

Mission of the Organization

- Promote sportsmanship and the protection of natural resources
- Promote the quality of Lake Fork fishery and other outdoor recreational activities
- Promote the future of angling through youth programs
- Promote a spirit of cooperation with local, county, state, and federal governmental agencies, and other civic organizations for the purpose of improving Lake Fork and its surrounding communities
- Promote items of interest of the membership at large

Next LFSA General Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be August 9. We will meet at Oak Ridge Marina. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. See you there.

Roger Stroman wins 2011 Yantis Catfish Classic

By Sam Scroggins

The Third Annual Yantis Catfish Classic at Lake Fork concluded on Sunday with big channel cats completely dominating the two-day event. The top prize and \$6400 was awarded to Roger Stroman of Emory, Texas for a 10.10 pound channel caught during the final two hours of the tournament. Earnest Harrison of Quitman took second place and \$3400 with a 9.90 pounder caught only 10 minutes after the tournament resumed on Sunday. The 9.70 pound fish caught on Saturday by Tommy Cortez of Bartlett took third for \$1400. Greg Strong (Anna) and Josh Busby (Alba) tied for fourth, each with 9.20 pounders worth \$750. Rounding out the top seven were Sam Morris (Temple) with an 8.25 and Stacy Scott (Lindale) with an 8.10 pounder.

The most active hourly winner was Paul Miles (Lake Dallas) with 4 fish in the money. Tommy Cortez, Earnest Harrison, and Roger Stroman each had 3.

The events top youth angler was Jonathon Chastain of Ft. Payne, AL with a 7.95 pound monster. Greta Faust of Splendor, TX took the top ladies honor with her 6.55 pound channel and Earnest Harrison topped the Senior Division.

Anglers competed individually for big fish with four hourly cash prizes and a bonus jackpot paid to the those catching the top seven fish overall. The total payout for all hourly and tournament top finishers was \$26,000. A total of 356 catfish anglers participated.



Catfish Classic winners, 1 - Roger Stroman, Emory, 10.10 lbs, 2 - Earnest Harrison, Quitman, 9.90 lbs., 3 - Tommy Cortez, Bartlett, 9.70 lbs., 4 - Greg Strong, Anna, 9.20 lbs., 4 - Josh Busby, Alba, 9.20 lbs., 6 - Sam Morris, Temple, 8.25 lbs., 7 - Stacy Scott, Lindale, 8.10 lbs.

The Tournament was closely linked with the City of Yantis and their seventh annual Catfish Day Festival. Activities in Yantis included a Catfish Day parade on Saturday afternoon following the tournament weigh-in. The Parade Marshal, Ken Freeman, led the procession through down-town Yantis along with Yantis Mayor Jerry Miller. The Yantis City Council followed aboard the Lake Fork Sportsman's Association Live Release Boat. Numerous local businesses and civic groups as well as anglers from the BPS Big Cat Quest Tour participated in the parade with their state-of-the-art cat-fishing craft and tow vehicles. At the conclusion of the parade, the tournament anglers and other area residents were treated to the annual fish fry prepared by the Yantis Volunteer Fire Department.

The Yantis Catfish Classic was open to all anglers, but it is also a part of the Bass Pro Shops Big Cat Quest Tournament Trail. The next stop on the Trail is at Santee Cooper Reservoir in South Carolina on August 13. After one additional Tournament at Alabama's Joe Wheeler State Park, the Trail concludes with its national championship on the Mississippi River in Memphis, TN on September 16-18. The Big Cat Quest's major sponsors are Bass Pro Shops, Toyota Trucks, and Coca-Cola. More on the Big Cat Quest can be found at the Ken Freeman Promotions web site, www.kenfreemanpromotions.com

The Catfish Classic's major underwriters were the Bass Pro Shops, the Wood County Industrial Commission, and the City of Yantis. Other major contributors included the Greater Quitman Area Chamber of Commerce, the Sulphur Springs Department of Tourism, Lewis King Bait Company, Oak Ridge Marina, Loomis Lodge & Guide Service, and Stan Kuhn's Lake Fork Catfish Guide Service. KMOO 99.9 FM served as the official radio station for the event.



Roger Stroman and his winning catch at 10.10 lbs.



Earnest Harrison topped the Senior Division with this 9.90 monster



Top youth angler Jonathon Chastain of Ft. Payne, AL with a 7.95 lbs. monster



Greta Faust of Splendora, TX took the top ladies honor with her 6.55 pound channel.

LFSA Volunteers

The success of the Catfish Classic could not have happened without the support of our member volunteers. From stuffing bags, to manning work stations during tournament hours our members did a terrific job. You all are to be congratulated and thanked for a job well done.



LFSA members getting the goody bags ready for tournament anglers.



Three of the 356 anglers check in with LFSA member Stan Kuhn during registration Friday afternoon.



LFSA member Randy Bunch inspecting a boat.



LFSA member Richard Nipp inspecting a boat.

