

CURRENTS

The newsletter for CCA members in Texas

October / November 2013





Photos by Lisa Laskowski, Hill Country Chapter.

Splash down! Two new reefs completed, two more on the way to your neighborhood

Aransas 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 re-



Gail Sutton, Assistant Director at Harte Research Institute, looks on as materials are transported to the site.

store 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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A personal best, CPRed

On the cover: this 30" speck was a CPR beneficiary near Green Island, Laguna Madre. Angler, Kathie Bassler. Photographer, Sam Caldwell / Olympus Stylus 790 SW



WE WANT YOU! TO FISH FOR US!



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 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) 534-0103 or Bryan.Legare@tpwd.texas.gov, or John Blaha (CCA Texas) at (713) 626-4222 or jdblaha@ccatexas.org.

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2013 FINAL WINNERS CONFIRMED!

The 24th Annual CCA/Ford/Tilson Homes Corp/Capital Farm Credit State of Texas Angler's Rodeo came to a close at 5PM on Labor Day, Sept. 2 and with quite an unexpected finish! This turned out to be the year for the Lady Anglers! Three of the scholarships were won by young ladies who turned in their winning catch just days before the close and one even caught hers on the last day of the tournament! Another lucky gal even caught a tagged redfish and will be driving home a truck/boat prize package! Great job, Girls!!!

Another exciting highlight was the ten year-old boy from Danbury who caught a tagged redfish on the second day of the tournament! This lucky young man has won a \$20,000 scholarship, plus a Haynie 23' Big Foot boat, Mercury 150 L Pro XS OptiMax motor and Coastline trailer. Way to go, Caleb!!! Eleven tagged redfish were caught resulting in a total of SIX winners this year. The other five, unfortunately, did not qualify for the CCA Texas STAR. BETTER LUCK NEXT YEAR!

The lucky sixth tagged redfish winner is Paul Swoyer of Canyon Lake. On Sat., August 17, Paul had plans to fish the API Tournament out of Corpus Christi, but as luck would have it, the power to the live-well blew overnight and he and his team woke up that morning to several dozen dead baits! Paul was about to pack up and head home, but one of his teammates insisted they should still fish and rounded up some menhaden. After a bad start to the morning, Swoyer's luck began to change. He ended being the only one on the boat to catch fish that day. Little did he know, one of those fish would end up being a tagged redfish!

Paul rushed over to official STAR weigh station Roy's Bait & Tackle and weighed in Tag #TA530 to become the sixth official winner of Texas Ford Dealers Redfish Division on the 2013 CCA Texas STAR Tournament. He will receive a 2013 Ford F-150 Texas Edition XLT SuperCab truck, Haynie 23' Big Foot boat, Mercury 150 L Pro XS OptiMax motor and Coastline trailer. Good thing his friend talked him into staying to fish the tournament!

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

Texas and fishing the STAR Tournament! We want to remind you to be sure and take advantage of the great benefits your CCA membership has to offer!

CCA TEXAS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS - Our most generous sponsor offerings still continue to add more value to your CCA Texas Membership.

- 🔥 Ford X-Plan Pricing (see details below)
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SPECIAL BONUS FROM ACADEMY SPORTS + OUTDOORS - Another great reason to be a member of CCA!

For those anglers who got on the ball and signed up early, Academy Sports + Outdoors rewarded you with a \$10 gift coupon back in April just in time for fishing season! For those of you who didn't get in on the first \$10 gift coupon, we have good news!!! Academy Sports + Outdoors will be sending all CCA Texas members another \$10 gift coupon just in time for hunting season! Special thanks to Academy Sports + Outdoors for continuing to make your CCA membership and STAR entry such an awesome value!

TEXAS FISH & GAME "BONUS" SUBSCRIPTION!!!

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



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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 ozs.

Houston Community Newspapers StarKids Scholarship Sheephead Division - The Houston Community Newspapers StarKid Scholarship Sheephead Division will provide a young



angler between the ages of six and ten with a college scholarships totaling \$50,000 catching the largest sheephead. This year's winner is Allison Schwartz, age 8, of Texas City - 7 lbs., 6 ozs.

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 ozs.

Academy Sports and Outdoors StarTeens Scholarship Trout Division - In its 15th year, the Academy Sports and Outdoors



StarTeens Scholarship Trout Division was open to all New Tide/STAR members ages 11-17. These fisher-teens with the largest speckled trout in each region - upper, middle and lower coast - will be awarded a \$20,000 college scholarship:

Upper Coast: Nicholas Josey, age 17, of Houston 7 lbs., 4 oz.

