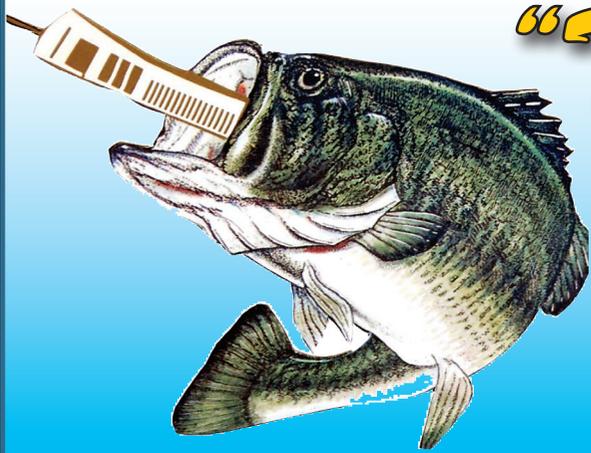


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Bob Sealy, CEO and Tournament Director of Sealy Outdoors Big Bass Splash went to Lake Fork on Thursday, August 25th to evaluate the lake levels and to see the lake for himself, so that he could make the best decision possible for the safety and well being of our anglers. After returning from Lake Fork, Bob is pleased to inform everyone that the Big Bass Splash will continue as scheduled for September 16-17-18.

Fishing, Family & Fun at the Big Bass Splash presented by Sealy Outdoors will be held on Lake Fork September 16, 17, 18. \$500,000 Guaranteed in Cash and Prizes with 1st Place Overall winning a 2022 Phoenix 721 Pro XP Powered by Mercury equipped with Minn Kota, Lowrance, Power Pole and Navionics; 2022 RAM Truck Plus.... \$5,000 CASH!

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Contestant(s) weighing in the first 2.50 exact weight bass each day of the tournament will win \$5,000, the contestant(s) who

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Robbie Livar was attending 2022 Lake Fork CAMP BASS, and was fishing with boat captain Hunter Myncrief when he caught his personal best on 7/28/22. His bass measured 24.25" in length (over the slot) and weighed 8.6-pounds. For his great catch he won the 2022 BASS CAMP Big Bass Award. C.P.R.

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## "Bubba may not be cool, but does his best to stay cool, and a lot more to keep Bubbette cool!"

By Don Hampton

Bubba has on more than one occasion stated that it is never too hot to fish, but I do believe that with the hot days in July and August, he may change his mind. His new way of thinking is that his body temperature is 98.6-degrees so anytime it is hotter than that, it is just too hot to fish! I am sure a couple of days on tournament when the heat index was pushing 105 degrees he came to this conclusion.

I've seen Bubba fishing in some pretty severe weather. One thing is for sure he'll never be classified in the WFWF. For those that have no clue as to this meaning he came up with... it means 'Wimpy Fair Weather Fishermen'!

True Bubba prefers cold weather because the way he figures it he can always wear more clothes but in the hot weather if you take off too many clothes, you'll get a sunburn where you really don't want one!

He does have his ways of staying cool while fishing. I do believe he has a fan fetish! He has one little box fan in his boat that runs on eight D cell batteries. When the wind quits blowing, he has the fan to break the stillness. Bubba even has one that hangs around his neck. I think he bought this one just because of the brand name. It's called an O'2-Cool...need I say more!! If you see him with it on, it looks like an IPOD, but don't be fooled, he's not that cool while fishing!

In cases of extreme heat he keeps a spray bottle of water in his ice chest. He'll spray himself down, put on his Foreign Legion looking hat, adjust his fans, and just keep trying to rip-a-lip!!

I'd have to classify all of this as extreme 'Fishing Dedication'! I asked Bubba once if it was all worth it and his reply was, "Heck yeah...just one bite makes it all alright!" He went on to explain, "I can get cool and comfortable when I get home, but I can't catch a bass, sitting on my Lazy Boy!" Well, that makes sense to us!

One thing Bubba does know is that Bubbette is not going to let the house get hot. Some of their friends that come over to visit have even remarked how they could 'hang meat' in their living room. Some even bring their jackets over to visit. I think Bubba only works sometimes to buy fans, pay his electric bill, and of course buy fishing stuff.

One of Bubba's worst experiences with Bubbette was when he came in from a fishing trip and the air conditioner had gone out. Needless to say, she was hot in more ways than one! That is the day Bubba got the true definition of a woman having a "Hot Flash"!! Bubbette was steaming, the house was steaming, and all that heat was directed at hot and tired Bubba. I do believe at that time he was wishing he was back on his boat with his fans and spray bottle!

Well, Bubba had to do something fast and unfortunately for me I was included because he would need

help installing a new air conditioner. Going shopping with Bubba when the heat has been directed his way is not something I would recommend. We jumped in his truck and drove to the nearest place that sold air conditioners. This was about 15 miles up the road and for the entirety of the trip he kept repeating, "Be Cool! Get Cool! Stay Cool!" Well, we got to the store pretty quick! A racing fan would have thought that it was cool but I think my rear took a bite out of the seat in his truck.

We made it to the store I think in about 10 minutes and Bubba began checking out the air conditioners. Even though the store was cool, Bubba wasn't and the friendly salesman didn't stand a chance when he approached him. "Need an air conditioner," he casually remarked. I just knew a sarcastic "duh" was going to come out of Bubba's mouth but all he said was, "Yep"! Then the salesman unknowingly made his tragic mistake when he asked, "How much BTU Output are you looking for?" I cringed when Bubba said, "Look I don't know nothin' bout no B-T-U Output, but I got a B-U-T-T, as wide as a T-U-B that if I don't get it cooled I'll be PUT OUT!" This remark got Bubba all fixed up with just what he needed and he even got a 20% discount which he thought was really cool!!

I'm glad the heat spells don't last for long periods of time. I can deal with Bubba getting hot under the collar but when Bubbette gets hot under the collar everybody better "Fan Out"!!

