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Kolby Harvey from Alba had a wish to fish in a tournament with the Rains County High School fishing team and was granted his wish by the "Wish to Fish Foundation". (See Story on Page 10-A)



Tucker Samples is presented the Traveling Trophy by Wood County Sherrif Jim Brown for catching the heaviest fish during the 2014 Kid-fish Tournament held on Lake Fork. Tucker brought a bass in over 24" weighing 9.50-lbs. and he had his Legend hat on. (See Story on Page 4-A)



*In Loving Memory*

*"In Loving Memory"*  
Sandra Gale Weesner passed away on June 1st and we held her funeral on June 4th in Lindale. Many anglers knew her and enjoyed her smile and friendliness helping for nine years in our Legend of Lake Fork Big Bass Tournament. Some of you thought her and Bubbette were twins instead of just sisters. She was unable to attend the 10th Annual Legend of Lake Fork because of the illness but spoke to Sue several times inquiring about the anglers and how all were doing. She was thinking of you as we will always be thinking of her.



Shawn Lemen from Montgomery, TX., won the 1st place prize in the Skeeter Owners Tournament held on Lake Fork on June 14 & 15 with his catch of 9.81-lbs. winning him 1st Place hourly cash and an FX 20 Skeeter boat powered by a Yamaha 250 SHO, MinnKota Trolling Motor, and Humminbird Electronics.



## Bubbette may soon be kickin' Bubba's bass!

By: Don Hampton

Bubba loves the sport of fishing and Bubbette thinks he shows it too much sometimes. She loves that Bubba is a passionate man but she believes that his passion for the sport may be just a bit overboard, and sometimes she would like to kick him overboard. This thought occurs to her especially at times when she finds out how much money he has really spent on fishing stuff.

I do believe every piece of Bubba's clothing has a picture of a fish or a bass on it.

His good luck tournament socks with the bass on the front (from the toe to the ankle) are a little bit much. He even has a pair of Fruit of the Looms with bass, bream and crappie on them!

If you ever see Bubba without a picture of a bass on his shirt, you could just bet he's on his way to a funeral, a wedding, or church. At these times you could probably rest assured that he has a picture of a bass somewhere on his person. Most fathers carry pictures of their wife, children or grandchildren in their wallet. Bubba carries pictures of his latest big catch to pull out and show his buds. By the back entrance to his house he has a plaque that reads "Fishing is Not a Matter of Life and Death! It's Much More Serious Than That!" On his front porch he

has a fish basket with a plastic crappie, bass, and channel cat surrounded by artificial plants. About the only thing he doesn't have is a fish mailbox. He did at one time, but someone decided they needed it more than he did and didn't want to pay for it.

In Bubba's home the clocks have a picture of a bass jumping out of the water. The pictures in his game room are all of fish. He has his Big Mouth Billy Bass to sing to him and a talking Channel Cat hanging on the wall. This is to entertain him while he is admiring his stuff and his trophies.

Bubbette likes to have pretty flowers in the house. Bubba has them sitting in a fish shaped vase.

Bubbette likes to have pictures of the grandchildren placed around the house. Bubba has them all in frames with fish designs around the borders.

Bubbette likes to have fine china for entertaining friends. Bubba bought her a set of plates for her anniversary in the shape of fish and glasses with plastic fish on the stems.

Bubba and Bubbette's definition of class differ. Bubbette likes Waterford crystal. Bubba likes his "Ford" and crystal clear waters. Bubbette likes china. Bubba likes baggies that keep his sandwiches dry in his ice chest and paper plates. He even refers to paper plates as Country

Boy China. Bubbette likes sterling silver forks and spoons. Bubba likes fishing the Fork with spoons. Bubbette prefers satin and silk. Bubba likes braid and monofilament. Bubbette likes ornamental curtain rods. Bubba likes custom angle rods.

Bubba's obsession to fishing memorabilia is about to come to an end according to Bubbette. It would seem all of Bubba's stuff is pushing Bubbette's to the side and that is the wrong side to be on of Bubbette.

Her final words on this matter were, "I love Bubba and can't kick him out, but if things keep getting so fishy I'm going to kick his BASS!"



No matter what anyone says, it's impossible to drink like a fish. Fish don't drink. When they take in water, it passes through their gills so they can extract oxygen.



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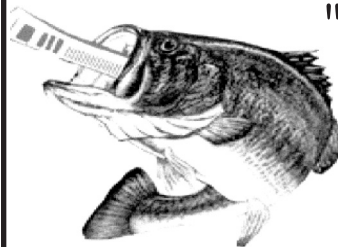
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**Wood County Kidfish 2014 on Lake Fork**

By Don Hampton

There is no sweeter sound than that of a child’s laughter. You will find warmth and sincerity in the smile of a child catching their first fish and showing it off to their parents and friends.

At the Wood County Kid Fish held at Lake Fork on June 7th there were more than 400 such smiles. For some of the children this would be considered their first tournament of many more to come in their lifetime. The love of fishing for these children could be accredited to Kid Fish.

Wood County Kid Fish celebrated its 19th Anniversary of introducing children to the sport of fishing. The first Saturday of June is the designated time for this event celebrating the first week

of June being National Kid Fish Week. During this event no one participating in the event is required to have a fishing license. This gives parents that do not usually fish an open opportunity to spend this time with their children and perhaps introduce the love of fishing to the whole family.

Each year this event is hosted by the Wood County Sheriff’s Department, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Sabine River Authority, and Game Warden Peace Officer’s Association and is held at Sabine River Authority Headquarters on Lake Fork. All are to be commended for their diligent hard work and the many hours they put in to make this event such a success for our children.

The event is free to all children and their parents.

