Spring cleaning
Abandoned crab traps, Big Shell Beach, East Cut Cleanup are on CCA agendas

It’s become a Texas tradition, cleaning our coastal environment. The Corpus Christi chapter was among the first coastal groups to take on a massive chore—eliminating dangerous debris from area bays and waterways. Troy Williamson, CC’s chapter president, was featured on a national news program. Ronnie Luster of Port O’Connor got a few CCA friends together some eleven years back, added help from Texas Parks & Wildlife friends, and began the annual abandoned crab trap removal program. Luster was named the National Conservationist Of The Year by Field & Stream Magazine. Capt. Billy Sandifer felt so strongly about the trash on the Big Shell region of Padre Island, he has invited thousands of his closest friends to make the beach better annually for 16 years. Sandifer was also named as a Hero of Conservation by Field and Stream Magazine.

Clean beaches are contagious. This year will mark the fourth year for Kathie and Miller Bassler’s Port Mansfield East Cut & Beach cleanup. Of course, all the programs require cooperation not only with hundreds of volunteers, but between partnerships with private and local groups, and state and federal agencies. Among the groups participating in the upcoming Crab Trap removal project are several CCA chapters, TP&WD, the TPWD Wildlife Foundation and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

11th Texas abandoned crab trap removal program / February 17-26
Volunteers needed!
Here are the drop-off sites in all bay systems along the Texas coast. Contact your local TPWD Coastal Fisheries Office For More Information.

Sabine Lake – Local TPWD coordinator Jerry Mambretti (409) 736-9035
Pleasure Island Marina Boat Ramp / Trap drop-off site
Galveston Bay – Local TPWD coordinator Bill Balboa (281) 534-0110

Jones Lake State Ramp (Fat Boys) / Facilitated & trap drop-off site
TPWD Dickinson Marine Lab-1502 FM 517 E, Dickinson / Trap drop-off site
Seabrook SH 146 Bridge Public Boat Ramp / Trap drop-off site
Fort Anahuac County Park Boat Ramp
Facilitated by Galveston Bay Foundation & trap drop-off site
Chocolate Bayou State Boat Ramp – FM 2004 / Facilitated & trap drop-off site
MATAGORDA BAY – Local TPWD coordinator Leslie Hartman 361-972-6253
Mitchell Cut Boat (ICWW) Ramp at Sargent / Trap drop-off site
Matagorda Harbor at Matagorda / Trap drop off site
Railroad Park at Palacios / Trap drop-off site
San Antonio Bay – Local TPWD coordinator Norman Boyd 361-983-4425
Charlie’s Bait Stand / Facilitated & trap drop-off site
Port O’Connor TPWD Docks / Facilitated & Trap drop-off site
ARANSAS BAY – Local TPWD coordinator Karen Meador 361-729-5429
Goose Island State Park Boat Ramp / Facilitated & trap drop-off site
North Cove Harbor Boat Ramp / Trap drop-off site
CORPUS CHRISTI BAY – Local TPWD coordinator Tom Wagner 361-729-2328

Nueces Bay Boat Ramp / Trap drop-off site
Port Aransas Public Boat Ramp / Trap drop-off site
UPPER LAGUNA MADRE – Local TPWD coordinator Todd Neahr 361-825-3353
Bluff’s Landing Marina / Trap drop-off site
Kaufman Park Boat Ramp / Trap drop-off site
LOWER LAGUNA MADRE – Local TPWD coordinator Mark Lingo 956-350-4490
Adolfo Thomae County Park at Arroyo City / Trap drop-off site
Port Mansfield Navigation District Ramp at Port Mansfield / Trap drop-off site

— Art Morris
Fishery Outreach Specialist
Corpus Christi Field Station

“They’re blowing up on topwaters!”
This issue’s front cover photo was provided by CCA’s Great Photographer Will Drost, who often seems to be there, with camera, when fish and wildlife are active. Drop by his website at www.wilddrost.com for additional trips in the visual outdoors.
Red Tide Ebbing?

By Meridith Byrd
HAB Response Coordinator

Texas is suffering from a prolonged red tide that might go down in the record books as the longest lasting and costliest red tide in state history. This incidence of red tide was first detected in early September, when staff of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s (TPWD) Coastal Fisheries division saw stressed fish surfacing inside Brazos-Santiago Pass. Discolored water and dead fish were reported the same weekend from the Brownsville Ship Channel and San Martin Lake. Reports soon followed of additional dead fish in the Lower Laguna Madre and South Bay as well as Boca Chica Beach. Water samples confirmed that southern Texas was experiencing a red tide. Just over a week later, the red tide was also confirmed along the upper coast, from San Luis Pass to the Brazos River. By early October, the bloom enveloped most of the Texas coastline, stretching from the lower reaches of Galveston Bay to the Rio Grande and further south into Mexico.

What is red tide?
Red tides are caused by an overabundance of Karenia brevis, a species of microscopic toxic algae. These algae occur naturally as part of the makeup of the Gulf of Mexico, and when conditions are right they reproduce very rapidly. Transported to shore by currents, the algae cause the water to turn red, brown or green and litter the beaches and bays with dead fish. At times the water might also contain another species called Karenia mikimotoi in addition to K. brevis. These species often occur simultaneously.