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Registration is open online for the Big Bass Splash Presented by Sealy Outdoors benefitting St. Jude Children Research Hospital. To enter, visit [www.sealyoutdoors.com](http://www.sealyoutdoors.com). Early Bird Registration Deadline is Tuesday, September 6. Onsite Registration will be at Lake Fork Marina from 10 AM – 8 PM on Thursday, September 15. Regis-

tration will continue each morning starting at 5 AM until 4 PM on days of the tournament. Tournament Entry Fees are \$165 for One Day, and \$215 for Two Days, \$265 for Three Days: The Little Anglers Division entry fee is \$10 per Day.

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# "The Shallow Bite is About To Explode!"

By David Ozio

"We have had to deal with some insane, radical, weather this year and this summer was one to remember. June had unseasonable temps over a hundred degrees that flowed well into July. This August was more on the cooler side with a monstrous rain that pushed the lake up two feet from it's near historic lows. Looking into the fall, what's next? Hurricane? It is what it is and we will have had to deal with it. The good news is that the shallow bite may start to come alive as bank vegetation is starting to get covered up as the water has risen. September usually sees cooler temperatures

anyway which sends the surface water temps into a decline. Again, the shallow bite may explode as we head through the month.

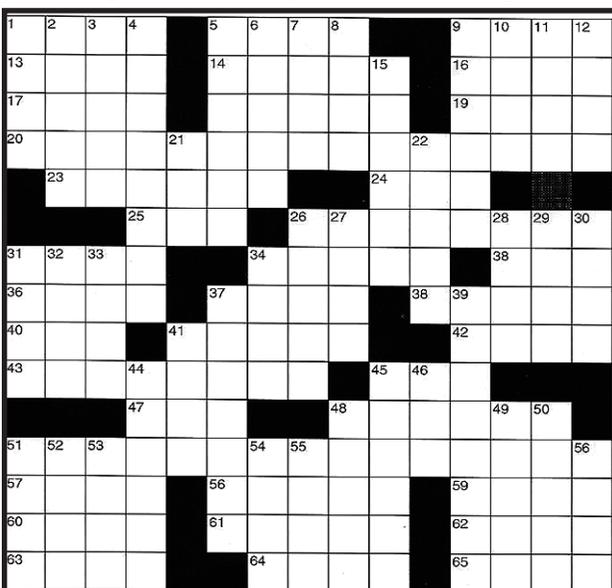
With all this being said, backs of creeks may be the starting point if you are looking for consistent action. Shad will start to migrate to these areas of the lake and schooling activity will start to take place as the water begins to cool. Top water baits, squarebills, Texas rigged worms and shaky heads and drop shots will lead the attack especially early and late. The lake is currently five and a half feet under pool and shallow water vegetation is taking root all over the lake. New grass growth from months of low water line most all coves and creek banks. Bass love this new aquatic growth as it provides shade and protection from the summer sun and cover to ambush baitfish. If it is a cloudy day, the yellow magic might be the call for the entire day along this vegetation. A sunny day would probably require the Texas rig or shaky head fished in the same shallow areas. Water clarity will determine the color of the plastics needed, dark hues for heavily stained water and translucent colors for the much clearer water.

Once you reach the midday time frame, I would start looking to the deeper areas of the lake,



humps, ridges, road beds and pond dams for the larger bass. The football jig is hard to beat during this time of the year and the 3/4oz Talon Custom football jig is the best choice for the job. Add a Talon Repo Craw trailer and your ready to tackle the heavy weights of the lake. As of lately, I have found that setting the boat on the shallowest part of the structure and casting out to the deep areas has produced more bites than the reverse scenario. The Carolina rig will also be a "go to" presentation for the same application. I would use a long leader with a 3/0 hook and a Talon Custom Big 10 inch Swamp Wiggler Worm. When you get a

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- |                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. An equal exchange            | juniper berries                                 |
| 5. Blemish                      | 41. Trade                                       |
| 9. Workplaces                   | 42. Record                                      |
| 13. Ebb or rip                  | 43. Repeats                                     |
| 14. Cleat, naut.                | 45. Relative biological effectiveness (abbrev.) |
| 16. Incite                      | 47. ___ Lilly, drug company                     |
| 17. Liquor from toddy palms     | 48. Softnesses in music                         |
| 18. Ridge                       | 51. Wishful pursuit                             |
| 19. William ___, Buffalo Bill   | 57. A way to look                               |
| 20. Hospital employee           | 58. Language used in nonliteral sense           |
| 23. Leased                      | 59. Bog down                                    |
| 24. Angular unit                | 60. Show off                                    |
| 25. Emergency workers, abbrev.  | 61. Overhang                                    |
| 26. Script                      | 62. Calendar month                              |
| 31. Radioactivity units         | 63. Monetary unit of Western Samoa              |
| 34. Become drunk                | 64. Chest (Scandinavian)                        |
| 35. Defensive nuclear weapon    | 65. Runs down                                   |
| 36. Wings                       |   |
| 37. An open skin infection      |   |
| 38. Sock                        |   |
| 40. Strong liquor flavored with |   |

**CLUES DOWN**

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. Excel                                 | Asian part of Russia.              |
| 2. One who cables                        | 31. Finger millet                  |
| 3. Saying                                | 32. Settled down                   |
| 4. Toy dog                               | 33. Hamlet for one                 |
| 5. Sports equipment                      | 34. Lonely                         |
| 6. In a way, wrapped up                  | 37. Make a pig of oneself          |
| 7. Affirm                                | 39. Tumors                         |
| 8. Network of nerves                     | 41. Brine                          |
| 9. An ornamental sunken panel in a dome  | 44. Change mind                    |
| 10. Miri                                 | 45. Most prevalent                 |
| 11. Stratum                              | 46. Howl                           |
| 12. Eyelid infection                     | 48. Spiritual leaders              |
| 15. Ridges                               | 49. Pen name of Louise de la Ramee |
| 21. Type of recall, abbr.                | 50. Thong                          |
| 22. Composition for nine                 | 51. Cheats                         |
| 26. Infections                           | 52. Giant                          |
| 27. Pool sticks                          | 53. Mounted soldier                |
| 28. Isodor ___, American Nobel physicist | 54. Asian nation                   |
| 29. Wading birds                         | 55. Yugoslavian city               |
| 30. A city that's located in the         | 56. His and ___                    |

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**TPWD Launches Search for New Executive Director**

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) opened applications recently for a successor to retiring executive director Carter Smith.

