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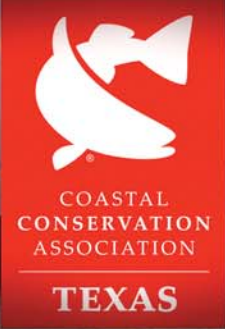
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A SPECIAL GIFT FOR NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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Guide Windstopper Jacket in Dune

CCA Texas and Simms Fishing Products have teamed up for a very special offer to CCA members.

For a limited time, anyone who becomes a CCA Texas Life Member will receive a beautiful Simms jacket emblazoned with the CCA Life Member logo on the left sleeve. (Retail value of \$250)

Your \$1,000 tax-deductible life membership in CCA will help us continue our important coastal conservation work in Texas. Supporters like you allow our team to work at our State Capitol and on our coast everyday to ensure the long-term well-being of our critical marine resources.

Together with Simms Fishing Products, we strive to secure that the wonderful fishing we enjoy across our coast today is available for generations to come. **Thank you for your continued support of CCA.**

Existing Life Members, please contact CCA Texas or email Erika at ebermeo@ccatexas.org for your special Simms® Jacket offer!

CCA Life Member APPLICATION

Name _____

CCA Member ID# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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SIMMS® Jacket Information - Jacket Style: WINDSTOPPER® Softshell Jacket - Dark Elkhorn

Jacket Size: S M L XL XXL

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Berkley for partnering with us in the spirit of CCA's mission. We all want to put something back into the water for everyone. ATTENTION PARENTS! If you want your kids to have the best shot at landing a fish worth a \$50K or \$20K college scholarship, be sure and put a Berkley Gulp bait on the end of their line. Seize the advantage!



Early STAR entrants can win this Dargel 210 Skout with Evinrude 150 ETEC motor and McClain trailer.



2013 EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS - Plus, if you get signed up now, you'll also be automatically entered into the Early Bird Drawing! We will again offer some great incentives for anglers to sign up before the tournament starts. Don't forget to register early for your shot at landing one of the many great prize offerings like the perfect rig to get you to your favorite fishing spot in style!

through May 24 will automatically be entered for the 20 other great "Early Bird" prizes.

YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN TO WIN! Time to get spooled up and ready for another great season of fishing fun! Starting sunrise Saturday, May 25 through 5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 2 (Labor Day), anglers from all

24th Annual CCA State of Texas Anglers Rodeo

Two more exciting reasons to enter!

NEW FOR 2013! Dargel Boats along with UV Country Powersports have teamed up to offer a brand NEW prize offering for the 2013 Member Bonus Drawing... the "TOTAL OUTDOORSMAN PACKAGE"!

NEW FOR 2013! Another icon in competitive angling has chosen to join us...

Berkley GULP! Are you looking for a winning edge this year? Take the 2013 Berkley Gulp Challenge Use Gulp and Win! To qualify for the Berkley Gulp Challenge Prize Package, STAR anglers must catch a winning fish using a Berkley Gulp bait, abide by all rules of the CCA Texas STAR Tournament and be on the FINAL leaderboard after the close of the 2013 CCA Texas STAR Tournament on Sept. 2nd, 2013. The Berkley Gulp Challenge prize package includes a Limited Edition All Star Team Series Rod, Abu Garcia Revo S Baitcast Reel, Berkley Trilene XL fishing line, Gulp Alive Bait and Berkley tackle bag. This fine collection is bound to enhance your skills even further. Berkley Gulp and Gulp Alive baits are available at Academy Sports + Outdoors, another proud partner of CCA Texas STAR tournament. As we forge ahead to celebrate the 2013 CCA Texas STAR, we thank

This unique drawing offers 2013 CCA Texas STAR entrants a chance to win a fabulous boat/UV prize package, even if the participant never wets a line. One lucky contestant's name will be drawn to win a 2013 Explorer by Dargel 210 Tunnel Vee, 2013 150 PROXS Mercury, and a McClain Aluminum Trailer attached to a UV Country Powersports Custom 2013 Kawasaki MULE Trans 4x4 Utility Vehicle. Go to www.startournament.org or call (713) 626-4222 for more details.



Thanks to Coors Light, the "Early Bird" Promotion will offer an awesome grand prize boat package... **NEW for 2013!** The awesome Dargel 210 Skout with a Evinrude 150ETEC motor and McClain

trailer, a prize package valued at around \$35,000! Everyone ages 21 and over that signs up now through May 24 will automatically be entered into this special drawing, along with the 20 other great prizes being offered. Everyone age 20 and under that signs up now

CCA, in addition to being registered as a 2013 TEXAS STAR entrant. The STAR tournament entry fee is still an awesome bargain at only \$20 for ages 18 and up! Membership fee is \$25 annually, plus \$20 STAR Tournament for a total of \$45. In order to win at STAR, an angler must be registered and be a current member of CCA. You know you'll go so might as well do it now! Remember, everyone entered in the STAR Tournament, who will be 6 years old in 2013 and older, is eligible to win the prizes being offered (even the TAGGED REDFISH DIVISION)!!! Get everyone signed up for the 2013 STAR. Be sure and enter now to take advantage of some great early bird incentives... see details below.

YOUNG ANGLERS FISH FOR FREE! Speaking of bargains, for young anglers ages 6-17, the "New Tide" membership fee remains \$10 annually and the STAR entry fee is FREE!!! Parents, we want all kids on the water! CCA "New Tide" members will continue to have the opportunity to win giant scholarships to fund their college education for just the price of a \$10 CCA "New Tide" Membership. We thank our generous sponsors for making it possible for us to offer young anglers this great opportunity. Keep in mind, signing up as a "New Tide" membership DOES NOT automatically register member in STAR. "New Tide" Members MUST BE at least 6 years of age in 2013 to be eligible to fish STAR



BEST IN TEXAS

2013 Ford F-150 "Texas Edition" XLT SuperCab with Haynie 23 Bigfoot, the Redfish Division prize.

and under age 18 to enter for FREE. It is the "New Tide" Member's responsibility to register each year for STAR.

Don't miss "the boat" or "the truck and boat"... register today! You can sign up NOW online at www.ccatexas.org or www.startournament.org

CCA TEXAS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS - Our most generous sponsor offerings still continue to add more value to your CCA Texas Membership. Be sure and remember to take advantage of the following wonderful benefits your CCA membership affords you!

- 🔥 Ford X-Plan Pricing (see details below)
- 🔥 \$10 gift card courtesy of Academy Sports and Outdoors (see details below)
- 🔥 Texas Fish & Game Magazine subscription (see details below)
- 🔥 \$1000 worth of free upgrades with your purchase of a new Tilson home (see ad on page 23).

FORD X-PLAN PRICING - CCA Texas members have been remarkably honored by the Texas Ford Dealers. They approved X-Plan pricing for us; that is, every current member can buy (or lease) any Ford product at the same price Ford employees must pay. This means we can save up to \$1,000 or much more, just by having a valid \$25 CCA membership card!!! Our Ford Partner Code # is CCA 61; go to www.fordpartner.com, if you are considering a purchase. And please share your gratitude with the dealers for helping to make this great offer possible for CCA Texas members.

SIGN-UP EARLY AND RECEIVE A SPECIAL BONUS FROM ACADEMY SPORTS & OUTDOORS - One more great reason to sign up! Academy Sports + Outdoors will mail a \$10 gift coupon in May just in time for fishing season! This is a limited time offer, so do it before it's too late!!! Special thanks to Academy Sports + Outdoors for continuing to make your CCA membership and STAR entry such an awesome value!

TEXAS FISH & GAME "BONUS" SUBSCRIPTION!!! Texas Fish & Game will again honor this year's STAR entrants with a ONE -YEAR (12 issues) subscription to Texas Fish & Game Magazine. Please be advised your subscription WILL NOT be sent automatically. If you wish to take advantage of this special bonus you must declare on your application form. If you have already signed up for the 2013 STAR, but did not declare that you would like this special offer and/or have questions regarding your past or current subscription, please call (713) 626-4222 or email star@ccatexas.org.

2013 PRIZE LINE-UP - This year's contestants have a chance at winning over 100 prizes including trucks, UV, boats, motors, trailers and college scholarships in the following categories:

Texas Ford Dealers Redfish Division - Texas Ford Dealers continue to make this division the "Best in Texas"! They will again give each of the first five registered STAR participants who catch tagged redfish a brand new truck to get to their fishing

destination in a tough, dependable and stylish ride. The first five registered anglers to weigh-in a tagged red will receive a 2013 Ford F-150 "Texas Edition" truck. Haynie Boats returns with the awesome Haynie 23 Bigfoot rigged with a Mercury 150 L Pro XS motor and Coastline Trailer completing this amazing package. The next five weighed in will receive the same boat, motor and trailer packages.

For young anglers not of legal driving age and who reel in the famous tagged red, he or she will receive the boat package plus a college scholarship, in lieu of the truck.

Trout Division - With winners in the upper, middle and lower coast regions, each winning angler will take home the Shoalwater 22' Legend with a Mercury 150 L Pro XS motor and McClain trailer. SPECIAL NOTE: If you're unsure a trout is large enough to qualify, consider this "easy rule-of-thumb" - if length is less than 27 inches, chances are it won't meet the eight pound minimum weight requirement for the Trout Division. Unless you intend to mount your fish as a personal best, why not think about releasing anything that might not make the cut so she can re-seed the bays.

Offshore Division - Blue water anglers who land the heaviest kingfish, dorado and ling (cobia) will each win the awesome Explorer by Dargel 216 Blue Water Series boat prize to cruise the big waters along with a Mercury 200 XL OptiMax motor and McClain trailer.

Inshore Division - Each winner that reels in the largest flounder, gafftop and sheepshead will be handsomely rewarded with Blue Wave's 180 V Bay boat, a Mercury 115 L OptiMax motor and McClain trailer. In the past eighteen years, \$4,635,000 in college scholarships has been awarded to fisher-kids across the state. And 2013 continues to offer plenty of reason for everyone to round up their kid(s), a rod and reel and head for the water.

Capital Farm Credit StarKid Flounder Division - This division gives entrants age 6-10 a chance to win a \$50,000 college scholarship for the largest flounder caught throughout the summer.

FS Southwest StarKid Gafftop Division - This division gives entrants age 6-10 a chance to win a \$50,000 college scholarship for the largest gafftop caught throughout the summer.

Houston Community Newspapers StarKid Sheepshead Division - This division gives entrants age 6-10 a chance to win a \$50,000 college scholarship for the largest sheepshead caught throughout the summer.

Academy Sports & Outdoors StarTeens Trout Division - This youth scholarship division is open to all New Tide members ages 11-17 and awards a \$20,000 college scholarship for each fisher-teen with the largest trout in the upper, middle and lower coasts. SPECIAL NOTE: The minimum weight requirement for the trout is six pounds.



