

Mission of the Association

- 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 **February 7th**. We will meet at Oak Ridge Marina. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. See you there.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Arlan Jaeger stated that a goal for the New Year is to get new members actively involved in the Association. To that end he announced the following Committee Chairperson appointments:

Scholarship – Carolyn West
Road Clean-up – Bruce Allen
Membership – Martha Scroggins
Carp Tournament – Sandra Livingston
Catfish Tournament – Sam Scroggins
LRB Maintenance – Micheal Rogge/David Waddell
Historian – Dick Walker

These chairpersons will be calling on the membership to help. When you are contacted please step up and help.

Arlan announced that the February meeting date will be February 7 due to our regular date falling on Valentines Day. He also announced speakers for the February meeting. Craig Bonds and Kevin Storey from TP&WD will discuss the "Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership" and Makhtar Farooqi, Biologist with TP&WD from San Angelo will discuss Carp Fishing in Texas Reservoirs.

Joining the LFSA in January:

- Ken & Betty Stribley
- Bettye Moore

Pilot Club Chili Cook-off

Sam Scroggins, Arlan Jaeger, Sandra Livingston, David Waddell, and Gary DeArmond will be representing the LFSA at the Chili Cook-off, January 27. The theme for our booth is a well kept secret but it will be worth the membership's time to come and see how this group plans to entertain this year. The Chili cook off will be at the Carroll Green Center in Quitman beginning at 6:00 pm.

4th Annual Catfish Classic Dates Set



The Lake Fork Sportsman's Association sponsored Catfish Classic will be moving its date and location this year. In response to many anglers' requests, we are trying to beat some of the heat this year. The Catfish Classic will be held June 23rd and 24th at **OAK RIDGE MARINA**. The change in location is due to a scheduling conflict with another tournament. More details on the Catfish Classic will be posted on our website in the near future. We look forward to another successful tournament.

Lake Fork Carp and Buffalo Challenge



While our great fishery is best known for its record size bass, there are some monster carp and buffalo to be found swimming in the lake. Recently, while fishing from his dock, a homeowner hooked and landed a 48 pound Carp. USCARPPRO MAGAZINE and Wild Carp Companies and Lake Fork Sportsman's Association will host a \$10,000 carp and rough fish catch and release tournament and social event. The Lake Fork event is scheduled to begin February 29 with registration and a social gathering, with education, outreach and community programs. A Pro-Am showcase is slated for March 1. The prize tournament will start in the afternoon of March 1 and last until March 3. Entry fee is \$450 per team of two. More information can be found at www.wildcarppro.com.

Lake Fork Eagle Count

The Mid-Winter Eagle Count was held January 14th and 15th. A large group of volunteers showed up early Saturday and Sunday morning and by car and boat spread out around the lake in search of our Nation's symbol. The weather was extremely cooperative this year with light winds and a very mild temperature. LFSA volunteers, Bruce and Cheryl Allen, Bettye Moore, Stan Kuhn, Arlan Jaeger, Ed and Judy Swenson Ron Cook and Dick Walker all took part. This year the population of eagles counted totaled over 30. It is always great to see these numbers increase from previous years.



Perched in a tree near the water, this mature Eagle made a nice pose.



Ed Swenson, Ron Cook and Judy Swenson check the location of Eagles spotted during their outing.

LFSA Recognizes Shirley Moreland

During its January meeting, the LFSA recognized a special friend of the Association. Shirley Moreland, Editor and Publisher of the Lake Fork Area News, was recognized for her ongoing support of the LFSA. Shirley has supported the many events and activities of the LFSA. She can be counted on to show up at our annual Catfish Tournament to photograph our winners for publication in the Lake Fork Area News. Through her publication she has given the LFSA a voice to communicate with the anglers who fish our great lake. The Association appreciates Shirley's support and also is proud to have her as an LFSA member. Thanks Shirley.



President Arlan Jaeger presenting Shirley with a plaque of appreciation.

Road Clean-up

Bruce Allen announced the first road clean-up day will be Sunday, March 11th. We are to meet at Fisherman's One Stop between 12:00 noon and 1:00 PM. Those wanting to start earlier are welcome to do so.

We could use some help if someone has a mule or golf cart to run out bags and pick up full bags.

Bring boots if we have any rain prior to the cleanup. Bring gloves and hats. Everything else will be provided.

After the clean up is completed we will be enjoying lunch at Bro's.

Bruce will have a sign up sheet at the Feb 7th meeting. Or you can e-mail him, so that John will have a head count for lunch. sjbasser@aol.com

Please come out and help us do this good deed.

Remember to Fish Friendly

Support our Member Guides and Merchants

The Sportsman's Association is made up of Guides, Merchants and Home Owners. Our guides and merchants are important to the economic well being of Lake Fork. Encourage your friends and neighbors to schedule their next fishing trip with one of these member guides and be sure to patronize these merchants

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