Smith will retire effective January 2023, ending a 15-year tenure at the helm of the agency.

The executive director serves as CEO for the department of more than 3,300 employees and represents it with the Legislature, other state and federal agencies, constituent groups and the public. TPWD's new executive director will join in time to guide staff through the 2023 Texas legislative session;

participate in celebrating 100 years of Texas state parks; and implement the department's new R3 Plan designed to recruit, retain and reactivate hunters, shooters, anglers and boaters.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Commissioners and TPWD have retained search firm Dorothy Drummer & Associates, which specializes in identifying hard-to-find candidates with highly skilled qualifications.

In addition to having a strong personal commitment to conservation and outdoor recreation – ideally with a background in natu-

ral resources – TPWD seeks candidates experienced in working with a strong governing board and legislative bodies, and who bring a vision for conserving and stewarding Texas' proud outdoor heritage on both public and private land.

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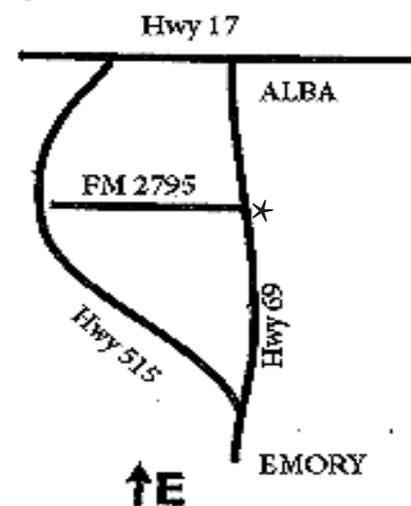
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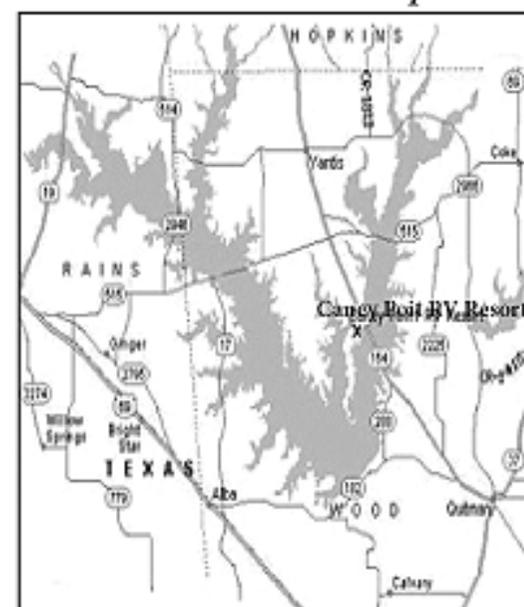
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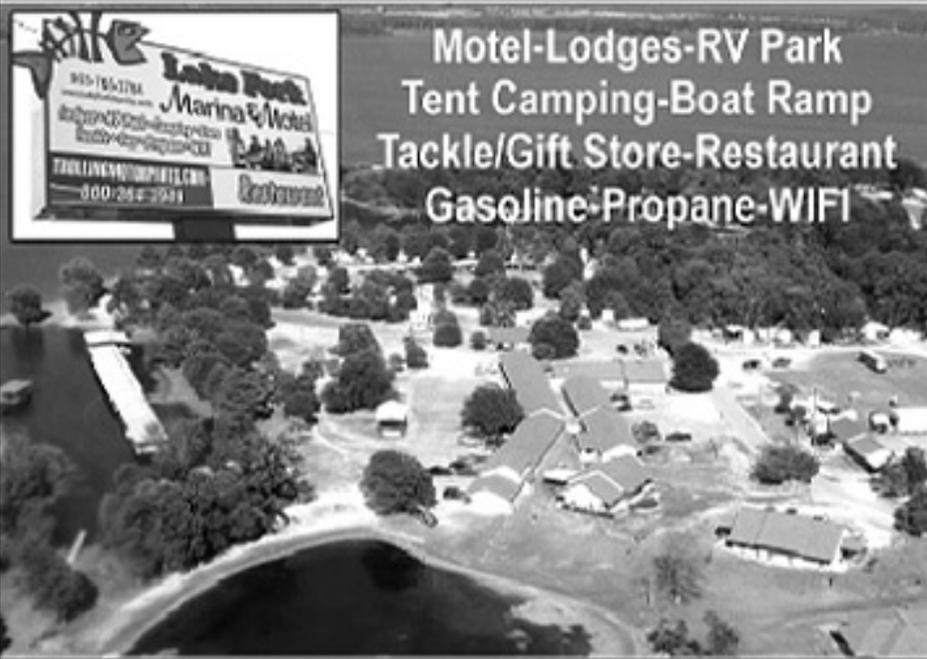
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# "The Moon Report"

## "Fork's Late Summer Crappie"

By Terri Moon

It's been 90 to 100 degree temperatures this month – so that's why I'm happy to say "Late Summer"! I'll be very happy to welcome fall and cooler temperatures. But, one thing about this time of year is the mornings are quite doable and pleasant. Although as nice as the mornings are, those darn crappie wait till about mid-morning before they are wanting to play. Then it seems the hotter it gets the better they bite.

We are having to move around a lot but are finding some quality crappie. The depth is changing daily. Some days they are as shallow as 8 to 12 ft. in 16 to 20 ft. of water and other days they are 16 to 24 ft. in up to 30 ft. of water. Cloud cover and water clarity plays a part in their depths. Also the fish tend to move shallower around a new and full moon.

Tree lines, brush piles, bridges and deep water humps are starting to produce some really nice crappie. Some days they want a very slow presentation and other days they want the bait moving – so, don't be afraid to change it up to see what works for that particular day. Also, some days they want a bigger bait and others they want something smaller.



Don't hesitate to change up color of baits especially if the fishing is slow. I use an assortment of Bonehead, Lake Fork Tackle, and Skipper Jigs. Some days they want white and chartreuse or black and chartreuse and L.S.U. is also working for us. Remember, the color of choice can change daily so keep a good assortment of colors.