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Tournament Winners In The 2014 Wood County Kidfish					
AGES	BASS	CATFISH	BREAM	CRAPPIE	OTHER
4 & UNDER	Cayden Horner 3.11-lbs.	Haylee Nichols 4.55-lbs.	Brendon Waters .36-lbs.	Likiya James 1.01-lbs.	Jesse Petrea 1.92-lbs.
5-8 YR. OLD	Tucker Samples 9.50-lbs.	Jason Rushing 3.80-lbs.	Kord Korenek .66-lbs.	Brielle Barrera 1.30-lbs.	Cayman Heflin .49-lbs.
9-12 YR OLD	Jed Carroll 5.43-lbs.	Jackson Allen 3.88-lbs.	Shelby Jones .68-lbs.	Brianna Swarm .73-lbs.	Hunter Taxats 2.06-lbs.
13-16 YR OLD	Logan Cortez 5.68-lbs.	Ross Michaels 4.95-lbs.	Langdon Bautista .53-lbs.	Ross Michaels 1.39-lbs.	N/A



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If the children do not have their own fishing equipment, rod n' reels are furnished along with all bait and tackle. Cold drinks, refreshments, hot dogs and chips are provided for the parents and children. This year serving the children, parents, and guests were the Mineola and Holly Lake Kiwanis Clubs.

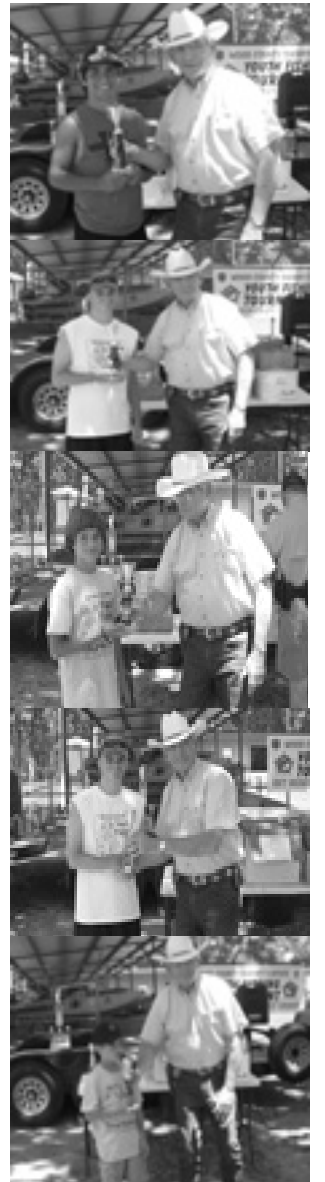
The format of this event is a mock tournament, and divided into age group divisions. These divisions included 4 years old and under, 5 to 8 year old, 9 to 12 year old, and 13 to 16 year old. Each child weighing in the heaviest fish of the tournament in the category wins a trophy and a year's worth of bragging rights. Wood County Sheriff, Jim Brown was present to congratulate the winners in each age category and present them with their trophy. Weight Masters for Kid Fish are members of the Lake Fork Texas Trails Bassmasters.

This year's winner of the traveling trophy was Tucker Samples. This trophy is awarded to the child that catches the heaviest fish in the tournament. This trophy will be kept at Tucker's school in the trophy case for one year. Mitchell won this year with his catch of a largemouth bass weighing 9.50-pounds.

No child leaves the event without a prize furnished by the many sponsors. This year's prizes ranged from bicycles, fishing equipment, toys, and many other items for each child's enjoyment. All of the children and parents seemed to have an excellent time at the event and what made it even better was the weather cooperating with a cool breeze.

This year's event was made possible by the fol-

lowing sponsors: Wood County Sheriff's Office; SRA; TPWD; Game Warden Peace Officer Association; Delta Waterfowl; Century 21-Lake County; Lake Fork Sportsman's Association; Wood County Farm Bureau; Quitman Fire Department; Mineola WalMart; Sysco; Wood Forest National Bank; Coca Cola; Quitman ETMC; D&J Tire & Lube, Yantis; Wave Worms; Sam White; Watkins Insurance Group; Mineola Masonic Lodge; Oakridge Marina; Lake Fork Marina; Gene Larew; Nichols Lures; Pure Fishing; Brookshires, Quitman; Action Printing of Mineola; Mineola Kiwanis; Holly Lake Kiwanis; Ozarka; KMOO; Home Town Trophies; Lee's Tackle Supply, Mineola Lawn & Garden; Crossroads Country Store; Lake Fork Tackle; "The Fisherman's Guide News" & Texas Trails Bassmasters.



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## Post Spawn Gone! Summer Pattern is Here!

By David Ozio

"A long awaited summer is finally upon us and this historic lake is slipping gradually through the post spawn transition headed to the summer pattern when they should start grouping up deep. These finicky green fish have thrown us some serious curve balls this year and have broken every consistency rule that we have established over the past few years. If I have heard it once, I have heard it a zillion times, "I caught 'um here last year at this time and now I can't get a bite". Hmmm! Wonder why?

This was very obvious during the Skeeter Owners Tournament as many anglers were incredibly frustrated with the bite in general and each anglers daily numbers were down considerably compared to past years trips during this time frame. Consid-

