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## Celebrating 27 Years

Web site: <http://www.bcfw.org>

### February 2010

**Prez Says**

As February approaches, I would like to thank everyone that attended the January meeting / banquet. This event is always good because of everyone that helps out. I would first like to thank Carl Koch and Roger Malone for setting up the location of Dixie House Cafe. Next, I would like to thank Mike Fulkerson, Jim Justus, and most of all Kim Justus for getting all the raffle prizes...it was great to have so much stuff. I know that I am probably forgetting someone but thanks to everyone for all your help.

Also, I'd like to thank all that volunteered for positions on the board. Without the volunteers, this club would not be as successful. If you are thinking about being on the board next year...please come to our board meeting at Sammy's BBQ on Thursday night after the club tournaments.

Now to the last tournament...Granbury...what can I say about it. Cold weather and water temperature leads to hard fishing and not productive for me. BUT...I want to congratulate the ones that caught fish!! Claude Barnes, Curtis Talkington, and Mike Murray found them. Great job to those three in finishing 1, 2, 3 and Claude Barnes for big bass. I have always known that Claude was a good fisherman, goes to show how good he really is...catching the only limit on a very difficult day...awesome!

The next meeting is Thursday, February 4th at the Coors Hospitality Room and I would like everyone to attend. This meeting is special – we are presenting the check to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. We have worked so hard as a club and would like everyone to be a part of this special event.

And happy February birthdays to Nathan Gavit, Dawn Smith, Herschel Smith, David Mulcahy and Bill Smith!

Next tournament is going to be at Lake Palestine and we are launching at Flat Creek. The tournament is from 6am until 3:30pm...with the weighing opening at 3pm. (Herschel...this is for you) I expect this is going to be a good tournament . . . remember we had a 10+ pounder and a 16+ pound stringer last year. Good luck to everyone.

Remember...life jackets and kill switches save lives,

Jeff Granger  
 President, Bass Club of Fort Worth

- ❖ The last meeting was the annual banquet. Trophies were presented to our 2009 winners:
  - Angler of the Year Roger Malone
  - Lady Angler of the Year Elaine Barnes
  - Big Bass of the Year – Men Mike Murray
  - Big Bass of the Year – Women Elaine Barnes
  - Heavy Stringer of the Year – Men Mike Murray
  - Heavy Stringer of the Year – Women Elaine Barnes
  - Classic Champion Jim Justus
  - 2009 Top Six
    - Roger Malone
    - Claude Barnes
    - Elaine Barnes
    - Gary Ables
    - Tim Johnson
    - Mark Wendler
  
- ❖ There were many, many raffle prizes and Kim Justus even brought gifts for the kids!
- ❖ Next Meeting is February 4<sup>th</sup>, Coors Hospitality Room, Meacham exit off I-35W. We are presenting the check to the St. Jude's representative and we have a speaker from Triple Z Bait Company.
- ❖ Jim Phillips is now coordinating speakers for meetings, so if you know anyone wanting to speak at one of our meetings, point him in Jim's direction.
- ❖ The Arlington Hunting and Fishing show was January 7<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. We raffled off the G-Loomis Rod with the Shimano Reel, and will have a report on proceeds.
- ❖ Remember to ask Mark Wendler for your Bass Club of Fort Worth windshield sticker when you renew your membership, membership fees did not change; they are \$25 for single and \$30 for family memberships.
- ❖ Gerald Coggins has the men's six pound pot, Elaine Barnes has the one for the ladies.

## **BASS Federation News**

If you need any information regarding the BASS Federation, contact David Mulcahy (817) 219-3359 or James Bayless (817) 996-0680. You may still join for the 2010 season. You must also have a regular membership to BASS.

## **Horses Patoot**

New Year, new contestant . . . Since our illustrious president forgot to bring it up during the banquet, we figured it goes to him by default, and I think he is hoping the curse of winning the trophy, then winning the next tournament follows him to Palestine . . .

DATE January 16, 2010 LAKE GRANBURY

52	FISHED TOURNAMENT	
1	ANGLERS HAD 3 FISH LIMIT	12 FISHERMEN CAUGHT
15	FISH WEIGHING	48.03 LBS. AVERAGE WEIGHT PER FISH 3.20 LBS.