Well, once again around the new and full moon, I took some "ME" time to go bream fishing. They were in 1 to 8 ft. of water around docks, edges of the grass, lily pads, or willows. Crickets, night crawlers, or even Berkeley Power Nibbles, on a bobber or tightlined, is a recipe for FUN! By far – my favorite fish to catch and eat! I'm hoping for one last shot at them this next full moon!

I want to thank the customers that released the giant crappie this month. We've released

14 that were over 16 inches in hopes for a new lake record one day.

Now if your visiting the Lake Fork area and need fresh produce, be sure and check out "Picketts Produce" on Hwy. 69 in Alba for some of the best fruits and veggies in the area. There is nothing better than a fresh peach pie to go with your fish fry!

Stay safe all of you! A special thank you to George and Ann for house sitting while I'm gone!



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James C. Clifton was fishing with Lake Fork guide Randy Oldfield when he caught this nice bass. Caught, Photo, & Released. C.P.R.



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## Texas Game Warden Recognized as the 2022 National Association of State Boating Law Administrators Texas Boating Officer of the Year

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Executive Director Carter Smith recognized Game Warden Ben Echelson at a recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting.

Echelson was named the 2022 National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) Texas Boating Officer of the Year.

NASBLA awards the Marvin "Butch" Potts Memorial Award, known as the Boating Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award, annually to officers who make outstanding contributions to the field of boating law enforcement.

"Ben is an astute investigator with a history of important investigations under his belt,"

Smith said. "He is a positive role model for his community and the ideal embodiment of the expertise, professionalism and acuity our Texas Game Wardens are known for."

A game warden for seven years and member of TPWD's STORM forensics accident reconstruction team, Echelson received a promotion to sergeant in April. Prior to promotion, he served Travis County, an area dotted with significant waterbodies including Lake Travis. While there, he led investigations that resulted in felony indictments and conducted a number of rescue and recovery operations for victims of boating accidents.

In 2020, for example, he rescued two victims from a capsized boat, and in 2021, rescued multiple occupants, including two children, from a vessel taking on water near Devil's Cove on Lake Travis.

He has also worked to increase boater safety, recording bilingual public service announcements to improve safety awareness before busy holiday weekends and participating in National Night Out events providing boater education across the country.

"Receiving a NASBLA Boating Officer of the Year Award marks one of the highest achievements for a boating officer," said Texas Game Wardens Colonel Chad Jones. "We are pleased that Ben has received this recognition, and proud of his diligent work to protect the health and safety of those who enjoy Texas waterways."

NASBLA works to develop public policy for recreational boating safety, representing the recreational boating authorities of all 50 states and the U.S. territories.

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Annually, Texans purchase more than 2.7 million hunting and fishing licenses and directly fund a multitude of conservation efforts and recreational opportunities, helping make Texas one of the best places in the country to hunt and fish. Some of the many projects made possible by license sales include fish stocking, wildlife management, habitat restoration, public hunting leases, river fishing access and Texas Game Warden.

Outdoorsmen and women can purchase a variety of licenses online through the official TPWD website, by phone at 1-800-895-4248 during regular business hours or in person at more than 1,800 retailers across the state. Anyone planning to buy their license from TPWD's Austin Headquarters is reminded to make an advance appointment. Appointments may be scheduled up

to one week in advance. Call 1-800-262-8755 or 512-389-4828 to schedule.

Brand new for this year, Texas residents can purchase a digital Super Combo license (Items 111, 117 and 990) that will authorize digital tagging of harvested deer, turkey and oversized red drum. The digital license option is available through online purchase only when licenses went on sale Aug. 15. A digital license holder will not receive a printed license or tags but must keep their digital license available while in the field. The license can be viewed through the TPWD Outdoor Annual and My Texas Hunt Harvest (MTHH) mobile apps.

TPWD encourages repeat license buyers to use the expedited checkout process, which speeds up re-purchasing the same license bought in recent years.

Customers can access their past and current licenses in several ways: (1) an electronic photo of your license, (2) an emailed receipt of your purchase; (3) your account in the online license sales system; (4) via License Lookup in the Outdoor Annual app or in the My Texas Hunt Harvest app.

Hunting and fishing regulations for the 2022-23 season are available online at outdooran-

nual.com, on the Outdoor Annual mobile app. The mobile app is free, and once downloaded, it works without internet connectivity which makes it easy for hunters and anglers to view regulations in even the most remote locations. Other features include license lookup, location-based functionality such as "Hunting Seasons and Regulations by Location," "Where to Fish," and more. Thanks to partners at Chevrolet, a limited supply of printed booklets will be available at select TPWD offices. Hunters and anglers are encouraged to call their local offices to check availability.

The My Texas Hunt Harvest app enables electronic submission of mandatory harvest reports, including alligator gar harvest reporting, and new this year, supports digital tagging of harvested deer, turkey, and oversized red drum for certain license holders. The app also allows hunters to complete their on-site registration for many TPWD public hunting lands. Hunters can hunt on more than one million acres of public land with the purchase of an Annual Public Hunting Permit.

When buying their license, resident hunters and anglers may wish to purchase an entry in *(See Texas Hunting, Fishing License.....*