School Is In Session. The new STAR Platinum print by David Drinkard.

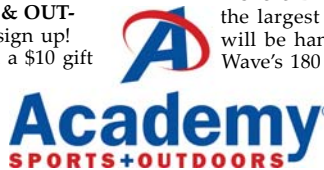
For all fish weighing less than six pounds, if no intentions of mounting young angler's prize catch, please take a quick picture and immediately release back into the water.

Time Warner Cable StarTeens Inshore Division - This youth scholarship division is open to all New Tide members ages 11-17 and awards a \$20,000 college scholarship for each fisher-teen with the largest flounder, gafftop and sheepshead statewide.

CCA Texas/STAR Platinum Print Membership Package, Series III - We're pleased to announce the new print being offered for the 2013 CCA Texas/STAR Platinum package is **School Is In Session**. Renowned artist David Drinkard wanted to honor those parents who take their kids fishing by creating a print depicting the parent and child fishing scene. You never know... maybe one of those "schools" has a "college scholarship" swimming in it! This special offer includes your CCA membership (new or renewal), your 2013 CCA Texas STAR entry, plus a signed, limited-edition print created exclusively for STAR, all for \$125! School Is In Session is a one-of-a-kind special print worth this price alone. If you would like to consider one, or several, of these limited-edition packages, go to: www.startournament.org for more details or to place your order with the STAR Dept., call (713) 626-4222.

STILL AVAILABLE... CCA Texas/STAR Platinum Print, Series I & II - STAR Reds & STAR Sightings are still available. If you haven't purchased yet and would like to begin your CCA Texas STAR Platinum Collectible Series, please contact the STAR Dept. and we can get you fixed up. To own this first-ever commemorative piece, purchase yours today before they're all gone!

The proceeds from the sales of Platinum Packages will help us continue to fund the STAR scholarships. Thanks for supporting CCA Texas and the STAR Tournament!



STAR has reached \$4,635,000 in scholarships awarded to children 6-17 years of age. Many thanks to our sponsors for making this happen. Without them, it would not be possible.

More Chances to Win Prizes!

2013 Berkley Gulp Challenge "Use Gulp and Win!"

- To qualify for prize package, STAR anglers must catch a winning fish using a Berkley Gulp bait, abide by all rules of the CCA Texas STAR Tournament and be on the FINAL leaderboard after the close of the 2013 CCA Texas STAR Tournament on Sept. 2, 2013. Prize package includes a Limited Edition All Star Team Series Rod, Abu Garcia Revo S Baitcast Reel, Berkley Trilene XL fishing line, Gulp Alive Bait and Berkley tackle bag.

Runner-Up Prizes - The first through fourth runners-up in all divisions will receive various gift certificates from Academy Sports & Outdoors.

"New Tide" Member Drawing - The "New Tide" Scholarship Drawing will be offered again in 2013. "NewTide"/STAR participants at least, 6 - 17 years old in 2013, are eligible for a bonus drawing that will net one lucky youth a \$20,000 college scholarship even if the participant never wets a line or enters a single fish during the entire tournament.

Member Bonus Drawing "TOTAL OUTDOORSMAN PACKAGE" - This unique drawing offers STAR entrants a chance to win a fabulous boat/UV prize package even if the participant never wets a line. One lucky contestant's name will be drawn to win an Explorer by Dargel 210 Tunnel Vee with a Mercury 150 PRO XS motor and McClain trailer attached to a UV Country Custom PowerSports Kawasaki MULE Trans 4X4 Utility Vehicle. Check out UV Country's full line at their dealership in Alvin, Texas or go to: <http://uvcountry.com>.

Please don't forget to thank our generous sponsors for their loyal support... return the favor by remembering them when making your purchasing decisions. They make this wonderful family event possible. Major sponsors for the 24th Annual CCA Texas/STAR Tournament include:

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2013 STAR Early Bird Drawing

Deadline to enter is May 24th

*** **GRAND PRIZE** ***

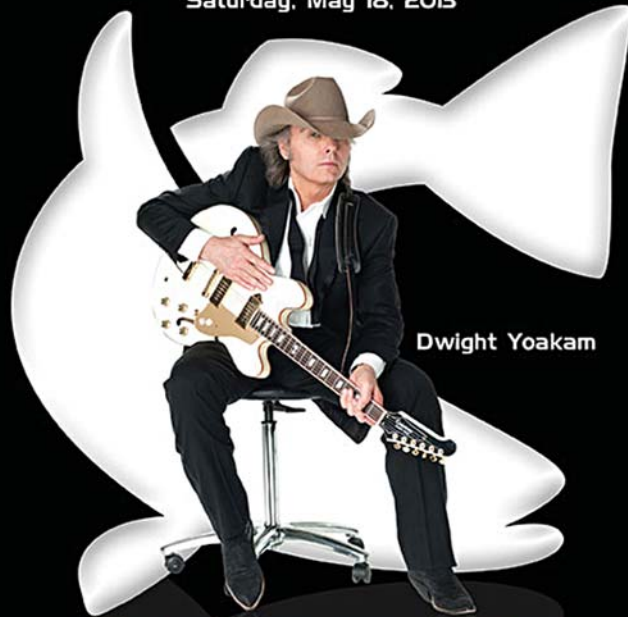
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2nd ANNUAL CCA Texas Concert for Conservation

Saturday, May 18, 2013



Dwight Yoakam



Robert Earl Keen



Hayes Carll



Ray Willie Hubbard

Advanced GA (March 18th - May 17th) - \$25.00
Day of Show GA (May 18th) - \$35.00

Advanced VIP - \$150.00
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(Applicable fees not included in pricing)

The Concert for Conservation

Will take place on the infield of the race track. Sam Houston Race Park will offer a variety of food and beverage concessions so that music fans can fully enjoy the experience. The concert will be a general admission, standing-room only, open-air event open to all ages, rain or shine. Lawn chairs and blankets are allowed for the Concert for Conservation, and be sure to visit www.shrp.com for a complete list of items allowed at the venue.

Tickets are on sale now for the second annual Concert for Conservation scheduled for Saturday, May 18, at Sam Houston Race Park. This year, Coastal Conservation Association Texas (CCA Texas) has partnered with Sam Houston Race Park to put together a superstar lineup that will offer fans a wide variety of country music from featured artists Dwight Yoakam, Robert Earl Keen, Hayes Carll and Ray Willie Hubbard.

"We're proud to be partnering with Sam Houston Race Park this year to put on the show and very excited about the performers who are scheduled to appear. We have something for every

country music fan at this concert," said Robby Byers, executive director of CCA Texas. "At the same time, we have so many exciting conservation projects and habitat initiatives happening within CCA Texas - it's a great event to welcome a whole new group of prospective conservationists into the fold and introduce them to CCA."

Tickets are available now online from CCA Texas (www.CCATexas.org) and from the Sam Houston Race Park website, (www.shrp.com). Tickets online are \$25, while tickets at the door will cost \$35. All tickets come with a membership in CCA Texas. VIP tickets, which offer a special section in front of the stage, parking pass, and access to private beverage stands and restrooms, are available for \$150 each.

"This event is a great opportunity for us to see a lot of our old friends and introduce many others to the Coastal Conservation Association," said Byers. "We look forward to seeing everyone out at the Sam Houston Race Park on May 18 - it's a great venue to hang out with friends and spend an evening enjoying some good music for a great cause."



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CCA Metal Flounder Art - This one of a kind metal art flounder was made by Chase Allen specifically for CCA Texas. This great 36" Metal Flounder comes with the custom CCA Texas stamp in the tail and 2 certificates of authenticity. Be one of the first to own this great piece from CCA.

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To bid and win, go to ccatexas.org and click on the link (left hand side) online auction. Good luck! — *Erich Schneider*



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Great Foods / Food Editor Ellen Ohmstede

Citrus Crusted Filets

4 fresh fish filets (drum, trout,) 1 t salt / 1 t pepper / 1 ½ cups panko bread crumbs / 1 t garlic powder / 1 T herbs de Provence Zest of 2 oranges, 1 lemon, 1 lime / 1 cup seasoned flour 1 egg / 1 cup milk or water (for egg wash) / 2 T Olive oil / 2 T butter for sautéing 1 bag arugula

Mix Panko, herbs de Provence, garlic powder, salt, pepper and zest. Mix egg and water for egg wash. Place seasoned flour in shallow pan. Dredge filets in flour, egg wash then in panko mixture pressing to make sure it is well coated. Heat butter and olive oil in sauté pan. Brown filets until golden and cooked through. Toss arugula with a little olive oil, squeeze of lemon and salt and pepper. Place greens on plate and top with fish filet.



CCA staffers take top awards — again.

Best Outdoors Illustration

First Place: **Sam Caldwell**, "Deep Reds," *Currents* Newsletter

Second Place: **Sam Caldwell**, "Game Warden Frank Dickerson," *Currents* Newsletter

Best Outdoors Publication

Second Place: *TIDE Magazine*, **Ted Venker**.
Honorable Mention: *Currents* Newsletter, **Sam Caldwell**

Best Magazine Feature

First Place: **Ted Venker**, "Man on a Mission," *Tide Magazine*.

The 2013 L.A. Wilke Award, highest honor bestowed on a TOWA member, was presented to **Jonette Childs** by the 2012 winner, Sam Caldwell.



Jonette Childs accepts the L.A. Wilke Award from previous winner, Sam Caldwell. Photo, Vizi Lange-Caldwell.

Jack Mayfield Jr.

At the Feb. 26 CCA Board of Directors meeting, Jack Mayfield Jr. was presented the first Walter Fondren III Vision Award.

Mark Ray, CCA Chairman of the Board:

The pick to receive the first Walter Fondren III Vision Award could not have been more appropriate. Jack was, and continues to be instrumental in CCA's legacy of success in marine conservation. Jack's generosity, paired with his uncanny business acumen and limitless originality have made him, in my eyes, a true hero of conservation. Every angler who wets a line owes Jack a debt of gratitude.—**Mark Ray**

Pat Murray, President of CCA:

It is hard to calculate all Jack has done for marine conservation on so many levels. He has provided unparalleled vision, generous support and a business acuity that is unmatched. Jack's mark on CCA is simply priceless.—**Pat Murray**

Robby Byers, CCA Texas Executive Director:

Jack was an instrumental part of creating the Gulf Coast Conservation Association (GCCA) now CCA. He and a few other recreational fisherman saw early on that there needed to be something done about the overfishing in Texas waters. Since then, his vision has been woven into the fabric of how CCA manages our coastal fisheries not only in Texas, but also the other 16 CCA states. Without Jack and his group of friends, we may not be able to enjoy the great fishery that our state has to offer.—**Robby Byers**

Jack Mayfield briefly revisited CCA's history, then closed with these thoughts:

I want to thank Pat Murray and Jeff Angers for their kind words and for providing a little history of my long term relationship with Coastal Conservation Association and the Center for Coastal Conservation, a PAC which supports the organization's goals.

