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18th annual BERKLEY BIG BASS 2023

18th Annual Berkley Big Bass on Lake Fork was held October 21-22 at Lake Fork Marina and hosted by Bass Champs.

Over 1100 anglers from all over the United States were entered and were determined to earn their share of some Berkley Big Bass cash and hopefully taking home a Brand New Skeeter boat!

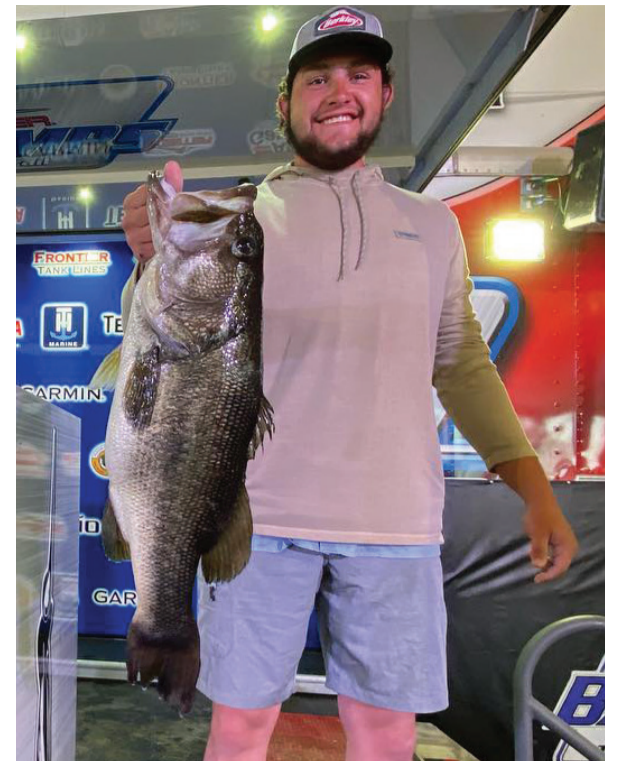
The weekend weather was nice for the anglers however the bite was not! There were no overs at all in day 1 of the tournament and only 1 over on day 2 for the entire tournament.

That's not normal for Lake Fork and has had many people talking about the lake being over fished with so many tournaments. I can see both sides of that however the last week prior to the tournament there were overs caught almost every day - including some 10lbbers and many 8lbbers. So it goes back to getting those big overs isn't always easy but they are definitely plenty out there to be found!

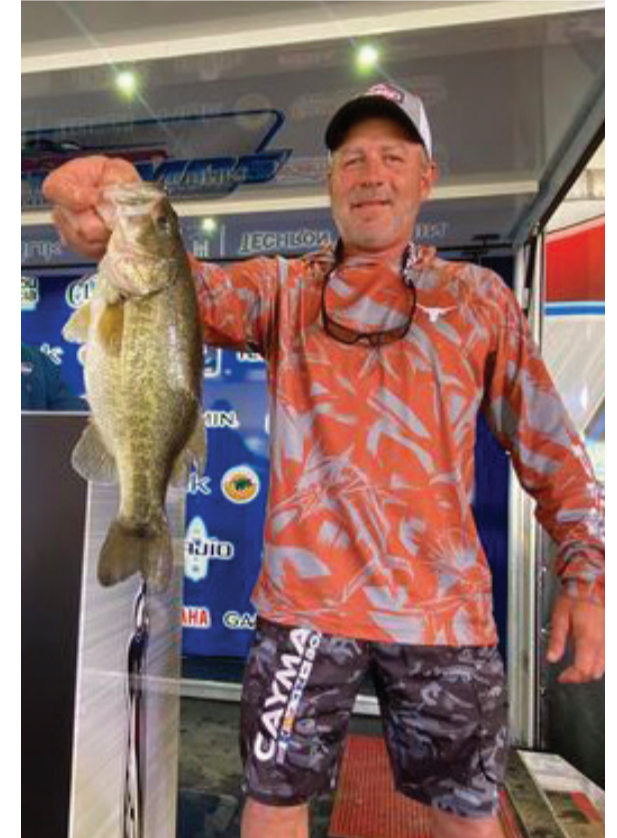
The Berkley Big Bass was still a great tournament though with Collin Carrol taking the big win with his nice 8.67lber and also Ricky Wyatt winning a boat with his 2.86lber! There were some fantastic tournament fish caught that won some good money !

Overall the tournament was a good pay off for many anglers and as usual a fun-filled 2 day event!

Don't worry folks there are still more Lake Fork Monsters to be caught - Hang in there! Congratulations to all the winners and we will see you again next year!



The official winners of the 18th annual Berkley Big Bass Open! Collin Carroll FROM Luther, OK with a bass weighing in on Day 2 of the 8am hour with a 8.67lb Bass and Ricky Wyatt from Brownsboro, TX with a fish weigh in on Day 1 of 11am hour with a 2.86lb Bass



TOP WINNER RESULTS

COLLIN CARROLL	Luther OK	8.67	Skeeter ZX200 Yamaha SHO Skeeter Built Trailer
RICKY WYATT	Brownsboro TX	2.86	Skeeter ZX150 Yamaha SHO Skeeter Built Trailer
COLLIN CARROLL	Luther OK	8.67	\$1000.00
RICKY WYATT	Brownsboro TX	2.86	\$1000.00
MAX NWANEBU	Fairview TX	2.79	\$1000.00
JOE TODD	Wichita Falls TX	2.78	\$1000.00
DAVID LAYMAN	Lindale TX	2.68	\$1000.00
RYAN ELDER	Wills Point TX	2.66	\$1000.00
JOHN REDMON	Grand Prairie TX	2.62	\$1000.00
RICHARD BECKHAM	Dallas TX	2.51	\$1000.00
SHIGEKAZU TATENO	Dallas TX	2.51	\$1000.00
DAVID MULLINS	Nevada TX	2.49	\$1000.00
CARTER HENDERSON	Tyler TX	2.45	\$1000.00
DINO PUSATERI	Denton TX	2.38	\$1000.00
MARK ANGELO	Richardson TX	2.33	\$1000.00
KENNETH GOODWIEN	FL	2.42	\$616.67
BOBBY HIX	Gladewater TX	2.42	\$616.67
DYLAN MEGEE	Southlake TX	2.42	\$616.67+\$100 Berkley Swamp Lord Bonus

LADIES DIVISION	:1st PLACE ANNA D ANGELO of Fort Worth Texas	2.42
	2nd PLACE IRENE TODD of Canton Texas	2.39
	3rd PLACE KELLY MCDOWELL of Robinson Texas	2.20
JUNIOR DIVISION	: 1st PLACE TY MARTIN of Troup Texas	1.94
	2nd PLACE MICAH TAYLOR of Reno Texas	1.66
	3rd PLACE BRADY TORRES of Robinson Texas	1.51



Joe Todd, Wichita Falls, TX with a nice 2.78lber



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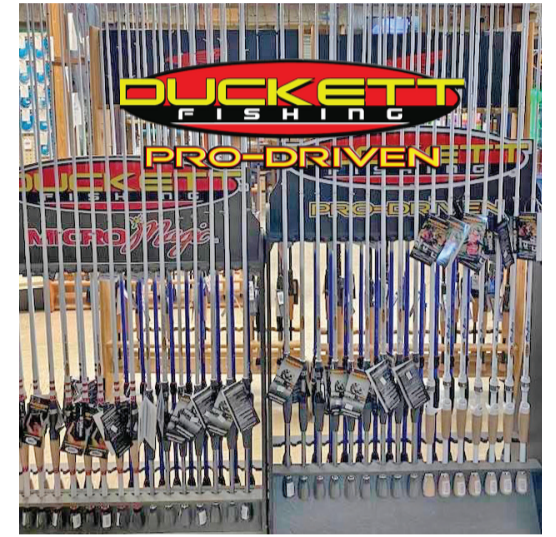


