drieling 2.14
Ernest Sistrunk 2.20	Gary Bowein 2.23	Larry Haden 2.29	Ronald Henkelman 2.47	Roger Dial 2.11	Derek Grier 2.05
Richard Altman 2.15	Greg Lujan 2.15	Jeffrey Welch 2.19	Robert Hardwick 2.21	Sam Trinca 2.10	Bob Pool 2.02
John Goergen 2.13	Timothy Crow 2.10	William Hewitt 2.14	George Reid 2.21	Neal Barclay 2.08	Dean Stewart 1.99
Dustin Tillery 2.07	Danny Hanna 2.09	Willie Beck 2.12	Minor Peace 2.19	Robert Dewitt 2.04	Richard Leigeber 1.98

2013 Legend Boat Winners: Over Slot ~ Roger Stroman w/ 9.51-lbs, Ron Hershberger w/9.02-lbs. Under Slot ~ Diane Vineyard w/3.00-lbs. Draw Boat ~Francis Pelowski

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June Bassin on the Fork

By John Tanner

June bassin on Lake Fork is a blast. There is usually a lot of different patterns going on this time of year as we roll into summertime.

With the post spawn bite going into full swing you will find big bass around the shad movements in the shallow water early in the day and then out deeper as the day goes on. Early in the mornings you can roast them on topwaters like the Sebille Slim Stick. This bait is a killer this time of year and will boat some big'uns. It is one of the best walking baits I have ever fished with. Swim baits are a great choice early in the mornings around fish that are feeding on shad up in the shallows. I like to use the Berkley Havoc Grass Pig in any of the shad patterns. I rig them on an Egret Jig Head

by Stanley Jigs.

Another good pattern early in the month is to fish around the bluegill beds. The topwaters will kill them in these areas as well. One thing you might do that will help you is to change from shad colored baits to the blue gill colors. Look for fish on main lake points and pockets with deep water close by. I wouldn't spend too much time in the backs of the pockets. With the lake being low I would stick to the points.

Now the deep bite should pick up as the month rolls along so get your Carolina rigs ready along with your Texas rigged 10 inch Berkley Power Worms. Deep cranks are a staple in June as well. Look for fish to start showing up on the humps in 18 to 25 ft of water later in the month.

Yes June is a great month to fish Lake Fork. The weather is warming up and so is the fishing, so come on out and whack some toads! Give us a call at 903-569-7451 if you would like to book a trip this summer or fall. If you want to learn how to deep water structure fish, now is the time to get a trip on the books. We will show you how to read your electronics and teach you about proper boat position. The deep bite is the deal! For more booking check us out on the web at www.lakeforkbassguide.com or www.tanneroutdoors.com.

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John Tanner is a professional resident fishing guide on Lake Fork. He has been fishing Lake Fork since 1982. John is professionally spon-

sored by Ranger Boats, Ranger Trail Trailers, Mercury, International Precious Metals, Minn Kota Trolling Motors, Lowrance Electronics, Navionics, Berkley, ABU Garcia, All Star Rods, Tru Tungsten, Hambys Beach Bumpers, Mustad Hooks, Talon Lures, BTS Line and Lure, Diamond Sports Marine and Oakley Sunglasses.

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CLUES ACROSS

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. Bio-Mandara | 38. Holds |
| 5. Dip lightly into water | 39. Skeletal muscle |
| 8. Saucy | 40. Abu _____, United Arab Emirates capital |
| 13. Highly excited | 41. Collection of anecdotes about a person or place |
| 14. Long, single-edged machete | 42. Cubes |
| 15. Related on the mother's side | 44. Fanatical |
| 16. Bush-Gore contest | 45. Having a pleasant appearance |
| 18. Arabian, for one | 46. Vividly colored fish |
| 19. Edward _____, playwright | 48. Grapes |
| 20. Approves food (abbr.) | 50. Smallest merganser |
| 21. Completely | 51. New location (abbr.) |
| 22. _____ Grant, actor | 54. Concern of Bush-Gore contest |
| 24. Big D | 57. Reconnaissance (slang) |
| 27. Cut-rate event | 58. Develops, in a way |
| 28. Par | 59. Fall down |
| 31. Saint | 60. Anesthetic |
| 32. School organization (abbr.) | 61. Plucked |
| 33. Building extension | 62. Dried leaves of the hemp plant |
| 34. Cubic content unit | |
| 35. Take off | |
| 37. Islam | |