There is yet much to do. The resources we are devoted to conserving continue to need ever growing care and attention as our population increases. This requires the involvement of many caring people who will fulfill an active Stewardship role. That's what I see as I look over this group – caring people, good stewards. I would urge you to teach your children and/or grandchildren about the outdoors; take them fishing; take them hunting. Show them geese and ducks going south in the fall and north in the spring. Watch sunsets/moonrises with them. Lie on your back next to them in the moonlight and point out to them the stars, the constellations and the craters of the moon. Show them what a beautiful world we have



Jack and Susan Mayfield accept the First Walter Fondren III Award. The ancient navigational sextant dates from the late 1800's. Mayfield described the device as "My new GPS system." Photos by Sam Caldwell



From left to right: Gus Schram, Mark Ray, Bob Hayes, Jack Lawton, Jack Mayfield Jr., Jeff Angers, Will Ohmstede, Pat Murray, Mitch Brownlee.



The Mayfield family: Jude, Ginny and Joanie Filippone, Jack and Susan Mayfield, Trey Mayfield, Ellen Ohmstede, Tad Mayfield and Will Ohmstede

been given. Teach them about caring, stewardship and about exercising reasonable and intelligent dominion over our resources in the same manner as was the first man on earth instructed to do so. When they're old enough, bring them to a C.C.A. banquet.

In closing, it must be said that I've taken from this organization much more than I've ever given. It's been a great ride! Thank you.

Abandoned Crab Trap Program 2013

Coastwide, we topped the 30K mark

with 30,420 traps removed from the bays since 2002! Add another 1400 retrieved by wardens on boats which started the program before the closed period for a total of almost 32,000. Not bad for a CCA driven initiative.—**Ronnie Luster**
For a complete report, drop by the CCA website: www.ccatexas.org. Or, contact Art Morris at art.morris@tpwd.state.tx.us

Special recognition goes to all the volunteers who brave the wind and cold to have the opportunity to trash their boats with mud, oysters, barnacles, and old traps. At the TPWD POC docks, the POC CCA Chapter catered the food, again! Thanks also to CCA for supporting this effort with people, supplies, and funding. Without all the volunteers over the years, the traps would still be out there fishing, killing crabs, fish, and turtles, and generally getting in the way. Great work folks! —**Norman Boyd**, San Antonio Bay Ecosystem Leader

The Billy Sandifer Big Shell Cleanup

Nice weather for a change

Saturday, Feb. 25— When I read the forecast for the Cleanup, I couldn't believe it—"Partly Cloudy with a high of 72." Billy Sandifer joked about an asteroid that would spoil our good luck, and bring back the lousy weather the event had usually seen in the past. But, the event started off on a good note with the weather cloudy, windy and cool with no heavy rain nor meteorites.

According to park ranger William "Buzz" Botts, we had around 500 volunteers. Some 388 went down to Big Shell, with another 100-plus from John Paul II High School who cleaned the four miles of beach at Malaquite. All together, 45 tons of trash was removed from the Padre Island National Seashore (P.I.N.S) with 13 miles of beaches cleaned.—**Tyler Thorsen**

The Basslers Port Mansfield East Cut Cleanup

Tons of trash eliminated from East Cut jetties and beach

Saturday, March 16— As Currents goes to press, we don't have the final figures. We cleaned a shorter beach distance north from the Cut, but had a larger amount of trash eliminated, because we focussed on the jetties. The big rocks were really bad, with thousands of plastic bottles jammed into the boulders. Thanks to all the CCA members who responded and cleaned a huge area of the East Cut and PINS beach.

And a special thanks to the sponsors who made it possible to house, feed and transport those volunteers to and from the beach.

—**Miller and Kathy Bassler**

For photos from a recent Port Mansfield event, go to the YouTube site below. Music included by Craig Carter. Type this url into your browser: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TX1321HA8vI>

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Aransas oyster reef restoration extended

CA Texas State Board approved \$75,000 in funding for a 1-1/2 acre oyster reef expansion that is located in Aransas Bay off of Goose Island State Park and west of the park pier. This project is a partnership with Harte Research Institute (HRI) and will expand an existing 6.5 acre restoration project funded by the Gulf of Mexico Foundation, Fish America Foundation, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and NOAA to a total of 8 acres of reef complex.

This project will be designed to build a 3-dimensional reef complex with high vertical relief to enhance oyster and finfish abundance while minimizing sedimentation. Because multidimensional reef structures provide habitat for numerous fish and invertebrate species, the reef will be constructed as a series of reef mounds surrounded by mud and near previously restored reefs, where complexity is an essential design element. Actual construction will use recycled, clean crushed concrete or other suitable base material (e.g. limestone, river rock, porcelain), and will be topped with reclaimed oyster shells.

Based on our previous restoration work at this location, the restoration project is expected to increase fish habitat, enhance oyster, finfish and crustacean abundance, and increase recreational fishing opportunities.

"We have previously restored degraded reef habitat within the Copano-Aransas bay system using similar methods and have observed increased fish and invertebrate abundances," commented Dr. Jennifer Pollack, Assistant Professor in the Department of Life Sciences at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMUCC).

Long-term success of the reef depends upon larval oyster settlement onto the reef structure and survival and growth of these oysters to larger size classes. With this in mind, construction of the reef will take place just prior to optimal periods when larval are in the system and ready for settlement onto suitable structure. A quarterly (seasonal) monitoring program will be initiated to measure

the structural and functional characteristics of the restored oyster reef and its overall health with nearby reference locations on existing oyster reef providing baseline data.

CCA Texas helps expand the new Corpus Christi nearshore reefing site

The CCA Texas State Board approved a \$100,000 commitment to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) new Corpus Christi Nearshore Reefing Site in February of 2012.

With several options available, an agreement has been reached with TPWD to expand the existing project underway that is reefing 400 pre-constructed pyramids to 470 pieces. This project will reef

habitat and looks forward to partnering with TPWD and other organizations in the future to continue this effort to give Texas recreational fishermen habitat rich fishing environments.



The Sullivan Pyramid design will join multiple shapes as reef habitat forms.

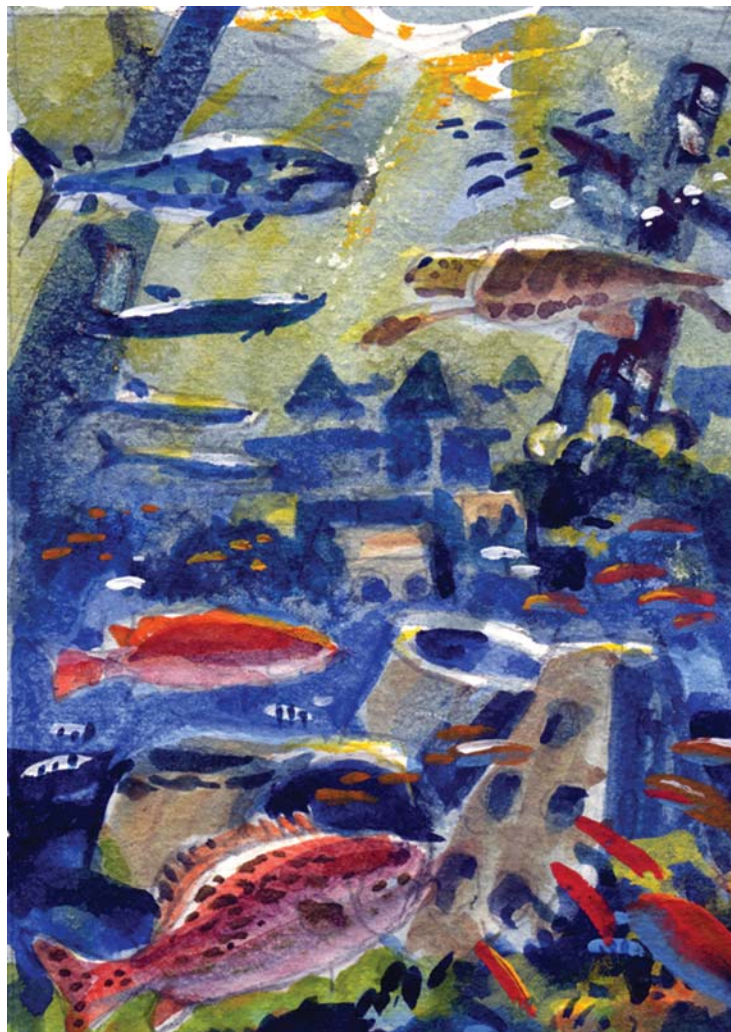
Concept painting, "Deep Structure" below by Sam Caldwell.

...a 3-dimensional reef complex with high vertical relief to enhance oyster and finfish abundance while minimizing sedimentation.

approximately 40 and 50 acres of the newly created 160 acre site. This site will present quick and easy access to anglers fishing from both Corpus Christi (Packery Channel) and Port Aransas, and will be located in Texas state waters.

Project construction is underway and final deployment is anticipated to be completed in the late spring of 2013. To date, CCA Texas has partnered in four nearshore reefing sites with TPWD and contributed \$400,000 to these efforts in Freeport, Port Mansfield, Corpus Christi and Matagorda.

CCA Texas recognizes the value of nearshore



Upper Coast

By Capt. Walt Kalinowsky

The Winds of Spring

Through April, much of the upper coast will have the same problem: WIND. Know the winds before you go, and choose destinations that favor lee shores. Example in the Galveston area—Upper Trinity Bay. You can actually fish up the Trinity River on high tides, using the same techniques you'd use for bass. Fish the points that drop into the channel. The good news is, a mild winter seems to have put the upper coast a couple of weeks ahead of schedule.

On those pleasant April southeast wind days, your options are much greater all the way from Sabine Lake to East Matagorda Bay. A few good locales early in April will be the middle to back of East Galveston Bay. Hit the wells and Jack's Pocket with live bait and deeper lures. Drift the East Bay shell reefs with an eye out for slicks.

My plastic lures of choice favor Hoagie Diablos, because they're tough, and all shad tail flavors. For live bait fishing, concentrate on the jetties (carefully!) and the Galveston channel. Campbell's Bayou can payoff big time for shrimp under popping corks. But whatever the bay system, early mornings, wade or work the shorelines, always watching for nervous baitfish. And watch for the birds; a concentration of our feathered friends this time of year can indicate big trout. Toward the end of April and into May, the birds seem to point out smaller trout.