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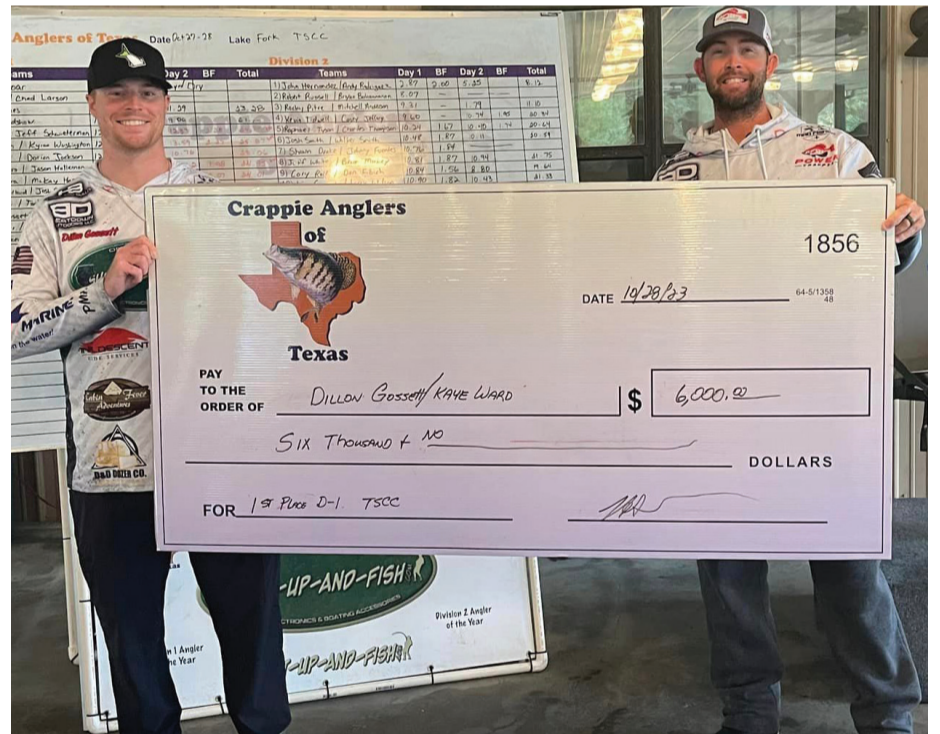
The Crappie Anglers of Texas State Championship was held October 27th and 28th and was hosted out of Lakeview Lodge on Lake Fork.

This is a tournament that all anglers must qualify to enter and is verified by the board.

It kicked off with a Banquet on Friday night at the Neon Moon with a raffle and a big year end award presentation. It was great food and a good time talking about



some Crappie Fishing! Then it was on to challenge the 2 day tournament! It was a tough soggy day to be out on the water but these anglers hung tough and competed hard for some cash and also for the bragging rights in the Crappie Fishing World!



Congratulations to Kayle Ward for back to back State Championship titles and to Dillon Gossett for the THREE PEAT! These guy's continue to prove themselves at every level and are a tremendous asset to CAT. Well done!!!

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CHOCTAW HUNTING LODGE- DEER HUNTING STEEPED IN HISTORY

Luke Clayton

Sitting in a comfortable hunting blind on the side of a ridge in the foothills of the beautiful Ouachita Mountain Range in southeast Oklahoma, my mind backtracked a century to the time that this country was part of the Indian Territory. The Choctaw land I was hunting, owned by the Choctaw Nation, surely offered great hunting back then for the native people but I doubt if any of them enjoyed such a comfortable blind nor anything close to the conveniences of the Choctaw Hunting Lodge where I was hoping to harvest one of those bruiser mountain whitetails bucks. The Choctaw Nation has done much to enhance the lands they were relocated to back in 1830 with the signing of the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit when they were moved from their homeland in Mississippi. I grew up just across the Red River in northeast Texas and southeast Oklahoma (Indian Territory) was our playground back in the late fifties and sixties. This was really wild, remote country back then and today there are still vast tracts of land that seldom see humans. We hunted the mountain country and fished the rivers in the southeast corner of Oklahoma. As a boy, I never dreamed one day I would be hunting as a guest of the Choctaws on such an awesome piece of land. The area known as Choctaw Hunting Lodge encompassed about 22,000 acres including a huge preserve that is home to some big whitetail as well as several species of exotics. These rugged hills provide some of the most beautiful and game rich country I've had the pleasure to spend time on. The Choctaw Nation owns another 20,000

or so acres adjacent the Choctaw Lodge hunting area that is also intensely managed for wildlife. Dusty Vickrey and his lovely wife Nacolh ramrod the operation which includes hunting, fishing and private events at the 12,000 square foot lodge. I can't say enough about the hospitality, excellent hunting and meals prepared by Nacolh. Through the years, I have had the opportunity to visit and hunt and fish here several times. I've come to look at these two as family although I've only known them a short time. They are just that kind of people. There's something very special about that pre dawn thirty minutes before daylight while setting in a blind in awesome whitetail country. The anticipation of a bruiser buck walking out of the brush is cause enough to get deer hunters out of a warm sleeping bag way before daylight and into the woods on a frosty fall morning and I eagerly awaited sunrise. My cameraman on this hunt was my long time friend Larry Weishuhn. Now, what better companion that Larry to spend time hunting whitetail deer with? They don't call Larry "Mr. Whitetail" for nothing! He's a storehouse of knowledge about anything 'deer' and through the years, I have learned a great deal from Larry through the years and not all of it related to deer! In the distance we heard a hunting pack of coyotes, probably heading to their den after a night of hunting. A barred owl sounded off in a tree nearby with its classic 'who cooks for you' serenade. The 'owl talk' was telegraphed back in the woods, answered by another owl in another tree somewhere, hunting its own territory and I'm sure more owls out of earshot continued telling each other that night time, their time to hunt, was coming to a close and daylight would soon come to their mountain home.

To make things even more perfect, I was hunting with my new rifle, A Mossberg Patriot in 6.5 Creedmoor. This is the first new deer rifle I'd acquired in years and it is a Mossberg. My first deer gun was a little .410 Mossberg loaded with rifled slugs. Luckily, I never had the opportunity to use it on deer way back in the early sixties (Don't think it was potent enough for deer) when I was a whipper snapper but it sparked a lifelong love of Mossberg firearms. For many years I hunted with a .243 and this caliber closely mimicked my old favorite but packs a good bit more punch. Back home the week before I discovered what a tack driver the rifle is on paper and I was anxious to put it to work on game. I had taken a couple of wild hogs with the rifle late last winter but this was my first deer hunt with it and after

shooting at my neighbor's range, I was full of confidence. My new rifle would do its job as long as I kept my wits about me when one of those big Oklahoma whitetails come slipping out of the brush. I'm an average shot but my strong suite is patience. I wait for that perfect broadside shot before talking the slack out of the trigger and I know my limitations. I practice for shots inside 150 yards but out of necessity sometimes shoot game a bit farther out.

