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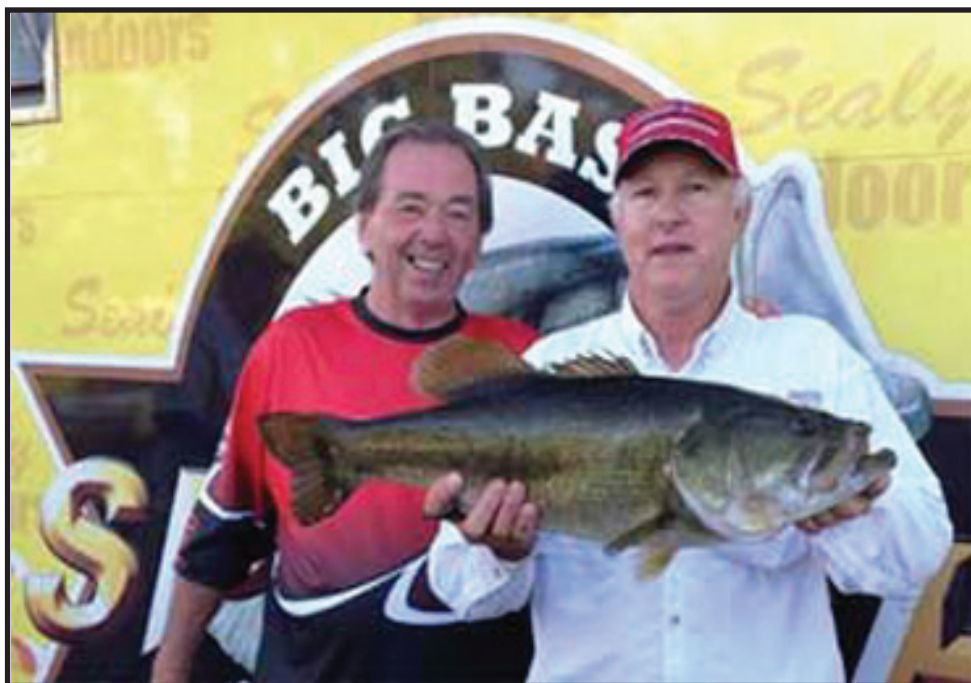
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Don Atchley from Grandville, Oklahoma left Lake Fork a very happy fisherman after winning the 27th Annual Sealy Outdoors Big Bass Splash with this hawg that weighed 10.61-lbs. Don took home with him a 2013 Legend Alpha 199 powered by Mercury, equipped with MinnKota, Lowrance, Navionics, Power-Pole, HydroWave, Healthy Battery and Tournament Saver Pro, a Dodge Ram Truck, and \$7,000.



Kim Naquin, from Houma, Louisiana won 2nd Place with this hawg weighing 10.51-lbs. taking home with him a 2013 Triton 19XS, powered by Mercury, with MinnKota and Lowrance, a Dodge Ram Truck and \$2000.

Daniel Sevilla from Anthony, New Mexico won 3rd Place with this hawg weighing 10.11-lbs. taking home with him a 2013 Legend Alpha 199 powered by Mercury, MinnKota, and Lowrance and \$1,000. (See full story on Page 5-A)



8th Annual Big Bass  
Tournament on Lake Fork  
October 19th & 20th

By Don Hampton

For you anglers that are not only big fans of fishing Lake Fork but also love doing it with Berkley and Sebile baits, here is the time you have been waiting for. The 8th Annual Berkley Big Bass Tournament on Lake Fork hosted by Bass Champs October 19th and 20th will be at Lake Fork Marina just off Highway 17N. Registration times will be Friday October 18th from 12 to 8 P.M. and on October 19th and 20th from 4:30 A.M. to 7 A.M. at tournament headquarters. Entry fee for one day is \$120 or \$170 for both days.

### OFFICIAL 2013 BERKLEY BIG BASS TOURNAMENT RULES

The following rules are for the 2013 Berkley Big Bass Tournament on Lake Fork. October 19th & 20th, 2013. Special Rules:

- All contestants must use Berkley and/or Sebile baits EXCLUSIVELY during this event. Sebile hard baits are part of the program for 2013.

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## Toyota ShareLunker Season 28 Is Now Here

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will begin accepting entries into the Toyota ShareLunker program October 1, 2013.

Anyone legally catching a 13-pound or bigger largemouth bass from Texas waters, public or private, between October 1 and April 30 may submit the fish to the Toyota ShareLunker program

by calling program manager at (903) 681-0550 or paging him at (888) 784-0600 and leaving a phone number including area code. Fish will be picked up by TPWD personnel within 12 hours.

Toyota became the program sponsor effective September 2009. The current season marks the 28th year of the program. To date

471 fish have been entered into the program. Those fish have come from 57 different public reservoirs and more than a dozen private lakes.

ShareLunker entries are used in a selective breeding program at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) in Athens. Some of the

(See Toyota ShareLunker.. Continued on Page 10-A)



# "Bubba's bad habit may have him sleeping in the boathouse!"

By Don Hampton

Bubba has a bad habit and Bubbette has informed him that if he doesn't change it he'll be sleeping in the doghouse! Since the only dog Bubba and Bubbette have, stays in the house, he doesn't seem overly concerned. This attitude may have him sleeping in the boathouse!

Anyone that knows Bubba, is well aware of how much he loves to fish! He doesn't hunt, play golf, or watch sports on the television, (except J.P. DeRose, Dave Mercer, Bill Dance, and other fishing programs like B.A.S.S. and FLW) because that is time he could be fishing. Most of the time he doesn't do his chores when he is supposed to because as he puts it, "I heard a bass calling me!" This Bubbette understands enough to put up with, because she knows Bubba will eventually get them done. Besides, when he does get around to doing them, he does them real fast and in a hurry. Do you wonder why?

