

Mission of the Organization

- Promote sportsmanship and the protection of natural resources
- Promote the quality of Lake Fork fishery and other outdoor recreational activities
- Promote the future of angling through youth programs
- Promote a spirit of cooperation with local, county, state, and federal governmental agencies, and other civic organizations for the purpose of improving Lake Fork and it's surrounding communities
- Promote items of interest of the membership at large

Presidents Report

Micheal Rogge expressed his thanks to everyone for their efforts on these activities in January.

Chili Cook-off

The LFSA entered a team in the Quitman Pilot Club's 6th Annual Chili Cook-Off on January 30. The Cook-Off proceeds benefit the Pilot Club's participation in area-wide Special Olympics events and other activities that support the prevention and treatment of brain disorders. The LFSA Team of John Heimgartner (chili chef and team leader), Micheal Rogge, Sam Scroggins, and Mel Travnichek "bowed" over the other 16 competitors by taking first place in two of the three competitive categories, The Peoples Choice Award and The Showmanship Award. The Peoples Choice Award is especially gratifying because the LFSA "Chili Camp" received the highest number of votes by all those who attended the event. John is to be commended for his outstanding chili recipe, but the unsung hero of the event was Mel who purchased a cheese-cake in the charity auction, then divided it up for all takers among the event's attendees. Mel's generosity was sincerely appreciated by everyone in the building. Other LFSA members who participated in the event were Martha Scroggins who was a member of the Pilot Club's Chili Cook-Off organizing committee and Dick Walker who supervised the chili tasting judges. Thanks is also extended to Dave Settle for providing the backdrop used for the Chili Camp booth.



First Place Peoples Choice



First Place Best Showmanship



The Winning Booth

Community Involvement

The Lake Fork Sportsman's Association (LFSA) participated in the 2009 Mid-Winter Bald Eagle Count on Lake Fork over the weekend of January 10-11. Strong winds on Saturday prevented our volunteers from launching the Live Release and other boats gathered to assist in the count. This left the count team to use their autos to stop at various land points around the Lake where eagles have been known to gather in the past. Fortunately the winds settled on Sunday and Dan Silcox and Sam Scroggins were able to take several observers out on the LFSA boat. Stan Kuhn also took a separate group of observers out in his boat to tour the eastern part of the lake. Stan's group spotted four eagles in the area between the 515 East bridge and the 154 bridge. The LFSA boat spotted 5 eagles in the Birch Creek area. There was a third volunteer boat out with a small team of observers, but the results of their outing are not presently known to the LFSA.

In a related activity, the City of Emory requested the LFSA to assist with on-water tours for their 14th Annual Eagle Fest scheduled for February 7. Bruce Allen has volunteered to assist in this effort. Stan Kuhn has also offer his pontoon boat for the lake tours. Thanks guys for being LFSA ambassadors of good will.

The City of Emory also solicited assistance from the LFSA for a guide who would be interested in "donating" a half day guide trip for a basket that the City of Emory is sending with its representative to the Code Enforcement of Texas Annual Conference. The basket will be offered as a door prize during the conference. This will be a "Lake Fork Fishin' Basket" and will also include lures, other fishing stuff and an overnight stay at a local motel. Stan Kuhn has offered his Catfish Guide Service as the donation. We sincerely appreciate his generosity.

Thanks again to everyone for a great effort in getting the LFSA name out into the community. **Micheal**

Crappie Tournament

October 3, 2009 has been set as the date of our next tournament. The Board of Directors have asked last year's tournament committee chaired by Stan Kuhn to again run the second annual Crappie Tournament. We again will run this tournament out of the Minnow Bucket Marina. Mark your calendars now for this important fund raising event.

Live Release Boat

Tournament time is fast approaching for Lake Fork. There are at least 40 tournaments currently scheduled. We will be looking for help from our membership to man the live release boat. So, when you get a call asking for help, do your best to pitch in. The Bass will thank you

Scholarship

Gary DeArmond presented a report at our general membership meeting on potential changes in awarding LFSA scholarships. Last year we had no applications. The general feeling is that our requirements are potentially too restrictive. Gary has developed a less restrictive set of criteria and will be presenting this to area High Schools.

Garage Sale

The LFSA garage sale will be held late spring or early summer this year so please start saving those "unwanted items" for this fundraising event.

March General Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at the Lighthouse Restaurant, 7:00 p.m.

Fish Trivia

How do fish hear?

- A. They don't
- B. Through sound vibrations reverberating through the bones of their skull
- C. Through their gills
- D. Through their fins

How high can a flying fish fly?

- A. 6 feet
- B. 36 feet
- C. 60 feet
- D. 360 feet

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