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Newsletter
May 2010

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 June 8th at Lake Fork Cafe & Deli

President's Report

Micheal thanks Larry Lewis for stepping in and leading the last meeting in Micheal's absence.

2010 Kid Fish

June 5th will be the annual Kid Fish on Lake Fork sponsored by the Wood County Sheriff's Department and Texas Parks and Wildlife. Event Coordinator Game Warden Kurt Kelly provided an update of this year's event at our May general membership meeting.

"Hooked on Fishing Not Drugs" Kid Fish is a state wide event held annually in Texas. It is open to all kids 16 years old and under. The Wood County event is one of the largest with over 400 kids participating last year. The day begins with registration from 7:00 am to 8:00 am. The kids fish from boats or from the bank. The SRA opens its grounds and acts as the unofficial host for the day. Kids compete in categories based on their age. Registration forms are available from many of the Lake Fork area Merchants and Marinas. You can also register the morning of the event.

Kurt encourages you to come out for a morning of fun and a free lunch of hot dogs and all of the trimmings.

For the past several years the Lake Fork Sportsman's Association has provided volunteers to help manage the large turnout of kids and parents. This event could not happen if it were not for the many sponsors who donate money and merchandise. This year, as in the past, the LFSA has made a \$1,000 cash donation toward this event. We are happy and proud to be a small part of supporting our future anglers.



LFSA President Michel Rogge presenting check for \$1,000 to Game Warden Kurt Kelly

Jessie Parker Memorial Scholarship

And the winner is? The Association had four candidates for our scholarship this year. All four applicants met the scholarship criteria and all were well qualified. The scholarship committee of Gary DeArmond, Randy Bell and Dick Walker have met and selected a winner. This year the value of the scholarship has been increased to \$1,000. Plan to attend the June meeting and meet the winner.

Wood County First Responder Appreciation Dinner

On May 22nd over 125 Wood County first responders and their families were recognized for their efforts in keeping the citizens of Wood County safe. Recognition prizes were given by a drawing to all first responder in attendance.

The Lake Fork Sportsman's Association donated more than 1,000 crappie filets that were served up by the Flora Masonic Lodge of Quitman. A big thank you to all first responders for all you do.



First Responders and family members ready to enjoy the crappie dinner.

2nd Annual Yantis Catfish Classic Lake Fork, Texas

The flyers and entry forms are in the mail. The Yantis Catfish Classic flyers were mailed May 28th to all of the 2009 catfish and crappie tournament participants. That is over 500 anglers!

A huge "Thanks!!!" to the Quitman Area Chamber of Commerce for stuffing the envelopes and paying for the postage.



**JULY 24 & 25, 2010
MINNOWBUCKET MARINA**

\$26,000

**GUARANTEED CASH PAYOUT
Open, Individual Competition**

LIVE RELEASE BOAT



A special thanks to members Melvin Travnichuk and Sandra Livingston for answering a last minute call for the LRB at the Bullet Tournament.



Putting her recent LRB training to use during the Legends tournament, Sue Parrish checks the oxygen level with the Dissolved Oxygen Meter. A big thank you to member Charles Cole who jumped in and helped out when we came up shorthanded.