When Bubba is fishing though, he likes to be as comfortable as possible and have all the conveniences that make it so. This brings us to the "Bad Habit" that Bubbette is putting her foot down to stop. Everything is winding up in Bubba's boat!

The little things he puts in his boat like all the sun-screen and mosquito repellent, she doesn't mind so much. She will wait before going outside and mowing the lawn till Bubba gets back from fishing. That way maybe he'll do it!

What is really aggravating her is that all of her stuff is becoming Bubba's boat stuff.

For example, there are not enough Tupperware parties for her to go to in order to keep Bubba supplied. When she comes in with new plastic containers, Bubba examines them closely to see if perhaps they would be good to store tackle or fishing items in and where in the boat they would conveniently fit.

Bubbette has even resorted to hiding the zip lock baggies from Bubba. Everytime she went to the pantry to get a baggy for leftovers or for sandwiches, there would be an empty box. When confronted Bubba's excuse was, "Well Sugdumplin, they keep my plastic baits fresher and I can add more salt!"

Well it hits the fan then! First he gets the lecture about leaving the empty box in the pantry and not adding it to her grocery list. Then he has to set through the chewing out of how now there is no salt in the house. Bubba made a mistake of trying to make a joke of it by saying, "Well you buy sea salt, so it is really your fault when you see the salt disappear!" Sometimes Bubba doesn't know when to leave well enough alone!

What really put Bubbette over the edge and to issue an ultimatum to Bubba to leave her stuff alone happened during the McDonald's tournament.

Bubbette had bought a serving set that included a thermal pitcher for serving either hot or cold beverages. She knew she was going to have friends over during the tournament, and this would be nice for serving coffee on the verandah. What she didn't remember was not to tell Bubba how smart this item was. This item was so smart it knew to keep hot items hot and cold items cold. Bubbette's com-

pany showed up about 8:00 A.M. the first morning of the tournament and guess what Bubba was pouring his hot coffee out of while sitting at the weigh-in taking pictures of the big bass coming in.

If all of this wasn't enough, Bubba had to go and step in it one more time! Bubbette wanted to give Bubba her CD player to put in his truck so he could listen to his "Fishtunes" CD and practice on his karaoke singing, (and he does need practicing) when he was riding in his truck. This was a really nice and sincere gesture on Bubbette's part.

What is Bubba's first remark on this kind gesture? Bubba excitedly said, "Oh, that will be great to put in my boat!" Needless to say Bubbette still has her CD player. So what does Bubba do? He goes and buys a new truck with a CD player and everything under the sun in it. I think he even stopped at Wal-Mart on the way back and got a CD player for his boat.

Bubbette has made mention on several occasions, if there is ever a national catastrophe they could live in Bubba's boat. He has everything in it from fishing tackle, instant coffee, Vienna sausages, to smoked oysters and crackers, not to mention all the plastic containers he needs to hold his stuff and a new smart thermos.

She finally got Bubba to promise to quit taking her stuff to his boat. Bubbette simply reminded him of one item of her stuff that he had not put in his boat. A rolling pin! Bubba is smart enough to know what that can be used for! Even though he may not have use for a rolling pin in his boat, knowing him that may just come up missing too!

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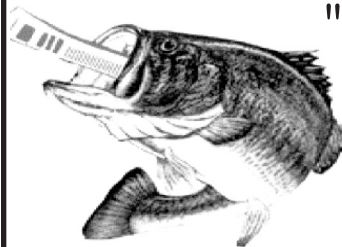
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## 27th Annual Sealy Outdoors Big Bass Splash on Lake Fork

By Don Hampton

What is a little rain to anglers when they are fishing in a tournament with a guaranteed pay-out of \$500,000 in cash and prizes? Anglers had to deal with a lot of rain on the first day of the 27th Annual Sealy Outdoors Big Bass Splash Tournament held on Lake Fork September 20, 21, 22, 2013, but they couldn't have asked for better weather on the following two days of the tournament and the bass cooperated loving the influx of new water

and cooler temperatures.

With the amount of cash and prizes Sealy Outdoors guarantees anglers in each tournament creates quite a draw of amateur anglers. This year was no different with 2,580 anglers representing 24 states that came to try their luck at winning a portion of the cash and prizes. Anglers came from as far away as North Carolina, Mississippi, and New Mexico to fish this great tournament on this tremendous reservoir.

With twelve places paid per hour, 8 paid hours

per day for the three days with cash prizes ranging from \$1,000 for the heaviest bass caught in the hour to \$225 for the twelfth heaviest bass of each hour, in addition to the bonus card hours and the t-shirt hours, this is one of the few amateur tournaments that anglers can win like the pros.

(See 27th Annual Sealy...Continued on Page 9-A)



Theodore Avlos from Dyer, Arkansas won 4th Place and \$8,000 cash for this 9.45-lb. beauty he brought to the scales.



Mark A. Trull from Kennedy, Alabama won 5th Place and \$6,000 cash for this 9.45-lb. beauty he brought to the scales.



Billy Gatwood from Hattiesburg, MS., timed it perfect to win big. He won the hour for \$1,000, had a T-Shirt for \$1,000 bonus and as a Legend Advantage Member won an extra \$1,000 from Legend Boats.



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## October Bassin on the Fork

By John Tanner

This time of year is one of my favorites as the fish really hit the fall feeding mode. As the bass are feeding up getting ready for the colder months, they will be hanging tight to the many schools of bait fish we are so blessed to have here on Lake Fork. The forage base here is tremendous in size. With all of the food available for the fish and the tons of cover here on Lake Fork, no wonder she produces so many big bass year after year.