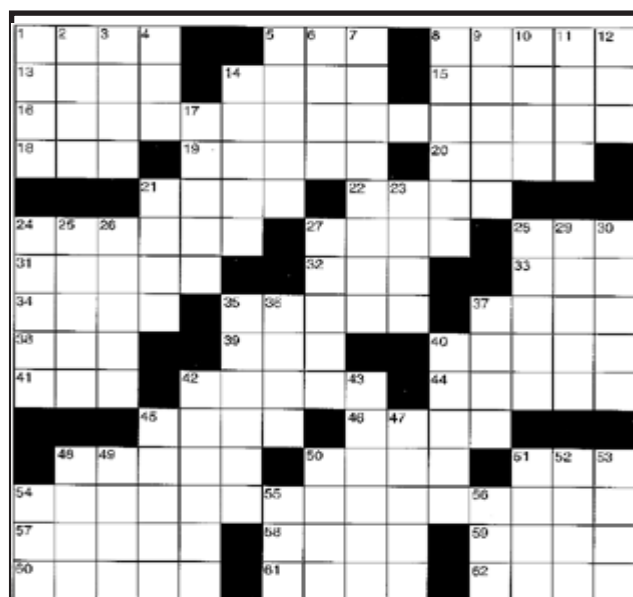
ering we've had a very abnormal winter, the fish still seem to be extremely late in their seasonal pattern but are showing signs of catching up as the main lake water temps warm. July is normally a month where big bass can be found deep at most any time of the day. It's all based around when they school up to feed. They start to group up in June and this carries over well into July. Being as they haven't grouped up yet in mass, I suspect this will happen at any moment. They will stay together until the oxygen content below twenty foot starts to deplete which usually happens in early August.

Look for the fish in July to hold on any structure, tree lines, humps, ridges or long tapering points. We crushed them last year on the 10XD, especially when you could see them stacked up on the Lowrance 12 Touch. When the bite would start to slow, we would switch to a Carolina rig or a drop shot and pick up a few more bites and a few additional bites when we slowed the presentation down to a crawl. The key here is finding them. Not all points or structure are created equal and any small irregularity in the contour line might hold all the fish. I have seen it happen more times than I can count. I prefer the drop shot when I can see them on the graph as it is a confidence thing. Flutter spoons, swimbaits, tail kickers and deep diving crank-



baits will do the job when presented correctly.

Suspended fish will also play a huge roll starting in July and will carry over through August into September. These fish are tough to catch and require less wind to present the bait correctly. The Strike King 6XD may be the choice of the day for these hovering monsters and don't be afraid to chunk a big swimbait rigged with a light weight. This will catch 'um if you have the patience to stay with it. Let's switch gears for a minute to the shallow bite. Two years ago when the lake was at this current level, I went exploring on one of my days off and ended up in the very back of one of the many major creeks. I discovered that grass has



### CLUES ACROSS

- |                                      |                                       |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Dutch cheese                      | 37. Indicates pain or discomfort      |
| 5. Causing sorrow                    | 38. Drive obliquely, as of a nail     |
| 8. Understands                       | 39. Sea eagle                         |
| 13. Woman's undergarment             | 40. Person of exceptional holiness    |
| 14. Belonging to me                  | 41. Single-lens reflex camera (abbr.) |
| 15. Supreme being                    | 42. E.T., for one                     |
| 16. Market patron of rhyme           | 44. Yokels                            |
| 18. Talipot                          | 45. Sour                              |
| 19. Red, pear-shaped tropical fruit  | 46. Asian nation                      |
| 20. Spanish monetary units (abbr.)   | 48. Old festival                      |
| 21. North-central Indian city        | 50. Deface                            |
| 22. Malicious satisfaction           | 51. Muslim                            |
| 24. Call                             | 54. Top choice                        |
| 27. Used to have (Scottish)          | 57. Changes, in a way                 |
| 28. College award, in a way (abbr.)  | 58. Go down                           |
| 31. Assumed name                     | 59. Egg part                          |
| 32. 7th letter of the Greek alphabet | 60. Belongs to sun god                |
| 33. ____ one and only                | 61. Lyrics                            |
| 34. Boundary of a surface            | 62. Radioactivity units               |
| 35. More uncommon                    |                                       |

### CLUES DOWN

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Outer (prefix)                               | 27. James A. ____, playwright        |
| 2. East Indian stew                             | 28. Zeno was one                     |
| 3. Fish genus                                   | 29. Leg part                         |
| 4. Wrong (prefix)                               | 30. Pennies                          |
| 5. Alaskan town                                 | 35. Assistance in time of difficulty |
| 6. Stake  | 36. Dry                              |
| 7. Transfer power to someone                    | 37. Very large body of water         |
| 8. Struck, in a way                             | 40. Flows into Lake Chad             |
| 9. Most powerful members of a society           | 42. Other side                       |
| 10. Protoctist                                  | 43. From Nicaea                      |
| 11. Decagrams (abbr.)                           | 45. Conrad ____, American poet       |
| 12. Easily startled or frightened               | 47. Rattling breaths                 |
| 14. On a small scale                            | 48. Legally binding command          |
| 17. National capital                            | 49. Highest point of something       |
| 21. Wings                                       | 50. Herringlike food fish            |
| 23. Jet or King                                 | 51. Greek portico                    |
| 24. Minute amounts (Scottish)                   | 52. Retained                         |
| 25. Colorless fluid                             | 53. Galls                            |
| 26. Offspring of a male lion and a female tiger | 54. School organization (abbr.)      |
|   | 55. Digit                            |
|   | 56. God of war (Scandinavian)        |

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The 2014 World Championship Bass on The Fly Fishing Tournament was held Saturday, May 31st, 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. A record 53 participants from Texas, Louisiana, Florida & Colorado endured a torrential rain storm that ended just before 6:00 am, the official starting time. Most of the good fish were caught during the morning topwater bite on poppers and small streamers.

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 immediately by laying them on a measuring board showing the length of the fish and a unique identification tag.

All the fish were then released immediately back into the lake after being photographed. 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 brought in. In the boater division there were 39 participants. First place was won by James Kneipp and Brian Gambrell with a five fish total length of 90.5" which paid \$670! The father-daughter team of Don & Kimberly Pennick claimed second place with 4 fish at 59" and received \$446.

David Coulson (from Colorado) and Lloyd Tackitt took third with 42.5" and earned \$223, Mark Ledyard and David Poole were fourth with 41" earning \$134, and brothers Hal & Mike Maris received \$89 for fifth place with

34". Big fish was 21.5" caught by Hal Maris which paid \$135 and there was a tie for second with 20" fish by Norm Ward and Brian Gambrell.