**TOURNAMENT**

1 <sup>st</sup>	BARNES, CLAUDE	10.02 LBS.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	TALKINGTON, CURTIS	6.48 LBS.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	MURRAY, MIKE	4.21 LBS.
4 <sup>th</sup>	ALDERT, BOB	3.87 LBS.
5 <sup>th</sup>	REYES, JOHNNY	3.53 LBS.
6 <sup>th</sup>	WILLIAMS, RANDY	3.48 LBS.
7 <sup>th</sup>	PERRY, DANIEL	3.19 LBS.
8 <sup>th</sup>	COGGINS, CAROLE	3.11 LBS.

**BIG BASS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	BARNES, CLAUDE	4.25 LBS.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	MURRAY, MIKE	4.21 LBS.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	TALKINGTON, CURTIS	3.92 LBS.

**HEAVY STRINGER OF THE YEAR MEN'S**  
BARNES, CLAUDE 10.02 LBS.

**HEAVY STRINGER OF THE YEAR WOMEN'S**  
COGGINS, CAROLE 3.11 LBS.

**BIG BASS OF THE YEAR MEN'S**  
BARNES, CLAUDE 4.25 LBS.

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COGGINS, CAROLE 3.11 LBS.

**TOP TWENTY**

		POINTS	WEIGHT
1 <sup>st</sup>	BARNES, CLAUDE	110.00	10.02
2 <sup>nd</sup>	TALKINGTON, CURTIS	109.00	6.48
3 <sup>rd</sup>	MURRAY, MIKE	108.00	4.21
4 <sup>th</sup>	ALDERT, BOB	107.00	3.87
5 <sup>th</sup>	WILLIAMS, RANDY	105.00	3.48
6 <sup>th</sup>	PERRY, DANIEL	104.00	3.19
7 <sup>th</sup>	COGGINS, CAROLE	103.00	3.11
8 <sup>th</sup>	MURRAY, RICHARD	101.00	2.82
9 <sup>th</sup>	JOHNSON, TIM	100.00	2.52
10 <sup>th</sup>	REYES, JOHNNY	96.00	3.53
11 <sup>th</sup>	BROWNING, MIKE	92.00	2.83
12 <sup>th</sup>	BALDREE, RICK	89.00	1.97
13 <sup>th</sup>	Everyone Else At Tournament And Banquet	84.00	0.00

**NEXT TWENTY**

		POINTS	WEIGHT
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**LADY ANGLER**

		POINTS	WEIGHT
1 <sup>st</sup>	COGGINS, CAROLE	103.00	3.11
2 <sup>nd</sup>	BARNES, ELAINE	84.00	0.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	GWIN, DONNA	84.00	0.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	KOCH, LINDA	84.00	0.00
5 <sup>th</sup>	WENDLER, TRACY	84.00	0.00
6 <sup>th</sup>	10 Place Tie	10.00	0.00
7 <sup>th</sup>			
8 <sup>th</sup>			
9 <sup>th</sup>			
10 <sup>th</sup>			

**BASS FEDERATION**

		POINTS	WEIGHT
1 <sup>st</sup>	REYES, JOHNNY	96.00	3.53
2 <sup>nd</sup>	MURRAY, RICHARD	91.00	2.82
3 <sup>rd</sup>	ABELS, GARY	84.00	0.00
	BAYLESS, JAMES	84.00	0.00
	GOFF, STAN	84.00	0.00
	GOSSETT, DONNIE	84.00	0.00
	KOCH, CARL	84.00	0.00
	MALONE, ROGER	84.00	0.00
	MCCULLOUGH, BOBBY	84.00	0.00
	MULCAHY, DAVID	84.00	0.00