Whether the Sabine region, Galveston Bay systems or Matagorda Bays, May can be a great time for fishing and catching. I like to work Sabine Lake, watching for slicks and birds, with topwaters. I know, doesn't sound right, but some big specks will come up after a carefully worked topwater. Fast or slow? Sometimes, a fast retrieve in clear water will bring a huge strike, and other times, slow and erratic. Let the fish tell you how they want it. Suggestions: an orange-gold Skitterwalk, a chrome-chartreuse Super Spook. The catch is, you may have to make your own. Take the eyes off, sand the plug with 00 or steel wool, paint it, put on two coats of auto clear, put the eyes back on and go fishing.

Remember to put some back for seed, take a youngster with you, treat your fellow fishers as friends, and be safe on the water. —**Capt. Walt Kalinowsky** / 713-304-7091 / <http://www.riptidefishingtexas.com/captwaltk@yahoo.com>

Aubrey in the Fog. Great Action/Scenic by Capt. Sally Black.



Middle Coast

By Capt. Stephen Boriskie

Opportunity for all

Some of the best action of the year is just around the corner in April and May in the Middle Coastal waters of Texas! Challenging times of the year for the shallow water angler but those who can manage the windy days and swinging tides will reap big rewards. Whether you are hard core artificial or use a variety of live and dead baits. Whether you wade fish or prefer fishing from the boat, Spring brings opportunity for all.

Speckled trout are going to be interested in hammering a variety of baits including live shrimp under popping corks, soft plastics in a dark body and bright tail (presented swimming or under a popping cork) and of course that famed topwater plug! Redfish do all of that and more as they remain a fierce predator worthy of a bowed up rod and sore-handed angler. Don't forget the superb tasting black drum; this is the time of year when they seem to be in abundance on a wind-blown shallow flat. Similar to the Fall, this is a time for cool mornings and warm afternoons and with that extra daylight after the time change, it is ON!

As I get settled with a group of great fishing guides and staff at my new opportunity with Bay Flats Lodge in Seadrift, I'm reminded every day why I love to fish so much. Whether I have customers on a guided fishing trip or if I'm just out on my own scouting or taking friends and family fishing, the whole coastal experience is what keeps me going. I consider myself lucky to guide for a living now, and it's all enhanced by the efforts of CCA contributing time and money for a great cause. —**Capt. Stephen Boriskie**
Bay Flats Lodge, Seadrift, Texas / 512-589-1916

A first trout! Grace Eckols (10 years old) took this spotted beauty In the Lydia Ann on an artificial lure. Great Kids shot by Belinda Eckols.



Lower Coast

By Capt. Sally Black

The best of times, the worst of times

Spring has arrived and the conditions necessary for a steady fishing pattern have begun. Warming water temperatures along with warmer nights combine with a shrimp migration and an influx of other bait, giving predators the opportunity to eat and grow.

The rocks of Baffin Bay are starting to produce some good trophy-class trout, and the shallow waters along the South Shoreline, the Tide Gauge Bar and the Upper Laguna Madre near the mouth of Baffin Bay have been holding nice big redfish and black drum.

Sunny days with less wind are more predictable for catching, along with solunar feeding periods and moon phases, which can give anglers an added scientific edge as well. Weather patterns are the most frustrating for anglers in early April as the cold fronts no longer approach close enough to produce rain or cold temperatures. What they do produce is lots and lots of wind, and then exorbitantly high air pressure which can shut down a bite.

This transition period between late winter and early spring can be the best of times and the worst of times for all fishermen. But, hang on, early April is the time that the patterns will become established, and that is why, at Baffin Bay Rod and Gun, we think it's the very best time to target the really big trout.

Shallow water sightcasters also get the benefit of a little less wind and higher water levels, bringing in lots of glass minnows and tiny shrimp to infest the grass edges of the shorelines.

Early on, fly casters will toss white Clousers and white crabs, lure casters will throw Saltwater Assassin 4" seashad paddletails on 1/32 oz 1/0 hooks in white, Chicken on a Chain and other natural colors.

As April eases into May, topwater action begins. Experience tells me that the productive lures will be small and full-size Skitterwalks in pearl, pink and chartreuse. The bone Super Spook, Jr. is a must in any tackle box. Add the "clown," which is a chrome gold/red head to have the best top water selection.

As May begins, every day is an adventure during a transitional period, but it's a great time to be on the water. Dodge the crowds of summer and watch the bays and birds come alive with the passing of winter and the approach of summer. Get out the sunscreen and get on the water! —**Capt. Sally Black**

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Sally sends one back for further duty. Great CPR photo by Capt. Aubrey Black.



Chapter Updates

Alvin-Pearland

Rex Richards 281-923-3050

Monthly General Meetings: 7 pm - First Tuesday of the month. / Location: Spring Creek BBQ, 9005 Broadway, Pearland Tx.77584

March 5th - General Chapter Meeting, Speaker, Capt. Loyd Pepper - Peppers Guide Service, Rods by Pepper.

April 2nd - General Chapter Meeting / Speaker: Capt. Bink Grimes - Matagorda Sunrise Lodge

May 7st - General Chapter Meeting / Speaker: Shimano Pro Staff

June 4th - General Chapter Meeting / Speaker: Capt. Steve Hillman - Hillman Guide Service

Alvin/Pearland CCA Annual Fundraising Banquet / Thursday, June 20 at 6 pm / Knights of Columbus Hall / 2320 Hatfield Road, Pearland, Texas, 77581

We are in full swing with banquet planning and would welcome new board members who would like to get plugged in. Our monthly chapter meetings have a great speaker lineup and we will have a raffle. Bring a friend, a kid and get plugged in! —Rex Richards

Aransas Bay

Carter Crigler 435-830-5984

ccrigler@hotmail.com

Our chapter volunteers participated again this year in the Abandoned Crab Trap Project. Since its inception, over 33,000 abandoned crab traps have been collected and disposed of.

Continued support of the Abandoned Crab Trap Project was highlighted for me this past February when my fishing partner and I took a break from fishing, to remove four abandoned crab traps, resulting in the release of over three dozen stone crabs and about a half dozen blue crabs.

Volunteers from our chapter also participated in the 18th annual Billy Sandifer Big Shell Beach Cleanup. In 2012 over 300 volunteers braved the wind, rain and cold temperatures to collect over 40,000 pounds of debris from more than 7 miles of beach. We encourage members from all CCA Chapters to become involved next year with these two important conservation efforts.

It's not just springtime, it's CCA Babes on the Bay time. Online registration is going great guns and Karol Scardino, Tournament Director, along with a core group of volunteers are working hard to make the 2013 Babes on the Bay the best ever. As stated in previous issues, starting with the 2013 Babes on the Bay tournament, online registration will be used exclusively to sign up for the tournament. Please visit the site (www.babesonthebay.com) and review the registration process to determine if you have any questions. The last day for regular registration is 4/15/2013. All registrations received after this date will pay an additional \$10 late registration fee. If you have questions, contact Karol Scardino at 361-386-0028. Mark your calendars: May 17-18, 2013: Babes on the Bay
August 10, 2013: Aransas Bay Chapter Banquet
Tight lines -Carter

Austin

Scott Sanderson 512-637-1750

scott@mbsquoteline.com

We're in the stretch run, putting finishing touches on our 2013 banquet and it WILL be one for the books. Every year, with the help of our sponsors and members, the Austin banquet reaches new heights. With trips from around the world, cuisine from 15 of Austin's finest restaurants, our trademark Yeti game, and much more, it's a spectacle you have to see and a wonderful, fun time with fellow CCA friends.

Come to the Palmer Events Center May 9 at 6 pm

Chapter Updates are edited for brevity to allow everyone's voice to be heard. For the full version, go to your chapter's area in the CCA website. Drop by www.ccatexas.org, click on Local Chapters.

and be a part of the finest event in Austin. Go to www.ccaatexas.org for table and ticket information. But don't delay because we expect to sell out.

Special thanks to all of our 2013 sponsors: Title Sponsor Covert Bastrop, Presenting/Live Auction Sponsor Independence Title, Beverage Sponsor Capitol Beverage/Lone Star Light, Boat Sponsors Burt Watts and Denbow Construction, Raffle Sponsor Commerce National Bank, ACK, Austin Concrete, BCS Concrete Structures, Capital Vending, Central National Bank, Deaton Engineering, DCA Construction, Dental Health Mgmt, Documation, Dubois Bryant & Campbell, Grande Communications, HEB, Maxwell Locke Ritter, Ontra, Plains Capital Bank, Smokey Denmark, South Austin Marine and Trim Tech!

As of this writing, we still have a few raffle tickets left for our banquet boat, a beautiful Shallow Sport Bahia in Laguna Green. This year's boat has more options than we can list, but you can check her out at www.ccaatexas.org and buy

a ticket to win! Or go see her in person in front of Cabela's in Buda.

Our last ANO was a Texas slam with Dr. Greg Stunz sharing the latest on trout migration studies, the new Sportfish Research Center and a host of other topics. We will welcome GLO Commissioner Jerry Patterson for our March 20 ANO at Abel's. Remember, Austin's ANO is always FREE and open to everyone. Join us and enjoy a fun night, a free meal courtesy of Smokey Denmark, and come win one of dozens of cool prizes we have each and every time.

Be sure to "Like" CCA Austin on Facebook and stay up with all the news from our fun and active chapter. See you May 9th! —Scott Sanderson scott@mbsquoteline.com

Bay Area

Curtis Anderson 832-421-6377

Wow, spring is finally here. The fishing reports are good and lots of things will be happening soon. We had a General Membership meeting in February with Capt. Steven Coffee as the main speaker. He was joined by Capt. Dean Muckelroy. It was a great evening. Capt. Coffee had the whole room in stitches with laughter most of the time. It was great information on live bait fishing and the way he presented it was a hoot.

Our Bay Area Chapter 21st Annual Banquet & Fund Raiser will be on Thursday April 4th, 2013. Save the date and mark your calendars! It will be at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002



The Corpus Christi boat from Andrews Distributing, a 21' Shallow Sport w/150 Evinrude with a McClain Trailer.

Austin's 21' Shallow Sport. Sincere thanks to our Boat Sponsors, Burt Watts and Denbow Construction, for helping us offer up such a special rig! Thanks also to Wes at Shallow Sport and Marty at Coastline Trailers.





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The Central Houston boat. New for 2013: Southshore Boat Raffle: Five Great Prizes, \$100 per Ticket, Only 300 Sold! / Grand Prize: 2005—26' Southshore Boat, 2005 Johnson 225—4 Stroke Motor, & 2013 Coastline Trailer.

Brazoria County Wes Dingee 979-299-8245

We are coming off a very successful 31st annual banquet! I would like to thank our sponsors **Beef O' Brady's** and **Mammoet USA** as well as our attendees and bidders! Thanks also to our chapter board members and volunteers for all their hard work. We are already looking forward to next year!

