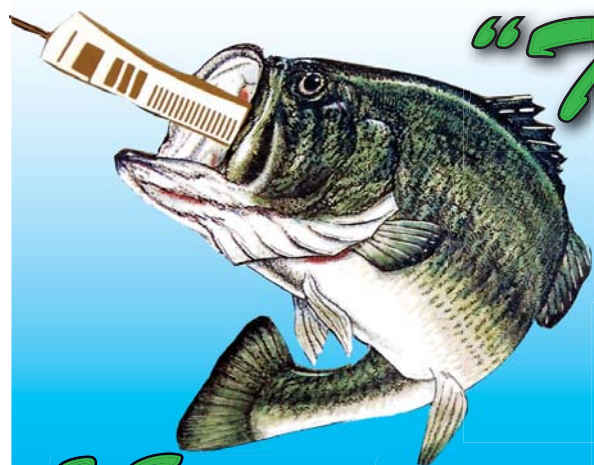


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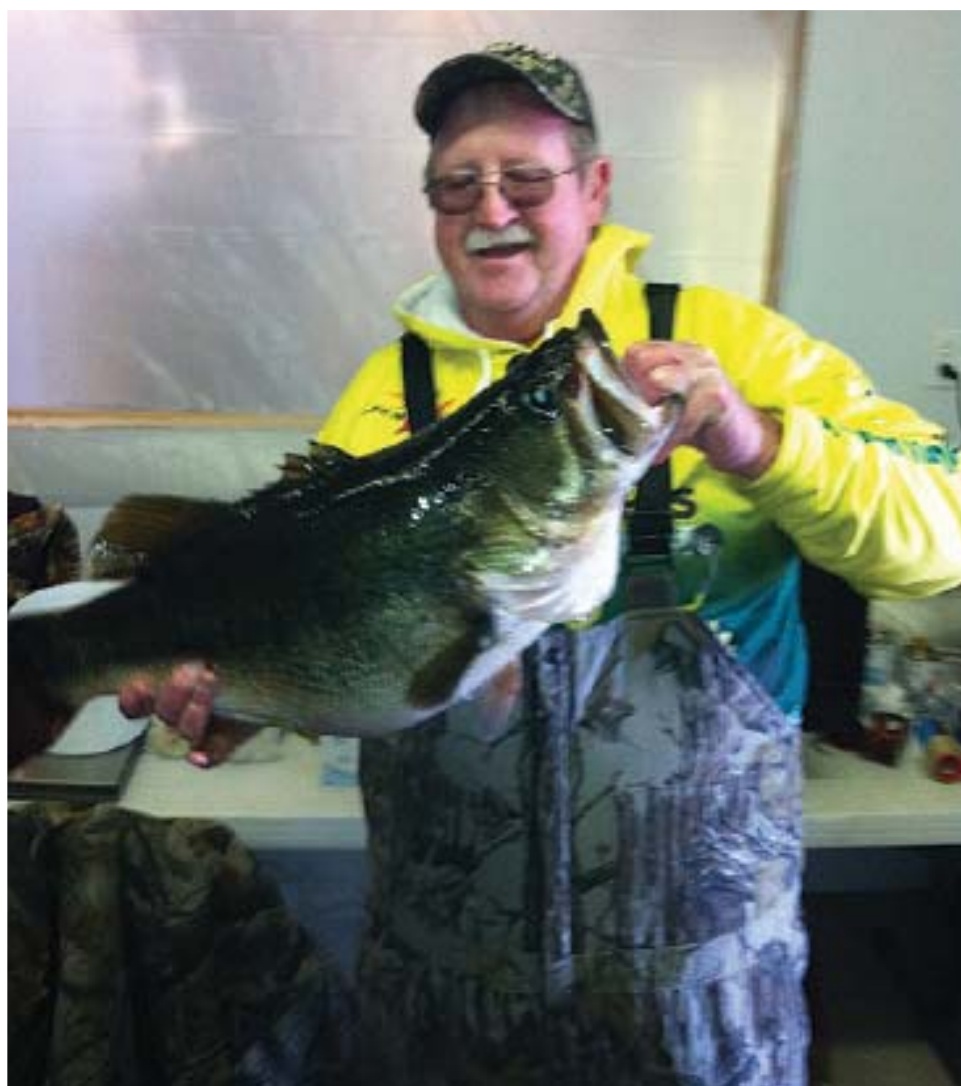
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Gary Sims from Gunter, Texas was fishing for crappie on Lake Fork with his buddy John Holland from Heath, Texas using a Rockytop tube jig when he caught ShareLunker #538 weighing 15.02-lbs. (Fisherman's Guide Photo by Don Hampton)