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3. All entry fees must be paid before 6 a.m. Sat., Oct. 22, 2022.
4. Check in times: Fri., Oct. 21, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 22, 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. at Oak Ridge Marina.
5. To qualify, contestants must check in at tournament headquarters before fishing.
6. Fishing hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (official clock at sign-in station). NO FISHING from midnight till start time.
7. Fishing will be done on Lake Fork only (trailer allowed).
8. Contestants must fish from a boat. NO-bank fishing or leaving the boat to land a fish.
9. Life jackets must be worn any time their outboard motor is running.
10. All state, federal, and local laws must be obeyed or contestant and fish may be disqualified. No slot fish may be brought to weigh-in.
11. No one may have more than five (5) fish in their possession at any time. Only one (1) may be 24" or greater.
12. Largemouth bass 12" to 16" or 24" or greater in length may be weighed. No fish under 12" or between 16" and 24" will be weighed (or state law limits at the time of the tournament).
13. All fish must be caught on artificial bait by casting. (No trolling with gas engine). Pork trailer may be used.
14. Weigh-in starts at 3:00 p.m. (official clock at sign-in). You must be in the weigh-in line by 3:30 p.m.
15. All fish must be brought to the scales in weigh-in bags.
16. No iced or frozen fish will be weighed. Ice may be added ONLY to aid in survival of fish.
17. Each contestant will be responsible for weighing his or her own fish. (No pooling of fish).
18. Dead fish at weigh-in will be penalized 1/2 (.5) pound. All fish weighed in become the property of TTBB and will be released (with the exception of trophy or dead fish).
19. In the event of a tie for any position, prize money for that position and the following positions will be combined and evenly divided between the tying contestants.
20. Contestants may not have served as a compensated guide on Lake Fork 30 days prior to the tournament.
21. Contestants may fish with a guide on Lake Fork prior to the day before fishing this TTBB tournament.
22. Use of alcoholic beverages or controlled drugs are prohibited during tournament hours. Prescription drug use should be declared at sign-in.
23. Anyone who has ever been disqualified for cheating or misconduct from any tournament is ineligible to fish.
24. Any contestant who violates any rule may be disqualified. Any act of a competitor, verbal or physical, that reflects unfavorably upon TTBB's effort to promote fishing, conservation, clean waters, courtesy or safety shall be reason for disqualification from this and all future TTBB tournaments.
25. Parent or guardian must accompany contestants under 18 years of age.
26. All protests must be registered in writing with the tournament judges within 15 minutes after designated weigh-in time. All decisions of the tournament judges will be final in all matters. Anyone protesting the outcome of an open tournament will have to pay for any additional polygraph test given.
27. All boats must be 18 ft. in length or longer. An aerated livewell is recommended to aid in fish survival for live release. Anglers cannot leave boat to land a fish.
28. All contestants are responsible to have read these rules and must agree to abide by them (by signing the entry form) while competing in this TTBB event.
29. Contestants will be subject to polygraph test. Failure to take and/or pass such a test will result in disqualification.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For more information or for information on joining Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork visit our website: [www.texastrailsbassmasters.com](http://www.texastrailsbassmasters.com)

**Entry Application**

Entry fee of \$40 must accompany mailed entry and must be postmarked on or before Oct. 15, 2022 to Texas Trails Bassmasters, 538 PR 5861, Yantis, TX 75497, or you may pay \$45 at tournament headquarters before starting time of tournament. \$10 extra for Big Bass (Optional). Print clearly.

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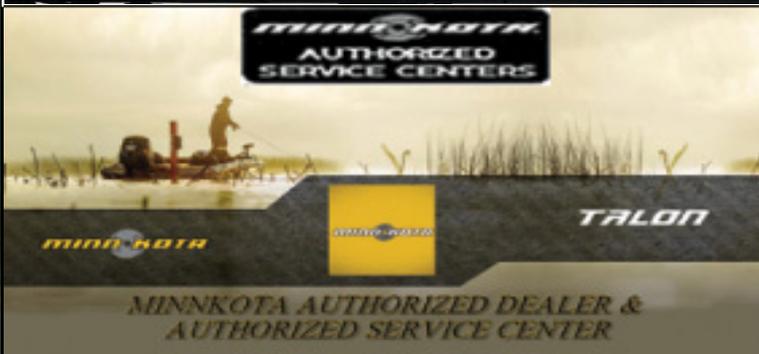
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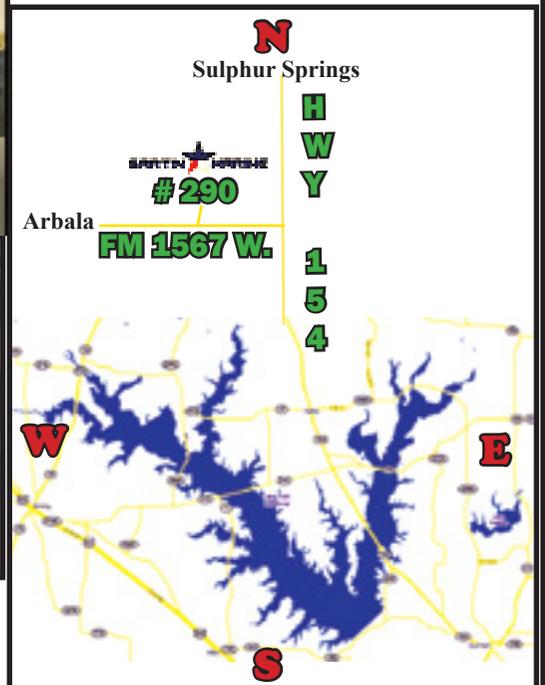
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## Conditions Heating up for Dove Season

Texans are used to scorching summers, but this year's record highs across much of the state have left many dove hunters wondering about the upcoming season opener.

"Unless conditions change drastically over the next few weeks, hunting near water will be key for opening day this year," said Owen Fitzsimmons, TPWD Dove Program Leader. "Hunters will likely see larger concentrations of birds at watering holes and food sources than they have in the past due to limited resources. Agriculture production has been hit hard by drought so birds may be more reliant on native foods this September. Look for stands of common sunflower, croton, and other native annual forbs and grasses."

Doves are well-adapted

to dry conditions, particularly white-winged doves, which are a sub-tropical species.

"Our spring surveys indicated a decrease in breeding abundance, which is a carry-over from poor hatch-year production last year," added Fitzsimmons. "However, doves kick reproduction into high gear in dry years like this, and we're seeing a lot of young birds this summer, based on our banding efforts."

TPWD officials remind hunters to prepare for the extreme heat and make sure they are packing all the essentials for a day in the field. They should bring plenty of water to stay hydrated and take measures to stay cool in a shaded area. The same is true for canine hunting partners.

"If this extreme heat persists, think twice about

bringing your dog out in the early season," said Fitzsimmons. "Temperatures this high can be dangerous for dogs, particularly when they're excited and running hard after birds. If you do bring them, try to limit the hunts to early mornings or late evenings."

