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May 2010

Prez Says

This last month's fishing tournament was at Hubbard Creek. Long drive for all of us. Congratulations to Mike Pannell for taking first place with a 12.43 pound stringer! Second and third place went to Roger Malone and David Mulcahy. Big Bass went to Carole Coggins with a 7.22 pounder, second to Jim Justus with a 7.04 pound fish and third to Dan Davenport with a 6.87 pounder! Congratulation to all that caught fish and Great Job to all!

We are presenting a proposed rule change at the MAY meeting to change our 'Top Six' to 'Top Ten' at the awards banquet when membership reaches or exceeds 100 members.

Thanks to Hershul Smith for Chairing the St. Jude's Committee. Also serving on the committee are the following: Jim Phillips, Mark Wendler, and Carl Koch. These people need our help in putting on an even better tournament than last year.

Happy May birthdays to Ashlee Pannell, Mike Fulkerson, Ben Smith and Donnie Gossett! Let Mark or Donna know your birthday month and day so I can keep adding birthdays.

Next tournament will be on Cedar Creek and the launch is the Fisherman's Wharf. Good Luck to everyone, I can't be there for this one. . .

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

Jeff Granger

President, Bass Club of Fort Worth

- ❖ Next Meeting is May 6st, Coors Hospitality Room, Meacham exit off I-35W. We have a speaker from Tailgate Locks.
- ❖ Thanks to the speakers for the March meeting, Duane and Ronnie, from Texas Machine Works.
- ❖ Johnny Reyes announced that he will donate a portion of proceed from flooring sales to the St Jude's fund, and has already donated \$100 in proceeds. Please contact Johnny for details on this program. It sounds like a good deal all around.
- ❖ The North Texas Team Challenge is coming up. It will be on Lake Ray Roberts, on May 8th, 2010. Launch is Johnson Branch, tournament hours are safe light to 3:00pm. We need ten good fishermen to represent our club this year. Mike Pannell is coordinating this one, so let him know if you are able to participate.
- ❖ There was discussion about changing our 'Top Six' to 'Top Ten' when membership exceeds 100 members, something to think about.
- ❖ Dan Davenport announced that the Federation is hosting a charity tournament on Squaw Creek, right now the date is May 15th, but since that is also our club tournament date, he will check on extending it to include May 16th also. Team tournament format, \$200 entry fee.
- ❖ Check the link to the Federation web site. We have several members in the top standings after the Stillhouse/Travis tournament, and in the Whitney/Limestone tournament, David Mulcahy took 1st place big bass, 2nd place tournament on Limestone, as well as other members in the top 10 places.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Stan Goff has the men's six pound pot, Carole Coggins 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

Everyone knows that drinking and fishing don't go together, but one beer making you fall out of the boat and not even on the water? Congratulation to our April winner!

DATE April 10, 2010 LAKE HUBBARD CREEK

74	FISHED TOURNAMENT				
22	ANGLERS HAD 3 FISH LIMIT	45	FISHERMEN CAUGHT		
103	FISH WEIGHING	306.95	LBS.	AVERAGE WEIGHT PER FISH	2.98 LBS.

TOURNAMENT

1 st	PANNELL, MICHAEL	12.43 LBS.
2 nd	MALONE, ROGER	12.30 LBS.
3 rd	MULCAHY, DAVID	10.60 LBS.
4 th	MARSHAL, PAUL	10.54 LBS.
5 th	HOTELLING, MICHAEL	10.03 LBS.
6 th	SMITH, JOE DALE	9.86 LBS.
7 th	FULKERSON, MIKE	9.63 LBS.
8 th	BROWNING, MIKE	9.31 LBS.
9 th	PARHAM, TIM	9.25 LBS.

BIG BASS

1 st	COGGINS, CAROLE	7.22 LBS.
2 nd	JUSTUS, JIM	7.04 LBS.
3 rd	DAVENPORT, DAN	6.87 LBS.

HEAVY STRINGER OF THE YEAR MEN'S

MCCULLOUGH, BOBBY 20.59 LBS.

BIG BASS OF THE YEAR MEN'S

MCCULLOUGH, BOBBY 10.42 LBS.

HEAVY STRINGER OF THE YEAR WOMEN'S

COGGINS, CAROLE 8.45 LBS.