There were 14 fishermen in the Non-boater (Kayak) division. Jerry Hamon dominated this division by taking first place with four fish totalling 67.5" earning \$280, a 21" big fish worth \$70, and the

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Kim Pennick caught this nice Lake Fork bass while fly fishing the tournament. (Photo by Don Pennick)

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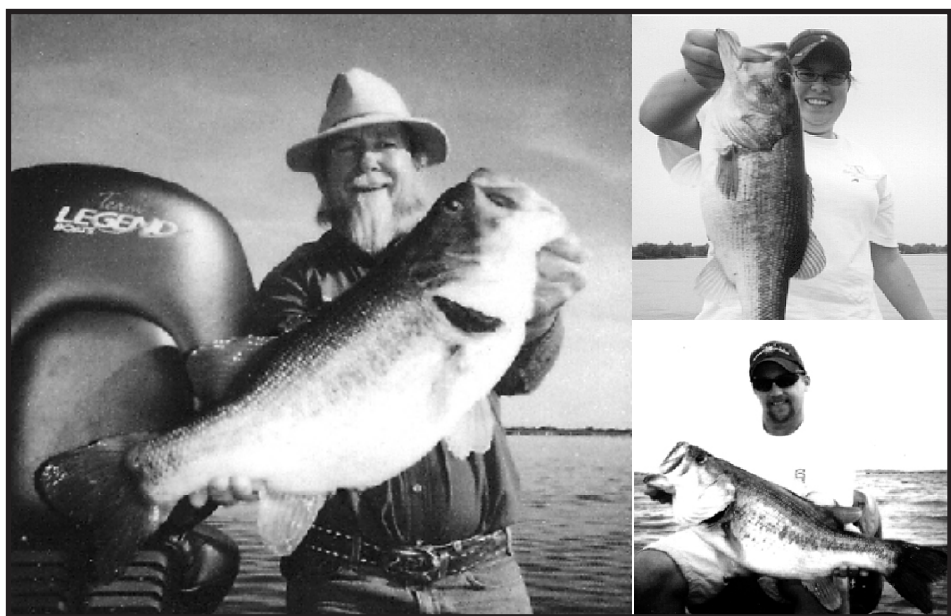
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# "The Moon Report"

## Summertime Crappie and Bream on Fork

By Terri Moon

Well it's here — those 80 to 90 degree days...but, don't give up on the fishing. We've had some pretty good days. We have just been starting early so we can be off the water before it gets too hot. One thing I've found is that it's not near as hot when you're catching fish! But, if the fishing gets a little slow, it really helps to have some umbrellas rigged up in your boat. It can make all the difference during these summer months. Also, don't forget the sun block and plenty of water.

The next important thing for this time of year is to utilize your depth finder to locate clouds of bait-fish. The crappie will be close by. Be sure to monitor the depth the fish are moving through and then target these depths with a vertical presentation. A good bait for this has been a Gene Larew "Slab Slayer" in electric chicken or orange/chartreuse. As the bait falls, use a twitch and pause presentation.

The crappie we're finding have been in the 15 to 25 ft. depths in 20 to 30 ft. of water. Check vertical timber and brush piles. The crappie will tend to scatter this time of year so



also check the deep water humps and any drop-offs!

The main piece of advice I can give you is DON'T just hang out in one place ALL DAY! You've got to keep moving to have a successful day of fishing. What we are finding is that you might get 3-4 fish in one spot, then we move on to the next.

Now if you're out there and the crappie just won't bite, always have a plan 'B' in mind especially if you have kids on board. Either take along crickets or night crawlers. The bream are very active this time of year. If you are lucky enough to be here around a new or full moon, they will be around the grass and brush in 2 to 6 ft. of water...a slip cork is great for this.

As the bream back off the bank, target 6 to 15 ft. using just a small hook (#6) and split-shot and just tight line. This is especially effective around

the cross members of the bridges. You can get a kid "hooked for life" on these fish! Don't forget to check around docks and big stumps while bream fishing. Once you find a school of these, there is nothing more exciting! This is the time of year when if I have a day off, you'll usually find me out looking for bream. They have to be my all time favorite fish to catch and eat! A little cornmeal and salt and you're good to go!

Another thing to remember is that don't be surprised when you are fishing with crickets, you never know what you are gonna catch — big crappie and monster catfish and even bass love crickets! So, hang on tight!

I hope you all have a great summer and a safe 4th of July! Good fishing!

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Wishes Do Come True

By Don Hampton

On Saturday, May 31st, the Wish to Fish Foundation granted a special wish for a very special child, that the program had never done before in its history. Sixteen year old, Kolby Harvey, was made an honorary member of the Rains County High School Fishing Team. With his condition he had never been able to fish with or against them in a tournament. Kolby was born premature and has been bound

to a wheelchair since his birth with only the use of his left hand. He suffers from Cerebral Palsy, Hydrocephalus, and Epilepsy. He is such a beautiful child and loves the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. Kolby's wish was to fish in a tournament with the Rains County High School fishing team and the 'Wish to Fish Foundation' made that wish a reality with a very special bonus. The tournament was for ages 13 to Senior in High School and was held at Oak Ridge Marina.



Making a wish come true! Kolby's parents attended, Sam & Brandie, accompanied with Wish to Fish Foundation Directors, Lew Conder, Don Hampton, Seth Gilbreath, Suzy Hubbell, and Scott Fruge.