The regular dove season in the North Zone runs Sept. 1-Nov. 13 and resumes Dec. 17-Jan.1, 2023. The regular season in the Central Zone is Sept. 1-Oct. 30, then resumes Dec. 17-Jan.15, 2023. The regular season in the South Zone is Sept. 14-Oct. 30 and Dec. 17-Jan. 22, 2023. For the second straight year, there will be six Special White-Winged Dove Days. The Special White-Winged Dove Days will be Sept. 2-4 and 9-11.

(See Conditions heating .... Continued on Page 18)



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**Conditions Heating up for Dove** *(Continued from Page 17)*

During the regular season in the South Zone, the aggregate bag limit is 15 with no more than two white-tipped doves. During the Special White-winged Dove Days in the South Zone, hunting is allowed only from noon to sunset and the daily bag limit is 15 birds, to include not more than two mourning doves and two white-tipped doves.

All updated hunting regulations for this year's hunting season can be found in the Texas Outdoor Annual mobile app or online at OutdoorAnnual.com.

Hunters are reminded that licenses are on sale now for the 2022-23 hunting seasons and can be purchased through the agency's 28 law enforcement field offices, at more than 50 state parks and over 1,700 retailers across the state. Licenses

may also be purchased online through the TPWD website or by phone at (800) 895-4248. Call center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and there is a required \$5 administrative fee for each phone or online transaction. The online transaction system is available 24/7.

Enhancements have been made to make the licensing process simpler and faster. "Expedited check-out" improves the process of purchasing the same license items bought most recently within the last three years. It's also now easier to show proof-of-license. Now hunters can use a digital image of their license as proof-of-license for any hunting that doesn't require a tag, like dove hunting. Accepted formats include: (1) a digital photo, (2) an

emailed receipt, (3) within the Outdoor Annual app or the My Texas Hunt Harvest app, or 4) online purchase record.

In addition to a hunting license, anyone born after Sept. 1, 1971, must successfully complete a hunter education training course to hunt legally in Texas. The TPWD Hunter Education certification is valid for life and is honored in all other states and provinces. Hunters can find more information or print a replacement at no cost online. A Migratory Game Bird Endorsement (Stamp) and Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification are also required to hunt dove. HIP certification involves a brief survey of previous year's migratory bird hunting success and is conducted at the time licenses are purchased.



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# Lake Fork Sportsman's Association "Preserving the Legend That is Lake Fork"

By Carolyn West, LFSA President

Some of us regard the recent rain as Manna from Heaven and indeed think it was the best thing to happen for Lake Fork. Others may say it was late arriving and that is true; we needed a break from the drought. On the positive side, even though it was excessive for a few areas, it was what we needed. The lake looks different after the 10+ inches and although there are many docks with boats still hanging over dry land, we have had a hint of what it would be to get back to full pool. We are thankful for what we received and will be even more thankful as we received more rain as Fall approaches.

Lake Fork Sportsman's Association (LFSA) is preparing for the Fall tournaments and we will be working the tournaments on our Live Release Boat. Our next tournament is the Sealy Outdoors Big Bass Splash which begins on September 16, 2022 at 6:00 a.m., and ends on Sunday, September 18. This is an hourly tournament at Lake Fork Marina. We are always interested in showing off the pontoon and we welcome attendees to come by and observe the handling of the tournament catches.

The High School Tackle Program, led by Terry Long and Pat and Mike Kostial, has received some generous donations this month from fishermen who are contributing used tackle. This LFSA program is successful because of our local fishermen who want to help high school kids join fishing teams and learn the sport of fishing and competing. Yearly, we gather tackle, clean, repair, and polish it, then present it to the local high school fishing teams. It is a program from the heart; it is a program helping young people; it is a program made possible by generous donors. Anyone who has new or used fishing equipment and tackle may contact Terry Long (214-206-7504) to arrange a transfer.

Ed Swenson publishes a Lake Fork Boat Ramp Access chart to help fishermen know what boat ramps are open. Given the status of the exceptionally low water in Lake Fork, this chart is useful to Lake Fork visitors. As the status of the ramps changes, new information will be updated.

Another vital program of LFSA is the Plant Replenishment Activity using the High School Agriculture students. We are currently working with Alba Golden and Yantis High Schools as we teach the students how to grow aquatic plants and grasses. This year, we will be concentrating on Eel Grass, Star Grass, Coon Tail, and Water Willow using a grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Now that the 2022/2023 school year has begun, mid-September is a target time to

start planting in the greenhouses. Hopefully, in the Spring and if the water level permits, TPWD and LFSA will take the students on Lake Fork to do the final planting. As part of the grant, two experimental projects will work in tandem with the grasses program. Next month we will be able to show progress on a Fragment Seed Generator that should produce seeds to be aquatically spread in Lake Fork. Last month I was asked by a producer from a Tyler TV Channel if they could incrementally film the program for airing at the end of the process. What a nice recognition for the students, TPWD and LFSA!

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**"The Shallow Bite is About To Explode!"** (Continued from Page 6)

bite on one of these, your partner better be headed for the net. Redbug, Watermelon Red or Green Pumpkin Pepper will do the trick as far as colors are concerned.

The next strategy will be focusing on suspended fish that set up just off the side of the same structures. Use your electronics to locate these hovering green monsters, pitch out a marker buoy once you locate a group of fish, then tie on a Talon Big Daddy Lake Fork flutter spoon and go to work. Cast back toward the buoy and count the spoon down until you hit the desired depth. Twitch the

spoon and let it flutter down to draw the strike. Depending on the depth the fish are holding, a crankbait will work equally as well. I would choose the Strike King 6XD or the 8XD. Both are deadly and can be fished on 15lb line on a cranking rod.. Also, submerged trees will hold the lion share of bass. Throw the crankbaits around these trees and work the bait through the limbs. You may lose a few lures but the rewards can pay off handsomely.

