Splash down!
Two new reefs completed,
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Arlansas Bay and Copano Bay Reef Expansions constructed

Two oyster reef restoration projects led by Harte Research Institute (HRI) and Texas A&M Corpus Christi (TAMUCC) were recently expanded by 1.5 acres, each through a $150,000 contribution by CCA Texas and approximately $80,000 in funds from Gulf of Mexico Foundation, Fish America Foundation, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and NOAA. This project expanded the existing 3.8 acre project in Copano Bay to 5.3 acres and the Aransas Bay project from 6.5 acres to 8 acres. A 3-dimensional reef construction with high vertical relief was used in this effort to enhance oyster and finfish abundance while minimizing sedimentation.

“We are excited about the opportunity to partner with CCA to restore important oyster reef habitat in Texas coastal bend bays,” said Dr. Jennifer Pollack, Texas A&M University Corpus Christi. “We anticipate that creation of this new oyster habitat will provide key benefits to Copano and Aransas Bays, including enhanced recreational fishing opportunities and improved water quality.”

The construction of both reefs will be similar in that they will both have 12 mounds within the 1.5 acres. All 12 mounds will have a crushed

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CCA Texas and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) are
looking for volunteers to help with pre-construction and post
construction fishing surveys for the East Galveston Bay Oyster
Reef restoration project. This $3.7 million project will restore
approximately 140 acres of oyster reef in the East Galveston Bay
System. The areas targeted for restoration include 1 location on
Hannah’s Reef, 2 locations on Pepper Grove and 2 locations on
Middle Reef.

This is effort is an important piece of the project and we need
plenty of volunteers. You will be a fishing scientist and your
efforts will be critical in understanding the benefits of oyster reef
restoration up and down the Texas coast. The fishing periods will
be seasonal periods during the months of June to August,
September to November, December to February and March to
May. Pre-construction efforts will take place through the end of
2013 and post construction efforts will take place beginning June
2014 through 2015.

For more information and questions regarding how you can help,
please contact Bill Rodney (TPWD) at (281) 534-0127 or
Bill.Rodney@tpwd.texas.gov, Bryan Legare (TPWD) at (281) 534-
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2013 TOURNAMENT RECAP - The Texas Ford Dealers Redfish Division has a total of SIX lucky winners! Five will be driving home the awesome Ford F-150 Texas Edition truck with a Haynie 23 Bigfoot boat, Mercury 150 OptiMax Pro XS motor and Coastline trailer package and one will take home a Haynie 23 Bigfoot boat, Mercury 150 OptiMax Pro XS motor and Coastline trailer package. Sadly, there were FIVE unfortunate anglers who lost out on prizes to the tune of about $35,000 - $70,000 each!!!

This year’s tournament offered 123 fabulous prizes. A total of 116 prizes were claimed and the top 27 prizes will be presented to the winners during the CCA State of Texas BBQ and STAR Awards Ceremony on Oct. 3rd at the Bayou City Event Center! These are the lucky winners in each division (NOTE: The winners not listed in this issue will be featured in the next issue or go to: www.startournament.org for a complete list of winners):

Capital Farm Credit StarKids Scholarship Flounder Division – The StarKids Scholarship Flounder Division will provide a young angler between the ages of six and ten with a college scholarships totaling $50,000 for catching the largest flounder. This year’s winner is Nicholas Gilstrap, age 8, of Santa Fe – 5 lbs. 7 oz.

Houston Community Newspapers StarKids Scholarship Sheepshead Division – The Houston Community Newspapers StarKid Scholarship Sheepshead Division will provide a young angler between the ages of six and ten with a college scholarships totaling $50,000 catching the largest sheepshead. This year’s winner is Allison Schwartz, age 8, of Texas City – 7 lbs., 6 oz.

FS Southwest StarKids Scholarship Gafftop Division – The StarKids Scholarship Gafftop Division will provide a young angler between the ages of six and ten with a college scholarships totaling $50,000 for catching the largest gafftop. This year’s winner is Anthony Bellanger, age 9, of Orange - 6 lbs., 12 oz.

Community Newspapers StarKids Scholarship Flounder Division


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SIXTH TAGGED REDFISH WINNER!! Fortunately, Paul Swoyer was registered for the 2013 CCA Texas STAR and will receive this awesome prize package at the STAR Awards Ceremony, on Thursday, October 3, 2013.

Over 44,000 registered for the 2013 STAR with approximately 10,000 NEW recruits into CCA! Welcome aboard NEW Members and welcome back Renewing Members! Thanks for supporting CCA...
**Lower Coast**: Cole McGrew, age 17, of Stockdale
8 lbs. 8 ozs.

**Time Warner Cable StarTeens Inshore Scholarship Division** – The Time Warner Cable StarTeens Scholarship Inshore Division was open to all New Tide STAR members ages 11-17. These fisher-teens with the largest flounder, gafftop and sheepshead will be awarded a $20,000 college scholarship:

**Flounder**: Grant Drabek, age 13, of Harlingen
9 lbs. 8 ozs.

**Sheepshead**: Seth Jackson, age 15, of Brownsville
8 lbs. 13 ozs.

**Gafftop**: Kayleigh Ritchey, age 11, of Orange
7 lbs. 6 ozs.

Awarding these ten scholarships is truly the highlight of the year for STAR and makes a serious statement toward getting kids on the water. We couldn’t be happier for these kids and their families. The kids are really what the tournament is all about. They are the future generation that will keep the vitality of our precious marine resource going for years to come. This brings our total awarded scholarships to $4,925,000!

**Texas Ford Dealers Tagged Redfish Division** – We have SIX confirmed winners in the ever-popular Texas Ford Dealers Redfish!