Middle Coast: Sarah Otto, age 14, of Corpus Christi 8 lbs., 0 ozs.



BEST IN TEXAS

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

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 7 lbs., 13 ozs.

Sheepshead: Seth Jackson, age 15, of Brownsville 7 lbs., 8 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 #TA4473 caught 6/8/13; Jack Haire of Livingston, Tag #TA475 caught 6/29/13; Vicki Preston of Ingleside, TagE 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 will each receive a Shoalwater 22' Legend, Mercury 150L OptiMax Pro XS motor and McClain trailer:

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

Middle Coast: Joe Rizzo of Pearland 9 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 tickets 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:

Peggy On The Bayou in Orange; SGS Causeway in Port Arthur; Sportsman Supply in Sabine Pass; Stingaree Marina on Crystal Beach; Marburger's Sporting Goods in Seabrook; 3G Bait & Tackle in Galveston; Pelican Rest Marina in Galveston; Surfside Marina in Freeport; Caney Creek Marina in Sargent; Harbor Bait & Tackle in Matagorda; The Point in Palacios; Indianola Fishing Marina in Indianola; The Fishing Center in Port O'Connor; Terry's Seaworthy Marine Supply in Fulton/Rockport; Woody's Sports Center in Port Aransas; Roy's Bait & Tackle in Corpus Christi; Harbor Bait & Tackle in Port Mansfield; South Shore Bait & Tackle on South Padre Island.

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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> more details or to place your order with the STAR Dept., call (713) 626-4222.

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

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



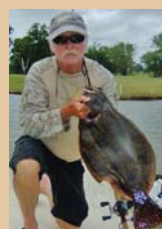
Anthony Bellanger, FS Southwest StarKid Gafftop



Bret Coggins, 3rd Tagged Redfish Winner



Grant Joseph Drabek, TWC StarTeen Flounder Winner



Paul Gaylord, Flounder Winner



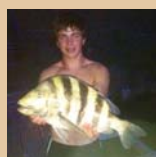
Nicholas Gilstrap, Capital Farm Credit StarKid Flounder Winner



Jack Haire, 4th Redfish Winner



Alan Parker, Ling Winner



Seth Jackson, TWC StarTeen Sheephead Winner



Nicholas Josey, Academy starTeen UC Trout Winner



Cole McGrew, Academy StarTeen LC Trout Winner



Joseph Messina, Kingfish Winner



Caleb Morales, Age 10, 2nd Tagged Redfish Winner



Sarah Otto, Academy StarTeen MC Trout Winner



Vicki Preston, 5th Tagged Redfish Winner



Kayleigh Ritchey, TWC StarTeen Gafftop Winner



Joe Rizzo, Middle Coast Trout Winner



Allison Schwartz, HCN StarKid Sheephead Winner



L.D. Whitehead, 1st Tagged Redfish Winner



Zack Swanberg, Dorado Winner



Paul Swayer, 6th Tagged Redfish Winner



Dan Wyatt, Lower Coast Trout Winner



Jill Yarbrough, Gafftop Winner



Jaime Ybarra, Sheephead 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.



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The screenshot shows the CCA Texas Online Store website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: HOME, IGLOO COOLERS, APPAREL, HEADWEAR, PROMO ITEMS, CHAIRS, SHOT SHELL, BIG CAN, and DECALS. Below this is a banner for "CCA APPAREL & PRODUCTS STORE" with the tagline "Shop CCA now and support the Coastal Conservation Association." The main content area features a collection of products including a white t-shirt, a green long-sleeved shirt, a folding chair, a cooler, a hat, and a can of spray. To the right, there is a "Featured Products" section showing a cooler and a "Satisfaction 100% Guarantee" seal. A "SHOP & SUPPORT!" banner at the top right encourages visitors to support the CCA with every purchase.

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Great Foods / Food Editor Ellen Ohmstede

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 1/2 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.



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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.

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Simms Wading Package

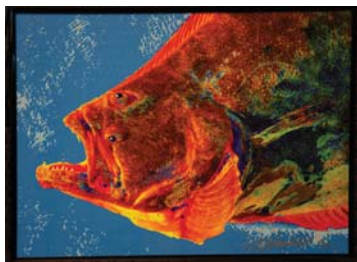
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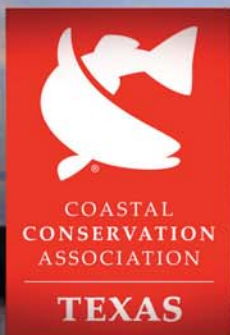
Vibrant Flounder by Bill Edwards

Bill Edwards does an amazing job transforming this flounder to an eye popping piece. This framed piece of art is unique. The print is signed, limited edition and can be yours today for the right price. You will be helping CCA with our goal of getting fish back where they once were. Don't miss out on this great opportunity.