Dusty told us the stand we were hunting had been plagued by a good size boar. The critter had been running the deer away from the feeder almost on a daily basis. Larry nudged me and poked a thumb out the window on his side of the blind toward some thick cover behind us. We were watching 4 whitetail doe and they also indicated "something" was heading their direction. All ears were pointed toward the approaching boar and they were on high alert. A toothy old boar slipped out of the brush and as any mature hog will do, made a circle around the area, nose in the air sniffing for danger. He would walk a few feet and then



freeze in place and test the air. He finally stopped in an opening between two oaks, the Creedmoor barked and the boar would no longer disrupt this excellent hunting spot. The area quieted down and a bit later we looked up and a big heavy bodied mature buck had just appeared. Funny how deer just seem to 'be there'. I wondered how he had so quietly made it to the opening in front of our blind but there he was! The shot was close, about 45 yards and my venison for the fall was on the ground. Back at the skinning rack, he weighed a bit over 200 pounds, the second heaviest whitetail I've taken. Larry had taken a fine eight point the day before I arrived which gave him the opportunity to hunt with me. Larry was planning on using his Taurus handgun to hunt for more venison later that day. We made a pact to regroup at the Choctaw Lodge later this winter. Dusty, Larry and Nacolh have a date this winter with a fat wild hog, a smoker, a big cast iron skillet and some fun hunting, cooking and celebrating the outdoor life style. I can't wait!

To learn more about the Choctaw Hunting Lodge, visit www.choctawhuntinglodge.com Contact outdoors writer Luke Clayton at www.catfishradio.org.

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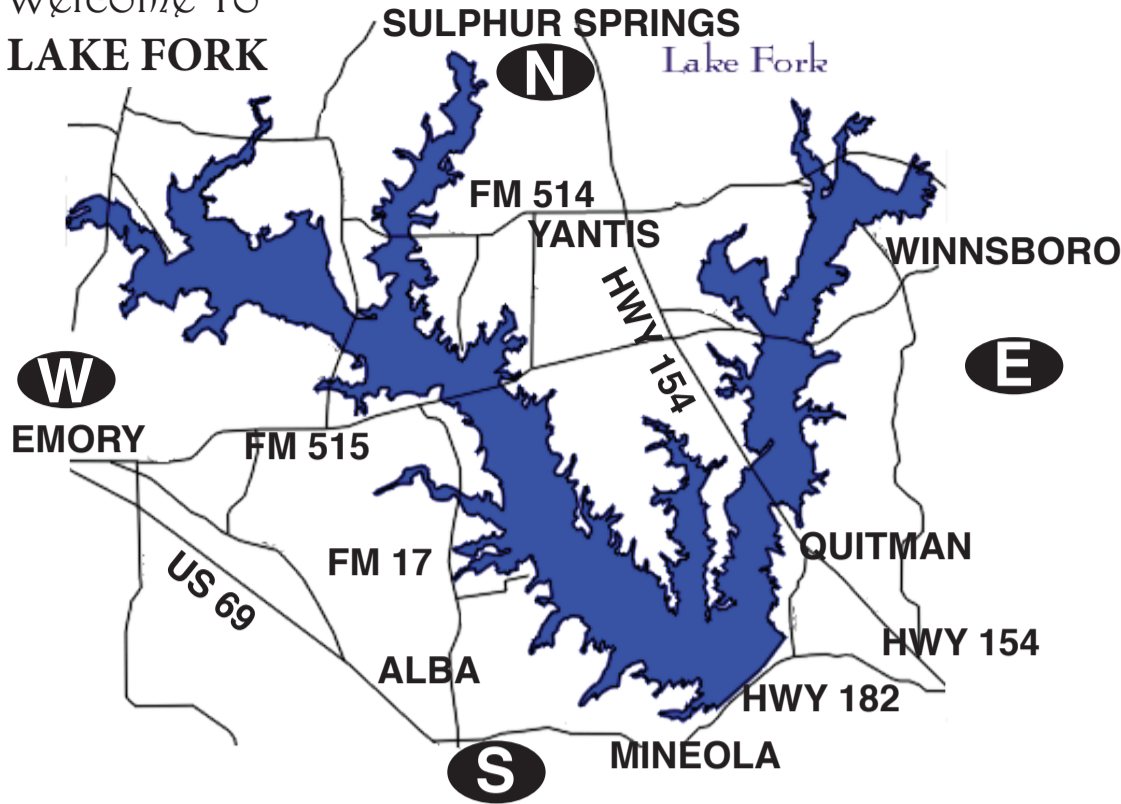
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JC OUTDOORS STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

No one was in danger of a heat stroke at our 2023 State Teams Championship. Congrats to the anglers who ventured out on a cold, windy and rainy Lake Ray Roberts for their share of a \$14,000 Pay Day!

Taking the Win and always a threat on any body of water was Tim Weaver going solo with a combined weight of 28.83 in 8 fish earning him \$10,000!

2nd Place Honors would go to Corey Maples and Aaron Walker with a close 28.59 on 9 fish earning them \$1500 and \$200 Day 1 Big Bass 7.02 Corey and Aaron are

also our 2023 Lake Fork Teams AOY

3rd Place and \$1000 went to Texoma Anglers Adam Pels and Cody Morrison with 9 bass for 27.71

4th Place and Day 2 Big Bass a 7.49 went to Lake Tyler Anglers Andrew Wright and Randy Parks with 10 bass for 26.17 earning them \$700 and \$200 Big Bass

5th Place went to Brent Cantrell and Jonathon Davis with 10 bass for 20.30 earning them \$400. Brent is also our 2023 Lake Fork Solo AOY

Just missing a check by 0.06 ounces was Steve Trimble and Sid Hudson with 10-15.10 6th Place 7th Place Jerry and Jereme Dietz had 8 bass for 18.30 and nothing but trouble trying to get to weigh in. Flat Tire on truck, bunk board came loose on trailer and



they ran into a closed road while traveling to the weigh in. That's overcoming adversity and still making it to weigh in. Thanks Again Anglers for fishing J C Outdoors Bass Trails. Mark, Diane and Sassy

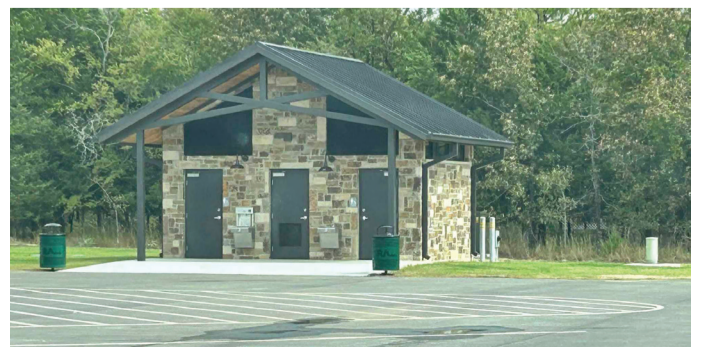
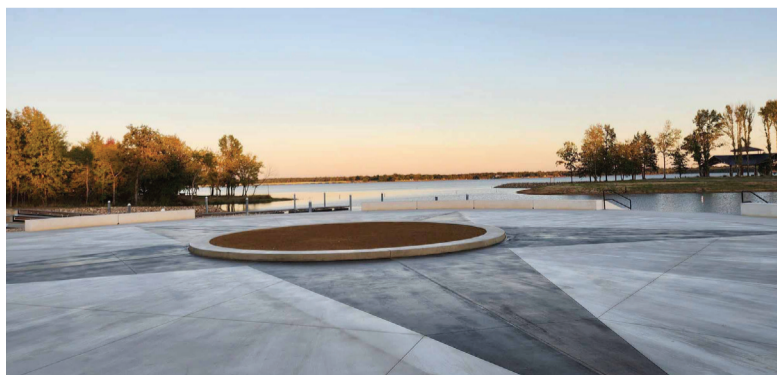


SRA Lake Fork Recreation Facility is now open!