These five winners will be presented with a fully-loaded 2013 Ford F-150 “Texas Edition” truck and Haynie 23 BigFoot boat, Mercury 150L OptiMax Pro XS motor and Coastline trailer with the exception of Caleb Morales who will receive a $20,000 scholarship in lieu of the truck prize: L. D. Whitehead of Houston, Tag #TA495 caught 5/25/13; Caleb Morales of Danbury, Tag #TA471 caught 5/26/13; Bret Coggins of Alvin, Tag #TA473 caught 6/8/13; Jack Haine of Livingston, Tag #TA475 caught 6/29/13; Vicki Preston of Ingleside, Tag E TA505 caught 6/30/13;

The following sixth winner will be presented with a Haynie 23 BigFoot boat, Mercury 150L OptiMax Pro XS motor and Coastline trailer: Paul Swoyer of Canyon Lake, Tag #TA530 caught 8/17/13

**Trout Division** – These registered anglers brought in the largest trout for Upper Coast, Middle Coast and Lower Coast with each receiving a Shoolwater 22’ Legend, Mercury 150L OptiMax Pro XS motor and McClain trailer:

Upper Coast: Jeremy Baine of Sugar Land
8 lbs. 13 ozs.

Middle Coast: Joe Rizzo of Pearland
8 lbs. 8 ozs.

Lower Coast: Dan Wyatt of Floresville
10 lbs. 2 ozs.

**Offshore Division** - In the Offshore Division, the following anglers who hooked the biggest kingfish, dorado and ling (cobia) will each be awarded with an Explorer by Dargel 216 Bluewater Series, Mercury 200XL Optimax outboard plus a McClain trailer:

**Kingfish**: Joseph Messina III of Vidor
55 lbs. 14 ozs.

**Dorado**: Zachary Swanberg of Harlingen
51 lbs. 2 ozs.

**Ling (Cobia)**: Alan Parker of Cove
71 lbs. 13 ozs.

**Inshore Division** - These Inshore Division winners will take home a Blue Wave 180 V-Bay with a Mercury115L OptiMax engine and McClain trailer for hooking the largest flounder, gafftop and sheepshead:

**Flounder**: Paul Gaylord of Katy
7 lbs. 10 ozs.

**Sheepshead**: Jaime Ybarra of Houston
10 lbs. 4 ozs.

**Gafftop**: Jill Yarbrough of San Marcos
7 lbs. 1 oz.

**Special Drawings** - On the night of the STAR Awards, the drawings will be held for the New Tide Scholarship and Member Bonus Drawings. These winners along with the Early Bird Drawing winners will be listed in the next issue of CURRENTS.

It has been a phenomenal year for CCA Texas and STAR! Many thanks to our fine sponsors weigh stations, and to the many volunteers for their hard work and dedication to enhancing our marine resources. Of course, without YOU there would be no STAR, and we are most grateful to you… especially those who added kids to their fishing experience.

Immense thanks to our official STAR Weigh Station friends that do such a tremendous job for us each year:

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For photos of all the tournament winners, see page 6

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**CCA Texas/STAR Platinum Print Membership Package, Series IV – We’re pleased to announce the new print being offered for the 2014 CCA Texas STAR Platinum package is Working the Spoils. Renowned artist David Drinkard has again honored the CCA Texas member by creating a print depicting a classic wade fishing scene… check out the Great White Herring! 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! Working the Spoils 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: <http://www.startournament.org> for more details or to place your order with the STAR Dept., call (713) 626-4222.**

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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! Please continue to patronize our fine sponsors. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!

For more information, including a list of all the 2013 winners, go to <http://www.startournament.org>.
Jeremy Bane, Upper Coast Trout Winner

Anthony Belanger, FS Southwest StarKid Gafftop

Bret Coggins, 3rd Tagged Redfish Winner

Grant Joseph Drabeck, TWC StarTeen Flounder Winner

Paul Gaylord, Flounder Winner

Nicholas Gilsinay, Capital Farm Credit StarKid Flounder Winner

Jack Haier, 4th Redfish Winner

Seth Jackson, TWC StarTeen Sheepshead Winner

Nicholas Josey, Academy StarTeen LC Trout Winner

Cole McGrea, Academy StarTeen LC Trout Winner

Paul Messina, Kingfish Winner

Caleb Morales, Age 10, 2nd Tagged Redfish Winner

Sarah Otto, Academy StarTeen MC Trout Winner

Zack Suamberg, Dorado Winner

Alan Parker, Ling Winner

Vicki Preston, 5th Tagged Redfish Winner

Nicholas Josey, Academy StarTeen UC Trout Winner

Joe Rizzo, Middle Coast Trout Winner

Allison Schwartz, HCN StarKid Sheepshead Winner

L.D. Whitehead, 1st Tagged Redfish Winner

Jaime Ybarra, Sheepshead Winner

Paul Swoyer, 6th Tagged Redfish Winner

Dan Wyatt, Lower Coast Trout Winner

Jill Yarbrough, Gafftop Winner

Jeremy Bane, Upper Coast Trout Winner

The 2013 STAR Winners

STAR has reached $4,925,000 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.

CCA Texas Launches New Online Store! Visit the CCA Texas Online Store at joincca.store.com
Welcome to the CCA Texas Online Auction
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We have some great merchandise up for grabs this month!

Available online 11 am Oct. 14, ends Oct. 21 at 11 am.
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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Vibrant Flounder by Bill Edwards
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CAESAR ROASTED FISH FILETS

2 large garlic cloves / 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley / 1 T anchovy paste / 2 T Dijon mustard / 1 cup mayonnaise / 1 T grated lemon zest / 3 T freshly squeezed lemon juice / Salt and pepper / 6-8 fish filets / 1/2 cup chopped scallions (white and green part) / 2 T olive oil / 3 T drained capers / Lemon wedges for serving

Preheat oven to 500 degrees. Line a cookie sheet with foil.

For the sauce, place garlic, parsley, anchovy paste, and mustard in a food processor. Pulse until garlic is minced. Add mayonnaise, lemon zest, lemon juice, 1 t salt and ½ t pepper and blend until smooth.

Place the fish on the pan and sprinkle both sides generously with salt and pepper. Set aside one third of the sauce to serve with the cooked fish. Spread the sauce on both sides of the fish. Sprinkle with Scallions and allow to stand for 10 minutes.

Roast fish for 10-12 minutes until opaque in center. Cover fish with foil and allow to rest for about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat the oil in a small pan until very hot add the capers and cook for 30 seconds, until they start to pop and are a little crisp. Serve the fish with the remaining sauce, capers and lemon wedges.