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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**

Above, crushed concrete, oyster shell, limestone and river rock being transported to the site.

Jay Gardner, HTFT Chairman, and John Blaha, CCA Texas Assistant Director flying the CCA Texas flag over the project. Photos by Lisa Laskowski.

Left, Lindsey Laskowski, high school student at La Vernia high school being interviewed on her thoughts about the project by a Corpus Christi news station.

Two of many new nearshore reef pyramids under construction.





Upper Coast

By Capt. Walt Kalinowski

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 Chinquapin.

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 down wind, 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

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Middle Coast

By Capt. Steve Boriskie

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 Huslers 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

By Capt. Danny Neu

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 opportunistic waiting on a bait fish to surface.

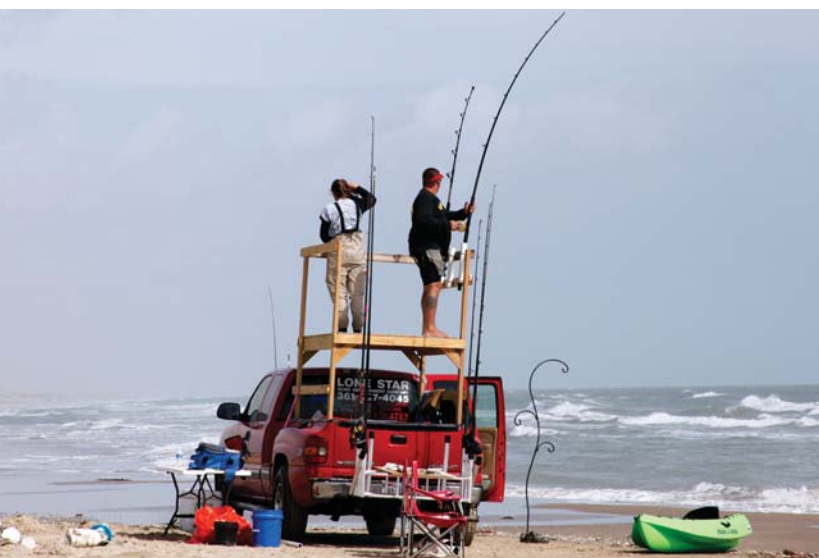
For those looking for some fantastic wing shooting, October and November is great down south. We have fields planted for white wing dove along with some of the best mourning dove action in the entire state. There are lots of birds this year. As November nears, expect the sky to get full of ducks. We 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

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CCA Texas Social Happenings

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Submitted to us by Jacqueline Anderson:



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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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Chapter Updates

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

Alvin-Pearland

Rex Richards 281-923-3050

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

2014 Banquet June 19th, KC Hall, Pearland
Thanks to **Susan A. Heath, PhD** - Gulf Coast Bird Observatory for her informative talk at our June meeting. At our Tuesday September 3rd - General Meeting, scheduled was speaker **Capt. Jeff Maxwell Jr.** - Jeff's guide service, at Spring Creek BBQ.

Wednesday October 2nd - General Meeting. Speaker will be **Jason Bryant of Inshore Informer Blog**. Spring Creek BBQ - Pearland 7:00 PM

Tuesday November 5th - General Meeting. Speaker: **Joe Moughon** - Chicken Boy Lures. Spring Creek BBQ - Pearland 7:00 PM.

December - No General Meeting
We welcome new board members who would like to get plugged in. Our monthly chapter meetings have a great speaker lineup and we will have a raffle. Bring a friend, a kid and get plugged in! —Rex Richards

Aransas Bay

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The 14th Annual Banquet held on August 10th was a smashing success, thanks to our sponsors, donors, friends, and fellow CCA members. A big thank you goes to **Ron Hoover RV and Marine**, our Title sponsor for their overall outstanding support. In addition, we would like to recognize **First Victoria National Bank**, Key Sponsor, and our Table Sponsors - **Academy, ACE Hardware, AMSPEC, Bang Air, Inc./Rawhide House Moving, Bellaire Environmental, Gator Bait, Redfish Bay Chapter-CCA, Rockport Tackle Town, Stewart Title Company, and Wells Fargo Bank.**

A big thank you goes to all of our donors too numerous to mention, and volunteers, under the leadership of our Banquet Chairman, **Michelle Green**, for a fantastic job. A special

thanks goes to **Terri MacDonald** and her team for the beautiful decorations.