CLUES DOWN

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. Decagrams (abbr.) | 29. Defense |
| 2. James _____, American writer | 30. Cloth having a crisscross design |
| 3. _____ fide (Latin) | 35. Call forth |
| 4. Deteriorate | 36. Contest of speed |
| 5. Stereo sound | 37. Ruler of Iran |
| 6. Away from wind | 40. Slow speech pattern with prolonged vowels |
| 7. Skunks | 42. Type of party |
| 8. Assure payment of | 43. Austere |
| 9. Fidgety (slang) | 45. Daughter of your sibling |
| 10. Arab king | 47. Green vegetable (archaic) |
| 11. Greek portico | 48. Assist in some wrongdoing |
| 12. Japanese monetary unit | 49. Hyperbolic cosecant (abbr.) |
| 14. Wraps around | 50. Edible lily bulb |
| 17. Capital of Morocco | 51. Nat or Natalie |
| 21. _____ Ladd, actor | 52. Native American people |
| 23. Wings | 53. Vipers |
| 24. Russian country house | 54. 100 square meters |
| 25. Scottish resort island | 55. Take in solid food |
| 26. Capital of Tibet | 56. Records that play for about 20 minutes a side (abbr.) |
| 27. Good deal | |
| 28. Place that treats addiction | |

Answers on Page 21-A



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Balmorhea Springs Placed on "Waters to Watch" List

Balmorhea Springs, a complex of Trans-Pecos water sources which supports two endangered fish species, an endangered snail, and four other species of concern, has been placed on the National Fish Habitat Partnership's 10 "Waters to Watch" list for 2013.

The Balmorhea Springs complex is a group of springs and cienegas (naturally occurring water-holding basins) between the Toyah Basin and the Davis Mountains.

The species found in Balmorhea Springs - Comanche Springs pupfish, Pecos gambusia, headwater catfish and four invertebrates -- are threatened by is-

sues including complete dewatering, depletion of aquifers by groundwater pumping, conversion for agricultural or recreation use, and poor land management practices.

"Management of spring and cienega systems requires a holistic, watershed approach with private, state, federal, and local partners to conserve, restore, and address threats to these important desert habitats," Texas Parks and Wildlife Department watershed biologist Megan Bean and the conservation team wrote in their nomination of Balmorhea Springs.

TPWD has participated in projects to re-

vitalize Phantom Lake Spring and cienega as well as San Soloman Cienega at Balmorhea State Park. In addition, a new feature called Clark Hubbs Cienega was created at the park as a refuge for Comanche Spring pubfish and Pecos gambusia. Significant conservation efforts also have been made at West and East Sandia Springs on a 246-acre preserve near Balmorhea owned by the Nature Conservancy.

The annual listing features a collection of rivers, streams, estuaries, watershed systems and lakes across the nation that will benefit

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"The Moon Report"

Crappie, Morels and Stump Jumpers

By Terri Moon

What an exciting month! I finally took some time off to head north and spend some time with family and friends for our annual morel mushroom hunt. Next to crappie fishing – hunting morels is my other obsession. It's hard to believe that I would leave spawning crappie to hunt those morels – but, I just can't help myself!

This year my niece Stacey flew in from San Diego to spend a few days fishing with me before we headed north to Truman Lake in Missouri. We had a great time catching crappie to take with us to cook with our morels. This combination is a match made in heaven!

As good as the crappie fishing was before we left, the mushroom hunting was even better when we got to Missouri! It was a bumper crop year. All the rains came at a perfect time. If you can believe it, we even found us a "mush-room hunting guide!" My new hero – Rex Cooper from Lincoln, MO. – bless his "big heart." He took me, my mom who just turned 83 and niece Stacey on a beautiful boat ride up the lake as far as we could go, then beached the boat and headed into the timber. When we reached the cedars, it was "game on." We picked just over 400 morels in less than an hour and a half. It was truly an incredible day for all of us! Can't thank you enough Rex and we're looking for-



ward to seeing you again next year! Then we made our usual loop hunting through Kansas City – then Mom, brother John, and I headed to Iowa for a few days to finish off our trip and ended up with a total of over a thousand morels. It was definitely a year to remember!

I must send my apologies to those of you who tried to reach me while I was gone, but I was not able to retrieve any of my messages. When I got home, I hit the ground running and I'm still trying to make my way through the list in between trips.

But what a BONUS – when I got home, the crappie were in post spawn mode and the fishing has been awesome! We're finding them at 16 to 20 ft. in 20 to 24 ft. of water, on Lake Fork Tackle's Live Baby Shad in blue and pearl or chartreuse and pearl and also blue-grass is working on a cloudy day. All this wind we're having has made for some rough rides – but, if you can get to a protected bank, it's worth the ride.