K. brevis contains brevetoxin, a neurotoxin that kills fish by attacking their central nervous system and causing paralysis, suffocating the fish. The brevetoxin also accumulates in the tissues of molluscan shellfish (oysters, whelks, clams, mussels); the shellfish are not harmed but their meat is rendered inedible by the toxin. Brevetoxin is heat-stable, meaning that it will remain in the shellfish meat even after cooking. A specific type of food poisoning called Neurotoxic Shellfish Poisoning can result after eating red tide-affected shellfish; symptoms can persist for days and include nausea, vomiting, and numbness or tingling of the lips and tongue. Anglers and beachgoers are often affected by brevetoxin’s tell-tale allergy-like effects. Burning eyes, runny nose, coughing, and wheezing are some of the symptoms caused by breathing in the toxin. Fortunately, for most people, these symptoms are a temporary annoyance and subside quickly once you leave the area. However, for people with asthma, emphysema or other lung problems, brevetoxin can present a potential health concern; these people need to avoid areas affected by red tide.

Impact on oyster season
Red tides can bring the Texas oyster industry to an abrupt halt. Under Federal law, shellfish harvesting must be restricted once concentrations of K. brevis reach a threshold of 5 cells per milliliter of water, or when any amount of toxin is detected in the shellfish meat, regardless of cell concentration. Even after the red tide has subsided, residual toxin levels in shellfish meat can remain elevated for weeks. For example, Copano Bay remained closed to shellfish harvesting for an additional 100 days following the end of the 1996 red tide due to elevated brevetoxin in the oyster meat.

On October 26, 2011 the Texas Department of State Health Services issued a news release announcing that oyster season would not be opening on November 1 due to the red tide. At press time, it seems that Texas has seen the worst of the bloom, but K. brevis continues to linger along the coast, causing intermittent fish kills. All Texas waters remain closed to shellfish harvesting and it is unclear when they may reopen, if at all this season. TPWD estimates that the closure has cost the Texas oyster industry more than $7.5 million through the end of January.

Impact on the Texas Fishery
As of November, the red tide had killed over 4.4 million fish. Striped mullet made up the largest percentage of this figure, numbering over 2 million. Additional fish kills have occurred since November and these have also been almost exclusively comprised of mullet. The rest of the top ten species killed by the red tide in descending order are scaled sardine, Gulf kingfish (whiting), Atlantic bumper, pinfish, ladyfish (skipjack), spot, hardhead catfish, Gulf menhaden, and pigfish.

Other recreational fish, in addition to Gulf whiting, were also affected by the bloom. These included red and black drum, flounder and spotted seatrout, but in much smaller proportions, comprising less than 1% of the total fish killed. Fortunately, ongoing resource assessment and long-term monitoring programs, such as the Coastal Fisheries Resource Monitoring and Commercial Landings programs, continue to give TPWD the ability to adapt management strategies as needed to address any impacts to our resources.

—Meridith Byrd
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Attention PINS volunteers!
The 17th annual Big Shelly Beach Cleanup is set for February 25.
This event can’t happen without the help of our volunteers and your help is needed again. Volunteers will meet at Malaquite Pavilion on PINS and the event will commence at 7 a.m. Gloves, water provided, gourmet hot dogs afterward from CCA Corpus Christi. See you there! —Capt. Billy Sandifer
For complete details, drop by the website: http://www.billysandifer.com/cleanup.htm

Families and individuals from all walks of life convene on Padre Island National Seashore for a day of hard work. Their reward — leaving their beach better than they found it.
Coca-Cola 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 coupon courtesy of Academy Sports + Outdoors (see details below)
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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 1CA 61; go to www.fordpartner.com, if you are considering a purchase. And please share your gratitude with the dealers helping to make this great offer possible for CCA Texas members.

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2012 Prize Line-Up - This year’s contestants have a chance at winning over 100 prizes including trucks, 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 2012 Ford F-150 “Texas Edition” truck. Haynie Boats returns with the awesome Haynie 23 Bigfoot rigged with a Mercury 150 OptiMax engine. A Coastline Trailer completes 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 Shoolawat 22’ Legend, “Truly a Texas Legend”, powered with a Mercury 150 OptiMax and McClain trailer. SPECIAL NOTE: If you’re un-
STAR has reached $4,345,000 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.
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Welcome to the CCA Texas Online Auction
Sponsored By Costa Del Mar

I hope Santa was good to everyone this year! If he wasn’t, take a look at these great eBay auction items from the CCA Inventory! We have a great looking Selco Geneve watch with the CCA TX logo and also a fishing package up for grabs. These items will be featured online for bidding purposes through eBay. We encourage everyone to take advantage of the art and merchandise that is up for sale. These items are coming directly from CCA Texas’s inventory. There will be a variety of unique art packages, as well as new merchandise never seen before!

Fishing Package — Royal blue CCA logo soft sided cooler, CCA logo pliers, 4 16oz CCA tumblers, and a CCA logo dry duffel.

Selco Watch – Selco Geneve Men’s watch with CCA TX logo.

Auction begins February 14, runs through February 21. To bid and win, go to ccatexas.org and click on the link (left hand side) online auction. Good luck! — Drew Adams

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Great CPR Photo of the issue: Young Cole Aplin Caught this beauty, held it for a Photograph, then Released it for further duty somewhere in west Galveston Bay.