One thing I really like about October is that you can catch some of the true giants that live here. One Halloween a few years back I took the Dailley brothers fishing and had a huge 5 fish stringer. We had three over 10 pounds that day along with

one over nine pounds and another good one. It was awesome and a day I will never forget. We had several other nice fish that day to go along with the big five! God really blessed us that day and we were and still are so thankful for having such an amazing day. That is the kind of stuff that can happen in October under the right conditions. This year is setting up much like that year and I am looking forward to seeing what is to come.

Shallow or deep you say? Well it can be both this time of year. Traditionally the mornings start off with a topwater bite along with a spinnerbait or even a chatterbait bite in the shallows over the weedbeds. On the topwater I like to use one of the Berkley Frenzy poppers or one of the Sebille Slim Sticks. On the spinnerbait, go with the Stanley Vibra Shaft. I like white with double willows. And on the chatterbait, I always like to use a minnow type trailer like the Berkley Power Minnow or the Berkley Havoc Sub Woofer. Another standby for this time of year is of course the Texas rigged Berkley Power Worm in blue fleck color. Use the Mustad Mega Wide Gap hooks for more hook-ups with all of your soft plastics.

During the day, especially later in the month, start checking the humps and points at the mouths of the creeks for schools of big bass. Once the shad and the schools of yellow bass start show-



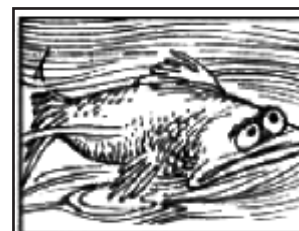
ing up out there, the big ones won't be far behind. Those big bruisers love to eat yellow bass. Once you locate them on your electronics throw out a marker buoy and get ready for what could be the best fishing day of your life. I just love it when my Humminbird 1198 lights up with a big pile of bait and yellow bass along with some big bass mixed in with them. It is game on at that point! When you find them, the Carolina rigged Berkley Havoc bottom hopper is a good way to go as well as a Foot-

ball Jig with a Berkley Havoc Deuce Twin tail grub for a trailer. The Berkley Hollow Belly swim baits and Havoc Grass Pigs rigged on a Berkley Frenzy Rig ( Alabama Rig ) are a wise choice as well.

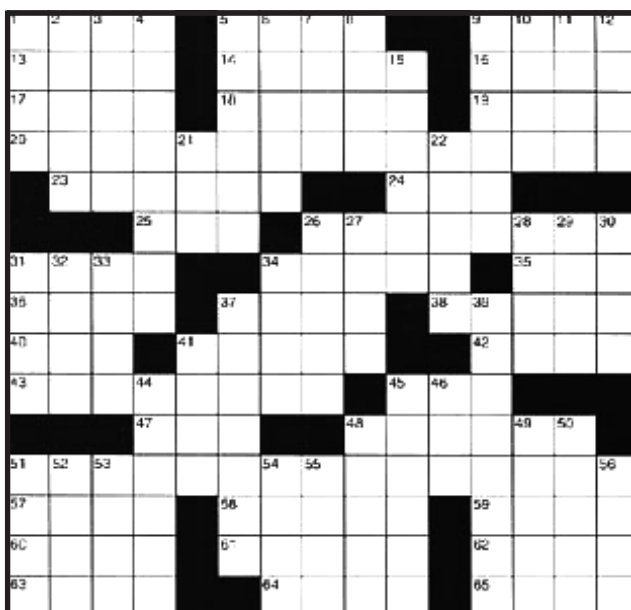
October is a great month to fish Lake Fork so come on down and get in on the action. Thank you for reading this article and I hope it helps you catch more and bigger fish this fall. Lake Fork is an amazing place and a true gift (See October Bassin....

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### Fish Friendly



A young salmon may be called a parr, a smolt or a grilse.



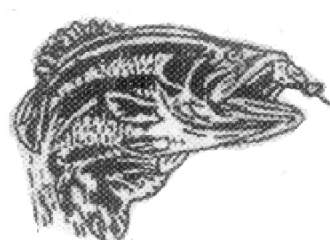
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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Optimism                          | 37. The central part of the earth |
| 5. Comes to pass                     | 38. Oliver ___, author            |
| 9. Char                              | 40. Episodic or semantic (abbr.)  |
| 13. Terminated                       | 41. Transactions                  |
| 14. Liaison                          | 42. Sediments                     |
| 16. Groundless                       | 43. Rayons                        |
| 17. Jai ___, sport                   | 45. Ten liters (abbr.)            |
| 18. Ceremonial or emblematic staff   | 47. Macaws                        |
| 19. Tributary of the Colorado River  | 48. Type of bribe                 |
| 20. "Advancement of Learning" author | 51. Punch (slang)                 |
| 23. Flexible                         | 57. Circle of light               |
| 24. Swiss river                      | 58. Type of jelly                 |
| 25. Business auditor (abbr.)         | 59. Dark bluish black             |
| 26. Loman, for one                   | 60. Polite interruption sound     |
| 31. Goidelic language of Ireland     | 61. Meaningless sound             |
| 34. Georges ___, French philosopher  | 62. Condition requiring relief    |
| 35. Someone who is highly skilled    | 63. Biological groups             |
| 36. Constructors                     | 64. School organizations (abbr.)  |
|                                      | 65. Mastery (Scottish)            |