So many of us have been curious to see what was going on with the SRA work going on off of Hwy 154 and now the new SRA Lake Fork Recreation Facility is now open! What a beautiful place, huge parking lot, nice restrooms, multi lane boat ramps and a pavilion. It is a beautiful drive to get to it from right off highway 154. The entrance is located across the road from the SRA water Park. Go by and enjoy the outstanding work that has been done for so many locals and tourist to enjoy! This is going to be a great asset in the Lake

Fork Area and something that has been needed for quite some time! Great Job - we look forward to covering many events and tournaments here in the coming months and years!

Photos by Sid Hutter



James Caldemeyer

Lake Fork Fishing Guide Report



Guide James Caldemeyer

James Caldemeyer's Lake Fork Trophy Bass Monthly Fishing Report November 2023

Fall is in full swing during the month of November here at Lake Fork. The lake traffic is minimal with lots of hunters in the woods and the fishing is great. As the leaves continue to fall from the trees and the temperatures continue to grow colder, you can expect the fishing to get even better. This time of year, really gives any angler the opportunity to catch fish on any given day and Lake Fork always provides the opportunity for you to catch a trophy bass of a lifetime on any given cast. Now through the end of the year is one of my favorite times to catch a giant bass!

The lake is currently only a foot low as we have had a lot of fall rain so far and that's great news for the lake water levels going into 2024. The water temperatures are ranging from 64-70 degrees. Water clarity is fair on the main lake to stained in some of the creeks from all the recent rains.

I am catching fish both shallow and out in deep water right now. It has kind of been a mixed bite for the most as fish in all ranges of the water column have been active. The shallow bite has been good from main lake points to the backs of the major creeks. I am finding most of the fish in 2-8 feet of water. Lipless crank baits like a Berkley Warpig and Square Bull square billed crank bait have been good in any shad pattern. I like red or chrome and sexy shad colors a lot in the winter. The new Berkley Slobberknocker has also been spot on in white or white/chartreuse. This is a great new bait with lots of thumping action. Also, a Berkley Hollow Belly swim bait has also been a great producer especially on windy days. Cloud cover is usually better for the shallow fishing, but I often find a lot of bass up shallow in the coldest part of the year on a sunny day. They

like to sit up there in the sun as it warms the shallow water. As the water cools and winter sets in don't forget to break out the jerk baits also. On days that the bite gets tougher you can break out one of these and save the day. I love the Berkley Stunna 112 and 112+. Getting on the trolling motor and watching the LiveScope while working this bait around stumps and grass with slow twitches will draw some big fish out to get it!

The deep bite has really turned on over the past couple of weeks. I am catching a lot of fish out deep using a multitude of different techniques. Locating big schools of fish can be challenging out in the depths. That is why I really on my Garmin Echomap units to show me where they are at. The bass have been holding close to the schools of bait in 18-28 feet of water. Once I locate a school of bass around the bait with my sonar, I am positioning my boat to take aim with the LiveScope and start firing at them with several different baits. The best and most reliable lure has been a jigging spoon. I use a big flutter spoon in the silver or gold color. This spoon mimics dying shad from the cold setting in, and big bass cannot resist it as an easy meal. It takes some practice to get used to it if you have never thrown one but once you get into the rhythm of it you will have a blast catching fish on it! I have also been targeting the feeding schools of bass with a Carolina rig or a drop shot. I like the Berkley Jerk Shad on my rig right now. It is just the right size and has lots of action as you pull it along. Best colors for me have been watermelon red magic and Houdini. I have also started to catch a few bass on a 3/4 oz Santone Lures football head jig. JC's Spicy Craw, Black/Blue or PB&J colors are good choices trailed by a Berkley Havoc Pit Boss or Chigger Craw. For the suspended bass out deep, I have been throwing the Berkley Powerbait Swim Shads in the 4" and 5" sizes. Bunker or Pearl white are best. Also, and umbrella rig tipped with Berkley Power Swimmers. These baits will catch some giants retrieved out in the depths!

I hope this helps anyone



Another Lake Fork beauty while out with Lake Fork Guide James Caldemeyer

that's coming out this month to chase some big bass. If you would like to fish with me still this year, I still have just a few fall dates available. My 2024 schedule is filling fast already though so contact me as soon as possible if you are wanting to plan your spring or early summer trips. I also have gift certificates available for those of you that are interested in purchasing a friend or loved one a guided trip on Lake Fork. You can contact me to make your reservation at 903-736-9888 or send me an email at lakeforktrophybass@yahoo.com You can also visit my website for more information about Lake Fork and my guide service at www.officiallakeforktrophybass.com You can find me on Facebook and follow my official Lake Fork Trophy Bass Guide page at <https://www.facebook.com/lakeforktrophybassguide> I have really enjoyed my Bass Cat Puma STS for the 2023 season. I couldn't be happier to be serving my customers on Lake Fork as part of the Bass Cat Team and am looking forward to providing more great trips this year out of my new boat! If you're interested in checking out any of the Bass Cat models, be sure to reach out to R & R Marine in Pittsburg, Texas. They have the all-new Puma STS that everyone is raving about so go by and check it out! Steven Stroman and his crew have amazing sales and service as well as a complete tackle shop with just about anything you need. I would like to thank all my sponsors that have continued to support me in 2023. I am looking forward to representing them again next year and appreciate all their support as I serve all my great guide clients on throughout the year on Lake Fork as well! Sponsors: Toyota, AFTCO, Bass Cat Boats, Mercury, I Am Second, Omnia Fishing, Berkley, Abu Garcia, Garmin, Santone Lures, Costa Sunglasses, Power Pole, 3:16 Lure Company, Elite Tungsten, Johnson Communications, and Bass Boat Technologies.

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Tight Lines & God Bless,
James Caldemeyer

Doug Champine Guide Fishing Report

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November bass and crappie fishing on Lake Fork is normally good if we do not have some colder than normal weather. Bass can be found shallow using small swim baits, split shot rigs and shallow diving square bill crank baits. Look for green vegetation and fish close to that especially if the shad are in those

areas. The bass will be there also. As for the crappie the next 3 months will be outstanding crappie fishing. Jigs and minnows will both work and with your electronics look for brush piles in 20-24 ft or water or laydowns. The fish will be suspended above the brush. Chartreuse pepper colored baits are working good for a jig color on a 1/8 jig head. And minnows usually always work. Interested in a trip text me at 940-902-3855 for open November dates. Doug Champine DSP Guide Service For booking details see www.lakeforktrophybass.com

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3RD Annual BILLY DYSON FOUNDATION TOURNAMENT OCT. 15TH

The 3rd Annual Billy Dyson was held on Sunday October 15th at Lake Fork Marina. The wind blew all day but the bass decided to feed and some good tournament fish were caught!

The team of Cody Jarris and Duston Holloway brought in the winning bag with a total weight of 10.56 and a big bass weight of 2.84lbs! Congratulations to all for a great tournament for a great cause!