We hosted a presentation on *Vibrio Vulnificus*, a bacterium that normally lives in warm sea waters and is part of a group of vibrios that are called "halophilic" because they require salt to live. The speakers for the open meeting held at the **Lighthouse Inn**, Rockport, Texas, were **Ben Rutledge**, **Dr. Michael Horseman** and **Vivienne Heines**. Ben gave a personal account of the bacterium while Dr. Horseman, Christus Spohn South, Corpus Christi, Tx and Ms. Heines, epidemiologist for the State of Texas, Coastal Region, were available to answer questions from a medical perspective. Key topics of interest were in the areas of prevention and identifying the symptoms of an infection.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year for the 15th annual Babes on the Bay and Banquet. Tight lines—Carter

Austin

Scott Sanderson

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Our July Anglers' Night Out (ANO) was another home run with Capt. **Billy Trimble** taking a couple days off from the water to come share his secrets with the Austin chapter. The Texas coast is so diverse, and there are so many ways to fish, and Capt. Trimble shared his world of skinny water fly fishing and sight casting. Adding the "hunting" element of sight fishing to catch big reds in 6-8" of water is a thrill everyone should experience.

That's what ANO is all about and we bring them to you every other month. Some 200 of your fellow CCA members convene at **Abel's on the Lake** to learn from the best, eat free compliments of **Smokey Denmark's**, and win fishing trips, Yetis, fishing rods and all kinds of other great prizes. Now that's a pretty good deal so be sure to come out for these fun events. Watch Facebook, ccaaustin.org and your email to make sure you don't miss one. In fact you better mark your calendar now because we will be welcoming back **Capt. Jay Watkins** November 14th! Better get there early for this one!

The Austin Chapter is on a heck of a roll and we welcome you to get involved as we strive to reach even greater heights. We invite you to attend our board meetings the second Tuesday of the month to see how you can help. We have a great group of guys and gals and have a lot of fun raising money for our coastal resources. And remember, our Junior board is doing great things too, and welcomes any youngster between the ages of 13-18 to get involved.

We are already hard at work to bring Austin yet another epic banquet May 8th, 2014. More information will come soon and, when it does, act quickly. Tables and boat raffle tickets sell out so you don't want to miss your chance at those.

Remember, all the exciting goings on in Austin can be found on Facebook or at www.ccaustin.org. Best of fishing luck! —
Scott Sanderson

Bay Area

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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 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
Dennis Crowson
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Brush Country
Hank Henry 361-215-6803

The summer has been hot and we are ready for the temperatures to cool off. As you read this update, the Brush Country Chapter will have hosted its annual Kid's Fishing Day on September 14th. This is a great annual event and the chapter volunteers all enjoy having the kids out on the water.

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 meetings 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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Brad Hensel 254-776-3411

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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 **Zimmerhansels** 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 topwater 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. You can contact any committee member. **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 great success in 2014. Come out and support your local Colorado Valley CCA. Take a kid fishing— **James Loehr**

Corpus Christi
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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 Roesner**, 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, Cody 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 **Poco Rojo Kids Fishing Tournament** - October 19, 2013. Contact **John De John** 361-728-8152 or **Mike Henry** 361-816-0300.

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 DiCicco
214-799-2369

Thank you to the 10 Dallas Chapter members who made the trip down to Port Aransas for the Interchapter Challenge!

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 DiCicco** Please add **robdicicco@gmail.com** to your safe senders list.—**Robert DiCicco**

East Texas
Dr. Jim Norman 936-554-3165
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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 Considine**, 2nd place red, **Herschel 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 Shepard 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 Shepard**

Fort Worth
Fearn Mastin 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, Moody National Bank, Internar Products and Services, Utility Tax Services L.L.C, R & R Consultants LLC, Del 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



Galveston boat winners, Allison and Barry Shaneyfelt

couldn't do it without you. Thank you to all of our 2013 donors, buyers and supporters. If you are interested in participating on our board please contact me. Tight Lines
—Ken Ellis

Golden Triangle
Josh Kaczynski
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Greater Sugar Land

Weems Turner
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We have been very busy. We conducted 4 Kids Fish events in 2013. At each event we provided rods, reels and bait as well as instruction on baiting hooks, casting and landing fish. We provided our "Wheel of Fish," which the kids spun and were awarded prizes. Our CCA members prepped and repaired the rods and reels, measured the fish and walked the lakes providing instruction.