#### CLUES DOWN

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|--|---|
| 1. Type of avocado                     | 30. Strip of land projecting into a body of water |
| 2. Eurasian primrose                   | 31. City 3000 B.C.                                |
| 3. Oyster's gift                       | 32. College army                                  |
| 4. Buildings                           | 33. Unchanged                                     |
| 5. Castro's capital                    | 34. Alone   |
| 6. Cylindrical spikelike inflorescence | 37. Romance language                              |
| 7. Cochon de lait                      | 39. Conceding                                     |
| 8. Tall evergreen of Japan and China   | 41. Cutty   |
| 9. Cuban exports                       | 44. Washington city                               |
| 10. Of an ode                          | 45. Moves rhythmically                            |
| 11. Quick tempo (abbr.)                | 46. Kilo yard (abbr.)                             |
| 12. Inadequate in quantity             | 48. Indian monetary unit                          |
| 15. The exchange of goods              | 49. Ship  |
| 21. Knock                              | 50. Red pear-shaped tropical fruit                |
| 22. Yellow edible Indian fruits        | 51. African stimulant plant                       |
| 26. Infections                         | 52. Ryukyu Islands city (Japan)                   |
| 27. Greek god of war                   | 53. Genus of spiny shrubs                         |
| 28. Spice made from the nutmeg seed    | 54. Employee stock ownership plan (abbr.)         |
| 29. Feel pain                          | 55. Utter with anger or contempt                  |
|  | 56. English park                                  |

Answers on Page 21-A



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## 8th Annual Berkley Tournament (continued from Page 1-A)

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• All terminal tackle must include a "functional" full length Berkley skirt and/or Berkley soft plastic.

• Non-Berkley skirts and soft plastic trailers are NOT permitted.

To protect the integrity of Bass Champs and our anglers, all winners will be subject to a polygraph exam before the prizes are distributed at the event. Contestants must pass the polygraph exam at the

tournament site to receive prize money and awards for the event. The tournament Director reserves the right to waive any violation of these rules that are disclosed to him before the polygraph exam, in his sole and absolute discretion.

1. Rules: Decisions of the Tournament Director are final and are not subject to appeal. Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Director in his sole and absolute discretion. Each competitor agrees to report any rule violation to the Tournament Director immediately upon discovery of the violation. The violation of a tournament rule

may result in weight loss, the loss of weight up to a specific time during the tournament day, total loss of weight for that particular day, the ineligibility to participate in future Bass Champs events, or any other penalty deemed appropriate by the Tournament Director in his sole discretion. Protests must be made in writing within 10 minutes of the official closing of the scales at each tournament day.

2. Participation and Eligibility:

Any person entering a Bass Champs Tournament under the age of 18 years must also have the signature of their

*(See 8th Annual....*

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## "The Moon Report"

### LATE SUMMER CRAPPIE & BREAM

By Terri Moon

Well I hope all of you can stand this heat just a little longer. It won't be much longer before the famous "Fork Fall Fishing." You're missing out on some great memories if you've never experienced this! It's such an awesome fishery, especially this time of year. I call it "Trophy Time" – and this includes all species.

Last year we had our first cold front in September also. That's when the fishing got "HOT"!

Right now the bridges are producing a lot of smaller crappie, but the bigger ones are coming in at night (especially during the dark of the moon).

The larger crappie are moving out to deeper cover. Always check submerged brush, sunken islands or humps. But during the heat of the day they tend to suspend in deep water away from the cover. So use that depth finder. It's my most valuable tool for a successful trip. The other day I had to fish without my Lowrance HDS-12. I could not believe how much I depend on it!

Once you pinpoint depth of schools, target these depths. Right



now I'm finding 15 to 18 feet has been the most successful, but this can be in anywhere between 15 to 24 feet of water. Once you graph these fish, if need throw out a buoy marker, then troll or drift fish through these areas. Just make sure to keep your bait at the depth of activity. A jig or jig and minnow combination works good for this. Please keep in mind, if what you are doing is not working, don't keep doing it! Try different depths and areas till you find active fish.

As far as jig color choices, pay attention to light levels. On bright days I'm using lighter colors – Bubble Gum (pink w/blue tail) or Dr. Ginger or Dr. Hyde (cinnamon w/blue or chartreuse tail). On cloudy or darker days I'm using Earl (dark brown w/blue tail) or Pretty Boy (dark blue w/chartreuse tail).

Now about those bream. What a fun month for these. I re-

ally want to thank all of those moms, dads, grandmothers and granddads who took the time to bring their kids or grandkids for a memorable day of fishing! I've enjoyed them all and I'm amazed at how quick these kids learn to master the use of ultralite spinning gear. I think quality equipment makes learning easier. Thank you "Shimano"!

We've been finding our bream between 3 to 7 feet of water around the stumps on the edges of the coves. A split shot and a hook with a cricket either tight lined or under a slip bobber set just off the bottom has made for some fun fishing. Some of these bream are still full of eggs, so expect them to be moving shallow through the next full moon.

For those of you who are catfish fans, you need to get out there. It's prime time! They have been hitting our crickets. Talk about fun bringing them in on our ultralight equipment.

Now's the time to start making your fall fishing plans. You won't want to miss it! Hope to see you on the water!

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## 27th Annual Sealy Outdoors Big Bass Splash on Lake Fork (Continued from Page 5-A)

With the slot on Lake Fork being 16" to 24", no contestant could bring a fish over 16" in length nor less than 24" in length to the weigh-in. This opens the door for anglers to win top place money and prizes for bass in the 1.5 to 2-pound range. If an angler is lucky enough to catch the first exact weight bass of 2.5-pounds of each day, that angler would win the hourly prize money plus \$5,000. No exact weights of 2.5-pounds were caught during the course of the tournament. As in all of Sealy Outdoors Tournaments, all cash and prizes are guaranteed so those checks were given away in a drawing from all entries in the tournament. Taking home unexpected surprise drawing checks of \$5,000 were Mark Parker, McAlester, Oklahoma, Jarrod Hernandez, Dallas, Texas and Tyler Fonseca, Killeen, Texas. One of the other goals anglers have in mind when they come to Lake Fork is to catch the heaviest bass under the slot. This year's lucky angler was Robert Waltermeyer from Moreauville, Louisiana and he took home an extra check for \$2,500 along with the 1st place in the hour for \$1,000.