It was a team tournament, 2 per team with a captain in the boat. Rules were simple being 5 fish per team any legal species and size. All boats were checked before departure and fishing hours were from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. There was no condition of Kolby that could (See Wishes Do Come.... Continued on Page 14-A)



Kolby was one happy fisherman and had every reason in the world to have a big smile on his face when he caught the heaviest fish of the tournament. His fat channel catfish weighed 4.94-lbs. He was assisted by Wish to Fish Directors Scott Fruge, Seth Gilbreath, and Suzy Hubbell. Beside Kolby is his fishing partner Justin Lombough.



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The new Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regulation is designed to help combat the further spread of zebra mussels and other invasive species. It applies to all types and sizes of boats whether powered or not: personal watercraft, sailboats, kayaks/canoes, or any other vessel used on public waters.

The regulation requires the draining of livewells, bilges, motors, and any other receptacles or water-intake systems

coming into contact with public waters.

Live fish, including personally caught live bait, cannot be transported from the water body where the fish were caught in or aboard a vessel in water from the water body where the fish were caught. Personally caught live bait can be used in the water body where it was caught.

Anglers are allowed to transport and use commercially purchased live bait if they have a receipt that identifies the source of the bait. Any live bait purchased from a location on or adjacent to a public water body that is transported in water from that water body can only be used as bait on

that same water body.

Anglers participating in a fishing tournament confined to one water body may transport live fish in water from that single water body to an identified off-site weigh-in location, but all water must be drained and properly disposed of before leaving that location. Anglers are required to possess documentation provided by tournament organizers that identify them as participants in the tournament.

Movement from one access point to another on the same lake during the same day does not require draining, and there is an exception for governmental activ-

(See *Statewide Boat....*  
Continued on Page 19-A)

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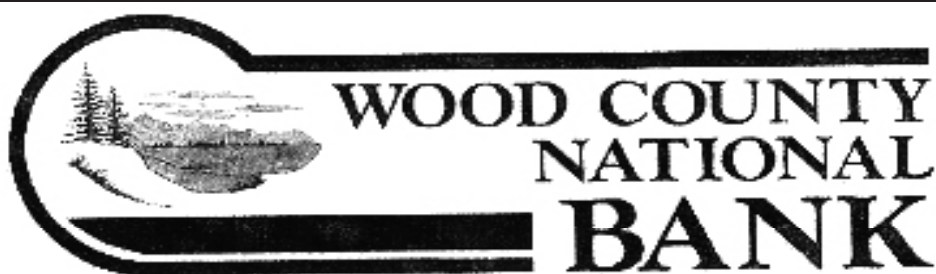
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## Steve Jones of Dallas, Texas Wins the 2014 Lake Fork Catfish Classic

By Dick Walker

Lake Fork's Sixth Annual Catfish Classic concluded recently with Steve Jones of Dallas, TX taking the \$5,000 bonus prize for the largest fish weighed in the two-day tournament. Jones landed his 13.15 pound channel catfish on Saturday.



Steve Jones of Dallas with his tournament winning 13.15 pound channel catfish. (Photo by Dick Walker, LFSA)

Jones and all the other tournament anglers competed individually for big catfish with cash prizes awarded for the four largest fish weighed each hour and bonuses paid to those catching the largest seven fish overall. Including the hourly payout, Jones collected a total of \$5,400 for his

fish. This year's payout for all hourly and tournament top finishers was \$24,000.

Larry Jenkins of Daingerfield, TX took second place and pocketed \$2,400 in hourly and bonus money for an 8.72 pound channel cat weighed during the fourth fishing hour on Saturday. Thomas Roedell of Mooreland, OK captured third place and a \$1,400 reward for his 8.28 pound channel cat that he caught on Sunday. Roger Stroman of Emory, TX placed fourth with a 7.96 pound channel worth a \$400 payday. Johnny Brown of Lindale pocketed \$300 for his 5th place 7.88 pound cat. Rodney Brantley of Sulphur Springs, TX

followed in 6th place with a 7.57 pound catfish and rounding out the top seven was James Nugent of Weatherford, TX with a nice 6.92 pounder. The top youth angler was Austin Alleman of Flower Mound, TX with a 5.49 pound channel cat. He was followed closely by Ross Brown of Lindale, with a 5.10 pounder.

Priscilla Harmon of Lindale, TX took top ladies honors with 6.73 pounds. Joe Marler of Boyce, LA topped all other seniors with a 6.15 pound channel.

For the past six years a donation has been made to an organization or group whose efforts support the mission of the LFSA. This year a portion of the proceeds has been do-

minated to the Rainbow Shower Project in Quitman, TX. This project supports Child Protective Services in its efforts to protect children. The Shower Project is building a facility where children can be taken when they are removed from an unsafe environment and need to be showered

(See Lake Fork Catfish... Continued on Page 15-A)



The top seven winners, left to right are: Steve Jones, Larry Jenkins, Thomas Roedell, Roger Stroman, Johnny Brown, Rodney Brantley and James Nugent. (Photo by Dick Walker, LFSA)

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## Wishes Do Come True *(Continued from Page 10-A)*

not be overcome by the foundation. The 26-foot tritoon pontoon boat has more than enough room to accommodate him and his needs for mobility. The one problem that did exist was how he was going to be able to fish with only the use of his left hand. This took some thinking and creativity on my part. Beginning with a saltwater belt rig, I designed a rod holder on the front and attached straps that would tighten around the shoulders and it had a waist strap to hold it in place. The second step was made real simple by Dave Settle owner of Custom Angler Rods here on Lake Fork. He designed and made a special spinning rod for Kolby complete with his name on it and in Rains County High School colors. The third step took a ride to Bass Pro Shop. There I completed Kolby's fishing attire with a Daiwa closed face spinning reel. The line could be let out by a push of a button and reeled with the same hand. His ensemble was completed with a fishing hat from "The Fisherman's Guide News" and a T-Shirt from the foundation.

With all the foot work completed Kol-

by and his partner Justin Lombough were ready to compete and compete they did.