Recipe from the Barefoot Contessa Series.
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.

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concrete base and then three will be topped with recycled oyster shells, 3 with river rock, 3 with limestone and 3 will be made up entirely of crushed concrete.

The vertical relief of these mounds will be 1 foot, and the expected results of these projects are increased fish habitat, enhanced oyster, finfish and crustacean abundance, and an increase in recreational fishing opportunities.

The Aransas Bay reef is located approximately 200 yards off of the Goose Island State Park Beach front just west of the pier. The Copano Bay reef is located in the Lap Reef complex. Both of these areas provide excellent fishing opportunities for recreational fishermen with and without boats.

“CCA Texas and Habitat Today for Fish Tomorrow (HTFT) are excited to be a part of this project,” commented Jay Gardner, HTFT Chairman. “Oyster reefs are an important part of the marine ecosystem that provides fisheries habitat, water filtration, and a tasty meal for those who enjoy fresh oysters.”

Two nearshore reefing projects funded

CCA Texas funds $100,000 to create Port O’Connor Nearshore Reef

CCA Texas Executive Board approved $100,000 in funding to secure and prepare a nearshore reefing site out of Port O’Connor. This funding will cover the costs to secure the US Army Corps of Engineers Permit (USACE) and continues with the HTFT vision to have a nearshore reef out of every port in Texas.

This site will be located in Texas state waters and the permitting process should be completed by the end of TPWD’s 2014 fiscal year. While the permitting process is underway, CCA Texas will be working with TPWD to help secure temporary staging sites for materials in the Port O’Connor area.

CCA Texas is asking its members to notify John Blaha at (800) 626-4222 if you have a contact who may be able to help in securing such sites—ideally, a docking facility along the Victoria Barge canal, in Port Lavaca or in Port O’Connor would be best suited.

Corpus Christi Nearshore Reefing site splashing down soon

By the time you read your next issue of Currents, the new Corpus Christi Nearshore reefing site will be full of fish habitat. Contractors are expected to deploy 470 pre-constructed pyramids and approximately 70 pieces of large culvert materials in mid September. This project is a joint effort between CCA Texas, TPWD, Saltwater Enhancement Association (SEA) and the City of Corpus Christi. Look for details and photographs in the next issue. —John Blaha
By Capt. Walt Kalinowski

Upper Coast

Time for birds and slicks

Considering the great variety of the Upper Texas coast, you can tailor your fishing choice to fit the conditions. I decide on the Sabine area, a Galveston Bay or Matagorda Bays, depending on the fish. Oh yeah, and the weather. Bad old Southwest wind? Head for the protected, small bays. You will find me near Smith Point or the back end of East Bay. When conditions suggest the Matagorda Bays area, I work Bird Island a lot, and Chincapin.

When the October temp hits 75, light Southeast or Northeast winds will let you chase the birds and slicks in the big waters. Try the Wells early, and be aware that fish don’t like crowds and boat activity. A group of boats may be working a slick, which puts the fish down. Let the crowd have it, but wait further downwind, and you’ll find the fish are still hungry. Also, you’ll find the little trout near the surface of a slick, but get a heavier lure down and the better fish will find it. On the other hand, a topwater like the Skitterwalk Jr or a bone Super Spook (I paint mine with an orange head and a red behind) can bring the bigger fish up through a slick.

Lures: I like the Hoagie Diablos in limetreuse, pumpkin, Texas roach. Below 70 degrees, plum and a copperhead with a black back seem to work better. If things get really slow, go to the Cajun Thunder popping rig, with Gulp about 24” below. Live shrimp may bring more fish to deal with, but fewer big fish are better.

Of course, cooler water in October and November means shallower fish, so consider wade fish regions. Charts can guide you, but as elsewhere, pay attention to conditions and the weather.

Remember the regulations—the regs are there to help the resource. Don’t take more than you really need. That big, big trout deserves to go back for further duty. And, courtesy on the water is catching.

Enjoy the fishing, as well as the catching.
—Capt. Walt Kalinowski 713-304-7091 riptidefishingtexas.com

Middle Coast

When? October and November!

“What’s the best time of year to come down and fish with you?” is a question I often get, and my answer is always the same: October and November! I love the other ten months, but for overall enthusiasm, it’s these two months for several reasons. Most obvious is the water cooling down from shorter days and cooler weather coming on the heels of a blazing hot summer—the fish become energized and put up a really good fight.

Another one though is that general good feeling of ‘Ahhh...Fall!’ which clicks the ‘get outdoors’ switch in your head for some darn fine fishing and the highly anticipated duck season for our area.

Of course, tides fluctuate due to the weather. High activity in the tropics as water gets pushed ashore from low pressure systems can then can rush out of the bays with an early strong cool front. The key is to roll with the changes and adjust for changes in the wind and weather—and water levels!

The Dog Days are gone and the popular game fish will respond to a dose of topwater plugs (SuperSpook Jrs being my favored one with hooks switched to singles), soft plastics (TTKillers/Saltwater Assassins/Hackberry Hustlers and the like) and spoons (gold over grass, silver over sand).

The shrimp migration is now in full swing and the Harvest Moon is lighting up the night skies. Yes, the fish are eating at night during this time, but pay attention more to the phases of the ‘bite’ and you will reap the benefits of a more productive angling effort. The four events are Sun Rise, Sun Set, Moon Rise and Moon Set. And typically, 30-45 minutes on either side of these four daily events can lead you to the fish.

Of course, the best time to go fishing is when you can go! However, if you arm yourself with more information on what the fish are known to do, you will maximize your time on the water and marvel friends at your computer screen with cool screen saver photos of your last outing!—Capt. Stephen Boriskie 512-589-1916 / Bay Flats Lodge, Seadrift, Texas

Lower Coast

Hunt the flats, consider topwaters

It’s finally gonna start cooling down here in South Texas, but the fishing will only continue to heat up. The next two months can yield some heavy stringers for those willing to hunt the flats. Early October, shallow waters will begin to hold large numbers of trout and reds cruising and looking for their next meal. These fish also show a willingness to hit surface lures through the day.