On April 27 we supported the **New Territory Residential Community Association** as they conducted their New Territory Kids Fish Rodeo at New Territory Lake. We helped approximately 120 kids and their parents. New Territory provided the prizes for the winners along with a goodie bag and tee shirt for each participant. The kids caught bass, catfish, perch and turtles. The turtles were given to TPWD for relocation. This was done to reduce the turtle population in the lake.

On May 4 we supported the **Houston Elk's Lodge Kids Fish at Sea Center Texas**. This was a special event that allowed 11 challenged children to experience some top notch fishing. The Elk's provided transportation via motor coach from Houston to Sea Center Texas. Sea Center Texas provided volunteers, rods, reels and bait. The volunteers landed, weighed and returned each fish to the lake. The kids caught redfish, flounder, croaker and black drum with the largest fish caught being a 14 pound black drum. The Elk's provided the food, which we cooked.

On May 18 we supported the **City of Sugar Land Parks & Recreation Kids Fish** at Sugar Land Lake. We supported approximately 300 kids and their parents. We provided food and cooked for the kids. The City of Sugar Land provided trophies for Kids Fish winners. This is the second year for this event and through excellent publication provided by Keith Bauman, Greater Sugar Land CCA Kid's Fish Chair and the City of Sugar Land this event tripled in size.

On June 1 we supported the **Missouri City Parks & Recreation with their Kids Fish** at Missouri City Community Park Lake. We supported over 100 kids and their parents. The kids caught bass, catfish, perch and turtles. Missouri City provided food and we cooked.

At each event we received thanks for supporting the kids and providing them their first opportunity to experience fishing. The kids and parents were truly appreciative. Our special thanks to our members who supported the events including: **Keith Baumann, David & Judy Kveton, Barbra & Richard Lindley, Buford Jurica, Steve Meyer, Bob Nipper, Capt. Bill & Debbie Hull, Shelley, Jared & Jeff Lendermon, Paul Lawson, Fred Howard, Jeff Flasiak, Bruce Jester, Bob Bailey, Jeff & Jennifer Kimble, Skip Medina, Barry Walter, John Beffano, Larry Williams, Ryan Money, Bob Whitsitt, Steve Walko, Regis Platek,**



Father Robert Chaney and Son, Ryan. Then and now, a Great Scenic photo by Gina Chaney.



Gary Blanchette and Candace & Weems Turner. We want to thank **Susan Rash** with New Territory, **Sally Di Palma** with the Houston Elk's #151, **Tanya Dannhaus** and **Barry Walter** with the City of Sugar Land and **Shane Mize** with Missouri City for including us in each of these events. **Barbra Lindley** will be our Kids Fish Chairperson for next years' activities.

Our thanks to **Keith Bauman** for all the successful work he did as this years' chairman. We want to thank **Steve Walko** of **Texas Rattlin Rigs** for providing prizes for our Wheel of Fish.

We participated or more properly showed up for the CCA Interchapter Challenge in mid-June. We decided to fish familiar water in Port O'Connor and fished it hard with little success. Thanks to our members for their dedicated effort including: **David Kveton, Steve Meyer, Chris Hall, Capt. Bill Hull, Tyler and Kirk Vakey** and myself.

We conducted our first **Rusty Hook Tournament** on **June 29th** at Sargent, TX. We had 22 participants and raised over \$600 for our Kids Fish program. The winners were: biggest trout was **Bob Hrachovy**; second biggest trout was **Mark Bennet**; the biggest redfish was **Joel Canavan**; second biggest redfish was **Mark Bennet**; the biggest founder was **Paul Lawson** and the biggest other fish was **Joel Canavan**. Our thanks to **Buford Jurica** and **Judy & David Kveton** for providing their homes in Sargent for housing this event and thanks to **Joel and Pam Canavan** for hosting the awards dinner at their home in Sargent. Thanks to **Larry Wilson** for providing prizes for the winners.

On July 18th we had 32 members and family attend the Sugar Land Skeeter's game. This was our second annual event and is a popular way to enjoy and build our friendships within CCA.

We had the **Shimano Crew** speak at our meeting on August 7th. It was a very interesting presentation on Shimano's latest equipment and excellent information on fishing the Galveston Bay system. Thanks to **David Kveton** for setting this up and to **Phillip Cambra, Capt. Ed** and **Capt. John** of the Shimano Crew for their presentation.

Philip Ortiz of Flounder Pounder Lures spoke at our September 4th meeting. We will have our Family picnic at **Sienna Plantation** on Sunday September 8th at 4:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact me.

We have begun planning of our **2014 Banquet, which will be held Thursday, April 3, 2014 at the Stafford Center, Stafford, Texas**. Please contact me if you would like to help with the banquet. We have to conserve so we can catch.