At the weigh-in all spectators, sponsors, friends, and fellow students were all in high hopes that Kolby and his partner would at least make a good showing. You can imagine their elation when the last fish had been weighed in and Kolby won big fish of the tournament with his catch of a 4.94-pound channel catfish and him and his partner

also won 1st Place in the tournament overall with a 5 fish limit and a total weight of 13.69-pounds.

At present time, Kolby and his parents are having a fund raiser in order to have a handicap bathroom put in their house to accommodate Kolby's growing needs. If you would like to assist by giving a donation towards this great cause, contact Jolene Cobb or David Bass at 903-473-2222 ext. 1210 or email [cobbj@rainsisd.org](mailto:cobbj@rainsisd.org).



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## Lake Fork Catfish Classic (Continued From Page 13-A)

and provided clothing and other essentials.

The Lake Fork Catfish Classic was organized by the Lake Fork Sportsman's Association and Lake Fork Chamber of Commerce. Oak Ridge Marina served as its host. The Lake Fork Sportsman's Association is a non-profit organization that was formed in 1999 to promote and help conserve Lake Fork as a world-class fishery. Its members are mainly lake-area homeowners, businesses, and guides. More information on the association and its mission can be found on facebook and its web-site, [www.lakeforksa.com](http://www.lakeforksa.com).

More information about the Lake Fork Chamber can

be found at [www.lakeforkchamber.org](http://www.lakeforkchamber.org).

The Yantis Catfish Classic's major underwriters are the Wood County Industrial Commission, and City National Bank. Other contributors included Brookshires of Emory, Fisherman's Inn, The Greater Quitman Area Chamber of Commerce, and Rains County Economic Development. KMOO 99.9 FM served as the event's official radio station.

The 2015 event is tentatively scheduled for June 20 and 21. Details and other information will be posted on the Lake Fork Sportsman's Association facebook page and web-site as they are developed.

More information

on the tournament is available from Tournament Director Sam Scroggins at 903-763-2191 or [scroggins@peoplescom.net](mailto:scroggins@peoplescom.net).



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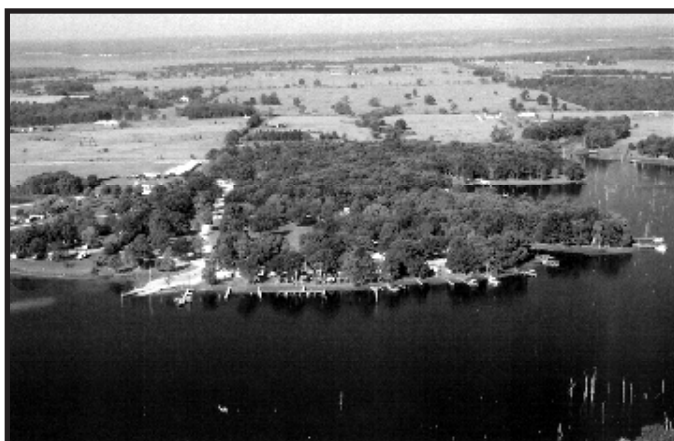
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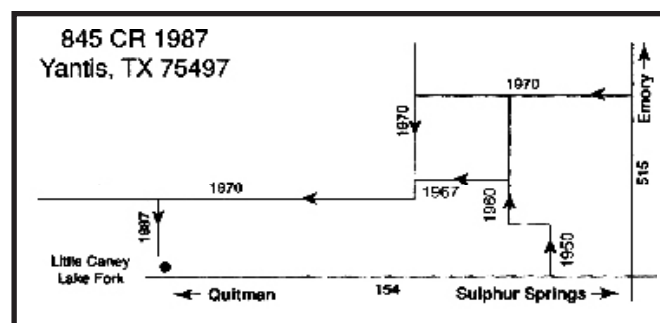
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Paul Miller and son Cam from Mesquite were night fishing on Lake Fork when they caught this flathead catfish going over 50-lbs. (Courtesy Photo Fisherman's Cove Marina)



Lake Fork Crappie Guide Brad Williams showed these guys just how good crappie fishing is on Lake Fork. (Courtesy Photo Brad Williams Guide Service)



Lake Fork Guide John Morris had a great time catching this 10.1-lb. bass measuring 25.5" on a buzzbait while fishing in June. C.P.R. (Courtesy Photo John Morris Guide Service)

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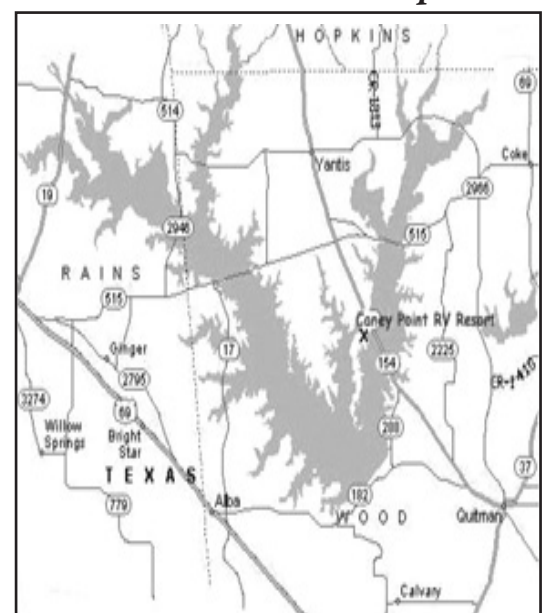
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## Lake Fork Has Warped Our Reality

By Tom Redington

"Defense wins championships." How many times have you heard that and seen it proven true? There's no denying that in the truest sense of most sports, a smothering defense in football & basketball, or a dominating pitching performance in baseball is nearly unbeatable, and winning is what matters in the end. But if you could spin a magical sporting event wheel and go to any games past or present, what would you want it