NEXT TOURNAMENT	HOURS	DATE
PALESTINE	6:00 AM TO 3:30 PM	February 13, 2010

NAME	GRANBURY			Points
	# FISH	BIG BASS	STRINGER	
	15	4.25	48.03	
BARNES, CLAUDE	3	4.25	10.02	100
TALKINGTON, CURTIS	2	3.92	6.48	99
MURRAY, MIKE	1	4.21	4.21	98
ALDERT, BOB	1	3.87	3.87	97
REYES, JOHNNY	1	3.53	3.53	96
WILLIAMS, RANDY	1	3.48	3.48	95
PERRY, DANIEL	1	3.19	3.19	94
COGGINS, CAROLE	1	3.11	3.11	93
BROWNING, MIKE	1	2.83	2.83	92
MURRAY, RICHARD	1	2.82	2.82	91
JOHNSON, TIM	1	2.52	2.52	90
BALDREE, RICK	1	1.97	1.97	89
ABELS, GARY				74
BARNES, ELAINE				74
BAYLESS, JAMES				74
COGGINS, GERALD				74
FARQUHAR, RONNY				74
FULKERSON, MIKE				74
GAVIT, BART				74
GERATH, BJ				74
GOFF, STAN				74
GOSSETT, DONNIE				74
GRANGER, JEFF				74
GWIN, DONNA				74
HANCOCK, MARK				74
HURTADO, JOE				74
JOHNSON, MATT				74
JONES, EDDIE				74
JUSTUS, JIM				74
KERBAUGH, BRIAN				74
KOCH, CARL				74
KOCH, LINDA				74
LEATHERMAN, DANNY				74
MALONE, ROGER				74
MCCULLOUGH, BOBBY				74
MCCULLOUGH, WAYNE				74
MCLAIN, CHRIS				74
MORELAND, JIMMIE				74
MULCAHY, DAVID				74
NELSON, KEVIN				74
PANNELL, MICHAEL				74
POUNDS, DANNY				74
PULLAR, JACK				74
REEDER, RANDY				74
SMITH, HERSCHEL				74
SMITH, RODNEY				74
WENDLER, MARK				74
WENDLER, TRACY				74
WOOD, MIKE				74
JORDAN, BRIAN				74
LEE, ROBERT				74
ROOK, JOHN				74

## February Events:

- February 4<sup>th</sup> – Membership Meeting – Coors Hospitality Room.
- St Jude's Tournament Check Presentation.
- Triple Z Bait Company Speaker
  
- February 13<sup>th</sup> – Club Tournament – Lake Palestine, Flat Creek public launch
  
- February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day
  
- February 18<sup>th</sup> – Executive Board Meeting – Sammie's BBQ Restaurant.

February 2010  
Tournament Trail  
**February 13<sup>th</sup> on Lake Palestine**

Backup Lake is Possum Kingdom

Launch is Flat Creek

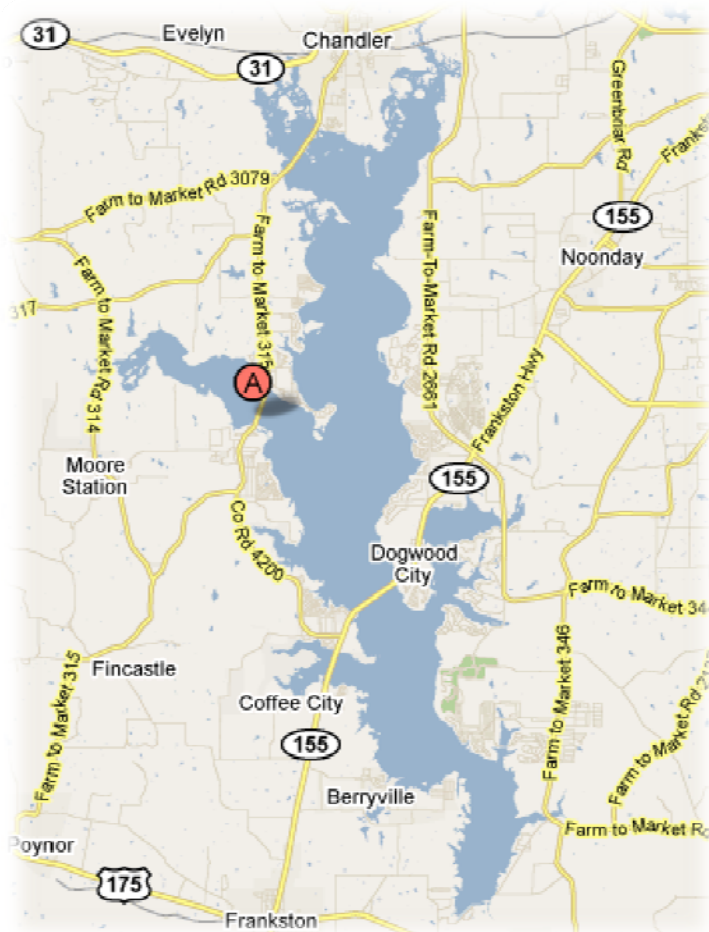
State Regulations is 14" Minimum for Largemouth Black Bass