This is certainly the most fun way to catch specks and reds, in my opinion. Ask Miller Bassler, who switched, as he told the Currents editor, from a plastic worm to a “Big Chartreuse SheDog...BIG!” Sure enough, a BIG trout hit the plug. Miller released the trout, though a bit earlier than he planned.

On bright sunshine-filled days, look for success on redfish with a gold spoon. The trout will be getting fatter as they get ready for the colder months ahead. During the months of October and November, trout can be found in the waist-deep potholes adjacent to deeper water. Be sure to look for pods of mullet. Where you find the bait, you will also find the game fish.

Into November, we will also begin to see bird activity in the flats. Often times you will only see two or three birds ‘sitting’ on the fish. I’ve caught some of my biggest trout where a single seagull was sitting on a flat. These birds are opportunistically waiting on a bait fish to surface.

For those looking for some fantastic wing shooting, October and November is great down south. We have fields planted for white wing dove along with some of the best mourning dove action in the entire state. There are lots of birds this year. As November nears, expect the sky to get full of ducks. We have some great duck hunting on the Laguna Madre. Redheads, pintails and wigeons will dominate our straps.

As always, when you venture outdoors anywhere, remember that the Texas Lower Coast is a big place full of fish and adventures, and can be also be a place full of misadventures. Go, but know before you go.
—Capt. Danny Neu 979-942-0165 dneucharters@yahoo.com

Miller Bassler measures Kathie B’s personal best trout. See front cover for the release.
CCA Texas Social Happenings

In each issue of Currents, CCA Texas will feature a Facebook photo, Twitter Tweet, and Instagram photo from the previous two months. Please “Like” our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter and Instagram to get the latest updates from CCA Texas and become a part of the conversation!

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Submitted to us by Jacqueline Anderson:

First Redfish for Annie!!!! Fishing with her Father (Bill Anderson) was a great start to our Holiday Vacation!!!!

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The CCA Texas flag flaps in the breeze as the initial phase of the oyster reef restoration project in Aransas Bay begins!

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Brazoria County
Wes Dingee 979-299-8245
We will be holding two general membership meetings before December, so chapter members should watch their emails for notification once we have speakers lined up. Also, some of the Brazoria County Board of Directors competed in the CCA Interchapter Challenge and took first place. Let one of the board members know if you'd like to become more involved in the chapter or serve on the board. Call Dan Johnson at (979) 481-3907, Wes Dingee 979-299-8245, Kyle Harris at (979) 798-2429 or Glenn Blount at (979) 236-1700. —Wes Dingee

Brazos Valley
Larry Purifoy 979-229-4752
Fall is almost here and we're gearing up for a good one. Our fall trip will be held October 17th thru 19th at Matagorda. We would like to see some new faces on this trip so call me if you would like to join us.
Hope everyone will respect the new law on seagrass protection. You can ask anyone that wades the bays and they will tell you that there are too many prop scars. Conservation is what we stand for and this is a big part of it. Everyone needs to skip a hunting trip this fall and get out in the bay. This is the best time of the year! We meet every second Tuesday of the month at the Brazos Valley Pavilion. Come out and join us for food, drink, and Big Fish Stories. —John Ben Strother 979-220-1738

Brenham
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Brush Country
Hank Henry 361-215-6803
The summer has been hot and we are ready for the fall! We're currently making plans for the Annual Brush Country Chapter Fish Fry to be held on Wednesday, November 6th. This year's event will once again be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Alice. Planning meetings are rotated between Alice and the Kingsville area, so if you are interested in helping, be sure to give Hank Henry, Chapter President, a call at (361) 215-6803 or CCA Texas Assistant Director John Blaha at (800) 626-4222 and they will let you know meeting times and what you can do to help the Brush Country Chapter. Be sure to watch your mail and email in the near future for more details about this year's event. —Hank Henry

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Todd Buster Mobil 713-545-1897

Colorado Valley
James Loehr 979-250-3958
Hard to believe Fall is upon us. We held our fall general membership meeting on September 26th and had a good turnout. Thanks to Bennie Rooks for frying the fish and to Zimmerhanelns for providing the sides that went along with it. We'd like to thank Forrest Vollentine for coming out and speaking to our chapter about fall fishing and towpower lures. He had some great tips for the group and even shared some secret fishing spots.

We gave away several door prizes and some good raffles. If you are interested in becoming involved on a chapter board level we'd love to have you. Visit the CCA website, the Interchapter Challenge, and mark your calendars: Thursday March 27th, 2014 is the date for our annual banquet and fundraiser. We will begin planning in November. You can look forward to some great trips and some fantastic raffles for 2014. We'd like to thank all of you who helped make 2013 a great year. We are looking forward to greater success in 2014. Come out and support your local Colorado Valley CCA. Take a kid fishing — James Loehr

Corpus Christi
Randy Poelma 361-851-1129
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Please mark your calendars now for the three upcoming “on the water” events (listed below) for the CCA Corpus Christi Chapter.
Guides Cup – October 3-4, 2013. Contact Cody Koesner, Chairman 916-531-0078.
Captain’s dinner and Calcutta, Thursday evening (Doc’s Restaurant) at 6:00 pm. This will be Cody’s last Guides Cup. He has received orders recalling him to active duty effective October 11, 2013. Thank you for your guidance and time in chairing the Guides Cup over the years.
Babes on Baffin and Blue Ladies Fishing Tournament – October 11-12, 2013. We are looking forward to our Babes on Baffin and Blue Ladies Fishing Tournament, which takes place October 12th at Bluff’s Landing in Corpus Christi. Doc’s Restaurant (under the JFK Causeway) is the location of Friday night's check-in and social. The Tournament features a live weigh in / donation bonus with the live fish going to the CCA/CPL Marine Development Center in Corpus Christi. For those not familiar with the Marine Development Center, it is one of the world’s largest state-of-the-art saltwater hatcheries, which provides educational outreach and cutting edge marine science work and produces tens of millions of fingerling redfish and spotted seatrout for release into Texas bays for stock enhancement.
Contact Lauren Hollon, Chairwomen 361-461-9396
The Kids Fish will be held at the CCA/CPL Marine Development Center in Corpus Christi. E-Blasts are forthcoming for early registration for this event.
As always, if you have an interest in joining our board and being involved in conservation of our coastal resources, please contact a board member or myself at r_poelmacpa@sbcglobal.net.
—Randy Poelma

