



**Newsletter
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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

Next LFSA General Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be March 9th at Moser's Restaurant. Watch the website for details.

President's Report

Micheal Rogge will be receiving a series of chemo and radiation treatments during the next month and a half. The prognosis is very positive, but these treatments can put a person under the weather.

Micheal began his treatments February 8th, was feeling a little rung out and didn't attend the February meeting. In his and Larry Lewis' absence, Sam Scroggins and Dick Walker led the meeting.

State of the Lake Meeting

The WCIC sponsored "State of the Lake" meeting presented by the TP&WD was held February 4th at the Lands End Fire Department. Needless to say the turnout was overwhelming. Estimates were upward of 300 people showed up for the meeting. A large number of these people could not get into the room.

The presentations were very informative with a lot of time spent on the invasive weeds now on Lake fork. TP&WD is developing a comprehensive plan for the control and eradication of the weeds that threaten our great fishery.

Through the support of the SRA a fund has been set up to provide the financial resources necessary to spray during 2010. The SRA has provided \$50,000 to the TP&WD who has set aside \$25,000 of its own money to be able to contract with professional sprayers. Recognizing the need for on-going spraying the Lake fork Sportsman's Association made a donation of \$10,000 for the purchase of chemicals.



Pictured making the presentation to TP&WD is President Micheal Rogge and a number of members who attended the meeting.

Emory Eagle Fest



Saturday, February 6th, Association members provided boat tours to over 100 attendees to the Emory Eagle Fest. Boats captained by Arlan Jaeger, Sam Scroggins, Bruce Allen and Gene Stowe gave birders a chance to see and photograph eagles on the lake.

Each captain was assisted by other members of the Association. Thanks to Sandra Livingston, Sue Parrish and Dick Walker who did a great job of spotting for the Eagles.



A group of birders hoping to see an eagle.



The birders were not disappointed. This mature eagle struck a majestic pose for the photographers.

LIVE RELEASE BOAT



It's tournament time. Our first tournament for the LRB in 2010 was the Media Tournament out of the Minnow Bucket Saturday, February 13th.

Manning the LRB for this tournament was Melvin Travnichek, captain and Gary DeArmond, helper. Thanks guys for volunteering.

Christmas Sharing

The LFSA, through its Christmas Sharing program, was able to help twelve different families this year. John Heimgartner and his team presented Mary Parker of the Yantis Baptist Church with over \$500 in groceries. Thanks John, Melvin Travnichek, Micheal Rogge Cheryl Allen and Bruce Allen for your efforts on behalf of the Association.



Now that's a load of turkeys.



Pictured L/R John Heimgartner, Mary Parker, Melvin Travnichek, Cheryl Allen and Micheal Rogge