You can weigh:

Largemouth 14" and over

Smallmouth 14" and over

Spots 14" and over



**Flat Creek Public Ramp**

From Texas 31 in Chandler, go south on FM315. Ramp is on left at the end of the third bridge (Flat Creek).

Boat ramp and bank fishing access, with parking for 40 vehicles.

No fee required.

Open all year.

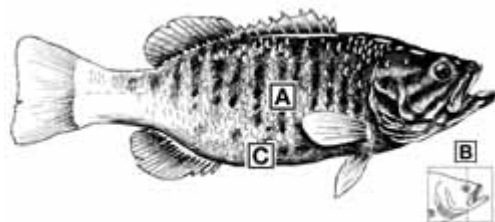
Tim Johnson, our Tournament Director, would like to remind everyone:

- Running lights must be on until dawn. This violation is grounds for disqualification and a State law.
- Stay out of: NO BOAT AREAS; 1<sup>st</sup> time Warning; 2<sup>nd</sup> time disqualification.
- You must be at least 50 from swim areas and cannot tie up to buoys.

- Please observe NO WAKE AREAS.
- Also, it helps to pay for the tournament well before weigh-in. At the meeting is ideal, but before the weigh-in starts cuts down on the mayhem during.
- If you pre-pay for a tournament at the meeting and find you cannot make the tournament, contact any club officer before 8:00 PM the Friday before fishing to carry over fees to the next tournament.
- If you leave the tournament early, either sign out at the mailbox or let someone know you are leaving.
- Weigh-in is at 3:30 PM unless changed. Make sure the tournament director or assistant knows you are on time, especially if there is a line to weigh fish.
- Rule #16: There is a 3 fish limit, unless lake rules demand less. Each contestant must bring no more than 3 fish to weigh-in. Fish shall be in weigh-in bags or containers with sufficient water to keep the fish in good condition until they are released. Failure to do so shall result in a 1 pound penalty.

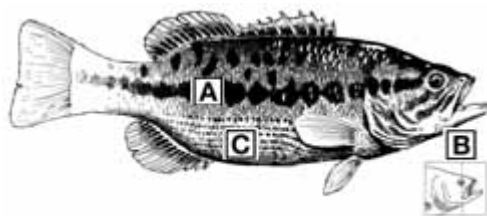
## Identification of Smallmouth, Guadalupe/Spotted and Largemouth Bass

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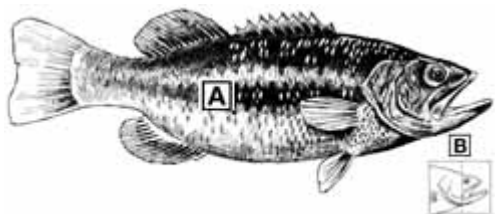
**Smallmouth Bass**

- A** Vertical barring along the sides.
- B** Jaw does not extend beyond the back margin of the eye when mouth is closed.
- C** Brownish-green color; white belly area does not extend high on the sides.



**Guadalupe and Spotted Bass**

- A** Irregular lateral stripe is similar to, but more broken than in largemouth bass.
- B** Jaw does not extend beyond the back margin of the eye when mouth is closed.
- C** Spots on scales form "rows" of strips on whitish belly area.



**Largemouth Bass**

- A** Definite lateral stripe
- B** Jaw extends well behind the back margin of the eye when mouth is closed.