—Weems Turner

Greater Woodlands

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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'Connor – 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 Woodlands Chapter Banquet and Fundraiser at The Grand Palace. The dinner provided by Clint's **Kuntry 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 Texcraft 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** Assitant Director Extraordinaire, 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.

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 Conserving... To Keep Fishing! —**Candace Tidmore / James Kay**

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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 some fun! —**Darlene Cook**
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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 Kalinowsky** (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**

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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**

Live Oak
Brad Kotrla 979-732-1669

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 ½ 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/Aluma-Tech of Sweeney, and Poco Playa Restaurant** for Gold Table Sponsorship.

Thank you to **Capital Farm Credit, Dependable Machine, STP, Ward Real Estate,**



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Thank you to **Busha Boat Works, Matagorda Construction & Materials, Campbell-Huitt Insurance, Gary Krenke 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.

Thank you to our live auction underwriters, **BayCel Federal Credit Union, James and Helen McCAda, 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.

REMEMBER! The Lower Colorado Chapter meets every first Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Watch for location in the Bay City Tribune or in your monthly email announcement. Come early and share a meal with us. Chapter members get involved with your chapter. Come to meetings and bring a friend. For information, email me at *jkubecka@yahoo.com*. As always, keep those lines wet. —**John Kubecka** Secretary



Being congratulated by the board is Duane Kuhl, winner of the Matagorda Bays boat. Will Duane take them all fishing?

Lower Laguna Madre
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Mainland
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We had our 5th Annual CCA Mainland Chapter Kid Fish Tournament August 24. It was hosted for the 5th year in a row by **Harborwalk Marina**. We had 100 Kids sign up for the event and the fishing was great with a total of 273 fish caught and entered. The Longest Trout went to **Garin Blackmon**, the Longest Hardhead **Danielle Melota**, Longest Croaker **Wyatt Skillman**, Longest Fish **Aiden Garcia**, Shortest Fish **Grant Wilkinson**, and the Most Fish, **Nathan Richards**. We thank **Harborwalk Marina** for the use of their facility and for the parents and guardians who brought the kids out for a few hours of fishing.

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 re-stocking programs. Thank you Bryan, for a great evening. 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 Hillje Smokehouse**), Koozies (sponsored by **Polasek Construction** and **R&M Forge and Fittings**), and tumblers (sponsored by **H&H Oilfield Consultants** and **Energy Construction**).

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 Service**, **Full Auto Firearms**, 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**, **Bouligny & 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 23 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.**

A sincere thank you to our all of our Sponsors along with long-time supporters, **Q.C.E. Supply, Inc.**, **Gulf Coast Lease**, **El Campo Sheet Metal**, **B&S Services**, **Quality Hot Mix**, **CMF Con-**



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

struction, **Cedar Creek Woodshop**, **Eichorn, Gonzales & Miller**, **First State Bank of Louise**, **Del Papa Distributing**, **Sam Caldwell**, **Wiese Crop Insurance**, **Academy Outdoors**, and **Multi-Fab Metals**. Also, a big thank you to all of our directors whose hard work and dedication to our Chapter make this event a huge success every year. Matagorda Bay CCA would like to thank everyone for making our small town event one of the largest fund raisers in the State of Texas for CCA. —**Linc Lutrick**

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**

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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 the very first event in the brand new Orange County Convention and Expo Center and the help from Banquet Sponsor **Granger Chevrolet/ Automart**, **Redfish Sponsors**, **Vincent Recycling**, **Stout Builders**, and **Rodney Townsend Atty. at Law**, along with 34 Speck Table Sponsors, we packed the house doubling the size of last year's crowd.

All who attended where treated to an awesome rib-eye dinner prepared by **Mike LeMione & 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

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 Ohmsted**, 713-626-4222 or ellen@ccatexas.org

A slate of officers was presented and elected at a recent meeting: VP-**Mike Sharp**, VP-**Donnie Klesel**, Treasurer-**Ann Brownlee**, Sec-**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. So, 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
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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.

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
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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 210 Dargel Skout powered by 150 HP Evinrude ETEC and sits on a Custom Aluminum Trailer**. The boat is complete with Custom Aluminum, Power Pole, Raised Platform, Deluxe Leaning Post, Two Tone Custom Gel Coat Color and Much More. Tickets can be purchased by contacting **Louis Zimmerer** at (956) 373-0799 or **John Blaha** at (800) 626-4222. Special thanks go



The RGV 2014 Dargel event boat.