If you are headed out to Lake Fork in September 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 September and some open dates in October. 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, Instagram and TikTok at DavidOzioLakeForkGuide. I post my daily trip results on this page. I would also like to thank Okuma Fishing, Talon Custom Lures, Dakota Lithiums and Skeeter Boats for making my job the blast that it is. 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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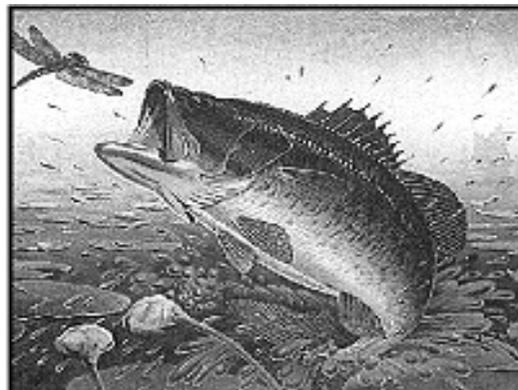
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## Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

### --Tall Tailed Sign--

After an initial complainant of a Felon in Possession of Firearms and Taking a Deer in Closed Season, a Williamson County game warden obtained a search warrant on a local residence. Assisted by wardens from Travis County, Bell County and Milam County, the team executed the search and secured the house. They located a .410 shotgun with 15 boxes of

ammo, meth, three deer antlers and deer meat in the freezer. A white-tailed deer carcass was also dug up in the backyard of the home. Two of the wardens received information of the suspect's possible location along with a description of the suspect's girlfriend's vehicle. Wardens intercepted the vehicle and conducted a field interview. The girlfriend confessed that she had dropped her boyfriend off nearby and that he had recently shot a white-tailed deer and a feral hog. The Williamson County warden ob-

tained a felony arrest warrant for the suspect and the case is still under investigation.

### --Noodle Over It--

Hill and Bosque County game wardens were hidden among trees while patrolling the Brazos River when an airboat approached. The two occupants, a male and a female, stopped along the shoreline to swim. One of the wardens watched the subjects with binoculars and it appeared that the two may have been noodling. The subjects then left the airboat, returning to

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By Sue Hampton

September is not only National Chicken Month but National Honey Month as well! With back-to-school lunches and dinners, football tailgate par-ties and entertaining on beautiful fall nights, it's the perfect time to serve a favorite chicken recipe and top it off with this delicious Honey Strawberry Chiffon Pie recipe. A time to honor and celebrate the hard working bees and beekeepers who pro-



September is a perfect time to serve a favorite chicken dish and make life a little sweeter with a slice of delicious Honey Strawberry Chiffon Pie!

vide delicious honey. Using honey frequently, especially in place of other sweeteners, makes good nutritional sense. Honey contains small amounts of a wide array of vita-mins, minerals, trace minerals and amino acids, as well as anti-oxidants.

### Japanese Amazu Chicken

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, cut into 1/4-inch strips
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 4 cups bean sprouts
- 1/3 cup thinly-sliced radishes
- 1 cucumber
- 3 tablespoons sliced green onions
- Amazu Sauce (recipe follows)
- 1 red pepper, finely chopped
- Roasted sesame seeds

In large bowl, mix together eggs and cornstarch. Dip chicken strips into mixture, coating well. In large nonstick frying pan, place oil over medium high heat. Add chicken (half at a time) and cook about 6 minutes or until browned. Drain on paper towels and keep warm. In large saucepan of boiling water, cook bean sprouts 3 minutes; drain. Using vegetable peeler, cut cucumber into thin strips. Toss together bean sprouts, cucumber,

radishes and green onions; place on serving dish and arrange chicken on top. Drizzle with Amazu Sauce. Garnish with toasted sesame seeds, red pepper and green onion tops. Makes 4 servings.

Amazu Sauce: In small bowl, mix together 1/4 cup of soy sauce, 1/4 cup sugar, 1/4 cup rice vinegar and 1 tablespoon sesame oil. Blend well.

### Honey Strawberry Chiffon Pie

- 2 cups coarsely chopped strawberries (approximately 12 ounces)
- 3/4 cup honey, divided use
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1 cup light sour cream
- Prepared crumb crust for 9-inch pie

In a small bowl, combine strawberries and 1/4 cup honey; set aside. In a small saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over cold water; let stand one minute. Stir over low heat until gelatin is dissolved, stir in remaining 1/2 cup honey. Transfer to a large bowl; stir in sour cream. Cover and refrigerate 20 to 30 minutes or until mixture mounds on a spoon when tested. Using an electric mixer, beat mixture at medium speed until light. Fold in strawberries; mix until well combined. Pour into prepared crust.

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# Game Warden Field Notes (Continued from Page 22)

the shoreline just below where the wardens were staged. Once the male subject walked back into the water, it became evident that he had a pole with a hook on it. The wardens approached and the man dropped the pole but admitted that he was noodling. Charges for illegal means and methods were filed.

**--On the Fence--**A Colorado County game warden received a call of a large alligator that had climbed the fence of a residential home and made itself comfortable in the backyard. The game warden, along with a DPS Trooper, were able to capture and relocate the alligator to a safe place outside of town.

**--Guard Gator--**In Cameron County, game wardens received a call regarding an alligator that was roaming around inside a detention center facility. A facility staff member had reportedly stepped on its tail while exiting his vehicle in the parking lot. With the assistance of the facility staff, the wardens were able to safely relocate the almost 11-foot-long alligator.