Keep an eye on the website for upcoming General Membership Meetings for 2013. If anyone is interested in joining or attending a meeting, we meet every third Tuesday of each month at Sea Center Texas at 6:00 pm. Our next big event will be the **Port Freeport 13th annual Take A Child Fishing on May 4th**. For more information about this event, you can call 979-233-2667 ext 4315. Look forward to hearing from you!
— **Dan Johnson** 979-481-3907

Brazos Valley Larry Purifoy 979-229-4752

Howdy! We have completed another successful banquet and it was truly a team effort! We were definitely successful and hope that we can bring in some new members to add to our experience.

The barbecue was awesome, as always, and we would like to thank **C&J Barbecue** and **Budweiser** for their sponsorships of food and beverages. We also would like to thank the many local businesses that gave their time, money and raffle support to help CCA, and all of our members for the hours they devoted to our cause. Please shop local and support the small and locally owned business.

As always we meet every second Tuesday of each month at the pavilion behind the Brazos Center, 6pm for fishing tales, and then food and some chapter business. Call **Scott Sigle** for more information at 979-820-3101. — **Tammy Aaron**, Secretary

Brenham Dennis Crowson 979-451-2472

Dennis.crowson@hotmail.com

We are preparing for our 19th annual **Crawfish Boil fundraiser to be held on April 25 at Silver Wings Ballroom**. Corporate sponsors for this year's events include: **Mike Hopkins Distributing**, **Ammotogo.com**, **Germania Insurance**, **Brenham Chrysler Jeep Dodge**, **Brenham IronWorks**, **Wichita Ranch**, **Brenham National Bank**, **Blue Bell Creameries**, **Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative**, and **Citizens State Bank**. Tickets can be bought and picked up from **Market Realty**, or for more information or to order tickets contact **Dennis Crowson** at 979-451-2472 or

dennis.crowson@hotmail.com

A special thanks goes out to Lt. Commander **Scott Parkhurst** from the US Coast Guard for speaking at our February meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next general meeting on March 21st when the guys from **Schmidt Boat Repair** will discuss outboard engine maintenance and care. — **Dennis Crowson**

Brush Country Hank Henry 361-215-6803

Centex

Brad Hensel 254-776-3411

It's my pleasure to introduce the 2013 Officers and new board members for the Centex Chapter. My name is **Wayne Webb** and I have been an active board member for 5 years. I'm delighted to become the new President of The Centex Chapter. We are hard at work on upcoming events, and our **15th annual banquet which is set for June 20, 2013 at the Waco Convention Center (Chisholm Hall)**. I'm excited to be working with the finest group of men in Texas. Centex Chapter Officers are **Glenn Thomas - Vice-President**, **Brad Hensel - Treasurer**, **Jayson Drummond - Secretary**. New board members are **Austin Thomas**, **Rick Able** and **Brian Schmunslar**.

You can contact **Joe Hague** at 254-265-5624 Centex Chapter Membership Chairman to reserve your table. **Blue Marlin** tables are \$800, seating for 8. Only 20 tables available. **Red Snapper** tables are 400 seating for 8. — **Brad Hensel**

Central Houston Todd Buster Mobil, 713-545-1897

Central Houston Chapter is working away getting ready for our **April 18th Banquet!** New for 2013- **Southshore Boat Raffle: Five Great Prizes, \$100 per Ticket, Only 300 Sold!** / Grand Prize: 2005—26' Southshore Boat, 2005 Johnson 225—4 Stroke Motor, & 2013 Coastline Trailer 2nd Prize: **Benelli Nova Shotgun** / 3rd Prize: **Pelican Kayak** / 4th Prize: **American Rodsmith Rod/Shimano Chronarch Reel** / 5th Prize: **Go Pro Hero Camera**. Please call **Todd Buster**, 713-545-1897 or tbuster@busterandcogdellbuilders.com for table sponsorship. Tight Lines! — **Todd Buster**

Colorado Valley James Loehr 979-250-3958

Corpus Christi
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January and February were extremely busy months for this chapter, as we prepared for our earliest banquet ever, and I am proud to announce that all the hard work paid off. The 35th

Annual Dinner Banquet, held on March 7, 2013, proved to be another highly successful event for the Corpus Christi Chapter. Selling out an entire week prior to the banquet allowed us the opportunity to fine-tune the facilities, auctions and raffle items without having the added pressure to simultaneously conduct table sales. I want to thank you all for your attendance and support, as they are vital in securing the future of Texas' coastal resources.

A special thanks to all of our sponsors:

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Thank you to our Banquet Chairman/Table Sales Chairman, **Blake Laird** and his supporting committee members: **David Harris**, Live Auction; **Lauren Hollon**, Silent Auction Chariman; **Mark Afram**, Red/Blue Raffle Chairman; **Barrett Fines**, Blackboard Auction Chairman; **Joseph Briones**, Boat Chairman; **John Fry**, ATV Chairman; **Cody Roesener**, Banquet Co-Chair/Guides Cup Chairman; **Cliff Johnstone**, Facilities Chairman; **Jay Gardner**, Advertising & Banquet Program Chairman. Your help and hard work is greatly appreciated.

As always, if you have an interest in joining our board and being involved in the conservation of our coastal resources, please don't hesitate to contact a board member or myself directly at 361-851-1129 or r_poelmacpa@sbcglobal.net. — **Randy Poelma**

Dallas / North Texas Craig Jones 817-239-6200

I hope everybody has had a chance to catch some fish in between the blowing spring winds. Your Dallas chapter board has been very busy planning for the **April 18th Banquet at the Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas**. A lot of hard work has gone into making this a really great event – A big thanks to all the members who made it happen.

My tenure as President of the chapter has been a real pleasure and very rewarding thanks to very dedicated board members that I consider to be great friends. You guys are a great team, It's been a real honor to work with you all!

Please remember to keep up with us on Facebook at dallascca. Make sure to send in all your fishing pictures! Regards, — **Craig Jones**
president@dallascca.org 817-239-6200

East Texas
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Fort Bend

Clint Shepard 832-595-5375

The Ft. Bend 27th annual banquet is coming together nicely for 2013. Our raffle boat has been delivered, and is ready to meet its new owner on April 25. The boat is a 16' Tran Baby Cat w/90 HP Suzuki from TranSport Boats in Palacios, custom aluminum work from Aluma-Tech, and aluminum trailer by Coastline. Additionally, there are five chances to receive gift cards valued at \$100 and 15 chances to receive gift cards valued at \$50. As in years past, there will only be 600 tickets sold for the raffle.

The banquet is scheduled for April 25th at the Ft. Bend Co. Fair Grounds Bldg. C, in Rosenberg. Doors open at 6 p.m. to preview auction items and begin silent auction bids. Supper will be served around 7 p.m. Contact either myself or Matt Meyer 832-595-4855, Banquet Chairman, for details. For information on table reservations, please contact Ren Davis 281-342-6828 or George Guest 281-384-7582. Till next time — Clint

Fort Worth

Fearn Mastin 817-291-1302

We had a great membership meeting on Thursday March 7 at the Rahr Brewery. Thanks to our friends at the Brewery for having us again. We had our best Fort attendance ever! Thank you to all of the members who came out to support us. We had 2 guest speakers; Lt. Commander Scott Parkhurst of the US Coast Guard and Capt. Bill Carey of Striper Express Guide Service on Lake Texoma. Both gave fantastic presentations and shared their knowledge with the group. The



with Brute Box and are excited to have them on board with us. Check them out at <http://www.bruteoutdoors.com/>

We gave away some great raffle prizes and sold several more boat tickets. If you haven't gotten yours yet you might want to make arrangements to do so. We are only selling 300 tickets on a chance at a 23' Haynie Big Foot with a 150 Hp Mercury. We'll have the drawing at our banquet on May 2nd at Joe T's. Tickets and tables for the banquet are on sale now. Contact Fearn Mastin 817-291-1302 or Hunter Baird 817-437-8351 for more information or check us out on the website or like us on Facebook CCA. — Fearn Mastin

Galveston

Dr. Ken Ellis 713-962-7731

The Galveston Chapter would like to invite you to our next general meeting on April 11 at 6:30 PM, at M & M restaurant. SHIMANO USA will be our speaker on hand, to inform and educate everyone about all of their new and upcoming reels and rods, and other fishing equipment. It will be a very informative lecture, and they will be able to answer any questions you may have as well. The M & M Restaurant will provide free light appetizers, with a cash bar.

We are getting closer to our annual banquet, which will be held at Moody Gardens on August 3, 2013 where we will be raffling off our 21' Shallow Sport-Bahia, totally rigged out with a 150 HP Evinrude E-Tec motor and trailer with custom aluminum, all furnished by the great guys at Coastline Marine, Cole Starr and Chad Starr. We are only selling 350 boat raffle tickets, which will be sold out BEFORE the banquet, so if you would like one please call me directly.

That evening we will also be having a large selection of live auction items, as well as silent auction items. We are looking for any corporate sponsors as well to underwrite the boat wrap, and other items for that evening. If you are interested in any sponsorship, please call me personally.

The shrimp should be moving out of the grass beds soon, as the water temp increases. It's my favorite time of year to fish with my daughter Katelyn, the birds will start working, we go to daylight savings time soon, and the bite will be on. So if you see my orange boat working the birds, please come by and say hello. Tight Lines, and — Hook'em — KEN

Capt. Billy Sandifer and a young worker focus on a clean Padre Island beach. Photos by Cody Moravits.

board prepared a wonderful fish fry for our members. Thanks to all of you who pitched in to make the night a success.

We would also like to include a nod to Brute Box Coolers for their donation of a 50 qt cooler for raffle. We are looking forward to growing our relationship



Return to the Great Sandifer Beach Cleanup: Johnny Rayburg, CCA SA prez, Bob Brumby's grandson Alex Brumby, and Collin and Madelyn Rayburg.

Golden Triangle

Welcome new president, Josh Kaczynski
Phone????

If winter wahoo fishing is not on your mind, then it should be. Reports coming in from the Flower Gardens say they are as thick as ever. Also, with the warmer weather lately, the trout bite has turned on early this year in the bay.

Please join me in congratulating Josh Kaczynski as our new 2013 Chapter President. Josh has big plans this year for our chapter and we can't wait to see what he has in store.

This year, the Golden Triangle Chapter will be auctioning off a 1984 CJ7 for the big-ticket raffle item. This CJ7 has been fully restored and in great working condition. If you would like to buy a ticket, please contact Fisher Maddox at 409-291-6000. Need not be present to win. Hope to see you at our banquet this year, which will be May 16. See you on the water — Fisher Maddox

Greater Sugar Land
David Kveton 281-808-4870

dokveton@gmail.com

We have a lot going on in the Greater Sugar Land Chapter. Our Annual Banquet is Thursday, April 11th, at the Missouri City Community Center, 1522 Texas Parkway. The doors open at 5 pm. For tickets, contact our banquet chairman, Steve Meyer, at 713-294-8400. We will be serving crawfish and catfish.