During the course of the tournament 29 bass exceeded the upper range of the slot of 24".

Winning 1st Place overall in the tournament was Don Atchley from Grandfield, Oklahoma with his bass that weighed 10.61-lbs. Don weighed his bass in on Sunday during the 8 to 9 o'clock hour. For his great catch he won \$1,000 hourly cash, a 2013 Dodge Ram Truck plus a 2013 Legend Alpha 199 bass boat powered by Mercury, equipped with Minn Kota, Lowrance, Navionics and Power Pole, HydraWave, Healthy Battery and Tournament Saver Pro, plus \$7,000 in cash. Winning 2nd Place was Kim Naquin from Houma, Louisiana with a bass weighing 10.51-pounds he caught on Saturday and weighed in during the 1 to 2 o'clock hour. For his catch he won \$1,000 hourly cash, a 2013 Dodge Ram truck plus a 2013 Triton 19XS bass boat powered by Mercury, equipped with Minn Kota and Lowrance plus \$2,000 cash. Daniel Sevilla from Anthony, New Mexico won 3rd Place with a catch of 10.11-pounds that he caught on Friday and weighed in during the 9 to 10

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Not everyone enjoyed the length of their fish they brought in, the length of time they had to spend at the weigh-in, or my camera being on the spot. "But we've all made that mistake!"



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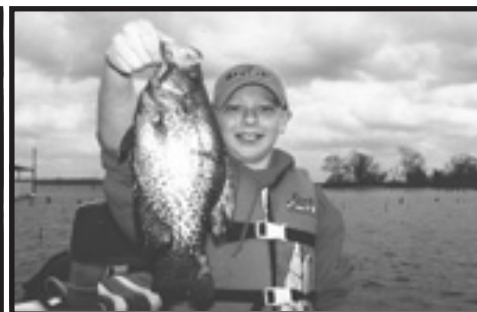
Loretta King with grandson Tyler,  
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Lawson & Benny Scott  
with mom



Blake Brown



Reid Swann from Perryton, TX



Scott Buie & family, Dallas, TX.,



Carolyn Keg with sons  
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the ShareLunker program, tips on caring for big bass and a recap of last year's season, see [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/sharelunker](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/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.

**Official ShareLunker Rules**

The program is limited to largemouth bass

weighing 13 pounds or more. Fish must be weighed on certified or legal-for-trade scales. Certified scales are scales that have been certified as accurate by the Texas Department of Agriculture, the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) or a commercial scales calibration company.

The program is normally in effect from October 1 through April 30. The fish must be legally caught in Texas waters.

A Texas Parks and Wildlife Department employee will be solely responsible for accepting a fish into the program based on the expectation that the fish will be able to survive and spawn.

Possession of the fish must be transferred to a

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Take the fish to a marina or closest certified scales as soon as possible. Transport the fish in a properly aerated livewell or a large cooler equipped with an aerator.

Before removing the fish from the transport container, have the certified scales ready for weighing. Try to arrange to hold the fish in the marina's minnow vat after it is weighed.

To reduce stress when removing the fish from the transport container for weighing, move the fish as close as possible to the scales and holding vat before removal. If everything is ready before the fish is removed from the transport container, weighing time can be less than one minute.

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## 8th Annual Berkley Tournament (Continued from Page 7-A)

parent or legal guardian in the provided space on the official entry form.

Bass Champs Tournaments are open to all anglers except professional anglers. A professional angler is defined as:

Any angler that has entered more than one bass tournament that required an entry fee greater than \$2,500 in the immediately preceding six months prior to the date of the Bass Champs Tournament being entered.

Any angler that has guided for Bass (as defined in Rule 14 below) on tournament waters within 30 days of the official event for any method of compensation.

All Contestants must have a valid Texas fish-

ing license.

3. Off-Limit Period: Contestants may not be on Lake Fork Reservoir for the purpose of fishing between: 8:00pm Friday, October 18th, 2013 thru 6:30am Saturday, October 19th, 2013.

8:00pm Saturday, October 19th, 2013 thru 6:30am Sunday, October 20th, 2013.

Fishing Times: Competitors may launch from any ramp on Lake Fork. Fishing will begin at 6:30am on competition days. The official start time will be broadcast by KMOO 99.9 radio. The scales will open the top ½ of every hour beginning at 8:00am. Scales are closed the bottom ½ of each hour. The final weigh-in will begin

at 2:00pm and end at 2:30pm each competition day.

5. Registration Times: Each contestant must register in person at Lake Fork Marina during the official registration hours: 12:00pm-8:00pm Friday October 18th or each tournament morning beginning at 4:30am. A completed and signed entry form must be received before the start of competition.

6. Safety: Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each contestant is required to wear a fastened (fully zipped and/or all clips fastened), U.S. Coast Guard approved, personal flotation device anytime the combustion engine is in operation during official

tournament hours. All boats must be equipped with an emergency ignition shut-off device, which must be securely attached to the driver's body any time the combustion engine is in operation. The driver must be seated in the driver's seat anytime the combustion engine is engaged in gear. Tournament day may be shortened or canceled due to unsafe weather or any conditions that would endanger the safety of the competitors at the Tournament Director's sole and absolute discretion. Competitors are allowed to leave the boat and seek shelter in bad weather, at which time no fishing may occur.