Also, we're having fun with the bream in 2 to 8 ft. of water using worms or crickets on a slip bobber or tightline for them. Don't be surprised if you hook into a big catfish. They love those baits too and are in the same areas, so hang on!

Now – were you wondering about the "Stump Jumper"? This is a great new product invented out of necessity in Tightwad, Missouri by Jackie Albin who was tired of breaking off his side imaging transducer while fishing in the timber. So, he's designed a protective bracket for your transducer. He has made them to fit Lowrance and Hummingbird. These are just coming out in the retail market but have been tested extensively on Truman Lake in Missouri. If you're interested in seeing one, give me a call and I'll be happy to show one to you. If you're interested in getting one, you can contact Mike or Mark Huey at Tightwad Tackle 913-683-0544. They will be able to help you with any questions you might have. If you are interested in stocking these for your business, give me a call and I'll put you in touch with Jackie.

Hope you all have a great summer – be safe on the water!

Also, I want to send thoughts and prayers to Curtis Roller and his family – he's having heart surgery in Louisiana. Hang in there Curtis!



Delores Knight of Chatham La. 80 years young enjoyed her mothers day crappie trip with her sons - this bass was just a bonus !

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Sons Lynn & Curtis Roller spent the day fishing with their mom, Delores Knight of Louisiana.



A great day fishing with my niece Stacey from San Diego.



Rex Cooper, Lincoln, MO., our Morel Hunting Guide



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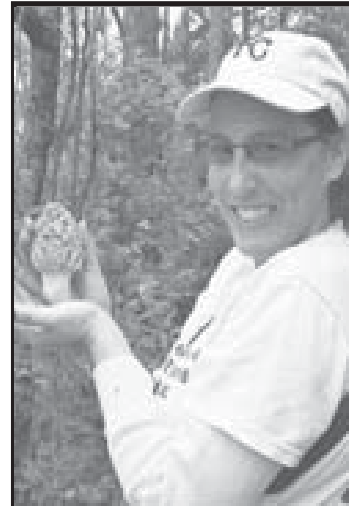
This is how we measure our morel mushrooms in Missouri!



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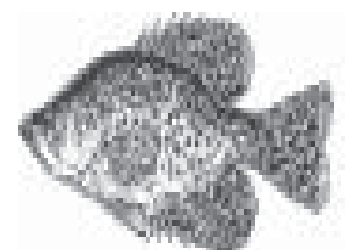
My mom, Nova Carleton, Leesville, MO., great job mom with the quadruple morel find!



My niece-in-law, Crystal Smalley, Independence, Mo., 1st mushroom hunting trip!



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9th Annual Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament (Continued from Page 4-A)

caught a hawg weighing 9.51-pounds and weighed in during the 8 to 9 o'clock hour of the second day of the tournament. That was a boat winning hour for both Roger and Diane.

The second heaviest bass over the slot and winning a 2013 Legend 186 SCX was caught by Ron Hershberger from Newton, Kansas. Ron's bass weighed 9.02-pounds and was also brought to the scales on the second day of the tournament during the 7 to 8 o'clock hour. It would seem all the biggest bass bit during the first 2 hours of the second day.

During the course of the tournament there were 23 bass brought to the scales measuring 24" or more. These bass were caught by Bart Gardner, Dallas, Texas with a 7.46-lb.; Sam Evans, Huntsville, Arkansas with an 8.67-lb.; Windell Cook from Texarkana, Arkansas with a 7.26-lb.; N. Dee Williams from Cushing, Texas with an 8.91-lb.; Rich Lewis from Grapevine, Texas with an 8.39-lb.; Steve Long from McLoud, Oklahoma with a 9-lb.; Greg Ledford from Cement, Oklahoma with an 8.86-lb.; Clifton King from Artesia, New Mexico

with an 8.35-lb.; Andy Ingram from Hughes Springs, Texas with an 8.47-lb.; Gary McDaniel from Grand Saline, Texas with an 8.15-lb.; Ernest Sistrunk from Wills Point, Texas with an 8.25-lb.; Stanley Pace from Sikeston, Missouri with a 7.60-lb.; Richard James from Windom, Texas with an 8.12-lb.; Don Atchley from Grandfield, Oklahoma with a 7.67-lb.; Jeff Jackson from Wichita Falls, Texas with an 8.50-lb.; Michael Golden from Hughes Springs, Texas with a 7.78-lb.; Aaron Wilkerson from Sul-

phur Springs, Texas with an 8.01-lb.; Don Atchley from Grandfield, Oklahoma with an 8.80-lb.; Bill Long from Joplin, Missouri with a 7.34-lb.; Brad Johnson from Henderson, Texas with a 7.99-lb.; and Garrett Hall from Kilgore, Texas with an 8.03-lb.