Dallas / North Texas
Welcome new president, Robert DiCiccio 214-799-2369
Thank you to the 10 Dallas Chapter members who made the trip down to Fort Aransas for the Interchapter Challenge last month.
We are set for a year-end general membership meeting at Gordon Biersch on Oct. 17 at 6:30 pm. Please mark your calendars, more details to follow. We are already working on details for the 2014 banquet, we need all the help we can get to make the event another success. Please contact me for more info. Thank you — Robert DiCiccio Please add robodiccicio@gmail.com to your safe senders list. — Robert DiCiccio

East Texas
Dr. Jim Norman 936-554-3165
jnorman7@suddenlink.net
We had our spring fishing tournament back in June. Some 18 people entered, wind screeching all day, 2 boats and 4 members weighed in 5 fish. Collecting nice Shimano and Fishing Tackle Unlimited rod and reel combos were Marty Smith, 1st place red and 3rd place trout, Doug Couch, 2nd place; Nick Lain, 1st place trout, and Jim Norman, 2nd place trout. Thanks to Campbell Weber for helping to get our prizes together. Our fall tournament will be Oct. 26, based again at Stingaree Marina. We usually have 15 - 25 entrants. If you would like to fish this tournament, contact me at e-mail below. Entry fee is $60 per person.
We are beginning to work on plans for Kids Fish in January and banquet in February. Once again, if you came to our banquet last February you are a member of our East Texas Chapter. We are always in need of fresh faces to help with planning and putting on these events. If you are interested in helping, contact me for meeting schedules. We are mainly a bunch of windy old guys that fish a lot and occasionally ingest adult beverages. We would appreciate the new faces and help. Tight Lines, — Jim Norman jnorman7@suddenlink.net

Fort Bend
Clint Sheppard 832-595-5375
The Fort Bend Chapter would like to really thank all of the sponsors for their support in helping put these events on as well as thank all of the participants for showing up to fish. I hope everyone had a summer as good as ours. Till next time, — Clint Sheppard

Fort Worth
Fearn Martin 817-291-1302

Galveston
Dr. Ken Ellis 713-962-7731
We just wrapped up our 21st Annual Banquet and shrimp boil and it was a huge success. We had 500 people come out to support our local chapter event at the Moody Gardens Convention Center on Saturday August 3rd. We'd like to thank all the individuals ticket buyers and banquet table sponsors that came out to support us: Mack McDaniels, Academy, Jomar, DW Industries, Suncoast Marine, Longhorn Dental, The Wood Group, Diamond Hydraulics, Rowan Companies, Tiki Time, Russell Smith Ford, Liz Comiskey Investments, PriceWaterhouse-Coopers, Mobay National Bank, Intermark Products and Services, Utility Tax Services L.L.C, R & R Consultants LLC, Dell Papa Distributing, Coastline Marine, Classic Auto Group, Lazer Marine/Breakwater Electronic, Charter Fisherman's Assoc., The Naked Mermaid, Independent Hose and B & C Wallcoverings.
We had a great line up in our live auction and would like to thank all the local guides that participated. Thanks to all of our generous donors who brought in so many fantastic items for our raffle, live and silent auctions. We have some talented folks in our community. Congratulations to Allison Shaneyfelt for winning the 2013 Raffle boat and to all of those lucky winners in our gun Raffle. Thanks to Shooters Corner for providing us such a great selection of guns. A big thank you to all of those board members and friends of the chapter who came out to volunteer their time to help make this a great event. We

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Greater Woodsland
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I have solicited the assistance of Candace Tidmore to assist in writing these reports. Thank You Candace. So, I am going to talk about fishing, what a novel idea. I have been on two great trips recently and want to give you some results. One trip was our traditional “After the Banquet is Over, Let’s Fish!” We went to POC (Port O’Conner – for those not familiar with the acronym) and fished many areas and caught a few fish. Sunday we went to a place that is named after a potato chip (Pringle) and found some more fish willing to cooperate. I requested Mike O’Dell to put my wife on a keeper redfish. That was his mission and my goal. Mike did not put her on one redfish, he put her on TWO redfish. Mike has a wonderful set-up in Aransas Pass with a cabin that can sleep 4 comfortably. Here is Capt. Mike’s information: www.afishingfantasy.com. Tel: (361) 438-1866. What a pleasure it was to host the 6th Annual Greater Woodsland Chapter Banquet and Fundraiser at The Grand Palace. The dinner provided by Clint’s Kunity Katfish was wonderful. We offer up another hearty congratulation to Nathan Gaines, the big winner of the night, whose raffle ticket was selected for the grand prize Electric Club Cart and Trailer. Thank you to Academy Sports Outdoors, Platinum Sponsor Royal Purple LLC; Club Cart Raffle Sponsor Dyna-Therm Corporation; Gold Sponsor Textract Construction LLC; Silver Sponsors Total Depth Supply, Audubon Engineering and Gullo Ford. We also thank Wright’s Printing for once again donating their high quality program printing services. Please take a few minutes and visit their websites.

We also thank Bryant Bennett Banquet Chairman, Charlotte O’Dell Chapter Treasurer and Drew Adams Assistant Director Extraordinary, for their dedication and hard work on the banquet. We appreciate the presence of our executive committee and volunteers, C.W. Wallace, Larry Perry, Jeff Burton, Joe Huston and Candace Tidmore. We could not have done it without you.

A special thank you goes to Bryant Bennett for touching each of us with his heartfelt message shared during the live auction, urging our support for Bill Dowling, Tony Livesay and Robert Yarborough. These heroes are three of the Firemen injured May 31st in a five-alarm fire at a southwest Houston hotel and restaurant. To offer up their generous support for these heroes, CDM Resources Management LLC and Zephyr Gas Services, LLC, donated one of our live auction items, which is to send these three Firemen on a three day deer and hog hunt.