7. Permitted Fishing Methods: Only artifi-

cial lures may be used. Only one fishing rod per angler may be used at any one time. Additional rods may be in the boat and ready for use; however, each cast

and retrieve must be completed before another cast is attempted or rod is used. Trolling with the combustion engine is prohibited. (See 8th Annual....

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tion engine as a method of fishing is prohibited. All bass must be caught alive, in a conventional, sporting manner. All angling must be conducted from the boat. At no time may a contestant leave the boat to land a fish, or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Bank fishing is not permissible.

8. Sportsmanship and Conduct: All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Examples

of conduct not complying with those standards include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or any mind-altering substance during tournament hours extending through the weigh-in procedure;
- Any previous conviction, charge, arrest, or investigation for a felony, a crime involving moral turpitude, or a crime related to, arising out of, or involving any fishing tournament or event, except

with full, prior written disclosure to the Tournament Director under oath and by affidavit of all facts and circumstances surrounding such conviction, charge, arrest, or investigation at least ten (10) days before the Bass Champs event being entered, and thereafter subject to the Tournament Director's sole and absolute discretion that such conviction, charge, arrest, or investigation does not result in the Contestant's honesty, integrity, character or qualifications to enter the event being unreasonably questionable.

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o'clock hour. Daniel won \$1,000 in hourly cash and a 2013 Legend Alpha 199 bass boat powered by Mercury, equipped with Minn Kota and Lowrance and \$1,000 cash. 4th Place with a weight of 9.45-pounds was Theodore Avlos from Dyer, Arkansas. Theodore caught his bass on Saturday and weighed in during the 8 to 9 o'clock hour. For his catch he won \$1,000 for 1st in the hour and an additional \$8,000 for 4th overall. Mark A. Trull from Kennedy, Alabama caught the fifth heaviest bass overall in the tournament weigh-

ing 9.33-lbs. Mark weighed his fish in on Sunday during the 8 to 9 o'clock hour and took home with him \$1,000 in hourly cash and a check for \$6,000.

Paul House from Russellville, Arkansas won the elimination drawing and had the pleasure of figuring out how he was going to get his new 2013 Triton 18XS boat powered by Mercury, equipped with Minn Kota and Lowrance home with him.

Sealy Outdoors also has an Early Bird Entry incentive. For all contestants that entered early on any of the Sealy Outdoors tournaments, their name would be put in for a drawing with the lucky winner receiving a \$200 gift card to Academy. The lucky winners of these were Jeremy Garner, Tyler, Texas, James Eddie Lawler, Elkhart, Texas, Nick Hollis, Clyde, Texas, Dale Drewery, Nacogdoches, Texas, and Noella McLaurin, from Vivian, Louisiana.

You do not have to be an angler to be a winner in Sealy Outdoors Big Bass Splash Tournament. You could just be a spectator. At the end of the tournament in a drawing among all contestants and spectators, a lucky spectator took home \$2,500 in cash. This year's lucky winner was Matt Doucet, from Rayne, Louisiana.

Anglers should mark their calendars now for the 28th Annual Sealy Outdoors Big Bass Splash on Lake Fork, September 19, 20, 21, 2014.

Hope to see you there and always "Fish Friendly"!

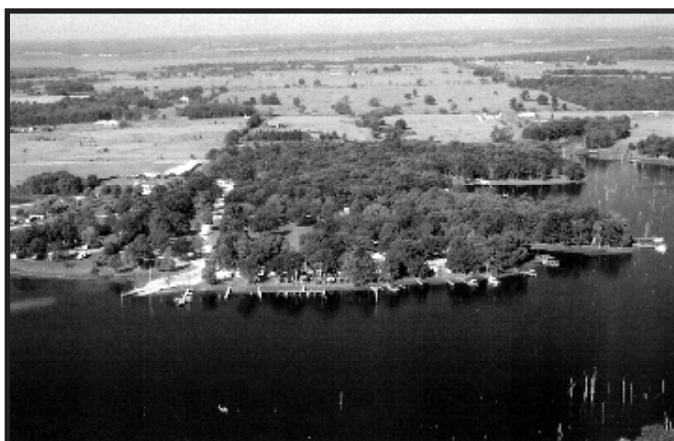


Isabella Stroman won a \$100 Academy gift card in the Little Angler's Division when she weighed in this 4.56-lb. channel catfish.

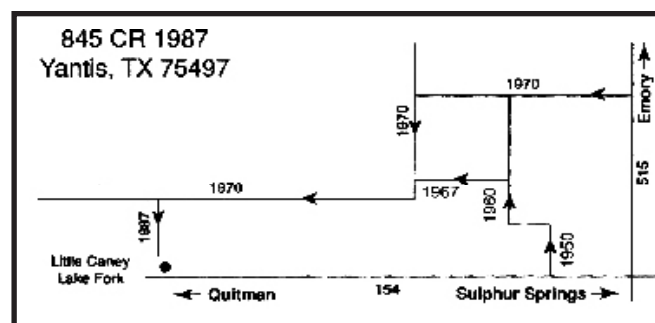


The slot on Lake Fork is 16" to 24". Any bass between those numbers is illegal to bring to the scales or keep. More than a few anglers were given a lesson to remember on how to measure their fish.

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Chemical substance abuse or addiction.

Disqualification from Bass Champs tournaments or other fishing organizations that resulted from unexplained rule violations that result in a contestant's honesty, integrity, character, and qualifications for entry into a Bass Champs event being questionable in the Tournament Director's sole and absolute discretion.

