

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 its surrounding communities
- Promote items of interest of the membership at large

Next LFSA General Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be January 12th at a location to be announced. Watch the Web-Site for details.

President's Report

The December Dinner Meeting was held at the Texas Tea Room in Quitman, Texas. We had forty members and guests in attendance. There was no formal meeting as the evening was dedicated to enjoying a nice dinner and visiting with our member friends.



Members enjoying the evening

Two presentations were made by president Micheal Rogge.

Micheal recognized Sam Scroggins for his many hours of work as Association Treasurer and his computer support of our two tournaments this year.



Micheal Rogge presenting Sam Scroggins his award

Micheal also recognized John Heimgartner as the 2009 member of the year. As outgoing vice president John was an active member throughout the year. On several occasions he went above and beyond to insure event successes.



Micheal presenting John Heimgartner with the LFSA member of the year award



Election Results

During the Dinner Meeting the results of the election of Board of Directors was announced.

Micheal Rogge was elected to a two year term as a guide. Gary DeArmond was elected to a one year term as a guide.

Sandra Livingston was elected to a two year term as a merchant. Larry Lewis was elected to a two year term as an in area homeowner.

Following the Dinner Meeting the new Board met and elected the following officers for the 2010 year:

Micheal Rogge, President
Larry Lewis, Vice President
Dick Walker, Secretary
Sam Scroggins, Treasurer

2009 IN REVIEW

The Lake Fork Sportsman's Association has completed another successful year. We have supported many of the tournaments held on Lake Fork. Our "Live Release Boat" was present at over 30 different tournaments. We estimate that 6,000 to 8,000 fish were successfully released back into the lake.

LIVE RELEASE BOAT



The Live Release Boat is a specially equipped 28 foot pontoon boat. We have three 100 gallon tanks that are aerated and fitted with oxygen. The water in each tank is treated with Sure Life's Catch and Release live well additive. This treatment reduces the stress in the fish and greatly reduces mortality rates.

Should a fish need special handling, LFSA members have been trained in hook removal and reducing pressure in the air bladder

Once the fish are placed in the tanks it is not necessary to handle them again. Each tank has a release door in the bottom that allows us to release the fish back into the lake. Our success rate is better than 99%.

Our Live Release Boat was recently featured on the World Fishing Network Web-Site. If you go to the following you can view a video from the Berkley tournament and see members Sam Scroggins and Arlan Jaeger describing the boat's operation.

<http://www.wfn.tv/video/video.php?video=401378>

While we do accept donations, we provide the "Live Release Boat" service at no charge to any tournament with 50 or more boats.

FUND-RAISERS

The Association conducted three major fund-raisers in 2009. The first, our June fish fry benefiting the Land's End Fire Department, raised over \$2200 on their behalf.

In July, we held the first annual Catfish Classic that attracted over 460 participants from across the U.S. The Catfish Classic was held in conjunction with the City of Yantis' Catfish Festival. The economic impact on the area was estimated at over \$500,000.

In October, the 2nd Annual LFSA Crappie Tournament more than doubled the participation level of the 2008 inaugural event.

Together, these two Tournaments have helped establish a solid financial base for our Association's 2010 activities in support of the Lake Fork area.

CHRISTMAS SHARING

With Christmas just around the corner, Association members are gearing up for our Christmas Sharing Program. For the past six years we have donated funds to an area church for distribution to needy families. In addition to the cash donation we will place collection boxes at area businesses and restaurants to collect canned goods, which are added to our donation.



VEGETATION PROBLEMS

If you have crossed any of the bridges around the lake lately you probably have seen the large islands of water hyacinth. Our lake is under attack by this invasive weed. The Sabine River Authority and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are keenly aware of this problem and are formulating plans to spray in the spring.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will present a "State of the Lake" meeting sponsored by the Wood County Industrial Commission on February 4th at the Land's End Fire Department. Everyone with an interest in the lake should plan to attend.

The LFSA will be announcing a fundraiser in the very near future to assist in the purchase of chemicals that can be used by a contract sprayer to help eradicate the water hyacinth from the entire lake. We plan to contact major tournament sponsors and lakefront homeowners to ask for their support. So, look for our announcement.

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR 2010

The 2010 schedule anticipates another spring or early-summer fish fry benefiting a different group of Lake Fork area first responders. We are also planning to hold the 2nd Annual Catfish Classic on the last full weekend of July and the 3rd Annual Crappie Tournament on the first full weekend of October. We are also expecting another busy schedule for the Live Release Boat.

The Lake Fork Sportsman's Association Officers and Directors wish you the happiest of holidays and remember to "Fish Friendly."

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