### Lake Fork Produces ShareLunker #538

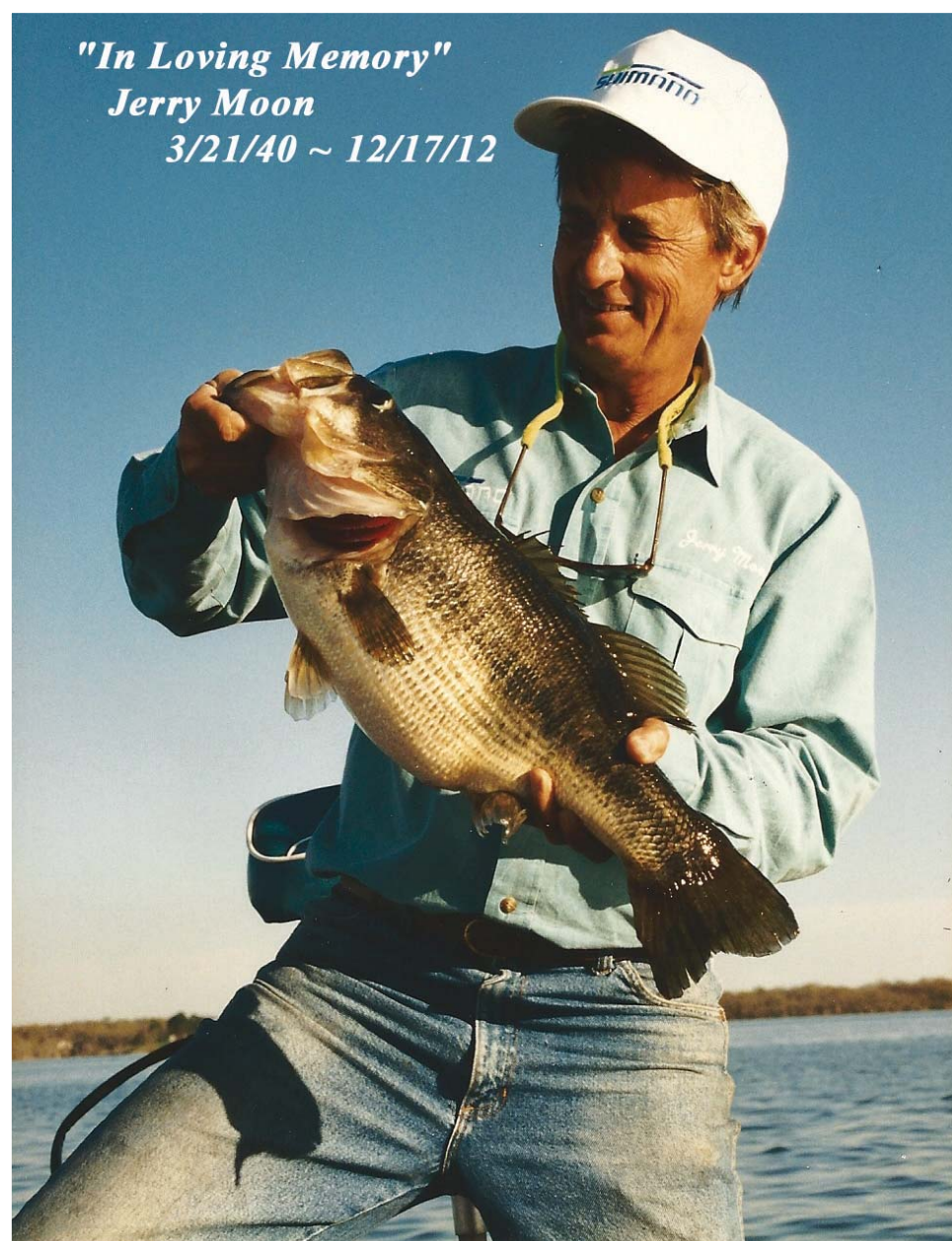
Gary Sims of Gunter, Texas, caught Toyota ShareLunker 538 from Lake Fork December 12th crappie fishing with his buddy John Holland from Heath, Texas. This lunker was caught on a Rockytop tube jig and weighed 15.02 pounds and was

held for pickup at Oak Ridge Marina, an official Toyota ShareLunker weigh and holding station.

