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Newsletter
November 2009

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

Micheal updated the membership on the vegetation problems on the lake. Lake Fork is experiencing some hydrilla issues that can be beneficial to the fishery, and alligator weed, which can cause some access problems. But the "biggest threat" to Lake Fork, he said, is water hyacinth. It was first spotted in a creek leading into the lake in 1993 and was attacked aggressively.

When a moratorium was placed on spraying in 1998 it allowed the vegetation to gain ground, he said, and the rapid expansion has the SRA and TPWD's attention.

Annual treatments of herbicides are currently being used to control the water hyacinth. However, TPWD does not have the manpower or funds to address the current spread of water hyacinth on the lake. Micheal suggested, and the membership has agreed, to take a proactive stance against this threat to our Lake. By a vote of the members present at the November meeting it was agreed that the LFSA would lead a fund raising drive to assist in the purchase of chemicals and/or a spraying operation around the entire lake. The membership has authorized the Board of Directors to move forward with developing a plan for this fundraiser.

Know Your Board of Director Candidates

It is time to elect four (4) LFSA Directors to replace those whose terms expire this year. The 4 positions open for election are: 2 Guides, 1 Merchant and 1 Homeowner.

Three of the new Directors will be elected for a two year term. To help improve the balance in future elections, the Board has agreed that the elected Guide Director receiving the lowest number of votes will serve only one year.

The requirements for being a Director are:

- The candidate must be a full member in good standing for 2010.
- The candidate must attend most monthly Association meetings and routinely scheduled Board meetings.
- The candidate must participate in Association committees and/or projects.

Here are your candidates:

GUIDE (Incumbent)



Micheal Rogge is a licensed professional guide. Micheal has fished Lake Fork for over 15 years. He has been a member of the LFSA since 2001 and has served as President in 2009.

During his term Micheal has provided the leadership that has resulted in two successful Crappie Tournaments and a very successful Catfish Tournament. During his term the membership has grown.

Micheal is also involved in other community activities such as representing the city of Yantis on the Wood County Industrial Commission.

He is running for a second term on the Association Board of Directors.

GUIDE (Incumbent)



Rick Loomis is a Life/Charter member of the LFSA. Along with others Rick led the charge in protecting the slot on Lake Fork. His passion for the lake is well known.

Rick is a licensed professional guide and operates Loomis Guide Service and Lodge.

Rick is currently a member of the LFSA Board of Directors and is seeking a second term.

GUIDE



Gary DeArmond is a licensed guide on Lake Fork and operates Gary De's Guide Service. Gary has been active in the Association, serving as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

Gary can be heard on KMOO radio reporting from many of the tournaments held on Lake Fork throughout the year.

Next LFSA General Meeting

Remember our next meeting will be December 5, at 6:00 PM at the Texas Tea Room in Quitman, Texas. A full set down dinner will be served. We encourage all members and their significant others to come and enjoy the evening.

Newly elected Board members will be announced.

GUIDE

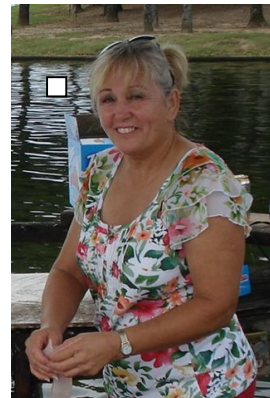


Stan is the owner and operator of Stan Kuhn's Lake Fork Guide Service, which specializes in quality catfishing. Stan has been a member of the Association since July of 2007.

Stan has been active in Association events, and for the past two years has chaired the Crappie Tournament committee.

Stan and his wife Carol are also active in the operation of the Live Release Boat.

MERCHANT



Sandra Livingston is the owner and operator of Lake Fork Props -N- More. Sandra has 32 years experience in the welding field. She offers quality work at reasonable rates.

Sandra is also an avid fisherman, so she knows how important it is to have your boat looking and running perfectly.

Sandra has been a member of the Association since 2008 and has been active as a Live Release Boat Captain.

**BE SURE TO VOTE FOR
THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATE
OF YOUR CHOICE**

MERCHANT



Bob Owen and his wife Janie are the owners of Froggy D's Tackle and Rainwear, a full service tackle store that offers the hottest new lures, fresh live bait and much more.

Bob has been a member of the Association since September, 2008, and is interested in furthering the work of the Association as a member of the Board.

HOMEOWNER (Incumbent)



Larry Lewis has been a member of the Association since 2006. In that time he has been active in numerous activities. He currently acts as logistics officer for the Association, and in that capacity is responsible for securing a place for our monthly meetings and annual dinner meeting.

Larry is one of the most knowledgeable members in the operation of the Live Release Boat and is always ready to share this information with our newer members.

He is completing his first term as a member of the Board of Directors. Larry and his wife Verna live in Alba.

BE SURE TO VOTE

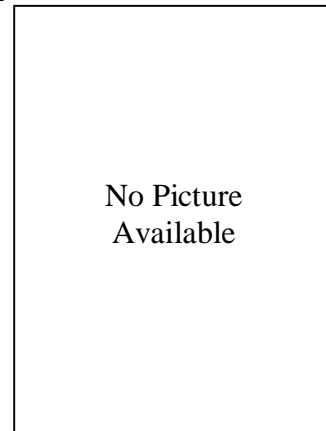
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Arlan Jaeger is an avid sportsman, enjoying both fishing and hunting. He is keenly aware of the importance of maintaining Lake Fork as a trophy bass fishery.

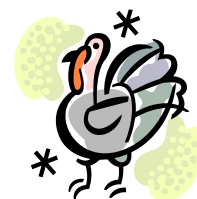
Arlan has been active in the Yantis Community, having served on the Yantis ISD Board. He has recently been appointed to a two year term on the Wood County Industrial Commission.

HOMEOWNER



Gene Stowe joined the LFSA in March, 2009. While he is relatively new, he has quickly gotten involved in Association activities. Gene has assisted with the operation of the Live Release Boat during some of the bigger tournaments. He has recently been added as a Boat Captain on the Live Release boat.

Gene and his wife Diane live at Lands End and are active in the Home Owners Association.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Support our Member Merchants



Bob & Janie Owen

Welcome to Froggy D's Tackle & Rainwear fishing shop, a full service tackle store that offers the hottest new lures, and fresh live bait.



They are conveniently located at the entrance of the public boat ramp on FM 17N on the west side of Lake Fork, and have everything you need to land your Lake Fork trophy bass, crappie and catfish.

Their carefully selected fishing tackle inventory includes not only rods & reels, crankbaits, soft plastics, and terminal tackle, but also includes live bait, rain gear, lake maps, ice, soft drinks, snacks, fun fishing shirts & hats and more.



If you are looking for a Lake Fork fishing guide, they have several pros on staff available to help you catch that luncker of a lifetime!

They also post the latest Lake Fork Fishing Report and pictures on their blog, www.fdstackle.blogspot.com.



They will always greet you with a smile, and when you walk through the doors of Froggy's, you will feel at home and that you are around friends who care about you having a fun and a great time while visiting the greatest lake in the world - Lake Fork Texas. Plus you will love their low, low prices.