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HTFT continues to build partnerships

Coastal Conservation Association has announced plans for a $100,000 reef project off the Texas mid-coast, funded by CCA Texas, CCA National’s Building Conservation Habitat Program, Shimano, and in partnership with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Artificial Reef Program.

CCA Texas’s habitat program, Habitat Today for Fish Tomorrow (HTFT), originally dedicated $35,000 to the new reefing site located off the Texas coast in state waters between Matagorda and Sargent. With additional funds secured from CCA National’s Habitat program, HTFT has more than doubled the commitment to this new reefing site.

“In dealing with Gulf reef fish issues, working on advocacy issues alone is not enough,” said Robby Byers, executive director of CCA Texas. “Creating new, viable habitat is an equally important priority, and our membership is committed to putting significant structure in the water that will be a magnet for both fish and anglers. We are proud to be building a string of reefs along the coast, and proud to be working with corporate partners like Shimano to improve marine habitat and angling opportunities.”

“CCA does a first-rate job of initiating progressive efforts on behalf of people who fish in coastal regions,” said Phil Morlock, Director, Environmental Affairs, Shimano American Corp. “Thanks to CCA and Shimano, this Texas reef project will provide great fishing opportunities for generations of anglers to enjoy and we are pleased to be a partner in this conservation effort.”

This reefing project will compliment the Vancouver reefing site project, which deployed in excess of 250 tons of material off the coast of Freeport and the Port Mansfield project, which will deploy over 4,000 concrete culverts in near-shore waters between late spring and summer of 2011.

With this recent addition of dollars to the Matagorda reefing project, HTFT has committed $200,000 to near-shore reefing in Texas waters in the program’s brief two-year history. HTFT is committed to enhancing Texas’s near-shore fisheries habitat through its partnership with TPWD and outside sources for the benefit of Texas’s fisheries and recreational fishermen. In December 2010, the CCA National Building Conservation Habitat Program announced a $1.5 million contribution from Shell Oil Company, with the first $250,000 going towards the Independence Island Reef in Louisiana’s Barataria Bay. The Building Conservation Habitat Program has contributed $60,000 to the Texas mid-coast reefing effort and is making plans for another reefing project in Alabama later this year.

“You have to go through a lot of hoops to get projects like these off the ground and into the water, but we are building real momentum with the habitat program. Tons of materials are going into the water, and the pace is picking up,” said CCA National President Pat Murray. “When we get recreational anglers, private companies and state agencies all working together, we can accomplish great work.”

Costal Del Mar commits to habitat restoration in Texas

Costal Del Mar has recently financially committed to CCA Texas’s Habitat Today for Fish Tomorrow (HTFT) habitat program for the next three years. This increased level of support by Costal Del Mar further strengthens a long standing commitment to CCA Texas and both organizations commitment to conserving the coastal habitats and fisheries for present and future generations.

“CCA Texas has been a leader in the advocacy fight to conserve our coastal fisheries and habitat,” commented CCA Texas Executive Director Robby Byers. “As CCA Texas moves forward with the efforts of HTFT, partnerships with private companies, state agencies and other like organizations will be an important part in conserving, restoring and creating critical habitat along the Texas coast.

CCA Texas is excited to have Costal Del Mar on board and looks forward to a long term partnership.”

HTFT needs your help

CCA Texas’s HTFT program has had a successful first two years. As the program has evolved, one piece of the puzzle that has proven to be very important is partnerships. HTFT has worked closely with TPWD, Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program (CBBEP), Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF) and others. As partners, each organization relies on one another for different aspects of a project. HTFT’s support is often through monetary contributions, coordination efforts, and helping secure other needs for projects.

Securing monetary needs for HTFT is an important role of CCA. This is where you, our CCA Texas member, can play an important role. CCA Texas is currently seeking public and private foundations whose mission statements support coastal habitat restoration and creation. If you are connected to a foundation that supports this mission, please contact Matt Warren or John Blaha at CCA Texas to discuss possible solicitations. Each member also has an opportunity to take part in this process through company community grant programs that allow employees to apply for grant dollars to be used within their communities. Community partnerships are the key to success in CCA Texas’s goal of habitat restoration and creation. — John Blaha

Kathy and I invite you to enjoy a satisfying day with dozens of friends, followed by a chili dinner and awards. Not to mention a fine Sam Caldwell tee shirt. — Miller and Kathy Bassler

The Fourth Annual Port Mansfield EAST CUT & Beach Cleanup is set for Saturday, March 17

Last year was a tremendous success, thanks in large part to all the CCA members who cleaned a huge area of the Mansfield East Cut and PINS beach. Join us again for lots of fun and a collector tee shirt. Start at 7 am, the Port Mansfield CC Pavilion where Breakfast will be served. A free box lunch will also be provided. Afterwards, enjoy drinks and chili at PELICAN’S PUB. We could use some boat captains willing to provide ferry service. Free housing will be provided by our generous sponsors on an availability basis with priority given to youth groups of any kind.

Miller and Kathy Bassler
979-535-4593 or cell phones 979-204-5185 or 979-324-5555. For photos from last year’s event, go to the YouTube site below. Music included by Craig Carter! Type this url into your browser: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TX1321HA8el
**Upper Coast**

By Capt. Dickie Colburn

**Until a bitter cold front, homestead skinny water**

On the upper coast, we have gotten more rain in the past month than we saw in the previous ten, but it still hasn’t affected the salinity level in the rivers enough to put that bite to rest. It has been difficult to tell if the flounder ever migrated at all, and the trout and redfish action is every bit as good in the rivers and ICW as it is in Sabine lake. Having that option translates to very few days lost to the winds that blew last spring completely out. The trout and redfish bite in the lake has been very consistent all winter and will improve, but watch for warmer surface temperatures.