The 10th Annual Legend of Lake Fork is set for May 16, 17, 18, 2014. This being our 10th Anniversary we promise it will be bigger and better than ever. There will be more chances and many incentives for anglers to go home winners. Then again, you are always a winner when you fish on Lake Fork.



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from strategic conservation efforts to protect, restore or enhance their current condition.

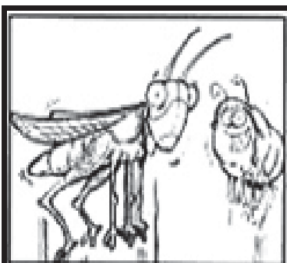
The waters included in the list represent a snapshot of this year's voluntary, in-progress habitat conservation efforts. These and other locally driven conservation projects are prioritized and implemented by regional Fish Habitat Partnerships that have been formed throughout the country.

The objective of these projects--to conserve freshwater, estuarine and marine habitats essential to the many fish and wildlife species that call these areas home--is the foundation of the National Fish Habitat Partnership.

Through the work of various partners, the projects included in this year's list will be the showcase of conservation efforts aimed at avoiding and reversing persistent declines in the nation's aquatic habitats. With 70 Waters to Watch partnership projects highlighted since 2007, the monitoring of these projects is proving that on-the-ground conservation activities and strategies are truly making a difference in improving fish habitat.

The National Fish Habitat Partnership since 2006 has been a partner in 342 projects in 46 states benefiting fish habitat. The National Fish Habitat Partnership works to

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2013 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BASS ON THE FLY FISHING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The 2013 World Championship Bass on The Fly Fishing Tournament was held Saturday, May 11th, at Lake Fork Marina near Alba, TX. This tournament is exclusively for fly fishing and all the equipment must be made for fly fishing. It is one of only two such tournaments in the world. Forty-one participants from Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas & Colorado enjoyed the nice weather and the morning topwater bite before the sun got bright and an unusual North wind picked up.

By 2:00 pm all the teams had checked in and the results were tallied in this catch-photo-release tournament. Each team could check-in up to five largemouth bass which had to be photographed laying on a measuring board showing the length of the fish and a unique identification tag. All fish were then released immediately back into the lake. Since there is a 16"-24" "slot" on Lake Fork, this allowed contestants to photo and release even their slot fish unlike conventional tournaments where only the bass below 16" and over 24" can be weighed in. The total length of the five fish determined the winner and the big fish of the boater division and the non-boater (kayak) division.

Although there were some teams with no fish to check in, there were some good photo stringers also brought in. In the boater division, first

place was won by Carey Thorn with a five fish total length of 100.5" which paid \$600! Defending champions, Benson & B.C. Fowler, claimed second place with 93.5" and received \$325, Robert & Mary Ann Cummings took third with 81" and earned \$225, and brothers Hal & Mike Maris received \$110 for fourth with 48". Big fish was 22.5" caught by Carey Thorn which paid \$120 and second was 22" caught by B.C. Fowler for \$55. Once again poppers and streamers were the best fish catchers of the day.

There were six fishermen in the Non-boater (Kayak) division. Greg Stine took first place with 34" earning \$145 and Tim Kapp was second with 17" worth \$70. Greg and Tim tied for the longest fish with 17". The wind was a little rough for the kayakers to handle.

Rex White won the big blue gill side pot with a 9" blue gill and Tim Kapp claimed second with one 8.5". Tim also won the new Sage Largemouth rod in a drawing for those who registered by May 1st.

The Dallas Fly Fishers Club barely retained the Club trophy as the North Louisiana Fly Fishers mounted a strong challenge that came up just a few inches short.

Once again, the sponsors who donated products

and gift certificates made the tournament fun for everyone. All participants received a newly introduced Gypsy Jack bass lure made for fly fishing, a Skeeter or Ranger tee shirt, a hat from TFO or Skeeter, a Peoples Communications water-proof phone protector, and Cabela's promotional items. Other sponsors were TFO rods, Bass Pro Shops, Oakley sunglasses, Sage, Simms, Redington, Buffs, Rio Lines, Mariner Sails, and Tailwaters Fly Fishing store. Every participant received a drawing prize after the winners received their checks due to the generosity of our sponsors.

Proceeds of the tournament benefit the Federation of Fly Fishermen and East African Christian Ministries. Plans are underway to make the 5th tournament in 2014 even bigger and better than ever. The date for the 2014 tournament will be announced later in the summer. For more information about participating in the tournament or becoming a sponsor check the website, www.bassonthefly.org.