**--The Other Side of Nowhere--** A Big Bend Ranch State Park Police Officer and a Presidio County game warden were patrolling River Road at night through Big Bend Ranch State Park when the officers noticed a car parked in the Closed Canyon Trail parking lot after the

park closed. In the car, they saw a park pass for that day, a car rental agreement, a jug of water and snacks, but the driver was nowhere to be found. The Closed Canyon Trail is short and stops at the Rio Grande after several steep pour offs. The last pour off is about 60-feet tall. The officers hiked the trail in the dark and far as they could safely go and called out for anyone still down there with no luck. The next morning, another park police officer was informed about a possible lost hiker. He checked the parking lot and saw that the car was still parked there undisturbed. The three officers headed back to the Closed Canyon Trail that afternoon with rappelling equipment to search farther down the trail. When they reached the first of the three steep pour offs, the officer called out for the hiker who excitedly responded for help. The park police officer was able to rappel down to the hiker who had descended all the pour offs and was at the riverbank. When they reached

him, the hiker was dehydrated, exhausted and had injured his ankle. The hiker told the officers that he had gone down the trail alone in the afternoon, fell into a deep-water hole and was unable to climb out. Panicked, he decided to continue down the trail thinking it would lead him back to the parking lot. Temperatures that day were around 106 degrees and he drank river water to try to keep hydrated. He hiked along the riverbank but was unable to navigate the steep canyon walls of Colorado Canyon. The officers requested a helicopter to help extract the hiker, but due to bad weather it wasn't available until the next morning. So, with the help of an additional game warden, two state park rangers, a U.S. Border Patrol agent and a Presidio County Sheriff's Deputy, the team of officers were able to assist the hiker to climb back over the pour offs and navigate the rest of the trail back to his car. Presidio and Terlingua

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Emergency Medical Services arrived and gave the hiker medical care and he was then taken to the local hospital for further treatment.

**--Unsynchronized Swimmers--** A Stephens County game warden received a 911 call from local dispatch involving four people who were stranded in the middle of the Hubbard Creek Reservoir and their boat had washed ashore. The caller was in the boat but was unable to get it started to reach the stranded swimmers. The caller had never been on the lake before and did not know where she was to give directions to the warden. One of the occupants had gotten into the water while the boat was floating in the middle of the lake to swim without a life jacket and the boat floated too far away for her to reach. Then, her husband, unable to crank the boat, jumped in the water and swam to her with a small ring buoy. The boat continued to float further away when another occupant on board saw the couple struggling in the water and swam out to them to assist with no life-jacket. By the time he reached them, the boat had tripled in distance from the original swimmer. A fourth occupant from the boat decided to swim out to the three swimmers trying to stay afloat with life jackets for them, however, the boat was now about 350 yards away and he

was unable to reach them. When the warden arrived, he was able to get the location of the boat and swimmers thanks to landmarks on the lake. The boat was located aground near an island and the three stranded swimmers were about 450 yards away. The swimmers were exhausted and panicked, but all accounted for. Once they were on the boat, they found the fourth swimmer who had multiple lifejackets attached to him but had exhausted himself trying to get to his friends. Everyone in the water was worn out and frightened, but safe and refused medical attention. Once they were accounted for, the warden helped them get their boat back to where they had launched.

**--Lost and Found--** A recent game warden academy graduate was enjoying a weekend of camping and fishing at Fayette Lake before reporting to his first duty station in Starr County. One Sunday morning, the new game warden came across a small aluminum boat that was abandoned at the dam. He called local dispatch and gave them the boat registration numbers, then towed it back to the Oak Thicket boat ramp and secured it. When the local game warden arrived, a park worker told him that a boat had been stolen during the night from one of the campers. After talking to the campers, it

became apparent their missing boat was the same one the new game warden had found on the other side of the lake that morning. The campers were overjoyed and grateful for the recovery of their boat.

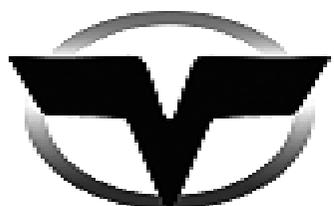
**--Does Your Mother Know That You're Out?--** While patrolling the Sabine River late one night, a Gregg County game warden and an Upshur County game warden saw two individuals fishing near a public boat ramp. When the wardens made contact, they noticed one of the individuals grew visibly irritated and evasive. Fictitious information was offered to the wardens as local law enforcement arrived to assist. The subject was placed in handcuffs for safety precautions. Once in handcuffs the individual began complying with the officers and provided their real identification information. Concealed drug paraphernalia was later found in the subject's underwear. It was later discovered that the individual was evading a felony parole warrant for injury to a child. The subject's parents arrived to assist and thanked the wardens for helping them regain some control of their child. The subject was released to another agency, who transported them to the Gregg County jail. Additional charges pending investigation.

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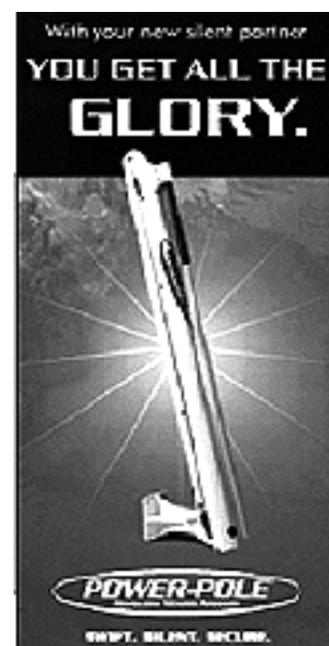
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- 9th Place.....\$210
- 10th Place....\$200

11th-15th Place  
Abu Garcia Reel

16th-20th  
Abu Garcia Rod

First 1200 entries receive Free Berkley package with T-shirt included



**2**  
Skeeter Boats will be awarded

ZX-200 for largest over

ZX-150 for largest under

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**MORE WAYS TO WIN!**

**Exact Weight Bonus Cash**

fish must be caught using Abu Garcia Reel or Rod



- 2.50 lbs - \$1000
- 3.00 lbs - \$1000
- 9.00 lbs - \$1000
- 10.00 lbs - \$1000

- > JUNIOR DIVISION - WOMEN'S DIVISION
- > BERKLEY EMPTY BAG GIVE-AWAY  
(bring an empty package from any Berkley bait to enter)

**When:** October 15th & 16th, 2022

**Entry Fee:** \$160 One day  
\$200 Both days

**Registration:** Lake Fork Marina

**Registration Times:**

Friday Oct. 14th From 11 to 7 PM  
Oct. 15th & 16th from 5:00-7:00 AM

\*Above entry fees include \$10 cash/check discount  
Checks are not accepted on-site.

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Winners are responsible for taxes, titles, and license fees. Boats pictured may be different than actual prize boats. Exact weight bonus cash is paid to the first angler to weigh in the exact even weight fish only. Fish must be caught using an ABU GARCIA REEL or ROD.

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