The Sabine Lake region: It should be dealer’s choice with as many folks drifting the flats on the Louisiana shoreline and deep reefs north of the Causeway as there are tough fishermen wading those same flats, in addition to those bordering the ICW on the north end. The flats on the north end have been at their best late in the day on incoming tides. If there is bait on the surface and a few slicks present it is a slam dunk. Don’t overlook Hickory and Old River Cove on the north side of the ICW.

The upper coast in general: Into mid-February, the flats should keep producing not only good numbers of solid trout and slot redfish, but some bragging size fish as well. Until any bitter cold front, redfish will homestead the skinniest water while the best trout bite will be depths of 3 to 5 feet. Topwaters, 3-inch tails rigged on 1/8th ounce heads and mullet imitations like the Sea Shad and Flats Minnow will be excellent choices all the way through March. By putting that bite to rest. It has been difficult to tell if the flounder ever migrated at all, and the trout and redfish action is every bit as good in the rivers and ICW as it is in Sabine lake. Having that option translates to very few days lost to the winds that blew last spring completely out. The trout and redfish bite in the lake has been very consistent all winter and will improve, but watch for warmer surface temperatures.

**Middle Coast**

By Capt. Sally Moffit-Black

**In the wintertime, it’s all about comfort**

Now, the rules change dramatically for shallow water anglers. Shallow water warms up the fastest but also cools off the fastest, so plan your day for the warmest water. Shallow water temperatures above 60 degrees will draw fish to enter, and the warmer the water gets, the better chance for feeding fish.

Fishing “between the fronts” offers blue bird days with light winds, clear skies and clear water. Fish shallow areas close to deeper water, such as the Intracoastal Waterway. The Intracoastal can be the “bomb shelter” where fish take shelter when water temperatures fall dramatically. Proximity to the deep water provides a great place for predators to hang out in comfort and safety. No baitfish, no gamefish. Avoid any area that has a lot of current, either wind-blow or tidal. This is about the only time of the year non-moving water works in an angler’s favor.

Sharpen up your casting skills and move slow. Predators are unwilling to expend a lot of energy, so drop the fly or lure into a fish’s “dinner plate zone,” and move it slow. Flycasters throw dark crab patterns on the sand, or the old standby, a white and chartreuse or red and white clouser. Move up a size, so instead of throwing a size 6 fly, try a size 4 or 2. Lure chunkers toss weightless or near-weightless soft plastics on no-wind days for a super quiet presentation. Other lures that will work great are the Corky Fatboy, Corky Devil, Baby -1 crank bait, Chattertube, Catch 2000 and the Cotton Cordell Brokenback.

Consider the secrets to finding feeding fish and you’ll be amazed at the quality of angling that can be done in the wintertime! — Capt. Sally Black


**Lower Coast**

By Capt. Terry Neal

**Strong winds, Spring Tides, good fishing**

The next couple of months will have a big influence on fishing for the 2012 season. First, the bay system from South Padre Island to the Land Cut will get an overall flushing of fresh water. In January we have seen super low tides that pulled at least a foot of water out of the system.

February will bring cold fronts, but fishing will still be great before and after the arctic fronts move through. Of course, you will remember that this next two-month span of our season can be cold, and change swiftly, so check weather reports and go, but go prepared.

March will also have strong winds that will push lots of fresh water, and that will be responsible for all the “Spring Tides.” Along with the spring tides, copious amounts of bait will be pushed south through the Landcut, while down south, giant schools of mullet will be coming in from the Gulf.

Overall conditions of the bay at current press time (late January) are fair: we are still short on sea grass, but as the water warms, the growing conditions will improve.

As I said in this space for July and August, the five trout limit for the Lower Laguna Madre is a good thing, and one trout over 25” is a good thing. Let’s keep a good thing going. Remember to keep only what you want to eat, release the rest, and remember that courtesy on the water is catching.

**On the weekend of March 17, come join us for the Port Mansfield East Cut and Beach Clean up. — Capt. Terry Neal**

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*A dull picture, until you consider the vast scope of grass planting in a vital estuary, one of the partnerships of CCA’s HTFT.*
Aranzas Bay
Welcome new president, Carter Crigler
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Happy New Year to all and thanks to everyone who supported our chapter in 2011. We have new officers for 2012. They are: Carter Crigler — Chapter President; Vice President - Walter Laas; Secretary – Ginette Collins; Treasurer – Joni Coward. Looking forward to seeing you in the Rockport/Fulton area. Our banquet is Saturday, August 11, 2012, and Babes on the Bay Tournament is May 18/19th. More info will be posted about the banquet as we get closer to our date.
Check the website; ccatexas.org, click on “local chapters” and find the Aranzas Bay chapter. For info on Babes on the Bay Tournament, go to www.babesontheway.com. Tight lines — Carter Crigler

Austin’s 2012 Banquet Boat—a 21’ Shallow Sport Bahia.