BIG BASS OF THE YEAR WOMEN'S

COGGINS, CAROLE 7.22 LBS.

TOP TWENTY			NEXT TWENTY				
	POINTS	WEIGHT		POINTS	WEIGHT		
1 st	BARNES, CLAUDE	399.00	24.75	21 st	WENDLER, TRACY	329.00	4.31
2 nd	MULCAHY, DAVID	390.00	22.24	22 nd	BARNES, ELAINE	328.00	3.71
	MURRAY, RICHARD	390.00	22.34	23 rd	BAYLESS, JAMES	326.00	5.44
4 th	JOHNSON, TIM	377.00	20.14		GOSSETT, DONNIE	326.00	6.25
5 th	COGGINS, CAROLE	375.00	11.56	25 th	GERATH, BJ	325.00	1.63
6 th	ALDERT, BOB	373.00	11.85		LEATHERMAN, DANNY	325.00	4.14
7 th	JOHNSON, MATT	373.00	12.24		REEDER, RANDY	325.00	2.16
8 th	PANNELL, MICHAEL	367.00	12.43	28 th	MCCULLOUGH, WAYNE	324.00	5.00
9 th	MALONE, ROGER	366.00	12.30		MCLAIN, CHRIS	324.00	1.43
10 th	POUNDS, DANNY	363.00	10.57	30 th	PERRY, DANIEL	318.00	3.19
	WENDLER, MARK	363.00	11.66	31 st	COGGINS, GERALD	308.00	0.00
12 th	FULKERSON, MIKE	361.00	9.63		GWIN, DONNA	308.00	0.00
13 th	BROWNING, MIKE	358.00	12.14		HANCOCK, MARK	308.00	0.00
14 th	JUSTUS, JIM	357.00	8.52		KOCH, CARL	308.00	0.00
15 th	MCCULLOUGH, BOBBY	352.00	25.12		SMITH, RODNEY	308.00	0.00
16 th	WOOD, MIKE	351.00	8.01	36 th	NELSON, KEVIN	306.00	2.29
17 th	REYES, JOHNNY	346.00	10.11	37 th	GRANGER, JEFF	298.00	0.00
	SMITH, HERSHUL	346.00	6.88		KOCH, LINDA	298.00	0.00
19 th	KERBAUGH, BRIAN	338.00	5.63	39 th	BRETT, SAM	286.00	10.01
	TALKINGTON, CURTIS	338.00	7.99	40 th	MURRAY, MIKE	281.00	4.21

LADY ANGLER			
	POINTS	WEIGHT	
1 st	COGGINS, CAROLE	375.00	11.56
2 nd	WENDLER, TRACY	329.00	4.31
3 rd	BARNES, ELAINE	328.00	3.71
4 th	GWIN, DONNA	308.00	0.00
5 th	KOCH, LINDA	298.00	0.00
6 th	HUCHOWSKI, TANYA	95.00	0.00
7 th	DAVENPORT, GINGER	85.00	4.95
8 th	REYES, AIMEE	85.00	0.00
9 th	PULLAR, SHIRLEY	51.00	0.00
10 th	WORLEY, CHARLENE	41.00	0.00

BASS FEDERATION			
	POINTS	WEIGHT	
1 st	MULCAHY, DAVID	390.00	22.24
2 nd	PANNELL, MICHAEL	367.00	12.43
3 rd	WENDLER, MARK	363.00	11.66
4 th	MCCULLOUGH, BOBBY	352.00	25.12
5 th	SMITH, HERSHUL	346.00	6.88
6 th	BAYLESS, JAMES	326.00	5.44
7 th	KOCH, CARL	308.00	0.00
8 th	GOFF, STAN	263.00	9.96
9 th	HURTADO, JOE	162.00	0.00
10 th	DAVENPORT, DAN	128.00	8.42