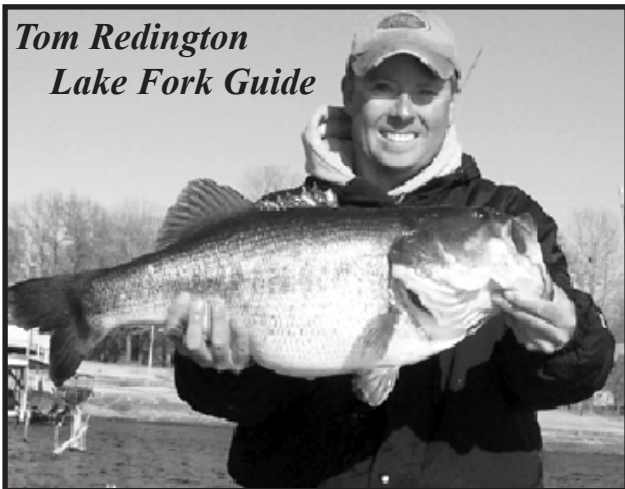
to land on? A defensive masterpiece? Or would you rather see Dan Marino passing for 500 yards and Barry Sanders dodging 5 tacklers on the way to 80-yard touchdowns; Magic Johnson's no-look passes being answered by Michael Jordan's thundering dunks; Reggie Jackson or Albert Pujols smashing 3 homers in a World Series game? As any TV executive in charge of ratings will tell you, we love offense, and the more the better. Same goes for fishing. Consistent pros like Andy Morgan and Cody Meyer have the utmost respect from their peers, able to scrape together a good limit in the poorest of conditions on the worst lakes when most struggle. In many ways, a slow bite on a tough lake might be the truest test of angler skill, with the win only going to an angler that overcomes countless obstacles to put together a winning pattern for 4 days. Still, I hear more talk about slugfest tournaments from fans than any others. And even amongst the most veteran pros, there is a special buzz anytime we hit a big bass lake when it's hot. Over the past few years, the FLW Tour has hit some of the very best lakes in the country, and I find it hard to keep under the speed limit on the way to them. Okeechobee, Chickamauga, Gunterville, Champlain, Kentucky Lake, Grand Lake, and Pickwick are a few that quickly come to mind, all known for either giant bass or quantities of big fish, and both in some cases.

Sometimes poor conditions or the wrong time of year can dampen the big bass buzz, but never has a lake lived up to the hype like the Texas Bass Classic on Lake Fork in early May. With 18 of the top 20 ranked bass pros fishing in a salty field of 50 anglers, it was a record setting catch. FLW Tour Pro Stetson Blaylock caught 102.75 lbs over 3 days, averaging 6.85 lbs per fish. Few anglers have ever broken 100 lbs in a 4-day tournament, and only Greg Hackney and Terry Bolton have done it to my knowledge in a pro-level event (at the 2008 FLW Series East/West Fishoff). Despite a monster creel of almost 103 lbs, Stetson finished over 7 lbs out of the lead! Take a minute to digest that. As everyone knows by now, Keith Combs went on an epic offensive for 3 days straight, with an all-time record setting total for a 3-day 5-fish limit event of 110 lbs, a 7.33 lb average per fish. 7th place was almost 93 lbs, over a 6 lb average for 15 fish. And 20 pounds per day, usually a total to earn a landslide victory on a normal lake? Sorry little buddy, that'd land you in 41st place in a 50 angler field.

I've guided for bass on Lake Fork for 10 years now and absolutely love catching monster bass on a regular basis, but there is a dark side. I've lost count of how many times I've heard the following

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Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and a coalition of partners are working to slow the spread of zebra mussels by reminding boaters to Clean, Drain and Dry their vessels before traveling from one lake to another. The

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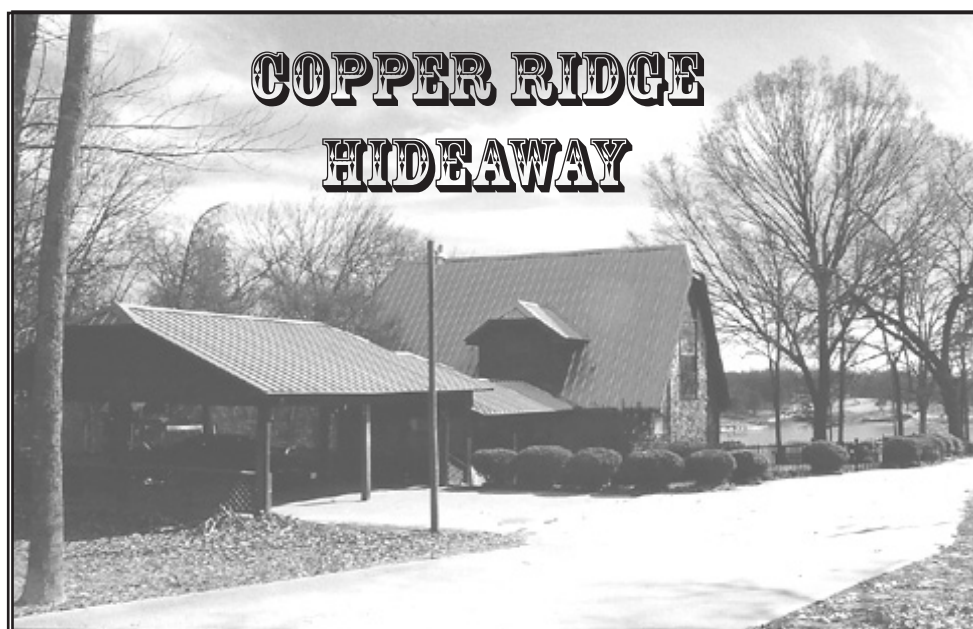
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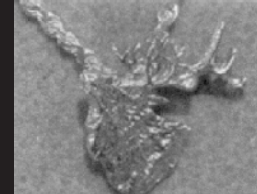
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## Post Spawn Gone! Summer Pattern is Here! *(Continued from Page 6-A)*

appeared in the shallows and it was scattered. I could see bream in the small holes in the grass so I decided to throw a frog. It was "boom shaka-laka" from the first cast. I was the only boat on these fish for four months and the frog bite got even better as the fall approached. Moral of the story, find something no one else is looking for. We also caught them on swimbaits, Texas rigs and wacky worms. A ton of fun for a little effort.