Austin
Welcome new president, Scott Sanderson
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Happy 2012 from the Austin Chapter! Between Christmas and New Years we had some of the nicest December weather I can remember and I hope you had a chance to enjoy some of it on the water. In November we had our bi-monthly Anglers’ Night Out (general membership meeting) and it will go down as probably our most successful ever, so far. We had some 175 in attendance at Abel’s on the Lake for a fun evening of camaraderie with fellow anglers. The food was great, compliments of Smokey Denmark, and Ken Milam of Striper fishing fame entertained us all as our guest speaker. Lots of prizes were given away and we added 25 new members to the CCA family!
Thank you for coming out. By the time you read this we’ll have had our March meeting with Jay Watkins coming to speak. I think we’ll raise the bar again with this one! Remember these are FREE, you get a free meal, we have many prizes and giveaways, and it’s all at a beautiful Lake Austin waterfront venue — Abel’s on the Lake. They are a whole lot of fun and we encourage you to BRING A FRIEND — the more the merrier! Ladies and children are welcome and non-CCA members too. Bring them and ask them to join CCA.
And, come join us for a law-abiding Anglers’ Night Out! We get together the third Wednesday of January, March, July, September and November. We are SUPER excited to announce we have our 2012 Banquet Boat—a 21’ Shallow Sport Bahia. This dream boat is LOADED with options including a raised console, premium rigging with iCommand gauges, a Bob’s Jack Plate, a 120 quart Yeti Cooler, a Coastline double axle trailer, just to name a few. Once again, you can see it in front of Cabela’s in Buda until our banquet in May. We’re only selling 500 raffle tickets and they are sure to go fast so don’t delay. Cost is $100 per ticket and the drawing will be held at our banquet May 10. You don’t have to be present to win. To purchase tickets just go to www.ccatexas.org/austin for an order form or contact our Boat Wrangler, Michael Curlee, at curlee2@hotmail.com or 512-470-9954. Or pick up a ticket order form in the Cabela’s fishing department next time you’re down that way.
If I didn’t mention it, our banquet is May 10, and once again we will again be at the Palmer Events Center. Our Austin banquet has grown tremendously in recent years and the result is a showcase of the finest food and beverage Austin has to offer, fine guns and trips from around the world in our live auction, and an incredible raffle and silent auction with guns, fishing equipment, trips, golf packages and more.
And that’s just for starters! We will award our Shallow Sport to a lucky winner, we’ll have a customized 4WD to give away, many, many games to play and countless door prizes to give away. There are so many ways to win something, you’ll be treated to superb food and beverage, and it’s all to raise money for a great cause that is near and dear to us all.
Our Austin banquet is simply second to none and has become a “must see” event. To purchase a table or inquire about sponsorship opportunities contact Scott McGuire at scott.mcguiresethophens.com or 512-468-6490. We sure hope to see you there!
Finally, CCA Austin grows with its volunteers and invites you to GET INVOLVED! If you think you might want to join an incredible group of volunteers, or just have a few questions, contact me at the number or email below. We promise you’ll have a whole lot of fun, you’ll meet a lot of new friends and fishermen, all the while helping to conserve our coastal resources for generations to come. Warm regards, — Scott Sanderson 512-637-1750
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Bay Area
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Brazoria County
Wes Dingee 979-299-8245
Hello fellow members. The chapter is in full banquet preparation mode. Tickets are available for the Brazoria County Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) 2012 annual banquet raffle. The raffle this year is for 10 different guns and 10 different sized Yeti coolers. The guns in the raffle range from handguns to shotguns to rifles and include favorites like a Ruger LCP .380, Remington SPS S5.308, Taurus Judge 45L.C.410, and Glock 19 MM. Heavy duty marine Yeti coolers range from 15 to 120 quarts. Tickets are only $20 each and there will be 20 winners of either a gun or a cooler at the annual CCA Brazoria County Chapter banquet on March 29.
The winners will be drawn at the banquet on March 29; however, the winner need not be present to win. Because of limited seating at the Lake Junction Civic Center, there will only be 450 tickets sold for the banquet and tickets are currently available for purchase. This year we switched from the boat raffle that has been a part of our annual fundraiser to a new concept that other CCA chapters have found successful—multiple guns and coolers to give more people a chance to win. We are also fortunate to have Beef ‘O Brady’s as the primary sponsor for our banquet this year.
To obtain tickets for the raffle, call Kyle Harris at (979) 798-2429, Dan Johnson at (979) 481-3907, Glenn Blount at (979) 236-1700, Wes Dingee 979-299-8245, or Zeke West 409-656-7378. Tickets for the banquet are available now. Tight Lines, — Wes Dingee wessdingee@gmail.com

Brazos Valley
Larry Purifoy 979-229-4752
We are excited about kicking off the upcoming 2012 CCA Banquet with our January and February meetings. The Brazos Valley banquet is scheduled for March 8, at the Brazos Center on Briarcrest in Bryan. As usual we will have raffles, multiple games, live & silent auction, and great times with friends! This year we are also really excited about our Pre-Sale raffle with 10 great items available to win; including fishing & hunting trips, several firearms, gold and diamond bracelet, and some other unique merchandise prizes! If you have any questions, would like to purchase raffle tickets, or would like to get involved with our chapter, please contact Ed Leiner, 979-777-2359, or Larry Purifoy, 979-229-4752.