NEXT TOURNAMENT	HOURS	DATE
CEDAR CREEK	6:00 TO 3:30 PM	May 15, 2010

NAME	HUBBARD CREEK			POINTS
	# FISH	BIG BASS	WEIGHT	
PANNELL, MICHAEL	3	7.22	306.95	100
MALONE, ROGER	3	4.64	12.30	99
MULCAHY, DAVID	3		10.60	98
MARSHAL, PAUL	3	5.87	10.54	97
HOTELLING, MICHAEL	3	4.52	10.03	96
SMITH, JOE DALE	3		9.86	95
FULKERSON, MIKE	3	4.34	9.63	94
BROWNING, MIKE	3	3.21	9.31	93
PARHAM, TIM	3		9.25	92
JOHNSON, MATT	3		8.98	91
JUSTUS, JIM	2	7.04	8.52	90
COGGINS, CAROLE	2	7.22	8.45	89
DAVENPORT, DAN	2	6.87	8.42	88
GAY, BILL	3	5.47	8.37	87
JONES, EDDIE	2	4.25	8.15	86
MURRAY, RICHARD	2	5.15	8.05	85
WOOD, MIKE	3		8.01	84
ALDERT, BOB	3	3.25	7.98	83
BRETT, SAM	2		7.44	82
FARQUHAR, RONNY	3		7.12	81
POUNDS, DANNY	2		7.03	80
SMITH, HERSHUL	3		6.88	79
POWELL, MARK	2	5.33	6.70	78
REYES, JOHNNY	3		6.58	77
WORLEY, ERIC	3		6.50	76
FULTON, JOSH	3		6.46	75
JOHNSON, TIM	3		6.40	74
WENDLER, MARK	2	5.05	6.28	73
GERMANY, JOHNNY	1	6.08	6.08	72
KERBAUGH, BRIAN	2		5.63	71
PRAZAK, KEITH	3		5.55	70
BAYLESS, JAMES	3		5.44	69
BARNES, CLAUDE	2		5.32	68
HUCHOWSKI, JOE	2		5.00	67
MCCULLOUGH, WAYNE	1		5.00	67
DAVENPORT, GINGER	2		4.95	65
TAFT, BOBBY	2	2.42	4.63	64
MCCULLOUGH, BOBBY	3		4.53	63
WENDLER, TRACY	1	4.31	4.31	62
BARNES, ELAINE	1	3.71	3.71	61
GOFF, STAN	1		2.87	60
NELSON, KEVIN	1		2.29	59
REEDER, RANDY	1		2.16	58
WILLIAMS, RANDY	1		1.70	57
TALKINGTON, CURTIS	1		1.51	56
ABELS, GARY				41
BIRCHFIELD, DALE				41
BURTON, MICHAEL				41
CHALOUPKA, FRANK				41
COGGINS, GERALD				41
GAMBLIN, CHRIS				41
GERATH, BJ				41
GOSSETT, DONNIE				41
GRANGER, JEFF				41
GWIN, DONNA				41
HANCOCK, MARK				41
HUGHES, GLEN				41
KOCH, CARL				41
KOCH, LINDA				41
LEATHERMAN, DANNY				41
MCGILVRAY, JEFF				41
MCGILVRAY, ZACHARY				41
MCLAIN, CHRIS				41
NUNN, MONTY				41
PERRY, DANIEL				41
PULLAR, JACK				41
PULLAR, SHIRLEY				41
REYES, COLLIN				41
SMITH, BILL				41
SMITH, CHRIS				41
SMITH, ROBERT				41
SMITH, RODNEY				41
WORLEY, CHARLENE				41
WORLEY, MIKE				41

May Events:

- May 6th – Membership Meeting – Coors Hospitality Room.
- Unknown Speaker

- May 15th – Club Tournament – Cedar Creek Lake – Launch is Fisherman's Wharf.

- **Fishing Cover/Structure**
 - Most submerged vegetation is located in the backs of coves in the lower end of the reservoir. Some emergent vegetation is present in the upper end but water is very shallow. Look for submersed islands across the lake from the confluence of Clear and Caney creeks.

- **Tips & Tactics**
 - Anglers generally follow the birds to find schools of **white bass** and **hybrids**. Action can be good all year but is particularly good in the spring. Look for **largemouth bass** in the weedy back ends of coves in the lower third of the lake. Use cut shad or live bait for **blue catfish**.

- May 20th – Executive Board Meeting – Sammie's BBQ Restaurant.