The winner of the auction and five friends will be going on their own hunt for doves at the Piedras Parada Ranch in South Texas. You can add support by sending a contribution to the Houston Texas Fire Fighters Federal Credit Union, where individual accounts have been established for each.

We also must thank Rich Loughridge and Papa’s Ice House for their support of CCA and for our chapter and for hosting our pre-banquet organizational meetings as well as our recent crawfish boil fundraiser. If you’ve never been to Papa’s, you’re missing out on a relaxing afternoon or evening.

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Our banquet week concluded with our de-brief relief fishing trip to Port O'Connor. Our gracious host was Jeff Burton and Family. And thank you, Capt. Tom Hans for providing us with extra accommodations and fishing lessons. In all, it was a great weekend, which topped off an incredible banquet.

As always, we look forward to meeting other local CCA members at our regular general membership meetings. You can keep up with these meeting dates by visiting our web page noted above. Keep Conservation...To Keep Fishing! — Candace Tidmore / James Kay

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Hill Country
Darlene Cook 800-594-2056 ext 217
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I want to thank the Directors that worked so hard on our 18th Annual Banquet on August 15. These directors are the backbone of CCA. I am blessed to work with these people as friends and as their President.

We had a great banquet and a sellout crowd. We had approximately 700 people in attendance. Thanks to all our Special Friends of CCA that donated items. Black Tie Affair did a wonderful job catering again, thank you Richard! And thank you Coleman, John and Mark, you guys are great! A date for the Hill Country CCA Social will be announced soon as well. The Hill Country Social is an event for our members and families to come together to meet new friends, eat, play games and tell tall tales! Go fishing! Have a great weekend! — Darlene Cook
darlenec@knbt.fm

Houston Real Estate
Dale Couch 281-953-2510

The 2014 Houston Real Estate event is scheduled for Feb. 11, 2014 at the Houston Country Club. I would also mention that our annual fishing tournament was cancelled because nobody thought they could beat two-time defending champion Jackson Hooper. — Dale Couch

Katy
Clint Hilton 713-515-3991

There's a whole lot of high school football going on in Katy, and as my Yankee neighbor says, "Those boys are for real." Well, the Katy Chapter is for real, too! The Katy membership continues to amaze me - we continue to host awesome speakers, have a large meeting turnout with new faces, and generally build on a very solid foundation.

In August, we hosted Capt. Walt Kalinowski (read his Upper Coast ForeCast on page 10). Walt is a Katy guy, supporter of the Katy Chapter, and one heckuva fisherman. Walt entertained us, and talked about some of the subtle things that separate 'weekend warriors' from the professionals.

The Katy Chapter is fast approaching the wrap up for the year. Our last Speaker Series meeting is in October, hosting Shimano Factory reps. The Shimano guys came out last year, mentioned a few things about Shimano gear, and shared a BUNCH of information about what allows them to succeed in the world of professional angling.

The Katy Chapter welcomes new faces! Come to a chapter meeting. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month (excluding November and December) at Red River BBQ on Mason Road. We gather around 6:40 and have an official start at 7ish. — Clint Hilton

Laredo
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Lee County
Byron Kalbas 979-540-0056

Mark your calendars for the Third Annual Lee County CCA Chapter Banquet, which will be on Thursday, October 17 at the Sons of Hermann Hall in Giddings, Texas.

We have been selling pre-banquet raffle tickets and tickets to the banquet at the beginning of August. Please contact me, or any other committee member, if you are interested in purchasing tickets. I hope everyone has a safe and successful summer on the water. — Byron Kalbas

Lower Colorado
Welcome new president Tim Munos 979-332-2876

We held our 5th Annual Fundraiser/Banquet Friday evening, August 16th, at the Bay City Civic Center. We had a wonderful turnout and want to say Thank You to the people of Bay City and surrounding Matagorda County for coming out and supporting our event. This was our best fundraiser yet. We broke a few records in total Live Auction Sales, total Raffle Sales, Attendance, and 2 1/2 inches of downpour rain.

A&A BBQ served a delicious meal of beef and sausage with all the trimmings. Hartman Distributing Company and the chapter provided the beverages for everyone’s enjoyment. A live auction highlighted the evening with an assorted variety of Art items, local fishing trip packages, local hunting trips, Costa Rica and Cabo San Lucas bill fishing packages, and a Lone Star Flag donated by State Representative Dennis Bonnen that was flown in our State Capitol. There were numerous Silent Auction items donated by local businesses and everyone was busy choosing which silent auction item to select, or which of the many raffles to buy tickets for. The new Crab Craps game went over really well. Everyone had a good time. Fundraisers are how CCA makes money to do the marine conservation efforts that we are known for. Without the support and help of people like you, this effort could not be possible. Remember, Money Raised in Texas, Stays in Texas.

The chapter wants to thank all of the Corporate Table sponsors, the Live Auction Art and Trip Underwriter sponsor/donors, and the Silent Auction donors. Thank you to Academy Sports & Outdoors, STP, Full Stringer Realty, Gateway Mortgage, W. D. “Bill” Von Gonten, HEB, Texas Farm Bureau, Phillips 66, Tran Sport Boats/Alumacraft, Tec of Sweeny, and Poco Playa Restaurant for Gold Table Sponsorship.

Thank you to our live auction underwriters, BayCel Federal Credit Union, James and Helen Mads, Hlavinka Equipment Company, Hewitt Lodge — Hackberry, La., Memorial Hermann Medical Group, Blue Gecko Sports Bar & Grill, and The Sargent Area Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to Busha Boat Works and Dependable Machine for donating the rod and reel combos given away to 20 kids. Thank you to Ward Real Estate and Tran Sport Boats for the Cap Sponsorship, and to Gateway Mortgage and Full Stringer Realty for the Yeti Cooler Sponsorship.

Thank you to our local artist, Richard Walton, for providing another of his world class paintings for our live auction. Thank you to the many people who donated silent auction items, and to the Lower Colorado Chapter Board Members who gave so much of their time. This was a great fundraiser. The Board Members and Matt and his gang are to be commended for a Job Well Done.

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Mainland Kid Fish winners.