Brenham
Welcome new president, Dennis Crowson
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The Brenham Chapter would like to wish everyone a happy New Year with lots of bent rods and tight lines. We meet every 4th Thursday of the month at Mike Hopkins Distributing with fish tales and fellowship starting at 6:30pm.
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Michael Henry 361-816-0300
Greeting From the Texas Riviera, and Happy New Year to all. We hope your 2012 brings joy and prosperity! CCA Corpus is gearing up for our 34th Annual Dinner Banquet. Our Banquet Chairman this year is John DeJohn and our Co-Chair is Randy Poelma. These guys are high ticket with many, many great additions to our Annual Dinner Banquet.

This year’s event will take place at the American Bank Convention Center, March 29. The festivities will kick off at 5:00 and then let the fun begin. This year’s live auction promises to be top notch, with David Harris back as our Live Auction Chairman. Our trips are literally from all over the globe, and items just cannot be matched. Our Boat Chairman is Joseph Briones, Silent Auction and Raffles Chairwoman is Lauren Holfon, ATV Chairman is Cliff Alexander, Guides Chairmen are Cody Roesener and John McCain, Facilities Chairmen are Cliff Johnstone and Mike Morgan, Table Sales Chairman is Blake Laird, Black Board Chairman is Jake Herrington and Advertising and Banquet Program chairman is Jay Gardner.

The food menu promises to be first class, with a smorgasbord of variety for all different tastes. Gold Sponsors are: Andrews Distributing 2011-21’, Mobil, 713-545-1897, Rahr Brewery, 817-395-3200, and 7-Up, 713-545-1897, and all the volunteers who have made this event possible. This past banquet marked the 25th anniversary of the Fall Fish Fry...we look forward to many more! — Blaine Wise

Brush Country

Hank Henry 361-215-6803
At the Bayou City Event Center or buying a table, please contact Hank Henry 361-215-6803. We help our sponsor and volunteers who helped revitalize Kid’s Day!

Central Houston

Todd Buster

Mobil, 713-514-1897

The Central Houston Chapter is in full swing and looking forward to another great event at the Bayou City Event Center (www.bayoucityeventcenter.com). We will be raffling off a John Deere Gator and the number of ticket sets are limited. Tickets are $100 each.

If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets or buying a table, please contact Todd Buster. We hope to see you all there. If you are interested in becoming involved in the Central Houston Chapter, please contact me at tbuster@bustinalegoebuilders.com.

Colorado Valley

Jonathan Brandt, (aka JK)
979-966-2679
jk@00.com

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 22. We are looking forward to another great event at the KC Hall in La Grange. Our board is in the process of planning the 12th Annual banquet and Fundraiser. We will have a great meal and plenty of fantastic raffle packages and live auction items. We want everyone to come out and join us and help make this the best one yet. If you are interested in becoming involved in our local chapter we would welcome the help and input.

— Jonathan Brandt
The only fishing report I have is heard they are catching nice reds in Oyster Bayou, which is an easy place to get to in the winter, so go out there and GO FISH!

PS: I talked to Neal Nicholls, and he had the BEST bay fishing trip he has ever had on New Years Day, on the north shoreline of Galveston Bay! The wind was blowing 25 to 30 out of the North, and he was wading—all fish caught on topwaters. He left ‘em biting!” — Rocky Chase

Greater Sugar Land
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By the time this article hits the February/March 2012 issue of Currents we should have our web page updated. Please contact any of the board members on our website http://www.ccatexas.org/greater-woodlands/ or contact Jimmy Pape at the number above. We will take any and all volunteer assistance available.

Here are the events scheduled to be scheduled for 2012, (1) Kidfish, (2) Fishing Trip for CCA Texas GWC members and Friends, (3) Annual Banquet (July 2012) (4) Fundraiser II in the form of a Fish Fry (or) Crawfish Boil (April 2012), (5) General Membership Meetings, (6) Officers more as they develop throughout the year...Keep Conserving...To Keep Fishing! — Jimmy Pape

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Hill Country
Darlene Cook 809-594-2056 ext 217 darlenecckl@yahoo.com

Houston Real Estate
Dale Couch 281-953-2510 The Houston Real Estate Chapter recently hosted our first ever Chapter Fishing Tournament. Much fun was had by all who attended. A special Thank You goes out to Jim and Paul Grover for their work in putting on this event.

Our Fourth annual fundraising event is set for Tuesday, February 7, 2012. We look forward to another great year. — Dale Couch

Katy
Jason Smith 281-924-7040 Welcome to a new and exciting year for the Katy CCA chapter. We have several new activities planned for this year and a great list of guest speakers. You need to mark your calendars for June 14, this is our banquet date and we are counting on everyone to make it bigger and better than last year. We can really use your attendance at our monthly meetings the 3rd Wednesday each month. If you have never attended or have not been in a long while, we would welcome your attendance. There is good food at the restaurant where we so come early and bring the family, hear about CCA, get fishing reports and learn about up-coming CCA activities. Come and see what your local CCA Chapter can do for you, and learn what you can do for CCA.

Remember to bundle up when you go after those Big White Trout, Good fishing, and always be Safe and Courteous when on our waters.— Jason Smith

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Lower Laguna Madre
Welcome new president, Travis Flanagan 855-207-6881

Winter has arrived here in the Lower Laguna Madre but don’t let that discourage you. Bay and offshore fishing are still hot. The redfish bite has been excellent as the day warms up, and with weather permitting the yellowfinn bite continues in the deeper offshore waters. Also, when the days are cold and the wind is blowing, duck hunting on the bay is on fire.