April 2010

Tournament Trail

April 10th on Cedar Creek

Backup Lake is Possum Kingdom

Launch is Fisherman's Wharf

State Regulations is 14" Minimum for Largemouth Black Bass

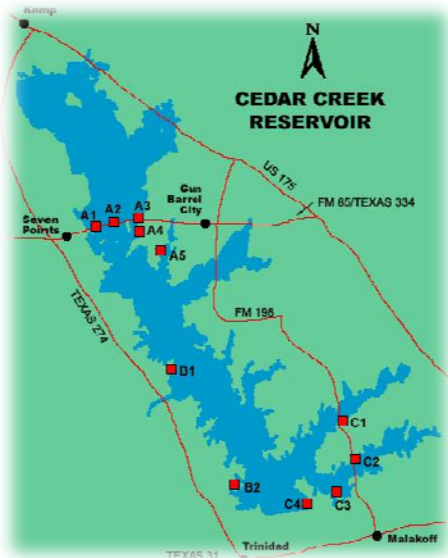
You can weigh: Largemouth 14" and over

Smallmouth 14" and over

Spots 14" and over

C3: Fisherman's Wharf

- Take Texas 31 to Malakoff and turn north on FM 198. Turn west on FM 3062, go 1 mile and turn right on CR 1703.
- Boat ramp has parking for 40 vehicles
- \$3.50 fee
- Open all year
- Privately operated (903) 489-0710
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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; 1st time Warning; 2nd 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.

Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides*)



OTHER NAMES

Black Bass, Green Trout, Bigmouth Bass, Lineside Bass

DESCRIPTION

Largemouth bass grow 4 to 6 inches (10 to 15 cm) during their first year, 8 to 12 inches (20 to 30 cm) in two years, 16 inches (40 cm) in three years. They are usually green with dark blotches that form a horizontal stripe along the middle of the fish on either side. The underside ranges in color from light green to almost white. They have a nearly divided dorsal fin with the anterior portion containing nine spines and the posterior portion containing 12 to 13 soft rays. Their upper jaw reaches far beyond the rear margin of the eye.

LIFE HISTORY

Except for humans, adult largemouth bass are the top predators in the aquatic ecosystem. Fry feed primarily on zooplankton and insect larvae. At about two inches in length they become active predators. Adults feed almost exclusively on other fish and large invertebrates such as crayfish. Larger fish prey upon smaller bass.

In Texas spawning begins in the spring when water temperatures reach about 60°F. This could occur as early as February or as late as May, depending on where one is in the state. Males build the nests in two to eight feet of water. Largemouth bass prefer to nest in quieter, more vegetated water than other black bass, but will use any substrate besides soft mud, including submerged logs. As in Guadalupe bass, once the female has laid eggs in the nest (2,000 to 43,000) she is chased away by the male who then guards the precious eggs. The young, called fry, hatch in five to ten days. Fry remain in a group or "school" near the nest and under the male's watch for several days after hatching. Their lifespan is on average 16 years.

Immature largemouth bass may tend to congregate in schools, but adults are usually solitary. Sometimes several bass will gather in a very small area, but they do not interact. Largemouth bass hide among plants, roots or limbs to strike their prey.

HABITAT

Largemouth bass seek protective cover such as logs, rock ledges, vegetation, and man-made structures. They prefer clear quiet water, but will survive quite well in a variety of habitats.

DISTRIBUTION

Largemouth bass were originally distributed throughout most of what is now the United States east of the Rockies, including many rivers and lakes in Texas, with limited populations in southeastern Canada and northeastern Mexico. Because of its importance as a game fish, the species has been introduced into many other areas worldwide, including nearly all of Mexico and south into Central and South America.

OTHER

Two subspecies of largemouth bass exist in Texas: the native *Micropterus salmoides salmoides* and the Florida largemouth bass, *Micropterus salmoides floridanus*, which has been introduced into many Texas lakes. The largemouth bass is by far the most sought-after fish in Texas. When anglers were asked to "name the fish you prefer to catch in freshwater in Texas", they chose largemouth bass three to one over striped bass, four to one over white bass, nearly five to one over channel catfish, and nearly ten to one over flathead catfish and white crappie. Because of the strong interest in largemouth bass fishing, there are hundreds of bass angling clubs in Texas devoted to fishing and conservation. Bass fishing adds greatly to the Texas economy each year and largemouth bass are highly prized for their value as food. Because of the species' popularity, it has been introduced into many waters in which it did not originally occur. As with nearly all aquatic species, pollution and drought are the biggest threats to the largemouth bass population.