We are gearing up to elect new officers and have a great bunch of members eager to fill the positions.

Upcoming Kid FISH Events:

- * Saturday, April 27th. at 8.00 am. New Territory - Pecan Park, Sugar Land / * Saturday, May 18th. at 8.00 am. Memorial Park, Sugar Land
- * Saturday, June 1st. at 8.00 am. Community Park, Missouri City

We held our Crab Trap Cleanup on February 22nd and special thanks go out to Bob Nipper, Joel Canavan, John Beffano and Weems Turner for providing the boats. We collected 18 crab traps. Thanks go out to all the members who make this chapter one of the premier chapters. This is not a one person show.

We welcome you to attend our monthly chapter meetings, held at SPRING CREEK Bar-B-Q on HWY 6 in Missouri City at 7 pm. Check out our face book

site <http://www.facebook.com/ccasugarland>. —David Kveton dokveton@gmail.com

Greater Woodlands

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Upcoming events for the Greater Woodlands

Chapter (GWC): Crawfish Boil – Sunday April 21, 2013 - Papa's Ice House 314 Pruitt Rd. - Spring, Texas. We will be hosting this event between the hours of 1pm to 5pm.

6th Annual Banquet – Thursday July 18, 2013 – The Grand Palace 314A Pruitt Rd. – Spring, Texas.

More details can be found by visiting our web page or contacting any of our board members. <http://www.ccatexas.org/greater-woodlands>. *Keep Conserving ...To Keep Fishing!* —James Kay

Guadalupe Valley

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Hays County

Steve Schiber 512-524-2989

Heart of the Hills

Randy Plummer 830-377-0737

Wow! Just can't believe how quickly this year is flying by.

We've had a lot of nice weather this Spring...hope you were able to get out and fish on the calm days. **Chapter members have already started planning for the 2013 Banquet and the Boerne Community Center is reserved for Thursday, September 12, 2013.** Now is your opportunity to get involved. Give me a call if you would like to donate your time or if you would like to donate merchandise for the banquet.

Remember also to shop with the sponsors who support our Chapter: **Boerne Marine, Full Service Auto Parts, Concept Builders, Academy, Kendall County Abstract, Brady's Automotive, C. Joseph Industries/Garrett Mechanical.** See you on the water! —Jim Simmons / 210-380-5709

Hill Country

Darlene Cook 800-594-2056 ext 217

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THIS IS THE YEAR FOR NEW THINGS! THE FIRST NEW THING we are doing is a Social for our general membership. For those that don't go to the banquet, this is for you! **It will be held April 28th at the Red Barn in Seguin on Sunday afternoon.** We'll have music and a fish fry, plus, raffles and a youth activity. It's a party I hope you don't miss! Tickets are only \$10 a person!

The Red Barn is a party venue with a lot of history. However, it's strictly a venue and doesn't have any means to sell beverages of any kind, so bring your own adult beverage if you want,

and we will have sodas and tea. You may have purchased Social tickets at the March 19 General Meeting at the Elk's Lodge in New Braunfels, but we will be sending out invitations and you can reply by mail. For more information on the Social contact me, or **Dawn Koehler** at 210-573-1143.

Our first General Meeting is March 19th. **Jay Watkins** is our speaker. Jay is also doing his **Spring Seminar March 30th at the New Braunfels Elk's Lodge.** You won't want to miss this! Very informative. You will need to bring a HOOK-N- LINE map #F116.



ANOTHER NEW THING: This year you will register for the **HILL COUNTRY FISHING TOURNAMENT** by mail or at the May 21st General Meeting. **The Tournament is June 8 in Rockport.** We won't have a meeting in June. You will be receiving a flyer in the mail with the details. The Tournament banquet will be at **Drifter's Hall in Rockport** and it only holds 200 people, so register as soon as you get the flyer! You will have to register by the deadline on the flyer. You have to be a Hill Country Chapter member to fish the tournament.

That's about all for the New Things we are doing. Soon the Directors will start working on the banquet. We need items for the Live Auction, Silent Auction and Raffle. If you have an item or service, or cash donation, please contact me at 830-214-3067. If you know someone that fishes, or is a conservationist ask them to join CCA and bring them to the Social or a meeting. For more information on the tournament **June 8**, contact **Josh Downy** at 830-708-2986 or **Sterling Schulz** at 830-305-5128.

I welcome our new Sponsors on board, **Redfish Bay Boathouse and Kontiki Beach Resort/Laguna Reef.** Other Sponsors are **Sandollar Resort, Stay Tuff Fence, Fishers of Men, Whitaker Insurance, Creative Eye Wear, Hardy Eye Care, Wright Distributing, Gruene Outfitters, Metro Ambulance, Power Engineering Services, KGNB KNBT.** Let's get fishing! —Darlene Cook darlenec@knbtfm

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Katy
Clint Hilton 713-515-3991

The Katy Chapter is working feverishly on banquet plans. Our banquet will be June 26, at Agave Road. Ticket prices are \$50 per individual, and we'll have corporate tables for a small fee of \$1,000 or \$500. Our raffle items, in the past years have been a huge success and this year we are **GOING BIGGER - 20 gun raffle, \$20 per ticket, and only 650 tickets available.** Last year, there were a bunch of sad faces as we sold out of raffle tickets very early, so get yours early and keep smiling! We should have tickets available at this meeting. Bring a pocket FULL of cash and 'gitcha some'!

In addition to banquet planning, we have had great meeting turn out for our Speaker Series. In March we hosted **Captain Ralph Morales of Big Dog Guide Service.** Capt Morales has fished Port O'connor and the surrounding bay

A massive collection of plastic containers faced the Port Mansfield cleanup crew at the jetties. Photos before, during and after by Sam Caldwell.



systems for over 23 years, and specializes in sight casting for reds and technical fishing for trout. Ralph is a 'teaching guide' that works with his clients to learn the subtleties of proper wade fishing and lure presentation. According to Big Dog, there's more to fishing than tromping around in the water, chunking a lure, and reeling it in (no wonder I struggle to catch fish). Ralph is a great guy and a supporter of the Katy Chapter, too.

The Katy Chapter meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at Red River BBQ on Mason Road. We gather for lies around 6:30 and start the 'official' business at 7-ish. If you'd like to get involved or would like to hone your fishing skills, we would love to see ya. —Clint Hilton 713-515-3991

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Lower Colorado

J.L. West 979-318-9007

Hello again from the Lower Colorado Chapter. We have been a bit dormant throughout this winter season, but are planning to start off the year with some exciting activities. Our local **Bay City Birding and Nature Center** will be hosting their **4th Annual "Rally on the River"**, at Riverside Park on Saturday, April 13. Their main event will be a voluntary 8 mile Kayak trip on the Colorado River with activities at the park afterwards. Our chapter will support them by teaching the art of throwing a cast net and also showing our junior fishermen how to use a rod and reel. Last year, we showed a lot of people. We will need some chapter member volunteers to help in this event. If you can help, call **Jerry West** at 979-318-9007, **Ronnie Bose** at 979-429-0457, or **John Kubecka** at 979-245-9571.

Our chapter **Kid Fish** will be held **Saturday, May 11, starting at 9 am, at the Bay City Birding and Nature Center.** This is the event where kids from Bay City and surrounding areas come to the Nature Center ponds to enjoy a morning of fun and fishing. Afterwards, there will be a meal of hotdogs and fixings served and awards given. It is a delight to see the expressions on kid's faces when they have a fish on their line. For some, this is their only opportunity. To make all this happen, we have some great sponsors this year. We will need some chapter member volunteers again. If you can help, call **Jerry West** at 979-318-9007, **Ronnie Bose** at 979-429-0457, or **John Kubecka** at 979-245-9571 and let someone know we can count on you.

The date for our 5th Annual CCA Banquet and Fundraiser will be Friday evening, August 16th, 2013 at the Bay City Convention Center.

Mark this date on your calendars. Last year's event was our best yet. We have our challenge ahead of us again this year to equal or beat this support venue for CCA.

The Lower Colorado Chapter meets every first Tuesday at 6:30 pm. The location is sent by email and also listed in the **Bay City Tribune** newspaper. Come early and share a meal with us. Chapter members get involved with your chapter. Come to meetings and bring a friend. In the meantime, keep those lines wet. —**John Kubecka**, Secretary

Lower Laguna Madre

Travis Flanagan 956-207-6391

Mainland

Eric Minor 281-534-6242

We will have our first General Membership meeting of the year at 7 pm on Tuesday March 19 at **Dickinson Bar-B-Que**. Our speaker for the evening will be **Phil Ortiz** with **Flounder Pounder** lures and he will be there to talk about flounder fishing on the Texas Coast.

For those of you who have not had a chance to listen to his presentation, you are missing out on decades of flounder fishing experience. **Dickinson Bar-B-Que** is located on FM 517 about a mile East of I-45 in Dickinson, Texas.

We will once again have boiled crawfish at our banquet on Friday May 3rd, doors open at 6:30. For the last 14 years in a row we will have it at the Nessler Center located in Texas City, you should start seeing flyers on this shortly. The tickets for the banquet are \$40 each and \$45 at the door. We have reserved tables you can purchase for \$200, \$400, and \$800. All of the usual auction and raffle items will be there but I would like to mention the main raffles items available: There will be three chances to win: 3rd prize is a **45qt Yeti Cooler**, 2nd Prize a **12 ga. Franchi Auto Shot Gun**, 1st Prize is a **FTU Green Rod with Cronarch Reel & .270 Thompson Center Bolt Action rifle**. Tickets for the raffle are \$10 each and 6 tickets for \$50. Good luck. Please join us for these two events, I hope to see you there. —Eric Minor 409-370-7379.

Matagorda Bays

Linc Lutrick 979-541-9901

The 8th annual **Lil' Salty Kids Fishing Blow-out** will be held on **Saturday, May 11 at the Matagorda Harbor**. This Free Tournament for Kids ages 3 - 14 is only possible with the help of generous sponsors. If you are interested in being one of our sponsors please contact **Chad Hensley** at 979-541-3239. Like our Facebook Page at Matagorda Bays CCA for more information.

This year's Matagorda Bays CCA banquet is set for Thursday June 27, 2013 at the El Campo Civic Center. This year's raffle boat sponsored by **Polasek Construction & Quality Lease Services** will be a **23 ft Dargel HDX KAT** with a **200 hp E-Tec Evinrude** and **Aluminum McClain Trailer** donated by **Dargel Boats**.