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**, **Ancelet'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

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At Anheuser-Busch, focusing on environmental sustainability is a key issue. The company operates efficiently to reduce water and energy use and increase recycling in its facilities across the country. As part of this commitment to con-

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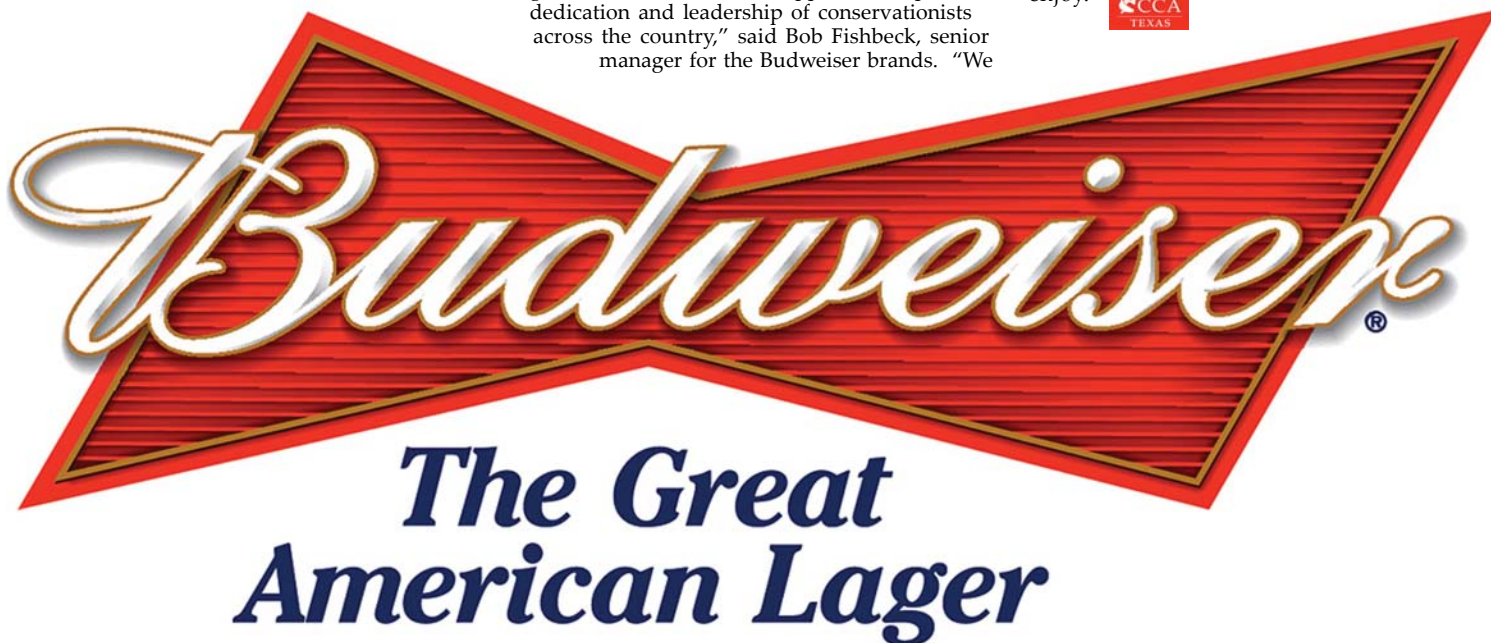
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Throughout the years, the Budweiser Outdoors Program has supported numerous conservation organizations.

"Budweiser has become an important supporter of CCA, and we're proud to be among their many conservationist partners," said Robby Byers, executive director of CCA Texas. "Our programs aim to conserve, protect and enhance our coasts for everyone to enjoy."



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. —

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San Antonio

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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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The Trinity Bay crew with awards.

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TAMU

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.

We would like to recognize our generous sponsors who helped us produce a memorable night in conservation: **Platinum Sponsors; Sunbelt Valve Services, Fisher Mechanical and Insultherm Inc. Title Sponsors; Chastang Ford and Future Fasteners. Table Sponsors; AAA Chemicals, Academy Sports & Outdoors, Armstrong McCall of Baytown, Capital Farm Bureau, Bealine Tidal Tank, CDM Resource / Zephyr Gas Services, Clean Harbors, Coastline Marine, Delta Companies Group, Fasco Fasteners, Furmanite, Gene's Powersports, Intergulf Corp., Kace Industrial Services, Lubrizol, L&M Fiberglass, Momenite Chemical, Nezat Specialty Services, NOV Tuboscope, Professional Mowing and Maintenance, Sprint Waste Services and the Response Group. Koozie Sponsor; Chastang Ford. Cup Sponsor; L&M Fiberglass.**

Hope to see everyone again in 2014!
— **Gerald "Get er Done" Payne**

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

Want to share even more of your Great photos?