If you are headed out to Lake Fork in July searching for the trophy of a lifetime, I would love to be a part of this trophy quest. I still have

a few dates open in late July and some in August. I also have gift certificates available if you have friends or loved one's who have dreamt of landing a huge bass. You can contact me at 409 782-4269 or e-mail me at skeet21c@aol.com. You can follow me on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LakeForkGuideDavidOzio>. I run a Skeeter FX with a Yamaha 250SHO and would like to thank Skeeter for making my office on the lake the best in the country. I would also like to thank G-Loomis, Shimano and Lowrance for making my job the blast that it is. A special shout out to H&W Marine in Tyler for all their help in keeping me on the water seven days a week, no issues. I hope to see a lot of you on the water. Romans 10:13. "Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved". I wish all of you a blessed day."


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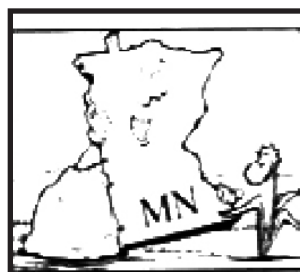


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# Bass On The Fly (Continued from Page 7-A)

biggest panfish at 9" paying \$35. Steve Schwartz earned second with 31" paying \$170. Michael Kenney took third with 22" paying \$110. The Non-boater(Kayak) division doubled in participants this year and the Kayakers were very competitive with the boaters.

Ray LeBlanc won the boater division panfish side pot with a 7.5" blue gill paying \$60 and Benson Fowler took second for \$30. The distance casting contest was won by Jerald Lewis and the accuracy was won by Jon Harmon. They each won the rod & reel combo used for the respective contests.

Many anglers reported hooking big bass but failing to land them! A strong strip set is essential to properly setting the hook on bass. So, the most important fish of the day, the big one that got away, is still out there waiting to be caught.

Perhaps the most excited angler was Howard Malpass who won the new Sage Largemouth rod valued at over \$500 in a drawing for those who registered by May 16th.

The Dallas Fly Fishers Club retained the Club trophy since no other club had three teams. The three clubs that had only two teams vowed to get another team and claim the trophy next year.

Once again, the sponsors who donated cash, products and gift certificates made the tournament fun for everyone. All participants received a new Gypsy Jack bass lure made for fly fishing, a Skeeter or Ranger tee shirt, and a box of Umpqua flies. Other sponsors were Cabela's, TFO Rods, Sage Fly Rods, Simms, Redington, Buffs, Rio Lines, Mariner Sails, the Grey Wolf Fly Fishing Shop, and the Lone Star Fly Fishing Club. Every participant received a door prize after the winners received their checks due to the generosity of our sponsors. Proceeds from the tournament this year went to the Texas Council - Federation of Fly Fishers and Reel Recovery. Make plans to participate in the 6th tournament in 2015 when the date is announced later in the Summer. For more information about participating in the tournament or becoming a sponsor check the website, [www.bassonthefly.org](http://www.bassonthefly.org).

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# Pack of Knowledge (Continued from Page 18-A)

phrases uttered, or even said them myself. "Our best 5 only went 28 lb pounds today, just a bunch of 5-pounders." Or after landing a 7- or 8-pounder, "That fish was pulling really hard, and when I first saw the head come out of the water, I thought it was a big one." Disappointed by a 7 or 8, really?! After winning 27 World Series titles, the New York Yankee fans will settle for nothing less than a title, and we bass anglers can be just as hard to please.

Fishing a lake like Fork when the bite is on will make you a spoiled brat angler. Your fishing bud-

dies might tire of it after a dozen big fish picture texts from you, but I'd definitely recommend the experience to anyone. In fishing, being spoiled is a good thing, especially come tourney week.

For more fish catching tips, check out my website [www.LakeForkGuideTrips.com](http://www.LakeForkGuideTrips.com), or follow me at [www.facebook.com/tomredingtonfishing](http://www.facebook.com/tomredingtonfishing) and [www.twitter.com/Tom\\_Redington](http://www.twitter.com/Tom_Redington).

Tom Redington is a FLW Tour pro, host of TV's "Big Bass Battle" & a bass guide on Lake Fork. To make the most of your experience in the out-

doors, he recommends the Boy Scouts of America, Lake Fork Trophy Lures, Dobyns Rods, Ranger Boats, Mercury Outboards, Diamond Sports Marine, Lucky Craft, Costa Sunglasses, Lowrance, & Power Poles. *Note to the Editor:*

Don - Here's my article for your July paper. I really appreciate the opportunity you gave me to run an article each month in your paper over the years. As I've transitioned more to a tourney angler and less guiding, I'm travelling nonstop these days and have picked up a ton of promotional and writing duties, with a hectic family schedule with a young son when I'm home. As a result, I need to pull back on some of my commitments and won't be able to write a monthly article for you going forward. Thanks for the great exposure and I wish you, Sue, and the paper much success going forward. *Thanks!*  
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**Lake Fork Waterfront Acreage. Over 50 acres, 25.9 deeded and approximately 25 acres leaseback. This is really good waterfront property with lots of shoreline. Rare find on Lake Fork. Perfect for RV park, private get-away, subdivision, development. Appraised and Priced at \$535,000**



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