TOP 6 WINNERS

1 Cody Jarris	Duston Holloway	5	2.84	10.56	\$2000 + \$400BB
2 Kole Sustaire	James Hervey	5	2.40	9.42	\$800.00
3 Tim Weaver		5	2.69	8.69	\$400.00
4 Tommy Sikes	Tanner Nabors	5		7.68	\$300.00
5 Chuck Turner	Donna West	5		7.11	\$250.00
6 Steve Hummert	Jody Kea	5		7.00	\$250.00



High School Fishing

2023-24 NORTHEAST DIVISION

10/28/23 LAKE BOB SANDLIN



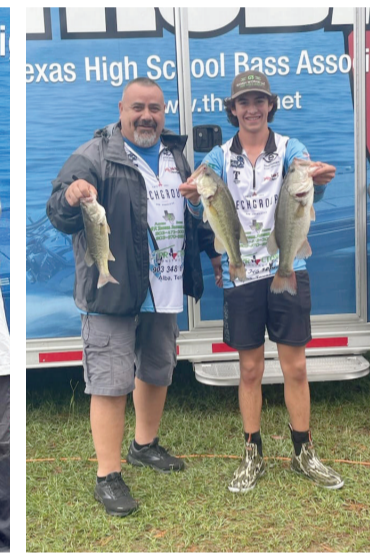
WINNSBORO WINS 2ND PLACE AT BOB SANDLIN

Porter South and Leon Ackerman weighed five fish for 19.07 pounds and placed second overall out of 144 duos in Saturday's THSBA tournament on Lake Bob Sandlin. The Winnsboro team took second place overall.

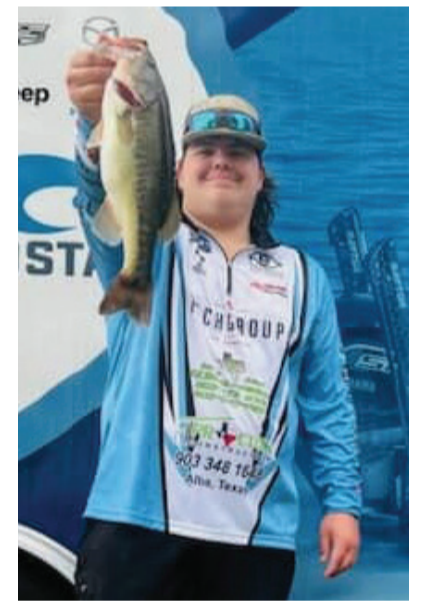


RAINS WINS 3RD PLACE AT BOB SANDLIN

We've been praying for rain for a while now!!! Yesterday we got it!!! Lots of rain early in the morning. Tapered off a little throughout the day. Then weigh-in, it decided to rain a little more. Bob Sandlin hasn't had the most favorable weather, throughout our time doing this. But, we made it. Everyone got in safe. Northeast Division had 136 teams out on the lake yesterday. 12 of those teams, were our very own. Rains had 3 teams place in the top 21. We also placed 3rd overall....and continue to hold 1st place for the season. Congratulations to you all. You hung in there all day. We are proud of you all. Yes, you all are competing against each other. But at the end



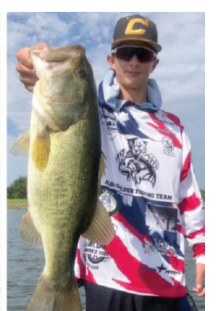
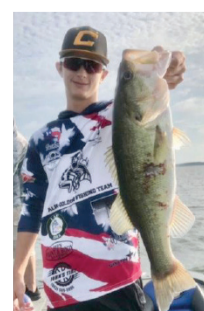
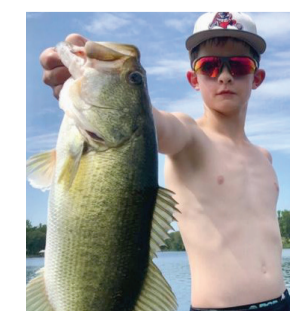
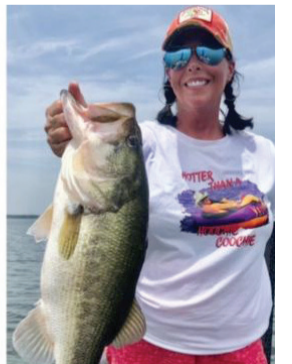
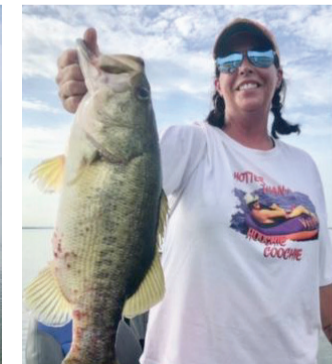
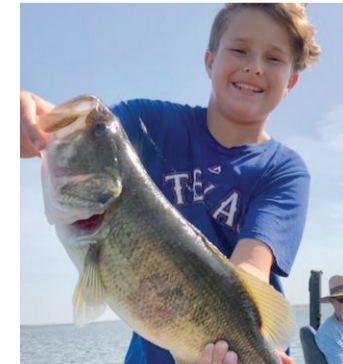
of the day, all 12 of our teams, makes 1!!!! 10 teams weighed in. Here's yesterday's results:
3rd Place Angler Hagan Thacker/Angler Gunner Cook/Boat Captain Jeremy Cook 16.97lbs weighing a their big fish 5.65lbs
10th Place Angler Jason White/Angler Karson Wallace/Boat Captain James Hervey 9.98lbs
19th Place Angler Daniel Alvarado/Boat Captain Felix Alvarado 8.01lbs



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GRAND SALINE WINS 4TH PLACE AT BOB SANDLIN



2nd Northeast Division Tournament at Lake Bob Sandlin. 144 teams entered and Top Awards to 21st Place. Started off with heavy rainfall and fog. Overcast all day. Tough bite, due to all the fresh water from rainfall. Also, a full moon. Rained off and on all day. At the end of the day everyone was pretty much soaked but at least it wasn't cold. The Angler's stuck it out all day, through it all and never gave up. GSHSBA'S had a good day with 16 teams weighing in fish. GSHSBA'S Finished 4th as a whole out of 27

Schools. Leaving us tied for 2nd for TOY so far. 5 of these teams were in the TOP 21 Awards: Great Day to be a GSHSBA.... proud of all my Teams for sticking it out on a wet, windy day. 3rd THSBA Northeast Division Tournament will be at Lake Tawakoni on December 2nd.



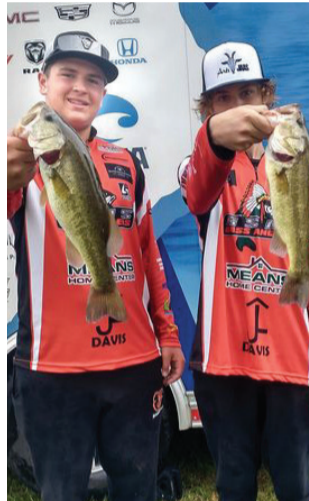
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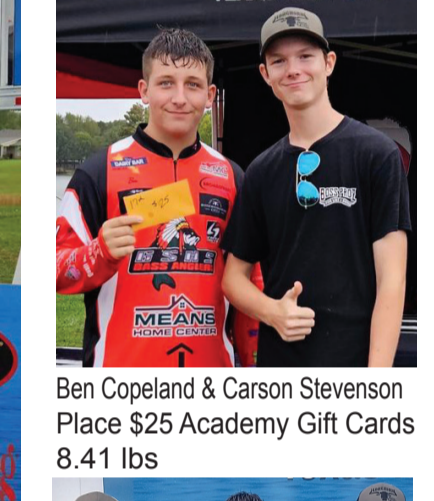
Bryce Henry & Jace Mercer \$125 Academy Gift Cards 11.20 lbs



Briley Tipps & Casey Meroney \$100 Academy Gift Cards 10.25 lbs



Colby Koonce & Gabe Means \$35 Academy Gift Cards 9.07 lbs



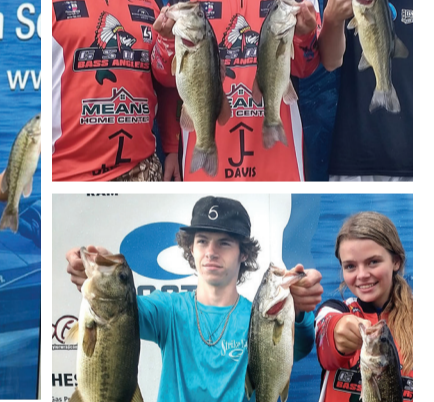
Ben Copeland & Carson Stevenson Place \$25 Academy Gift Cards 8.41 lbs