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Public Hunter Bags New Texas State Record Alligator

A young hunter who grew up with a fascination about dinosaurs and a dream of hunting what some call "living dinosaurs" has harvested the largest alligator ever certified in Texas. Braxton Bielski, an 18-year-old high school senior on his first alligator hunt, bagged the behemoth 800-pound, 14-foot, 3-inch gator during a recent public hunt on the James E. Daughtrey Wildlife Management Area.

Braxton and his father, Troy Bielski, were among 481 applicants vying for 10 alligator permits issued through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's public hunting program for a five-day hunt at the Daughtrey WMA.

"He's wanted to hunt alligators for years," said Troy, a Houston police officer who has applied annually to TPWD's special drawing hunts for the chance to fulfill his son's dream. "We got selected one year to go on a youth hunt at the J.D. Murphree WMA, but I didn't get the permit in on time. I remember Brax was very disappointed. This is the first year we've had to enter him as an adult and we got drawn."

The coveted permit provides the only opportunity to hunt and harvest an alligator on Choke Canyon Reservoir, situated within the Daughtrey WMA boundary.

Each year, TPWD's public hunting program pro-

vides access to some of the state's high-quality managed wildlife habitat to about 5,500 hunters selected through random computer drawings. Wildlife management areas, state parks and leased private property are available for these supervised hunts for a variety of game, including: white-tailed deer, mule deer, pronghorn, javelina, alligator, exotics, feral hog and spring turkey.

Through an application process, hunters select from 29 different hunt categories, including eight specifically for youth only, and choose a preferred hunt date and location from hunt areas stretching across the state. There's even a provision for hunting buddies to apply as a group -- in some cases up to four hunters can apply together on one application.

This season TPWD processed 998 applications for 2,340 hopeful applicants in the alligator hunt category. The department offered 165 permits to go alligator hunting on five WMAs (Angelina Neches/Dam B, James Daughtrey, Guadalupe Delta, Mad Island, and J.D. Murphree).

Because alligator hunting in Texas is conservatively managed, most hunters selected for these public hunts are first-timers and many have never seen an alligator in the wild. For that reason, TPWD biologists go through an intensive orientation process and provide greater guidance than

they would for more common hunts, like for deer or waterfowl.

"We went through a two-hour orientation and it was very thorough," Braxton recalled. "My dad did a lot of research online about alligator hunting and we asked a lot of questions."

Troy said he knew some about the area they would be hunting, having done some bass fishing on Choke Canyon years ago, but with current low water levels, the landscape was completely different from what he remembered.

"We spent a lot of time scouting some of the pastures in the compartment we were assigned, looking for likely spots to set our lines," said Troy.

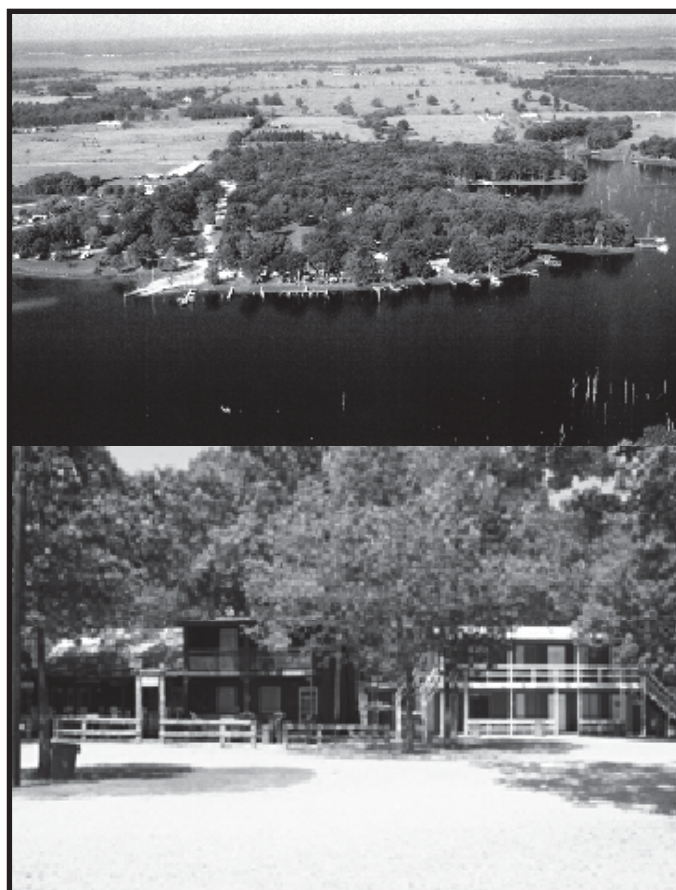
At one point, the pair observed what they believed to be a large gator in a cove and decided to place their baited lines nearby.