The Lower Laguna Madre Chapter will be raffling a 2012 18’ Sport boat by Shallow Sport Boats. The winner will be announced at our 2012 Banquet which will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2012, at Schlitterbahn Beach Water Park on our beautiful South Shore Drive. Doors open at 6pm. For more information about purchasing tickets for the boat raffle and/or purchasing tickets for the banquet please email us allenlagunamadrec@comcast.net. — Travis Flanagan

Mainland
Eric Minor 281-534-6242

Matagorda Bays
Linc Lutrict 979-541-9001

Mark your calendar for the Matagorda Bays Chapter of CCA will be holding its 7th annual “Lit’l Salty Fishing Tournament at the Matagorda Harbor on May 12. All kids between the ages of 3 through 14 are invited to attend thisfree tournament. This event stresses the importance of conservation and sportsmanship to younger. This is also a great way to get families and kids out on the water for a fun day of fishing.

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Northeast Houston
Jason Low 713-898-8594

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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_declus@yahoo.com. —Blaine Eversole

Orange County
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With winter in full swing, the reds are holding in deeper water and feeding on the tide movements here on Sabine Lake. The Orange County Chapter is getting ready for the Crab Trap Cleanup. The chapter has worked the last 3 years to remove over 120 abandoned traps from Sabine Lake and the surrounding areas.

Mark your calendars! August 30 for the 2012 Banquet. Tickets will go fast. If you would like to help, contact us at OCC_CCA@yahoo.com or me at 409-988-3667. Tight Lines from my iPhone. —Scott Bandy

Piney Woods
Jess Mowery 903-736-3891

Port O’Connor
Bill Moore 361-983-4690

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As the holiday season has come and gone, we wish to thank all those members whose tireless efforts helped make the 12th Annual CCA Banquet a great success. Also, a special thanks to our gracious donors who make our banquet so successful. As you visit the POC area, we encourage you to say “thanks,” as you visit these businesses.

This time of the year also signals that it’s time to go back to work, as we are setting dates for our 2012 general membership meeting, appreciation meeting, and follow-up meetings for additional planning. So, as you make resolutions for the New Year, we hope one was to keep CCA in mind and to stay involved. We are always looking for help in gathering donations, organizing and planning to help make this year’s banquet another success. If you are interested, contact us and plan to attend any meetings you can in POC. “Where it all began” —Bill Moore 361-983-4690

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Hope everybody had a great holiday. On December 10, the chapter had our annual board Member Christmas party at the Goebel’s party barn. Thanks to Gordon and Sharon for the use of their facility. Santa and Mrs. Claus were there for the younger children and the CCA members had their Christmas gift exchange. There were a couple of gifts that made many rounds in the room.

We are making plans for our 2012 banquet that will be set for April 5 at the Cat Spring Hall. This year the chapter will have something different. There will be five categories for donors. The first one will be Bronze, which will be a $1 to $125 donation along with a set of six CCA tumblers and a CCA soft-side cooler. The second category will be silver, which will be a $126 to $250 donation and they will receive a CCA soft side cooler. The third category will be gold which will be $251 to $500 along with two CCA tumbler and a CCA soft-side cooler. The fourth category will be platinum which with $501 to $1000 donation, they will receive a CCA soft side cooler and a set of six CCA tumblers. The last one would be a diamond with a donation of $1000 and up would receive a CCA soft sided cooler a 6 CCA tumblers. Every donor will be recognized for their effort the night of the banquet. The cut-off time for donations will be March 25.

This year, at the banquet, the chapter will be offering a CCA lifetime membership for $975 and they will receive a CCA soft-side cooler along with six CCA tumblers. Also, they will receive $300 worth of raffle tickets.

We are still looking for cap and corporate table sponsors. Tables, which include eight meal and membership tickets, will be available through Kirk Hoppe at 979-885-8886. The cost per table is $450.

On February 17, we will be hosting our annual CCA Chili Appreciation Dinner. It will be held at the Cat Spring Tin Hall. Food and drinks are included. There will also be a bucket raffle and silent auction. This year’s Kids Fish will be held on May 19 at the Ebely Ranch in Chappell Hills. Everything is free – hot dogs, drinks, and treats. Also, there will be a live and silent auction, along with the bucket raffle. For more information, call Sharon Goebel at 979-877-4103. John (Bullhead) Burttchell at 281-743-9548, Mandy Goebel at 979-877-8690 or Ron Chess at 979-992-3965. Thanks for your efforts and support. —Ron Chess, Sr.

Redfish Bay
Norman Oates 361-758-0266

The Redfish Bay Chapter Board wishes all members and their families a 2012 filled with success and happiness. It is time to mark your 2012 calendars for our upcoming events. The Annual Banquet is scheduled for April 28, 2012, and it will be in the Port Aransas Civic Center. As usual, there will be a sit-down meal with tea, cokes, beer, and wine included in the ticket price. The annual Take a Kid Fishing event will be held the first weekend of June at Woody’s Sports Center in Port Aransas. The Beeville Fish Fry will be held in September, the Thursday evening before dove season starts – place is still to be determined. We look forward to a great 2012! —Norman Oates

Rio Grande Valley
Matt Klosterman 956-642-7965

As we start the new year in South Texas, we look forward to warmer weather and the start of a great year of fishing. The bay has seen less traffic over the winter months. With the end of hunting season more folks will start heading east. The fishing has picked up here in the last few weeks and 2012 should hold some fantastic days of fishing.