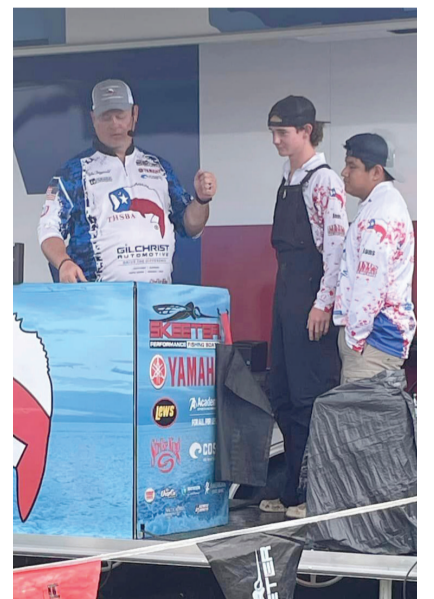
Noah Harvill & Raylee Copeland BC Travis Copeland 4 Bass 7.21 lbs



Rylie Wade & Preston Black BC Eric Autry 4Bass 6.70 lbs



The Quitman fishing team fished tough on Saturday's soggy wet THSBA tournament on Lake Bob Sandlin. Hang in there and good luck at the next tournament at Lake Tawakoni December 2nd !



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CAT STATE FINALS Oct 2023

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The first place win in division one was a close race with Gossett and Ward edging it out by .15 ounces to take the win from O'Bier and Hancock who fought hard as well to take the second place slot!

The 3rd place slot was won by Travis Decker & Michael Culberson with a nice 2 day total of 26.91lbs.

Division 2 was also a very close race with Guthrie & Peacock with a 2 day total weight of 24.80 taking first place by only .2 ounces with the second place team of Tristan & Charlie Jenkins that weighed in a 2 day total of 24.78! Third place went to the team of Kip Wright & Jason Ewton with a 2 day weight of 24.24!

This is a very close knit family of Crappie anglers that give everything they have into fishing but also to support one another as well!

We look forward to another year of great Texas Crappie Fishing here at Lake Fork !

Back to Back State Champs!
Dillion Gosset _

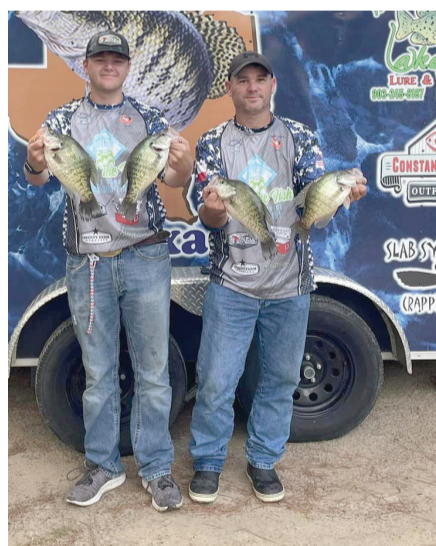
"We had a little luck on our side this weekend and stumbled across the right fish. Practice was tough, but we figured something out and ran with it. It was a grind and the weather made it even more tough. The weights were close, but we caught the right kicker fish to move us into first place! This is my third year fishing CAT and its been one of the best decisions I ever made. I have learned so much fishing these tournaments and I believe it made me the angler I am today. The first year was rough and then at the last qualifier tournament something finally clicked. We cashed a check and then went on to win the state tournament in 2021. I have been fortunate enough to be able to win 2 more since then against some tough competition. Crappie Anglers of Texas is a great state tournament trail for anyone to join. Its a great way to get into tournament fishing. I wanted to thank the board members for putting on another great tournament as well!

Kayle and I have had a great year and it wouldn't be possible without these companies!"

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Crappie Anglers of Texas has been blessed with many dedicated, hard working, generous people throughout its existence. Lane Palmer's name belongs at the top of that list. He served many years on the board, filling whatever role needed to be filled. Tournament Director, Treasurer, President, it didn't matter, he did it and he did it well. He continued to contribute to CAT as a sponsor and supporter even after his last term as a board member ended. He was the epitome of what it means to be a "TOP CAT". Naming this award in his honor was a no-brainer. Jerry Hancock had already been chosen for the award prior to Lane's passing. There could not have been a more perfect person to receive the first ever "Lane Palmer" Top Cat of the year award. He and Lane were great friends. Had Lane himself been the one to choose the recipient, the smart money would have been on Jerry. Congratulations Mr. Hancock! Thank you for your leadership and contribution to our club. Great job!



In Loving Memory



Lane Palmer 1986~2023

TOP WINNERS DIVISION 1

- 1st Place Dillion Gossett - Kayle Ward Total 2 Day Weight 27.15 BF 2.40
- 2nd Place Paul O'Bier - Jerry Hancock Total 2 Day Weight 27.00
- 3rd Place Travis Decker - Michael Culberson Total 2 Day Weight 26.91
- 4th Place Clay Gann - Todd Froebe Total 2 Day Weight 26.35 BF 2.13
- 5th Place Don Langston - Kyron Washington Total 2 Day Weight 25.87 BF 2.27
- 6th Place Jordan Sanders - Jason Holleman Total 2 Day Weight 24.95 BF 1.98
- 7th Place James Rains - Jeff Schwieterman Total 2 Day Weight 24.55 BF 2.28

TOP WINNERS DIVISION 2

- 1st Place Grant Guthrie - Kody Peacock Total 2 Day Weight 24.80 BF 2.15
- 2nd Place Tristan Jenkins - Charlie Jenkins Total 2 Day Weight 24.78 BF 2.07
- 3rd Place Kip Wright - Jason Ewton Total 2 Day Weight 24.24 BF 1.87
- 4th Place Austin Taylor Evan Protho Total 2 Day Weight 24.19
- 5th Place Wayne Wright Total 2 Day Weight 24.18 BF 1.83
- 6th Place Russell Gates Joletta Gates Total 2 Day Weight 23.97 BF 1.96

Williams Creek Crappie Club of Lake Fork

**WCCC Meeting
OCTOBER 14TH
@ 3pm
Yantis Community
Center**

The October meeting was held Saturday October 14th at the Yantis Community Center with a lot of fun and discussion about Crappie Fishing here at Lake Fork. There was the usual meet and greet for everyone to enjoy along with homemade cookies and snacks for all of the anglers and guests!

Jerry Hancock was the guest speaker for October and shared some great tips and advice on being successful at Crappie fishing! His Crappie Career has been outstanding and is a top notch guide as well! Some of the discussion was the difference between Tournament fishing and guide fishing - common mistakes like sitting in a spot too long, quick reactions and presentation of your bait! He explained how confidence in your bait can help improve your catch. If you are com-



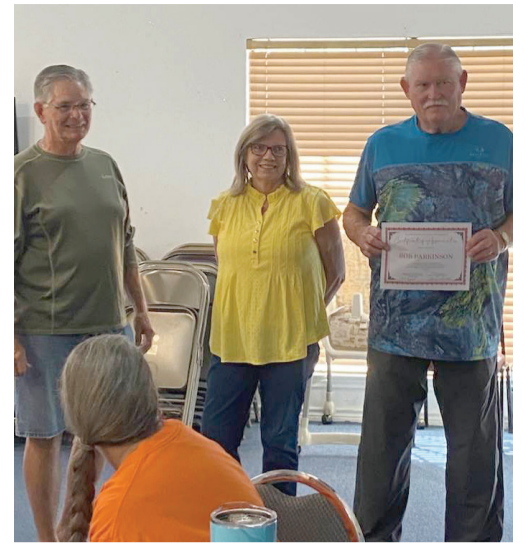
fortable with a particular bait have confidence in it and let it work to your advantage. It was a fantastic presentation with great information.