During this time of year we thank a few of our sponsors who continue to support our chapter. A big THANK YOU to **Quality Hot Mix, El Campo Electric, LAMCO, Hydrotex, El Campo Sheet Metal, Crowell Drilling, Dalton Lodge, Star Parts, E.A. Collins & Sons, H & B Packer Services, Comet Cleaners & Laundry, Greek Brothers, Silver Star Helicopter, H.E.B., and Del Papa** Distributing for your continued support of CCA. —Linc Lutrick

MidCoast

David Jenkins 361-578-5580

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Our General Meeting (formerly Anglers Night Out), this year was held on February 19, at the **Victoria Community Annex**. I would like thank them for doing a great job and service getting the room ready and set up for us.

We had about 100 CCA members there, all enjoying the great food and speaker! The BBQ and Sausage with all the trimmings were catered by **KBs BBQ** located in Victoria, Texas. It was a great meal.

Our guest speaker was **Dr. Greg Stunz**, from the **Harte Research Center, Texas A & M Corpus Christi**. Dr. Stunz spoke at length on

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the Cedar Bayou Project, The Sportfish Research Center, and the purpose and process of tagging fish. There was a very good question and answer participation at the end of his program. This event was co-sponsored by Waterloo Rod Co. USA, and I want to thank Jimmy Burns for donating two Waterloo Rods, T Shirts, and Caps to add to other items that some of our lucky guests were able to take home with them at the end of the evening.

SAVE THE DATE! Mid Coast Chapter Banquet will be held on Friday April 19, 2013 at The Victoria Community Center, Victoria, Texas. Curt Allison will once again be the chairman of this year's banquet. He did a great job last year and promises this year will be better. I appreciate all the hard work he puts into this banquet.

Sponsor tables are still available and can be purchased from any board member. You can also contact our table chairman, **Hector Mendieta** at 361-571-1239. We are also selling individual tickets for \$99, and they can be bought at **The Tackle Box in Victoria**. These tickets come with the meal, drinks, CCA Membership along with the Star Tournament entry. Pray for rain to end this drought and to fill the lakes and rivers. Tight Lines,—David Jenkins

Northeast Houston

Jason Law 713-898-8594

2013 started off with a great duo, **Eric Bruss** and **Chris Albertson** from the **Redfish Army Anglers**. They shared some great tips about their experiences on the Texas Saltwater Tournament Series, and their amazing organization.

Next up was **Phil Ortiz, from Flounder Pounder**, on March 27 at Cedar Landing Restau-

rant. He shared his sure fire tips on how to catch flounder in the Galveston Bay complex.

April 20, 5 pm is Northeast Houston's 25th Annual Banquet at the Humble Civic Center Arena. The event will begin with some delicious crawfish, cold beer, and many prizes. We will have raffle prizes, silent auction items, live auction items, and the big sportsman raffle to end the night! You can purchase individual tickets, tables of 8, or reserve an exhibitor's booth at this year's banquet.

This year's Sportsman Raffle is loaded with three huge items any sportsman would enjoy. A **65 quart Yeti cooler, a \$500 Academy gift card, and the "Night Stalker" fishing trip by Hackberry Rod and Gun Club** are the items in the Sportsman Raffle for 2013. We will be selling only 500 so grab your tickets before they are all gone!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events! —**Jason Law**
jlaw1899@yahoo.com

Northwest Houston

Blayne Eversole 832-444-4579

The Next General Membership meeting is April 2nd. It will be held in the Stein Room at Houston Distributing as in the past. We will announce the speaker when we send out the meeting notice.

February Members Meeting: Our February speaker was actually a facilitated session by **Forrest Vollentine**. We shared winter fishing and hunting stories many of which ended in a roar of "been there" laughter. The use of braided line seemed the topic getting everyone's interest. It was a great free-form program.

Annual member Fish Fry: Mark your calendar for our annual member appreciation fish fry.

It will be held at our April 2nd General Membership Meeting.

Help us with Kid Fish. Mark your calendars! Here is the info for our 2013 Kid fish. Date: **Saturday, May 11, 2013. Time 7AM - 1PM.** Many thanks to **Harris County Precinct 2, The City of La Porte and Linda's Bait & Tackle** for their support of this annual program.

Please remember that we are always happy to accept donations for the annual kid fish program. Let us know of your desire to donate anytime by contacting a Director. As a reminder, we are using email for meeting announcements. **Our sincere thanks to both Houston Distributing and Academy.** They are active sponsors of our meetings and many events. We are especially fortunate to have such great support. As a reminder, we are using email for meeting announcements. As a reminder, we are using email for meeting announcements. If we don't have your e-mail address and you would like to receive our announcements, please send your e-mail address to *js_declue@yahoo.com*. —**Blayne Eversole**

Orange County

Scott Bandy 409-988-3667

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With February in the books and March in full swing, the chapter had a great General Membership meeting with **Capt. Adam Jaynes** and **Sarge Upchurch of Sarge Custom Rods** speaking to us about strategies for fishing Sabine Lake and what to look for in a custom built rod. Thanks agin guys for the insights. The chapter will be starting our next banquet planning soon. Anyone who wants to help out is welcome. And don't

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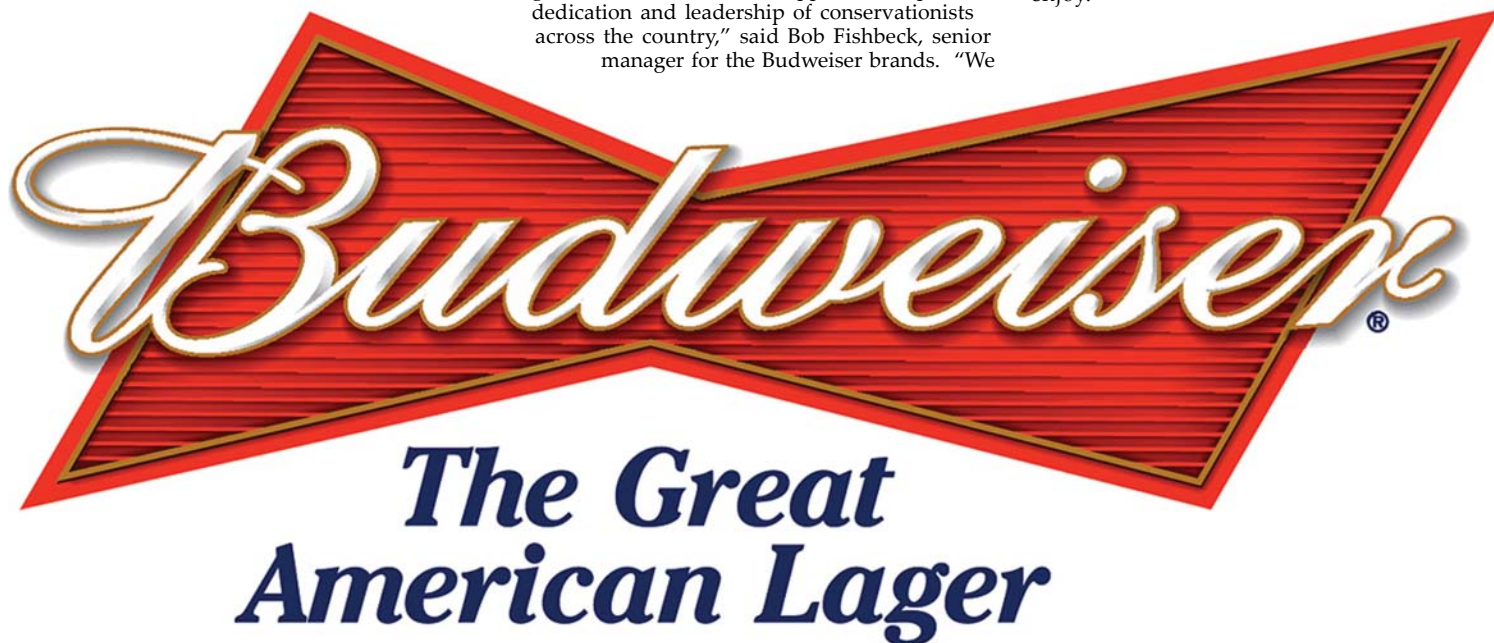
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forget the **BASS MASTER Elite Series** is coming to Orange March 14-17.

If you would like to join our chapter, we meet the **2nd Monday of each month at Roberts Meat Market and Steakhouse in Orange**. Everyone is welcome. Any questions feel free to call me. Tight Lines, —**Scott Bandy**
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Piney Woods

Jess Mowery 903-736-3891

Port O'Connor

Bill Moore 361-983-4690

The POC Chapter was on hand at the Texas Parks and Wildlife docks on Saturday, February 16 to assist with the 2013 Crab Trap Removal.

Several members were on the water, along with volunteers and members from other chapters to pick up traps. For this time of year, the weather was great and the turnout reflected the beautiful weather. **Chris Smisek** of San Antonio and his crew collected 35 traps for the most brought in. The chapter provided lunch at the dock for all who participated in the trap removal.

Special thanks to the members who assisted with the preparation and serving of the meal, including **Carl and Pam Ray, Lefty and Joanne Ward, Mike and Maxine Sharp and Suzie Onishi**. Also, we would like to thank **Dr. Wally Bublely** and bride with **TP&W Fisheries Division** for opening the facilities and assisting with everything. A big thank you to **Norman Boyd** for his assistance.

Watch your emails, as we will be scheduling meetings in preparation for the 14th Annual POC CCA banquet, so be sure to pencil in that date—Saturday October 19th, 2013.

So, as the north wind calms and the weather warms, come see us, or if you want to get involved with the chap-

ter and/or banquet—contact us in POC. “Where it all began.” —**Bill Moore**

Prairie

Sharon Goebel 979-877-4103

On Friday, February 22 we held our annual Chile appreciation dinner at the Cat Spring Tin Building. Thanks to **Kirk Hoppe** for preparing his famous chili, and thanks to his helpers **Randy Goebel, Jason Beaman, Joey Pawlowski** and any other board members that helped. We want to thank **Sharon** for all of her hard work that made the evening a success. We had a wonderful turnout. There were many gifts raffled off at a dollar bucket raffle.

The guest speaker for the night was **Gilbert Alaniz**, the Austin County game warden. He talked about boat and life jacket safety for the young boaters. Many thanks to **Dee and Barney Bolten** for bringing their wonderful stuffed jalapenos and dip. We thank them for bringing this appetizer every year. We would like to thank **Charlotte and Albert Pagel** for bringing the delicious lemon bars. The lemons were picked from their lemon tree. We apologize if we have left out anyone who brought appetizers or desert.

Don't forget our 16th annual CCA Fund Raiser banquet on April 4th at the Cat Spring Hall. We hope to have a full house. The meal for the evening will be prime rib and shrimp catered by **Jerry Mikeska Catering**. There will be a gun and cap raffle along with a live and silent auction. Some of the gifts were donated by sponsors.