The trout fishing has been exceptional, thanks to the 5 fish limit we have in the lower lagoon madre, and this coming year should be no different. We have also seen a dramatic increase in our flounder population and look forward to catching some of those flatfish. The RGV Chapter has begun to organize our 32nd Annual Banquet. This year’s banquet will be held on April 26, 2012 at the Pharr Events Center so mark your calendars now. We are also busy selling raffle tickets for our 21ft Explorer Attacka Flats boat with motor and trailer. The tickets are $100 and we will limit the ticket sales to 450. We would like to thank L & F Distributors for their continued sponsorship of the raffle boat.

The chapter is always looking for fresh faces, so if you are interested in joining the RGV Chapter feel free to give
me a call at 956-642-7965. We meet at the Best Western Palm Aire in Weslaco. — Matt Klosterman

Sabine-Neches
Darin Johnson 409-790-9855
darin.johnson@delpapabud.com

Happy New Year! By the time you read this article it will be almost time for the 15th Annual Sabine Neches Banquet! It is not too late to get in on the fun, we are once again having our banquet at the Bob Bowers Civic Center in Port Arthur, Texas. We had a sellout crowd last year and are looking forward to seeing all of our family, friends and fellow anglers at this year’s event! Mark it on your calendar, Thursday March 1st, 2012 Bob Bowers Civic Center Port Arthur, Texas 6-10pm Crawfish Boil and Auction! If you have any questions or need tickets please contact me on the phone, text or email and we will get you taken care of. I look forward to seeing you there for the 15th Annual Sabine Neches Banquet! Until then, keep the lines tight and be safe on the water! — Darin M. Johnson
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Sam Houston
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San Antonio
Welcome new president, Johnny Rayburg
210-837-5500
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First of all, I’d like to thank our outgoing President, Liz Hewitt for a great two years. I’ve got a tough act to follow. The year 2012 started off with a bang. In late January we had a successful booth at the San Antonio Boat Show. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped man the booth and sign up and renew memberships. The banquet committee is well underway with our planning of this year’s banquet. If you want to be a part of the well-oiled machine that puts on one of the largest fundraising events for all of CCA come join us on Tuesday nights, 6:30pm, at the Quarry Golf Club. We welcome all newcomers. This year’s event will be held on Thursday May 3 at the Freeman Coliseum Exposition Hall. Tickets will go on sale in late March. Remember, these tickets sell out fast, so act quickly once they are available. Hopefully, by the time this is printed, spring weather is fast approaching and we’ll be shedding our waders and coats, bracing for the March winds, and starting to get out on the water more. Take some time to take a kid fishing. It will put a smile on your face as well as theirs. If you need to contact our chapter directly there are two ways: email ccasanantonio@yahoo.com or call me, 210-837-5500. — Johnny Rayburg

San Bernard
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San Gabriel
John Melnar 512- 497-8284

San Jacinto
Pete Ruiz 832-496-4903
On October 8, we hosted the Sunshine Kids Tournament. We had a total of 18 children and their families present for this event. Our 18 boat captains and deck hands did a superb job assisting the children and their families. The children caught specs, reds, whiteys, drums, cat fish and flounder; they all received trophies. The families enjoyed eating hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, cookies and sodas. A big huge thank you to all the parents, captains and deckhands for a spectacular day! Thank you also to BJ and Jocelyn for allowing us to be a part of the Sunshine Kids. Then, on September 10, the chapter had our Kids Tournament at Sylvan Beach. Eighty children caught specs, flounder, croakers, eels, reds, whiteys, and ladyfish. They all had an awesome time! Every child who participated received a prize and was full of smiles and happiness. Afterwards they filled their appetite with hot dogs, sausage on a stick, pickles, chips, cookies and drinks. We thank all parents for coming out and all the volunteers who participated in our yearly event. Get ready for next year we know it will be another successful event! — Pete Ruiz

San Jacinto’s Kids Tournament at Sylvan Beach was another great success.

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**Coastal Conservation Association**

Abandoned crab traps, Big Shell Beach, East Cut Cleanup are on CCA agendas

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Houston, Galveston: 409-766-5620  
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The Texas Parks & Wildlife website is your starting point for almost anything you need to know about outdoor Texas, including links to many areas. Visit [http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/) To focus on fishing and boating, visit [http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/).

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| NEW TIDE / Star: $10 | Same as above, plus “FREE” STAR Tournament entry. | Age: | Date of birth: |

Credit card number ________________________________ Signature _____________________________________________________________________________________

Current size, bag and possession limits are now available through the Texas Parks & Wildlife website: **TPWD has a number to report game violations. 1-800-792-4263.**

By entering this tournament, I agree to be bound by the STAR Tournament Rules, Release and Indemnity Agreement. I understand that there are specific rules governing the conduct of the tournament and that upon request a copy will be mailed to me. 6919 Portwest, Suite 100 / Houston, TX 77024 / 713-626-4222 / Website: www.ccatexas.org