Upon review of the circumstances by tournament director, Bass Champs, Inc., and the Tournament Director shall have the right to refuse any application, or to deny a confirmed application, by returning the entry fee of a previously accepted application, or disqualifying a contestant. Bass Champs reserves the right to place an official observer in a contestant's boat at any time during

competition hours.

9. Assistance: During hours of competition, contestants may not receive fishing information from non-competitors or participate in the practice of "hole sitting." The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CBs, etc., to communicate fishing information during tournament hours is strictly prohibited. In the event of an emergency call "911" first and then contact tournament officials at 817-439-3274.

10. Boat and Horsepower Regulation: Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. Boats must contain a properly aerated live well space to maintain alive a limit catch of bass. Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in tournament competition may not exceed the horsepower limitations as set by the U. S. Coast Guard in such vessel. Falsifying informa-

tion on entry forms or altering the horsepower numbers on the motor or rating plate to conceal such limitations will be cause for disqualification from the tournament.

11. Permitted Fishing Locations: Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters accessible by boat, except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by state or federal officials, or within 50 yards of a competitor's boat which was first anchored (an anchored boat is a boat held in a

stable position by a line attached to a weight with the trolling motor in the up position), or within 25 yards of a non-anchored competitor's boat unless otherwise agreed upon by the other tournament angler. The act of moving bass from one area of the lake to another confined area of the same lake at any time, whether or not during official practice days or competition days, is not permitted.

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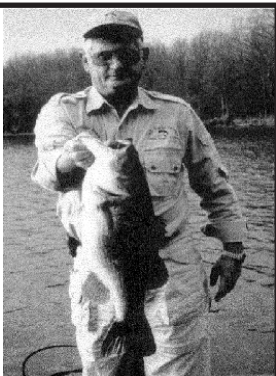
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13. Trailering is allowed: Trailering is allowed throughout the competition days. Anglers may launch and leave from any available location on Lake Fork.

14. Scoring: Only Large-mouth, Spotted, or Small-mouth Bass are accepted species. One bass only is allowed to be weighed in during any Tournament hour per contestant. Bass entered in the Big Bass of the Hour contest do not carry forward from hour to hour. Your biggest bass is registered into the final overall standings. No contestant may possess more than 3 bass at any time during the tournament. Any contestant who possesses more than the tournament limit at any time will have their catch for that day

disqualified. Switching or sharing fish with other contestants is a violation of these rules and will result in immediate disqualification. Any artificially weighed, preserved, or altered bass will be disqualified and that contestant will be subject to prosecution under federal laws.

15. Live Fish: Only live bass will be weighed-in during the event. Every effort must be made to keep bass alive through the use of a properly aerated live well. The use of chemical live well additives made by Sure-Life which promote the healthy return of bass to their natural habitat are recommended. No dead bass will be weighed.

16. Slot lake limits: Lake Fork is a slot lake. No bass over 16 inches or under 24 inches in length may be presented to the scales. Bass will be measured with mouth closed, tail

compressed and swiped to achieve overall greatest length. The Pro-Rule is the official measuring board of Bass Champs. Any contestant who receives a citation from TPWD for presenting a "slot" fish to the scales will be disqualified from violation point forward each tournament day.

17. Ties: A tie for the overall biggest bass over or under the slot will be determined by the contestant's second largest bass weighed-in during tournament hours. In the event that a winner may not be determined by the above stated method, the winner will be determined by which angler weighed-in the winning fish first. All other ties will be resolved by splitting equally all money involved in the tie.

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## "Pack of Knowledge" Fall Cranking

By Tom Redington

Fall is like Christmas for the crankbait fisherman. Tons of bass hit the shallows chasing shad as they feed up before winter. Moreover, a steady stream of cold fronts, with their accompanying clouds, wind, and rain keep bass active in the shallows all day long. After slowly dragging a worm around all summer, fall is the time for covering water with a crankbait.

More than any other time of the year, bass are on

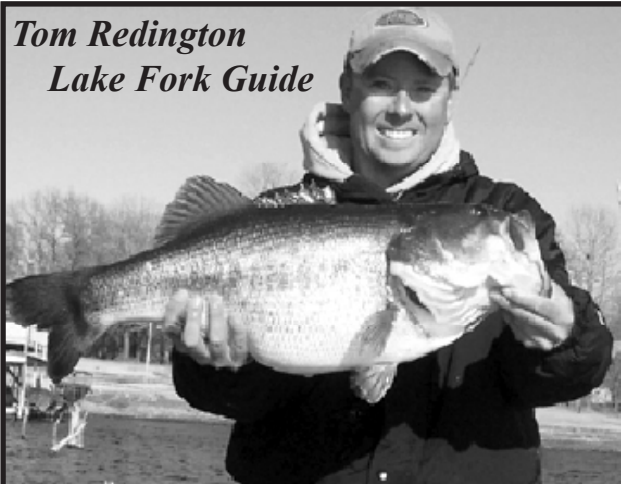
the move in the fall in pursuit of shad. Depending on the day, you can find shad in the very backs of creeks, along creek channels, around points, or on grass and wood flats on the main lake or in the creeks. If that sounds like a lot of places to check, it is. Shallow and medium running crankbaits allow you to cover a lot of water at high speed. Once I start seeing a lot of shad in the area, I'll slow down a bit and start working more thoroughly because the bass are likely nearby. Once you catch a few fish, you can establish a pattern. For example, if you fish a couple of creeks and don't see many shad or catch anything until you get to the very back, that tells you to start running the backs of creeks while skipping the front 3/4.

