



**Newsletter  
March 2009**

P.O. Box 126  
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## ***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

## ***President's Report***

I want to welcome our newest members to the LFSA. Arlan Jaeger and his wife Cathy are homeowners at Lands End. Arlan is an avid fisherman while Cathy keeps busy with the Quitman Pilot Club. Eugene and Diane Stowe also joined during our last meeting and are Lands End area homeowners as well.

Cody Malone joined in February. He is a guide here on Lake Fork.

Bobby and Paula Henderson are the new owners of the Lighthouse Resort located on Highway 17, three miles south of Highway 515. Bobby and Paula have opened their facility to allow the LFSA to hold its monthly meeting. We want to thank them for helping us out.

Be sure to checkout their web site:  
[www.ets-systems.com/lighthouse](http://www.ets-systems.com/lighthouse)



We look forward to their active involvement in the Association.

## ***Tournament Time***



The Live Release Boat has been working several tournaments during March. On March 14 at the Minnow Bucket we assisted the Media Tournament. Thanks to Sam Scroggins and Arlan Jaeger for manning the boat. With over 40 tournaments scheduled for the lake this year we are going to need everyone's help in manning the boat. So, when you get asked please step up and help out.



Lula Travnichек reported the second Saturday in June (June 13) has been tentatively set as the date for our fundraiser garage sale. This date could be delayed based on the attention the Catfish Tournament may take

Everyone is encouraged to start saving items that they can donate to the fund raiser.

## **Adopt-A-Highway**



We have renewed our agreement with TxDOT to continue the trash cleanup along Highway 515. Our stretch of highway runs from Highway 17 east of the 515 bridge along 515 to the intersection at Highway 154.

The 2009 ***Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off*** will be held on April 4, 2009. On this date volunteers all across the state will be out in force making our state a cleaner place. This will count toward our four times a year trash pick up. We need your help in making this a successful day for Texas. We plan to meet at Fisherman's One Stop at 1:00 and with enough help the cleanup should not take very long. We hope to see you there.

## **Lake Fork Fishing Report**



Be sure to check out Rick Loomis' fishing report appearing in the Wood County Democrat every other week.

## **Catfish Tournament**

At the March general membership meeting a lengthy discussion was held about the LFSA taking over the annual catfish tournament. As most of you know, the Lake Fork Chamber of Commerce and Sealy Outdoors will no longer sponsor this event.

Several members of the LFSA Board have had discussions with the City of Yantis and have received encouragement for LFSA to take over this event. The catfish tournament has provided an economic boost to the Lake Fork area and its businesses.

The outcome of the discussion by our membership resulted in a motion being made and passed authorizing the LFSA to conduct a catfish tournament July 18 and 19.

A great deal of work needs to be done in order for this event to happen and be successful. The Board was also authorized to seek a third party to co-sponsor the tournament.

The Board plans to approach Ken Freeman Outdoor Promotions about potential interest in being a partner along with LFSA to jointly promote and produce this event.

Ken Freeman Promotions specializes in catfish tournaments and would provide their expertise, production facilities, promotional know-how and their name to help in making our first effort a success.

The Board plans to bring a full plan to the April general meeting for the membership's review. This will be a big undertaking for our association so you will want to be sure to attend the **April meeting**.

## **Next LFSA General Meeting**

Our next meeting will be **April 14**, at the Lighthouse Restaurant. Starting time is 7:00 but come early and enjoy the social gathering starting at 6:30. See you there.

## **News for the Newsletter**

If you have any news or photos, especially Big Fish catches, that you would like to contribute to our newsletter please e-mail them to Dick Walker at [dwa1ker@verizon.net](mailto:dwa1ker@verizon.net) Note that the "1" in wa1ker is actually the number 1.