First State Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Matagorda Regional Medical Center, Will Ohmstede, Letulle Green Ranches, Frankson & Griffith CPA's, CIC Construction, Full Stringer Realty, Wendel Electric Company, Property Connections Real Estate, Dodd Family, and LyondellBasell for Bronze Table Sponsorship.

Thank you to Busha Boat Works, Matagorda Construction & Materials, Campbell-Huit Insurance, Gary Kenrek Insurance, Don Davis Dealership of Bay City, Memorial Hermann Medical Group (STMC), South Texas Corrugated Pipe, Stone Turf Farms, Ronald Gavender, Gann Ranch/Triangle Turf, and Elmo Duke for Reserve Table Sponsorship.

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Mainland Kid Fish winners.
Most Fish, Hardhead raffle tickets, $5 raffle tickets, and raffle caps for the sixth consecutive SOLD OUT banquet. The 28th Annual Banquet was held on June 27, our president for the 5th consecutive year in a row by our District Kid Fish Tournament. A total of 273 fish were caught and entered at Dickinson Bar-B-Que on Tuesday August 27th for the event and the fishing was great and all there!

As always we meet every second Tuesday of the month at Dickinson Bar-B-Que, hope to see you all there! — Eric Minor

Matagorda Bays
Linc Lutrick 979-541-9901
We held our 28th Annual Banquet, June 27, our sixth consecutive SOLD OUT banquet. The crowd of over 800 spent the night buying boat raffle tickets, $5 raffle tickets, and raffle caps (sponsored by Mustang Cat, El Campo Boating Center, and Prasek’s Hillie Smokehouse), Koozies (sponsored by Polasek Construction and R&M Forge and Fittings), and tumbler bottles (sponsored by H&H Oilfield Consultants and Energy Construction).

We had our General Membership meeting at Dickinson Bar-B-Que on Tuesday August 27th with Bryan Treadway as our key note speaker. He has been active in raising money and collection live flounder for research and restocking programs. Thank you Bryan, for a great evening.

Once again we were honored to have the opportunity to announce the Game Warden of the Year at our banquet. Philip Fitzgerald presented this prestigious award to a deserving Warden, Mr. Bobby Kana. We appreciate the hard work and dedication exhibited by Mr. Kana and all of the other Game Wardens. These folks literally put their lives on the line to protect our precious natural resources.

The live auction (sponsored by Gulf Coast Lease Services, Evans, and Wiese Crop Insurance) was another huge success. Some of the items that received the most attention was a trip to Costa Rica, a roll top BBQ pit donated by Multi-Fab Metals, Custom Golf Cart donated B&D Carts in El Campo, and of course, all of the Guides Cup trips sponsored by Duckett, Boulligny & Collins, L.L.P., El Campo Sheet Metal, and Harbor Bait & Tackle donated by professional guides from Matagorda. We want to say a special thank you to all of our Matagorda Guides who donate their time, effort and equipment to make the banquet a remarkable success each and every year.

The highlight of the evening was the raffle drawing for the Matagorda Bay CCA boat. This year’s boat was a fully rigged 24 ft. HDX Dargel KAT with 200 HP Evinrude E-Tec, McClain Aluminum Trailer, donated by Dargel Boats. Duane Kuhl from El Campo, Texas was the lucky winner of this beautiful boat. Thank you to our boat sponsors, Quality Lease Services, Polasek Construction and Q.C.E. Supply Inc.

Early morning with my sons in law, Tripp and Matt, on Carancahua Bay. Great scenic by Rick Reaves

MidCoast
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It’s time to start preparing for our upcoming events. First, our officers for the coming year, David Jenkins, President, Hector Mendieta, Vice-President, Dennis Lala, Vice-President, Eric Macek, Sgt. of Arms, and we welcome Travis Bryant, Treasurer and Heather McBride, Secretary.

Our upcoming events will start in October with our Speedy Stop Guides Cup. We thank our sponsor, Cliff Thomas and the Speedy Stop family for their continued support in making this event a huge success. Also, thanks to Capt. Danny Goyen and Dennis Lala for lining up a great bunch of guides for this event. Thanks to the guides and buyers, good luck, be safe and most of all have fun.

I guess the biggest news to report, will be our raffle boat for next year’s Banquet which will be held at the Community Center on May 9th, 2014. This boat will be a fully loaded 2014 SCB Stingray with a Mercury Racing Sport 250 XS. We are very excited to being able to get this boat and should be selling tickets by the 1st of October, 2013. If anyone is interested in buying a chance on this beautiful boat, feel free to contact me or any of our board members. We will again have other prizes on the boat ticket: a Benelli shotgun, 2 Waterloo rod and reel combos (from Waterloo Rod Co. USA) and a 65 qt. Yeti ice chest.

If anyone is interested in seeing any of the SCB designs, feel free to contact Eric Simmons @ Simmons Custom Boats , Kemah, Texas. If you are interested in becoming a member of our board of directors, please contact a board member or myself at jenkins12@sbcglobal.net —David Jenkins

Northeast Houston
Jason Law 713-898-8594
Northwest Houston
Blayne Eversole 832-444-4579

Port O’Connor
Bill Moore 361-983-4690
We saw a couple of flights of teal, and the osprey now sits across the street in the morning, which means that summer is winding down and fall is around the corner. This is also the time to invite everyone to come join us for the 14th Annual POC CCA Banquet. This will again be held at the POC Community Center on Saturday, October 19th. In POC, take note of the CCA banners at the following businesses where tickets/tables may be purchased: Sonny’s Marine, Coastal Boat Services, Coastal Bend Marine, and Port O’Connor Rod & Gun. Tickets/tables are also available from any POC CCA member or Assistant Director Ellen Ohmstedt, 713-626-4222 or ellen@catexas.org. A slate of officials was presented and elected at a recent meeting: VP-Mike Sharp, VP-Donnie Klesel, Treasurer-Ann Brownlee, Secretary, Debbie Busby, and Sgt-at-Arms Sonny Cook. Also thanks to Carl Ray and Jim Busby for being banquet chairmen.