Currents had many fine images submitted again this issue. Limited space means we can use only a few photos, but there is a good option for your Great Photo: send it to CCA via our new social media. See Page 7 for connections to Facebook and Instagram. *Every entry there will also be an entry in the Currents Great Photos Competition.*

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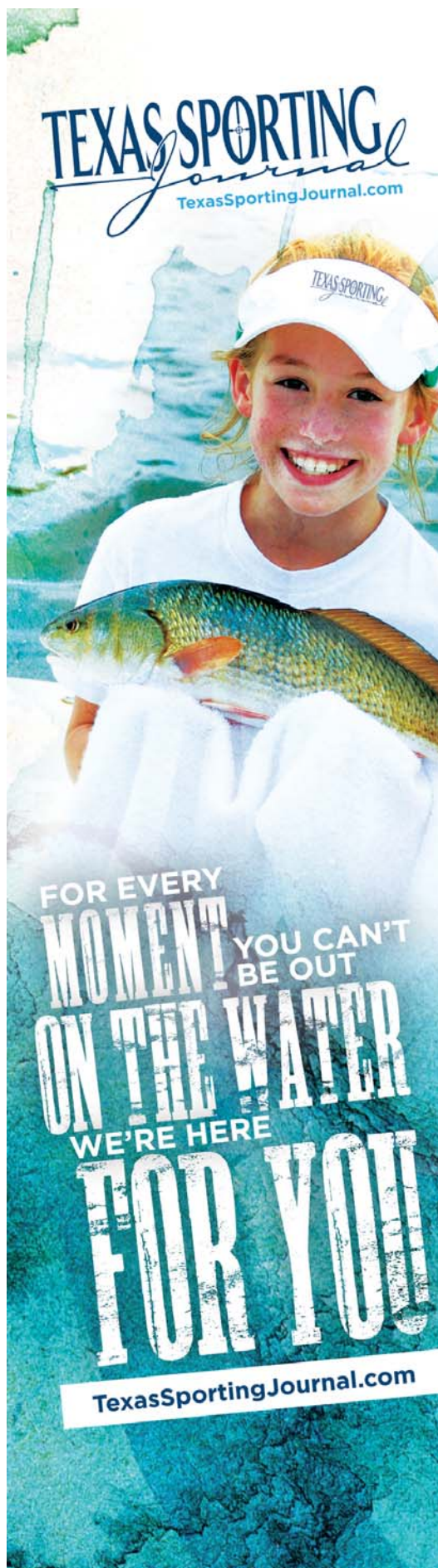
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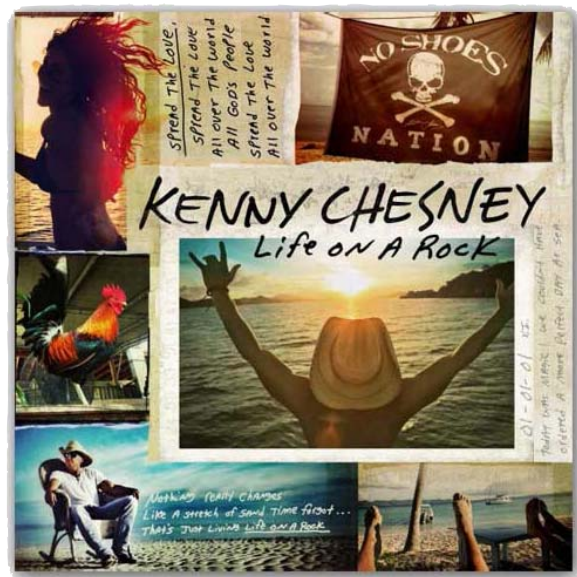




Teamwork: Brady and Connor working on a good fish.
Great Humor/Action photo by Dad Brian Prukop.

The Last Laugh

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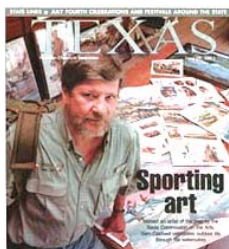
When Kenny Chesney decided to get personal, he stripped away expectations, pulled out a bunch of songs he'd written just for himself and kicked back for a soul-search that turned into *Life On A Rock*, available now on iTunes.



Detail from *Three Oils*

You can watch the painting of "The Grab" and three other paintings grow—from sketches to finish, in a video made as the art progressed.

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