You'll also need to experiment with the right crankbait to best catch the fish. Water depth, type of the cover, and water temp all play a role. In general, I like to keep my lure at or above the level of the shad. The deeper the shad, the deeper running crankbait I'll use. In addition, I want my crankbait to make intermittent contact with the grass, rock or wood cover, but not continuously snagging in it. For example, shallow square bill crankbaits like the Lucky Craft LC 1.5 and the new Lake Fork Trophy Lures 1.5 Finesse run about 2' to 3' deep on a normal retrieve on 14 lb test. Switch to

10 lb test and/or point your rod tip straight down and you'll get closer to about 4' deep on your retrieve. Conversely, you can rig either bait on 20 lb test and hold your rod tip high to still get good action from these baits while keeping them only a foot or two under the surface. In grassy lakes, controlling your depth is critical to catching fish, so fine tune your setup to keep your baits just ticking the tops of the grass. Medium running cranks work well when bass relate to deep weed edges or get on the edge of creek channels. In this case, I'm looking to get into the 5' to 10' zone and the medium running LC 1.5 DD and LC 2.5 DD are my go to baits. Finally, lipless crankbaits are the most versatile fall cranks because you can count these lures down to any depth that you need. If the conditions turn sunny and calm and bass stop eating, pull out smaller lipless cranks like a LV RTO 50 and you should still be able to get those finicky fish to bite.

As it cools in the fall, wide wobbling round crankbaits normally become less effective. When the water temps start plunging into the 50s, I'll switch to more flat sided baits with more wiggle than wobble and keep on catching them. The Lucky Craft SKT series is what I rely on most of the time, along with classic balsa shad baits or

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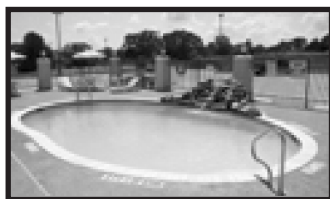
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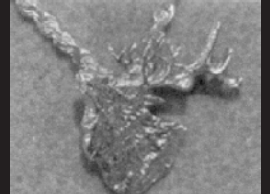
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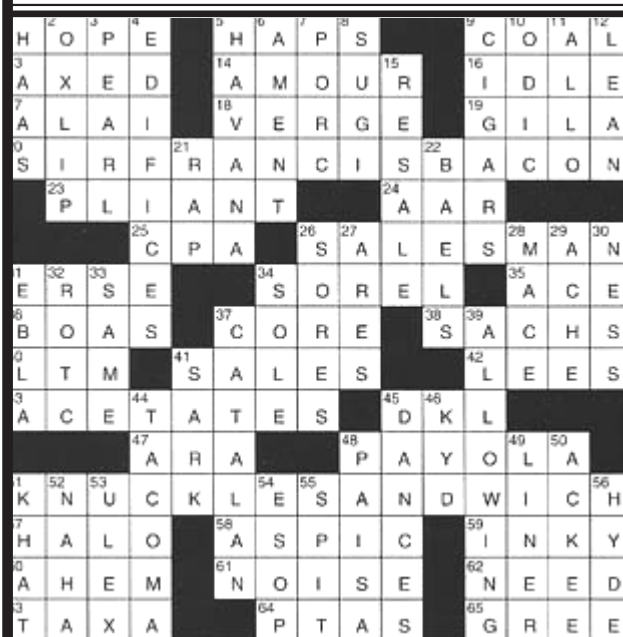
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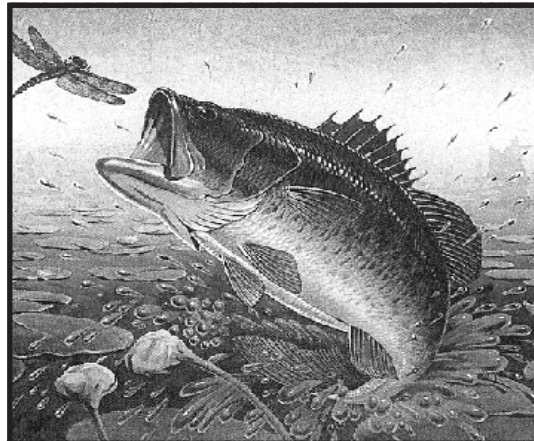
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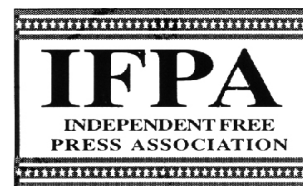
an erratic stop-and-go retrieve. Better yet, make your crankbait collide and deflect off of as many stumps, rocks, and/or dock posts as you can during each retrieve. When fishing grass, rip your bait free of the weeds with a sharp snap of your rod just as the lure starts to foul and you'll generate a lot of strikes.

I like to fish my shallow and medium cranks on fiberglass rods with monofilament line. I use the Dobyns Champion 704CB Glass and 705CB Glass rod models, with the 7' medium 704 working for the lighter cranks and the medium heavy power 705 for the bigger baits. While a graphite butt section keeps these rods lighter and more sensitive than normal cranking sticks, the full fiberglass upper of the rod allows bass to take hooks deeply and then keeps them on during the fight. Fluorocarbon gives better feel of the bait but feel isn't a major concern with cranks and I can cast lures so much farther with easy handling mono, especially the small light baits. 8 to 14 lb test lets baits get deep and also gives lures more action (especially smaller baits like the SKT Minis), while 17 and 20 lb test keep cranks up over the grass and pulls big fish out of the wood without sacrificing action on wide wobbling baits like the 1.5 and 2.5 size cranks.

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the year" for shallow cranking. If I can be of assistance, drop me a line at tom@lakefork-guidetrips.com or check out my website www.LakeForkGuideTrips.com for more info.

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