The POC Chapter would again like to express its appreciation to the Oilfield Helping Hands Tournament, which is held in POC in August. They presented the POC CCA with a generous donation. This tournament continues to grow and brings a lot to the POC Community. If you are in the area enjoying the fall weather, fishing, or just kicking back, make arrangements for tickets or a table. As we continue to support our coastal resources bring everyone and join us on Saturday October 19th in POC – “Where it all Began.” —Bill Moore

Prairie
Sharon Goebel 979-877-4103

Orange County
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On August 22, 2013, we hosted our 5th annual banquet and fundraiser. This year’s event was the biggest and best event of our short history. Being our very first event in the brand new Orange County Convention and Expo Center and the help from Banquet Sponsor Granger Chevrolet/ Automatik, Redfish Sponsors; Vincent Recycling, Stout Builders, and Rodney Townsend Atty. at Law, along with we’d like to thank the house doubling the size of last year’s crowd.

All who attended where treated to an awesome rib-eye dinner prepared by Mike Lemieux’s crew from Spanky’s Bar and Grill. I would like to send a special thanks to our banquet committee members for an outstanding job. Without your help, none of this would have been possible.

We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Roberts Meat Market and Steakhouse in Orange at 6:30pm. For further information about our chapter contact Louis Moore at 409-988-4845 or Scott Bandy at 409-988-3667.

Piney Woods
Jess Mowery 903-736-3891

Redfish Bay
Norman Oates 361-758-0266
The year is winding down, but Redfish Bay Chapter is still active. We will have had the annual Beeville Fish Fry by the time you read this. It is a great event, and is very much like a banquet with live auction, silent auction, and raffle items. It is always the Thursday evening before dove season starts. So, put it on your calendar for next year if you didn’t make this one. It is well worth the drive from the coast to Beeville.

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If you would like to wear your cowboy boots instead of deck shoes, this is the event for you. Thanks to the team members that spend many hours making it happen!

We will have had a General Membership meeting on September 25, and may plan another before the end of the year (or early next year). Look for announcement information. The Board members also plan to help Martha McCloud take elementary school kids fishing for part of their wetlands training. It is a great effort by Martha and the Rockport Game Wardens. We are happy to be included. Tell your friends about the Redfish Bay Chapter. We have great events, and we can always use help. Call me on 361-758-0266 if you are interested in helping a great cause.

**Rio Grande Valley**

**Phil Teinert** 956-367-4267
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The Rio Grande Valley Chapter has secured the 2014 Raffle Boat and it is now on display and tickets are for sale. This year’s raffle boat is a 2014 Raffle Boat and it is now on display and tickets can be purchased by contacting Louis Zimmerer at (956) 373-0799 or John Blaha at (800) 626-4222. Special thanks go out to L&F Distributors and Dargel Boats for making this raffle possible once again.

Mark your calendars, the 2014 banquet has been set for Thursday, April 24, 2014 at the Pharr Events Center. The chapter board is beginning planning for next year’s event and looks forward to having another great night. If you are interested in helping the local chapter, contact Chapter President, Phil Teinert at (956) 367-4267 or John Blaha at (800) 626-4222. We hope you have tight lines and great hunting this fall. —Phil Teinert

**Sabine-Neches**

**Darin Johnson 409-790-9855**

Hard to believe we are past Labor Day already, seems like just last month we were talking about a banquet, Kid Fish, and summertime activities. Now it’s time for the Cast N Blast activities to kick in with the arrival of dove and teal season, the red and flounder run followed by ducks, geese and Big Trout!

Congratulations goes to all of the STAR Tournament participants and winners! There were some really nice catches brought in this year. I would also like to take time to thank all of our chapter sponsors and volunteers, all too often I get caught up in the report and don’t do enough to thank those that help keep the chapter going! Anthony Toups and everyone at Classic of Southeast Texas, Annette Smith and her crew at Dylan’s, Kieschnick Industries, Cops Helping Kids, Echo Maintenance, Jameadco (Big Jim), Munro’s, Specialty Painting, Anelet’s, Daley’s Hunt and Fish, and Academy! To all of the guides and local businesses, we thank you!

It’s time to mark your calendar; Thursday March 6th, 2014 will be our banquet. We will have crawfish, cold drinks and great auction items and door prizes! Don’t be left out, it’s never too early to get your table. Email, text or call and we’ll get you set up! Until next time, Tight Lines to all! See you on the water! —Darin M Johnson

**Sam Houston**

**Brandon Kolaja 281-797-6908**

Well, another successful banquet is in the books. I would like to thank everyone who was...
involved. This includes our community, sponsors, donors, corporate tables and our board members for organizing another great event. We have some time before next year, but planning is already underway for 2014. Enjoy the rest of the year and spend some time on the water. — Brandon Kolaja 281-797-6908

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As mentioned in last issue’s update, the San Antonio Chapter banquet committee is already hard at work planning next year’s event. The date is set for Thursday night, May 1, 2014, and we will once again be at the Freeman Coliseum Expo Hall. If you’d like to be a part of the action and volunteer please contact us. There are two ways to do so: email ccasanantonio@yahoo.com or call (210) 837-5500 and leave a message.

The San Antonio Chapter does have a Facebook page. You can find us by searching for “CCA Texas, San Antonio Chapter.” The page will routinely update you on CCA Texas and local chapter activities.

Congratulations go out to the Austin chapter for having a huge event this year. What a great achievement!

Now that school is back in session and Fall weather is settling in, don’t forget to take a kid fishing. It will put a smile on their face and yours. — Johnny Rayburg

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Welcome new president, Cameron Blackwood 713-591-7097
Howdy! This fall the Texas A&M CCA has a lot of things going on. We have a tailgate for every home football game at Reed Arena and we are looking forward to a fishing trip late this fall. Everyone is welcome at the tailgate so if you are in town for a game stop on by and grab some BBQ. If you have any questions feel free to call (Cameron 713-591-7097). Thanks and Gig’em! — Cameron

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The 2013 Trinity Bay banquet is in the history books and it was our best to date! Wow, if you were there then you know firsthand about the unlimited amount of seasoned-to-perfection boiled shrimp and the endless cold drinks. The atmosphere was energized with attendees involved in the numerous raffles, auctions and games.

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Lunchtime for a handsome dude. Great wildlife photo of a great blue heron by Pauline Osburn.
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