A presentation award and check was given to Bob Parkinson that has done so much for the WCCC throughout the years since day one of the club! He has been dedicated to making the WCCC a great organization for Crappie anglers to gather and share the world of fishing for crappie here at Lake Fork! Thank you Bob for all that you have done for so many people!

The the 50/50 Raffle as well as many great door prizes were drawn at the end of the meeting! There was a great crowd and a lot of information was discussed about the future of the WCCC and the exciting things happening for the club! The board will be committed to making this organization fun for the community anglers as a whole. There will also be various fun events scheduled throughout the year above and beyond our meetings to bring fellowship and a sense of community.

Let's make 2024 a year to remember!

**The next meeting will be held on
November 11th at the
Yantis Community
Center at 3:00pm**



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The annual dues are \$25 per family members in a household.



Big thanks to Jerry Hancock Fishing for being our October speaker. Jerry gave a great presentation about crappie fishing and shared decades of experience on beautiful Lake Fork!



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LAKE FORK ANGLERS



Lake Fork Anglers (LFA) Bass Fishing Club

Tournament Results for OCTOBER 2023

Lake Fork Anglers (LFA) Bass Fishing Club Tournament Results: 10/05/2023

Hard Core Tournament –All Bass 10 inches and over count towards total weight scored.

26 Members fished with a total of 91 Bass caught with only one Bass over 5 lbs.

Winning Anglers

1. Tim Gold with 7 Bass @ 17.82 lbs.

2. Galen Smith with 7 Bass @ 14.04 lbs.

3. Billy David with 4 @ 13.70 lbs.

Big Bass: Billy Davis @ 7.54 lbs.

Winning Co-Anglers

1. Robert Owens with 5 Bass @ 11.03 lbs.

2. Jerry Gaither with 7 Bass @ 9.21 lbs.

3. Jackie Price with 4 @ 7.65 lbs.

Big Bass: Robert Owens @ 4.58 lbs.

Lake Fork Anglers (LFA) Bass Fishing Club Tournament Results: 10/12/2023

LFA Tournament – Largest 5 Bass 10 inches and over
27 Members fished today. A total of 78 Bass were caught with one over 5 lbs. Windy and cool with water temperatures around 71 degrees. Fall bite seems to be a bit slow so far, but should pick up later this month.

Winning Anglers

1. Randy Bunch with 4 Bass @ 13.26 lbs.

2. Richard Morris with his best 5 Bass @ 11.34 lbs.

3. Dennis Bubinas with 4 Bass @ 9.07 lbs.

Big Bass: Randy Bunch @ 7.81 lbs.

Winning Co-Anglers

1. Scott Powell with 5 Bass @ 10.37 lbs.

2. Jackie Price with 4 Bass @ 7.04 lbs.

3. Matt Scotch with 5 @ 6.31 lbs.

Big Bass: Scott Powell @ 3.31 lbs.

Lake Fork Anglers (LFA) Bass Fishing Club Tournament Results: 10/19/2023

Hard Core Tournament –All Bass 10 inches and over count towards total weight scored.

22 Members fished with a total of 66 Bass caught with only one Bass over 5 lbs. A somewhat slow day with a three fish average in what was a beautiful day to be on the lake.

Winning Anglers

1. Galen Smith with 6 Bass @ 7.46 lbs.

2. Tim Gold with 8 Bass @ 6.54 lbs.

3. Don Overstreet with 3 @ 6.77 lbs.

Big Bass: Don Overstreet @ 3.62 lbs.

Winning Co-Anglers

1. Matt Scotch with 6 Bass @ 11.38 lbs.

2. Ken Chapman with 6 Bass @ 7.34 lbs.

3. Tom Black with 3 @ 5.49 lbs.

Big Bass: Matt Scotch @ 6.52 lbs.

Lake Fork Anglers (LFA) Bass Fishing Club Tournament Results: 10/26/2023

LFA Tournament – Largest 5 Bass 10 inches and over
27 Members fished today in what started out as a heavy downpour. A total of 92 Bass were caught with two over 5 lbs.

Winning Anglers

1. Don Overstreet with his best 4 Bass @ 11.76 lbs.

2. Randy Bunch with his best 5 Bass @ 8.97 lbs.

3. Tim Gold with 5 Bass @ 8.57 lbs.

Big Bass: Billy Davis @ 5.82 lbs.

Winning Co-Anglers

1. Jerry Gaither with 5 Bass @ 6.45 lbs.

2. Chris Lawson with 1 Bass @ 6.17 lbs.

3. Bob Lambert & Ken Chapman tied with @ 4.52 lbs. each.

Big Bass: Chris Lawson @ 6.17

The LFA club fishes every Thursday with afternoon weigh-in at the SRA Park on Hwy 154 @ 12:45 pm (Summer Hours).

- Two club tournament formats are rotated weekly.
- LFA – Best 5 fish format – 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month
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All club tournaments are two-person catch and release tournaments with an angler and a co-angler per boat.

Anglers compete against anglers and Co-Anglers compete against co-anglers.

Club membership is open to all persons who are physically able to fish and function independently in a boat, whether alone, or as a team member during scheduled Thursday fishing tournaments. We are always looking for new members -

both Anglers (Boaters) and Co-Anglers (Back-Seaters).

Club tournament information and membership application can be found by sending an email to: lfa_2019@yahoo.com



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The 27th annual Mad Dog Moore Memorial Bass Tournament was held Saturday October 7th at Oakridge Marina.

This is a fantastic tournament each year here at Lake Fork for an amazing cause. On Saturday, February 15th, 1997 at 1:27pm, the Garland Police Department suffered a tremendous and tragic loss. Police Officer Michael David "Mad Dog" Moore was killed in the line of duty when apprehending a bank robbery suspect at the Bank One on W. Centerville Rd. Michael David Moore was an avid outdoorsman and he loved to fish. We could think of no other tribute as fitting to our fallen brother's memory than the creation of an annual bass tournament.

Since 1997, the "Mad Dog"

MAD DOG MOORE 2023

October 7th, 2023 on Lake Fork at the Oak Ridge Marina



Memorial Bass Tournament has been a growing event that would not be possible if not for the generosity of the amazing sponsors, and many volunteers that make this so much more than just fishing! This is an event that brings out the entire family for a fun day of activities including a free brisket lunch and drinks.

It was a beautiful day for the event that had 117 teams that registered for a friendly but competitive day of fishing!

It was a chilly breeze and a tough day on the water finding the big bass, but the team of Hope and Killingsworth managed to weigh in a total of 8.76lbs to take first place for the

Mad Dog 2023 event! Second place went to the team of Brown & Autry with a total of 8.50lb total and Third place went to the Team of Jackson & Swearington with a weight a total weight of 8.49lbs!

But there was still more to come after the final weigh ins, as the anglers and huge crowd enjoyed the delicious meal, the raffle for the many - many great prizes began! And boy was it a big raffle this year! There was everything from a new Kearney Trailer, mini bikes, smokers, trips, many T.V.'s, fishing rods, Tackle, coolers and so much more!

This was one of the best well run, raffle and tournament that I have seen in a long time!