"We didn't pressure it, but while we were putting up our cane poles we could see it watching us 30 yards away," said Braxton.

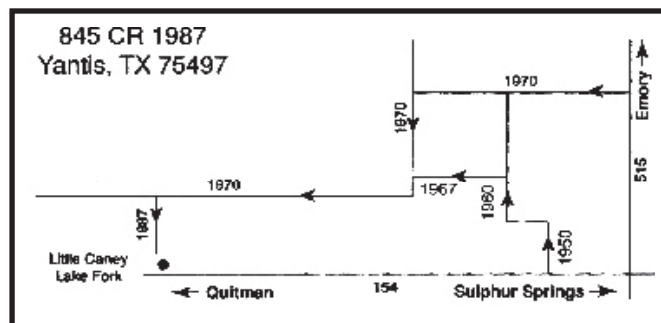
Choke Canyon has a reputation for holding some big old gators. Unlike the alligator populations along their core range in southeast Texas, these creatures are left alone to live to a ripe old age. A 14-footer is estimated to be between 30-50 years old, according to TPWD alligator program leader Amos Cooper.

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Joe Parker from Stephenville and his daughter Kamber from San Angelo crappie fishing with Pappy's Guide Service. Released to the Grease. (Courtesy Photo Pappy's Guide Service)



Lexie Schumann was fishing Lake Fork on May 15th with guide Dean Stroman when she caught this nice 10.25-lb. hawg. C.P.R. (Courtesy Photo Dean Stroman Guide Service)



Cindy Treece from Irving, Texas was fishing Lake Fork when she caught some really nice crappie. Released to the Grease. (Courtesy Photo)

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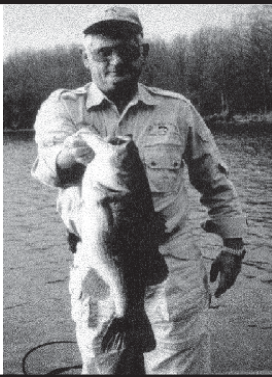
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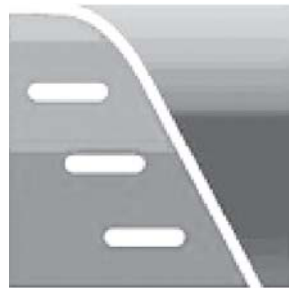
Behind every great tournament there are great women keeping the anglers and director straight. Here is my 'Legendary Crew', (lt. to rt.) Connie Steele, Sandra Weesner, and none other than my wife Sue (Bubbette) Hampton.



Mike Pharr, representative of V&M, Cyclone Baits, another sponsor of the Legend of Lake Fork Tournament, presented a check for \$300 in a drawing from the anglers that purchased the baits at the marina.



The Mineola Yankees were selling raffle tickets and carrying the fish to the LFSA Live Release Boat to earn money to go to Tulsa for the World Series. Bill Long from Joplin Missouri donated his 1st Place check for \$500 to the team and it was matched by The Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament along with a \$100 donation for their services with the preservation of bass.