We are planning our annual Kidfish for summer. Date, time, and location will be announced soon. —**Ron Chess, SR. 979-992-3295**

Redfish Bay

Norman Oates 361-758-0266

The Redfish Bay Chapter Annual Banquet will be on April 20, 2013 at 6 PM in the Port Aransas Civic

Center. The banquet will similar to the 2012 banquet with a sit-down meal, beer, wine, soft drinks, live auction, silent auction, raffle items and door prizes.

Our banquet is a family event, and attendance by spouses, young adults, and older children is encouraged. We do everything we can to make it a fun time while supporting Texas conservation efforts. As always, money raised in Texas, stays in Texas!

Our annual “Take a Kid Fishing” event will be on May 31, with the evening for sign-up and a meal, and June 1, for morning fishing and awarding of trophies starting at noon. If you cannot make it on Friday evening, you can register on Saturday morning. In 2012, we had 200 kids fishing and having a great time — a great event! Bring the future fisher persons for their annual “tournament”.

Our Annual Beeville Fish Fry will be on the Thursday evening before dove season starts. We look forward to the new year and seeing you at our events. —**Norman**

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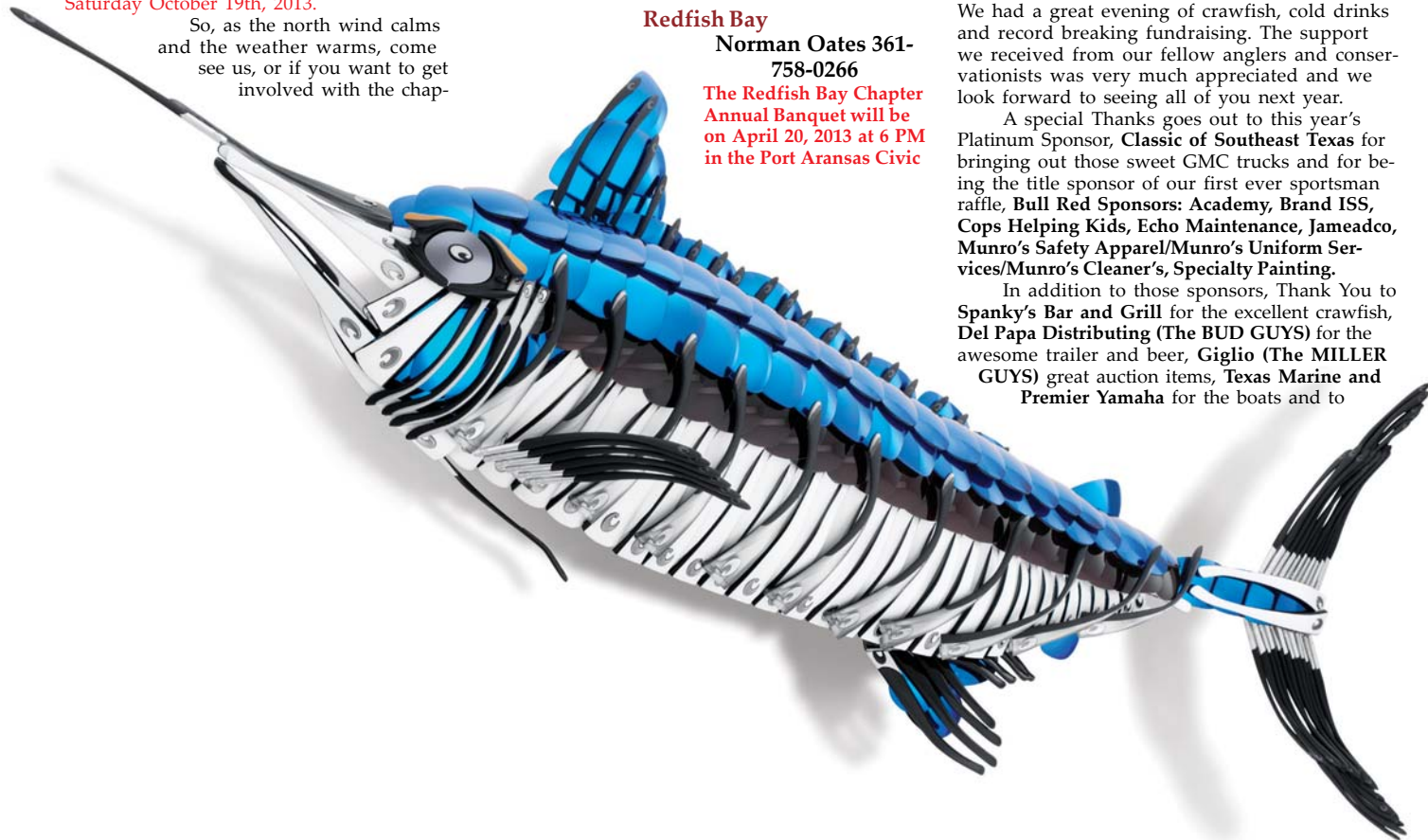
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I'm going to skip the greetings and get right to it. **THANK YOU SOUTHEAST TEXAS!** The Sabine Neches Chapter held its 16th annual banquet on **March 7** and for the second straight year we sold out the **Bob Bowers Civic Center in Port Arthur!** We had a great evening of crawfish, cold drinks and record breaking fundraising. The support we received from our fellow anglers and conservationists was very much appreciated and we look forward to seeing all of you next year.

A special Thanks goes out to this year's Platinum Sponsor, **Classic of Southeast Texas** for bringing out those sweet GMC trucks and for being the title sponsor of our first ever sportsman raffle, **Bull Red Sponsors: Academy, Brand ISS, Cops Helping Kids, Echo Maintenance, Jameadco, Munro's Safety Apparel/Munro's Uniform Services/Munro's Cleaner's, Specialty Painting.**

In addition to those sponsors, Thank You to **Spanky's Bar and Grill** for the excellent crawfish, **Del Papa Distributing (The BUD GUYS)** for the awesome trailer and beer, **Giglio (The MILLER GUYS)** great auction items, **Texas Marine and Premier Yamaha** for the boats and to



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everyone else. I apologize for not having space to thank each and every one of you!

On behalf of the entire board of your Sabine Neches Chapter, THANK YOU! I would also like to extend my personal thanks to all of the volunteers on the board, you all did an excellent job this year and I look forward to working with you again.

Just when we thought we had it easy, we are pleased to announce our **2nd annual Kid Fish** to be held on Saturday May 18 at **Pleasure Island Umphrey Pier**. Stay tuned for details and check our Facebook page for updates and information for Kid Fish. Tight Lines to All —**Darin M Johnson** *Darin.johnson@delpapabud.com*

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Our 11th annual banquet is scheduled for July 25. Once again it will be held at the Dell Diamond.

We are working on some new changes for this banquet so if you attended a banquet in the past, you need to mark your calendar for the 25th. We hope to see you there!

Don Hewlett Chevrolet has already committed to be our title sponsor for the event. We are very happy to have them back as our title sponsor. If you have questions or would like to join our fine group of sponsors, please feel free to contact me at *jmelnar@piscavore.com* or 512-497-8284. —**John Melnar** *www.piscavore.com*

San Jacinto

Pete Ruiz 832-496-4903

Annual Banquet Event Date: Thursday June 6 / Location: changed to Bay Area Community Center.

We will have **Cajun Country Cookers** back this year with the shrimp boil. Contact **Brian Meuth**, 713-626-4222 or **Pete Ruiz**, 832-266-3086. —**Pete Ruiz**

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Tri-County

Jason Trial 830-570-2988

The Tri-County Chapter would like to invite everyone to our 16th Annual Banquet and fund raiser on Friday, April 19, 2013. The event will be held at the Atascosa County Show Barn with Cajun Country Cookers serving boiled crawfish and fried catfish. Once again, we have wonderful donors providing many opportunities for outdoor excursions and awesome merchandise in our live and silent auctions. You can try your "luck" with the raffle items and door prizes.



A few of the workers who cleaned the Padre Island jetties cut and beach out of Port Mansfield.

Miller and Kathy Bassler relax after the 5th successful Port Mansfield Cut & Beach Cleanup. That's Zola in the middle.

Below, an engraved stone plaque rests on a huge jetty rock, a tribute to a soldier who loved the Padre Island beach and jetties.

You may purchase individual tickets (\$50- which includes your membership to CCA), or by the table for 8 guests. Table sales range from our premium Redfish table to our Flounder table. Tickets and tables may be purchased at the **Deer Hunter's Toy Store**, 3216 Zanderson, Jourdan, TX (830) 769-9520 or by contacting **Brian Meuth** at 800-626-4222 *bmeuth@ccatexas.org*. We hope to see everyone there! —**Jason Trial**

Trinity Bay

Gerald Payne 281-385-2894

Stiff warm winds, bull tides, and longer days make for neoprene waders and long sleeves to be put on the shelf. Spring is upon us and the anticipation of landing a tagged redfish or monster trout for the S.T.A.R. Tournament becomes the focus on the water. As we move into this season, **Trinity Bay Members are gearing up for our annual banquet in August.**

In addition to searching for that prize fish, members are beginning to call on past banquet sponsors, while in search of new ones.

Over the next few months members will be securing door prizes and raffle items in an effort to make our 2013 banquet one to remember. If you would like more information on how to participate please give us a call. —**Gerald "Get er Done" Payne**

West Houston

Joe Perez 832-279-4794

Please mark your calendars to join us for a night of fish tales, friends, family, raffles, auctions and all you can eat crawfish at our **27th Annual West Houston CCA Crawfish Boil and Banquet on Thursday, May 2nd.**

The Board has been working on several new items for this year's Banquet and we are very pleased to announce our first "10 gun/10 win-

ner" raffle. Tickets are being presold and are available now! Please contact a Board member to purchase your chance to win one of these great firearms. This raffle is independent of the Banquet raffle and you do not need to be present to win! Get yours now, before they are all gone.

Our next Chapter General Membership meeting will have been held on Thursday, March 21 at **Molina's Cantina** when you receive this issue. Our guest speaker for the evening will be **Phillip Cambra of Shimano** and the **Shimano Pro Staff!** They will be on hand to discuss and answer questions about Shimano products, fishing tactics and lure/tackle selection.

To keep up to date with these and future chapter events, please like our Facebook page (West Houston CCA) and/or click on our Chapter page on the CCA Texas website *www.ccatexas.org*. Until next time... have fun, be safe and good catching! —**Joe Perez**

West Texas

Craig McDonnold 432-682-3499

Annual Banquet Event Date: Thursday April 4 at the Midland Country Club. Enjoy Boiled Crawfish and Shrimp, Prime Rib. Contact **Brian Meuth** 713-626-4222, or **Craig McDonnold** 432-682-3499. —**Roger Letz** Communications Director / 432-685-6026 *rc1301@aol.com*





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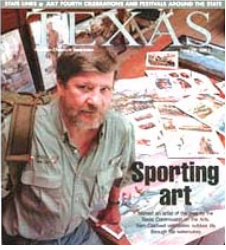


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