The "Garland Police Never Walk Alone Foundation" took over the tournament last year and the tournament proceeds benefit the foundation's cause.

Christian Gipson is the President and Ted Nguyen is the Vice President of the foundation.

A little about Garland Police Department Never Walk Alone -This Foundation started as most do, with a need. A traffic unit member was diagnosed with cancer for a second time. The Traffic Unit decided to do something to help financially. With the support of the community this has grown and we hope to help others.

The mad dog moore tourna-

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Congratulations to Mr. Crappie Wally Marshall our 2023 Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame Inductee!

Oct 8, 2023 Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame! Mr. Crappie Wally Marshall - "I would like to give Thanks to everyone that has given me a opportunity over the last 35 years in the Fishing Industry ! I am Blessed !"



The Toyota ShareLunker Program celebrated 18 ShareLunkers from four different Texas reservoirs and the anglers who donated their fish. One of these ShareLunkers made the Texas top 10 heaviest Large-mouth Bass of all-time list. These amazing milestones do not just happen. It takes this angler, industry,



agency partnership to make this program such a success. From these Legacy Class Lunkers, approximately 180,000 ShareLunker fingerlings were stocked in public waters this season and 100% of the Leg-

acy Lunkers were returned to their home reservoir for another angler to catch a fish of a lifetime. Thank you all for helping us make more of these bigger, better bass for future generations of anglers.



JC OUTDOORS TEAM SERIES 10-14

Congrats to our Winners in Saturdays Lake Fork Fall Teams Event!



It was a windy chilly day for fishing for the Lake Fork Falls Team event but the teams fished on and brought in some nice stringers. It was the Team of Corey Maples and Brice Boseman coming in with the winning total weight of 7.84lbs ! Congratulations!



TOP 5 WINNERS

1 Corey Maples	Brice Boseman	5	2.12	7.84	\$950+\$460	100
2 Richard Osborn	Harold Bredemier	5		7.77	\$480+\$230	99
3 David Laymance	Paul Walls	5	2.43	7.48	\$240+\$180	98
4 Danny Brown	John Davidson	5	2.42	7.07	\$190+\$120	97
5 Brian Jackson	Brad Swearington	5	2.21	6.26	\$140.00	96



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ment is a great event to fish and participate in the good food fun events but it is so much more - it is a group of "family" that raises money to help their own get through difficult times!

The volunteers this year were the Garland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and did an amazing job! As well as the Guns and Hoses Foundation of North Texas who are also dedicated to providing immediate assistance to the families of fallen Police and Fire Fighters lost in the line of duty in North Texas.

This is a brotherhood and sisterhood that serves and protects all of us daily! This tournament gives us all the opportunity to come out and support them and say thank you! If you have never attended a Mad Dog



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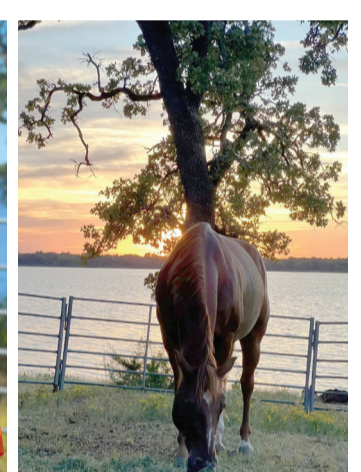


Aisling Equine Therapy was also at the event with thier Therapy Horses to help promote the amazing program to help our Military & First Responders as well as thier families in gentle healing with between humans & horses. If you would like more information please contact them at (479) 770-1501

Moore tournament you need to make plans to attend next years event! It only gets bigger and better with each year!

A big thank you to the many volunteers, sponsors and Barry of Oakridge Marina for making this a great tournament once again!

I am looking forward to next years event and I hope to see you all There!



FISH ON FRIENDS Thanksgiving Wishes



As Thanksgiving approaches so does the change in people's emotions and actions. Because it sets forth a frenzied Holiday season! Everyone has a different point of view and traditions when it comes to gathering for Thanksgiving.

For most it is joyous and the whole family will come together for a feast and enjoy the love of all being together for one day!

My thoughts on all of this are what is Thanksgiving really all about?

Well of course it is about the pilgrims and the Indians - but deeper than that what made the Pilgrims and the Indians Thank-

ful? They were thankful for land, sharing food to celebrate and a new friendship!

And as the years went on the friendship changed, it became a fight over land an intolerance between the races, the greed, the power the sad destruction of separation of society.

This brings us to the sad fact of how we are still like that today, we gather on the holiday, enjoy a feast laugh and enjoy one another and then go on about our own lives.

What if it could be much more than that? Not just serving dinner at the mission for one day but doing something that makes someone's everyday life better? What if society put away the difference in one another and reached out a little bit every day to 'give thanks' to what we have in our own life.

Now don't get me wrong I love Thanksgiving and I love to gather with friends and family - that is what I am truly Thankful for!

I just wish we could all carry the true meaning of Thanksgiving and use it daily! I know you ask - why should I even try when the world is so full of hate and disaster? If you look at the recent flooding, massacres, fires and the horrific things we see on the news you will also see the humanity we show one another during a crisis. And then once the crisis is gone then we all go back to the 'norm'.

So let's break it down - Thanksgiving - "Thanks" for what we already have. "Giving" take a second to give back! And this isn't a monetary thing this has to do with kindness, which can be done in numerous ways.

The best part of kindness is it becomes a boomerang - when you can touch someone else's heart your heart will also be touched!

Positivity breeds positivity plain and simple! I came across this list of 'Simple Formula Of Living' and hope it brings joy to your life! Happy Thanksgiving all year long!

SIMPLE FORMULA FOR LIVING

- Live beneath your means.
- Return everything you borrow
- Stop blaming other people
- Admit it when you make a mistake
- Give clothes not worn to charity
- Do something nice and try not to get caught
- Listen more; Talk less
- Strive for excellence not perfection
- Be on time - don't make excuses
- Be Kind to unkind people
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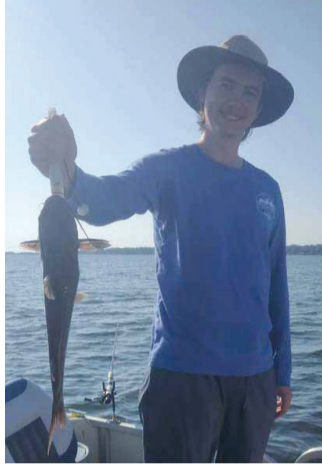
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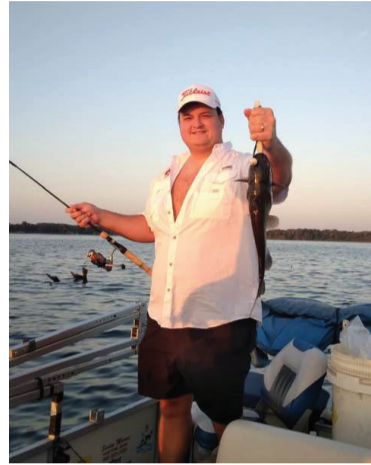
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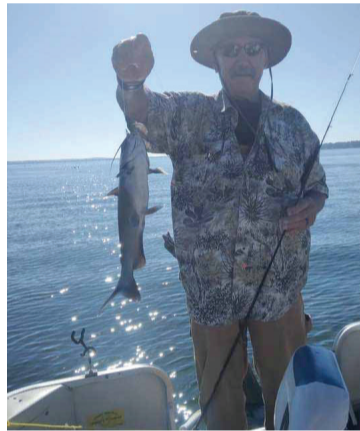
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