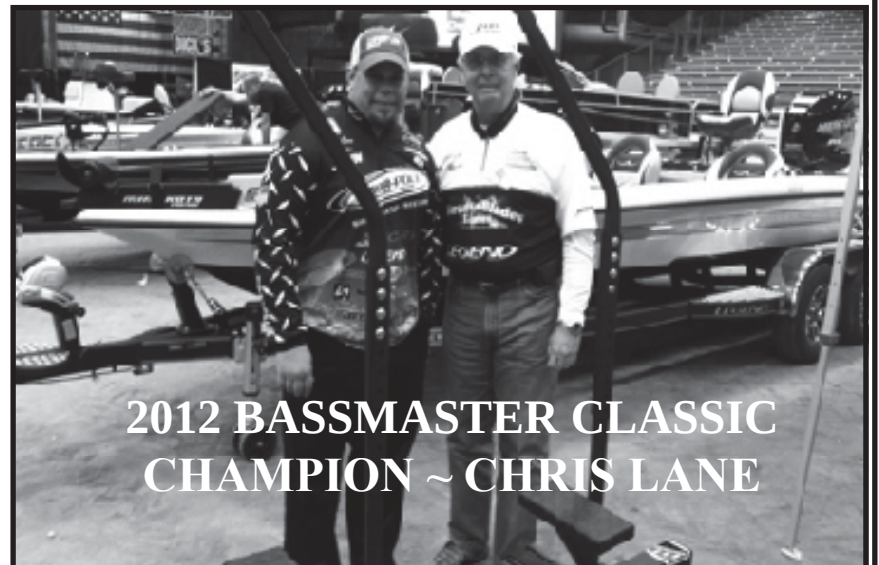


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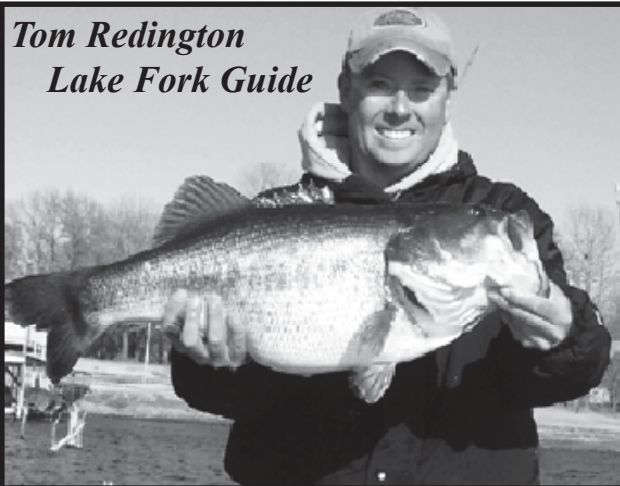
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"Pack of Knowledge" A Rod for All Occasions

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Fishing is no different, as I now have specialized 8' flipping sticks with 60 lb braided line and 1.5 oz tungsten sinkers for punching matted grass on one end of the spectrum and light action spinning rods with 6 lb test for throwing tiny finesse baits on the other end. With such a wide array of baits in our tackle boxes though, it is hard to predict what lures we'll end up catching fish with on any given day. When traveling to a new lake or prefishing for a tourney, guessing what lures we'll end up throwing becomes even harder. This is where the Vise Grips or sporks of bass fishing come in—versatile medium and medium heavy rods that will throw a wide range of lures well.

I fish with a lot of anglers who have some very nice rods that are great for special applications,

but the one thing lacking in many bass fishermen's arsenal is a few of these Jack of all trade rods. For example, neither the previously mentioned heavy 8' flipping stick with braid nor the light action spinning rod with 6 lb test would do well throwing a spinnerbait, Sammy, or crankbait. Following are a couple of basic setups that I always keep in the boat with me because they'll work in just about any situation:

7'+ Lighter Bait Rod: I'm partial to Dobyns Rods and the rods they rate as "3 power" fit well in this category for me. I use both the 7' and 7'3" versions of the Champion and Savvy line (models 703C/733C/SS703/SS733). The longer the rod, the better your casting distance and fish fighting ability, while shorter rods give you a rod that is slightly more accurate and that weights a little less. Depending on your preference, either of the sizes will work well. For lures from about 1/8 oz up to about 1/2 oz, these medium power sticks will take care of them all. Spinnerbaits, spoons, jerkbaits, topwaters, weightless soft plastics like Magic Shads and Hyper Sticks, buzzbaits and light Texas rigs all work great on this rod, just to name a few. Since I'm normally throwing lighter lures with this rod, I like a medium sized copolymer line that is super limp and easy casting. For me, the 10

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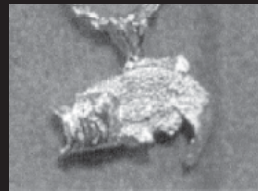
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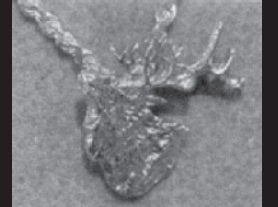
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Public Hunter Bags New Texas State Record Alligator (Continued from Page 15-A)

"Choke Canyon has a larger size class than other areas because they have just began to hunt the area," said Cooper. "A large alligator in Choke Canyon is not unusual but expected. You won't see a lot of alligators on Choke Canyon but the alligators that you do see are relatively large."

In the five years TPWD has hunted gators on the Daughtrey WMA, several huge specimens have been harvested, including two in 2011 measuring over 13-feet and another in that size class last year.

Living in Fort Bend County, Troy and his son routinely saw alligators while jogging but being able to judge their size was tough. "I had no idea," he noted. "The WMA staff did a really good job of explaining what we needed to do. We knew this gator was big and wanted to be sure we set the bait high enough out of the water."

Braxton chose one of the lines as his set; the other would be his dad's. When the two hunters returned the next morning, they realized they had their work cut out as both lines were down indicating they had two alligators hooked. A hook and line set baited with raw meat is used to catch the alligator; only after it has been hooked can a gator be dispatched at close range with a firearm.