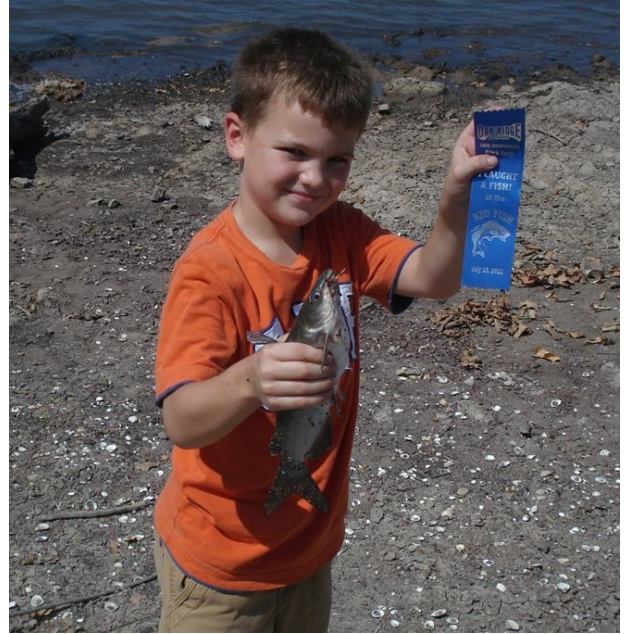
LFSA Members Tracy and Berry Hatton put on a Great Party

If you didn't attend the block party at Oak Ridge Marina you missed a really great time. The Hattons (Tracy & Berry) had something for everyone. There was a giant water slide for the kids. With the high temperatures it got a good workout. The kids also had a chance to demonstrate their fishing skills. From 10 a.m. to noon, volunteers from the Lake Fork Sportsman's Association supervised a kid fish. We want to thank members Arlie Jaeger, Larry Lewis, Gary DeArmond, Pam Rogge and Micheal Rogge for spending time with the kids. Several lake guides gave clinics on catching the bass of a lifetime.

One of the highlights of the day was the dunk tank where you had the chance to dunk your favorite Game Warden or Lake Fork Sportsman's Association President Micheal Rogge. This was a charity event and a good time was had by all.

The day was capped off with a live concert by Chris Bevill and the Spur on Band.

Tracy and Berry continue to make major improvements in Oak Ridge, making it one of the premier stops for fishermen and families on Lake Fork



This young angler shows off his catfish caught during the kid fish at Oak Ridge Marina.



A proud dad with his young anglers and their ribbons won during kid fish at Oak Ridge Marina.

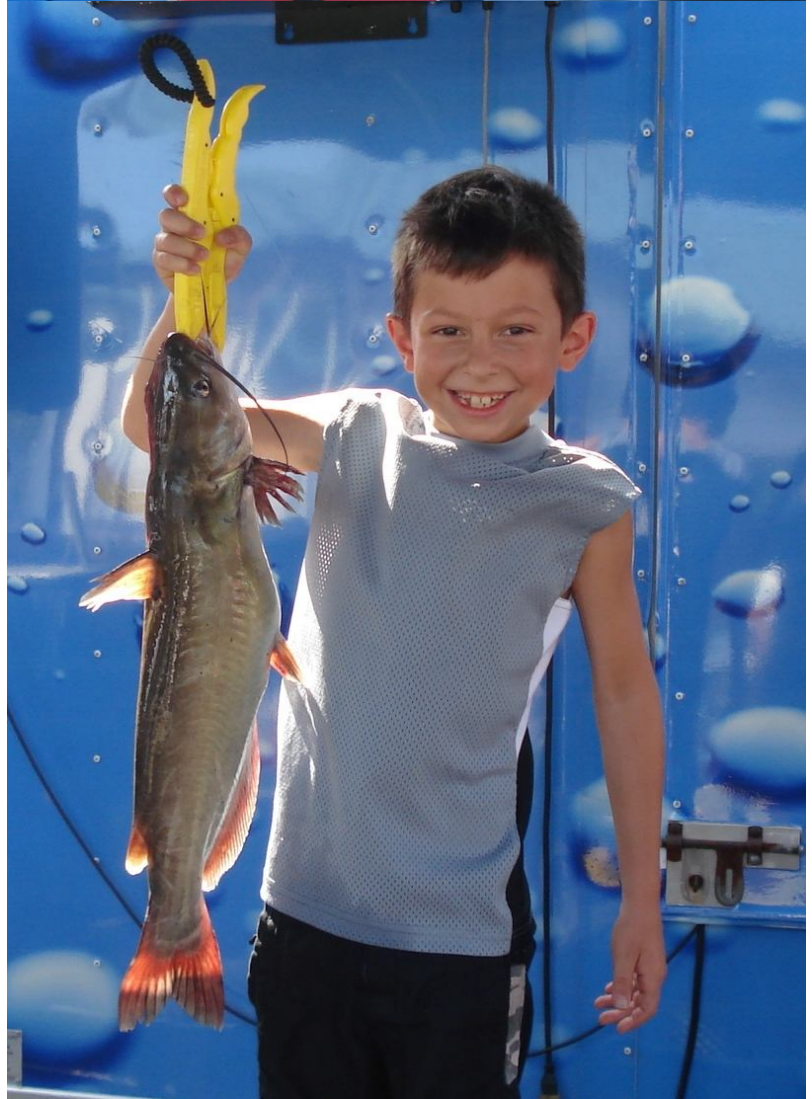
LFSA Membership

The Lake Fork Sportsman's Association always welcomes new members. If you have an interest in fishing, boating or helping make our community a better place to live, a membership in LFSA might just be for you. For more information on membership or an application you can go to our website at www.lakeforksa.com or e-mail me at dwa1ker@verizon.net.

Remember to Fish Friendly

And a great time

Was had by all



Support our Member Guides and Merchants

The Sportsman's Association is made up of Guides, Merchants and Home Owners. Our guides and merchants are important to the economic well being of Lake Fork. Encourage your friends and neighbors to schedule their next fishing trip with one of these member guides and be sure to patronize these merchants.

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