They weren't the only ones having a successful first day. All the hunters participating in the hunt had landed gators, which proved equally challenging for the WMA staff.

"We only have 5-10 hunters out during these drawn hunts and most of them are new to alligator hunting so I try to stay in close touch with them," said Daughtrey WMA area manager Chris Mostyn. "I tell them to have a strategy in place because they may have to haul a big one out. Turns out we had four gators taken that morning; it was wild. The Bielskis did a good job."

Troy's gator turned out to be a huge female measuring 10 ½ feet long, which, as it turned out was dwarfed by his son's catch.

"If we had just caught the one, I would have been happy for Brax," said Troy. "He's the reason I was there."

More information about TPWD's public hunting program and the application process for special drawing hunts is available online at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/public/>.



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to 15 pound PowerSilk line from Lake Fork Trophy Lures works well because it has zero memory and allows me to whip out lighter baits.

7'+ Heavier Bait Rod: "4 power" rods in the Dobyns lineup are what I use for slightly heavier baits. Again, I use both the 7' and 7'3" versions of the Champion and Savvy line (models 704C/734C/SS704/SS734), with the Champion 734C being my favorite. For lures from about 3/8 up to 3/4 oz, these rods will handle them very well. Big spoons, bigger spinnerbaits or buzzbaits, small swimbaits like Live Magic Shads or hollow bellies, TX rigs, and casting jigs all work great on the medium heavy rods. Since I'm throwing bigger lures and am more likely to want better feel with these lures, I normally spool up with 14 to 20 lb fluorocarbon line.

7' Medium Cranking

Rod: Either of the rods mentioned above will throw crankbaits, topwaters, jerkbaits, and other treble hook lures with them. However, a crankbait rod that has a mod-fast action instead of a normal fast action tip will result in a lot more landed fish with treble hook lures. Therefore, I like to have an extra cranking rod in my boat at all times, ready to throw just about any crankbait, topwater or other treble hook lure I might want to use. Dobyns Champion 704CB rod is a great all around cranking stick that is versatile

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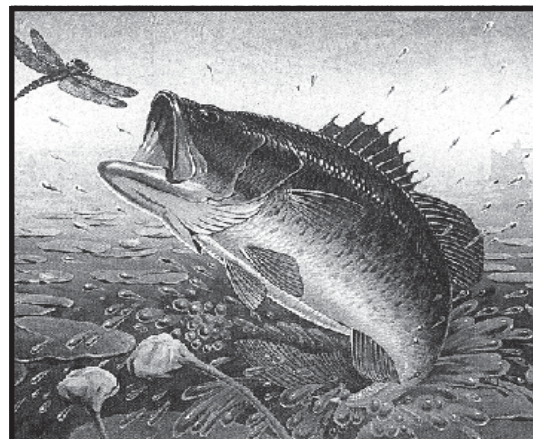
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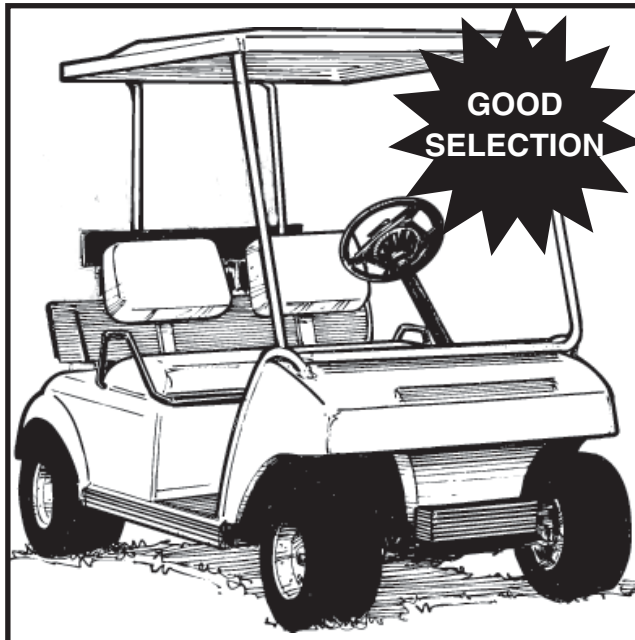
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enough to throw little poppers like a Lucky Craft G-Splash or Pop-R, yet it still has enough backbone to throw bigger square bill cranks like LC2.5s and even medium running cranks like LC1.5DD's or Deep Little Ns. Having a floating copolymer line is definitely needed for topwater, plus you want a low memory line to be able to throw lighter lures, so again I go with Pow-



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