Examination revealed the fish was caught previously on March 13, 2011, by Ed Carter of Broken Bow, Oklahoma. At that time the fish

weighed 14.25 pounds and was 22.25 inches in girth and 25 inches long and was Toyota ShareLunker 518. The fish is now 22 inches in girth and 25.25 inches long.

Sims was fishing for (See Lake Fork Produces... Continued on Page 7-A)



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### The Loss of One of Lake Fork's Own

By Don Hampton

On December 17, 2012 with the passing of Jerry Moon, the fishing industry lost not only an icon but also a pioneer in the live release of bass in competitive tournaments, conserva-

tion and restocking.

Jerry was instrumental in the first designs of 'Live Release Boats' partnered with Toyo Shimano, Tom Brooke and Princecraft Boats in Canada. Before becoming fully dedicated to the healthy release

of bass in competitive tournaments he was a Canadian pro circuit angler partnered with Mack Teegarten from Pennsylvania and occasionally with Tom Brooke from Shimano, (See The Loss....

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# Bubba's New Year Resolution Includes His Nice or Naughty List For Christmas 2013

By: Don J. Hampton

Twas the season, and as far as Bubba is concerned it's "Tis the season," still. While everyone else is making a list of New Year's resolutions, Bubba is making out his Christmas shopping list for December, 2013. While a resolution for the New Year is made to improve one's character or habits, Bubba's list is going to make better shoppers next year out of his family and friends.

Just like Santa, he has a list and he is checking it twice to see exactly who shopped naughty or nice for him. For those that bought Bubba "Fishing Stuff" their names are going on the nice list. This will be very beneficial for these individuals because he'll shop for them very meticulously and with much thought and care. I would believe his motives for this are truly self-serving.

His two favorites and on the top of his 2013 nice list are Bubbette and Bubba, Jr. They know him real well and know about the list he makes after Christmas each year. They always know just the right items to buy him. It also makes shopping for him real easy. Each year they buy him gift certificates so he can go buy his own "Fishing Stuff". Bubba keeps their names on the top of his list.

For those individuals that gave Bubba a present that didn't include "Fishing Stuff" and bought him items that just cannot or will not fit into his way of life or thinking, well, they will find their name on his naughty list.

I quoted the old cliché to Bubba, "It's not the gift

that counts but the thought!" Of course he quoted me back one of his own, "Well, they should have put a little more thought into these," he said holding up a paisley tie and a potted plant. On those two presents I had to agree with him.

I've known him longer than anyone and I haven't seen him in a tie for at least 30 years. I've gone to weddings, graduations, funerals, baptisms, and even a couple of bar mitzvahs with him and he has never worn a tie. He cleans up pretty nicely but you can't force him to wear a tie. He has even informed me that when the good Lord takes him he will not be wearing a tie. I'd say he feels pretty strongly about a tie.

Bubba is the type that wouldn't say anything to the person that gave a present to him and he wouldn't even try to take something back to a store but he always seems to find a good use for everything. So don't be surprised or laugh when you see his boat tied up to a stump on Lake Fork with a paisley tie, unless you're the one on his naughty list.

When it came to the potted plant, this really spurred my curiosity. Whoever gave Bubba this surely didn't know about his naughty list. I even had the pleasure of watching him open this one. What really surprised me at first was how many times he checked the name card. I asked him later why he kept checking the name card and he explained, "The first three times I was just making sure it wasn't meant for Bubbette and the fourth time I wanted to make sure I remembered who

sent that to me!" I'm going shopping with Bubba next year just to see what that individual is going to get. Knowing Bubba the way I do it will probably be purchased at a gas station.

I did ask Bubba what his plans were for the potted plant just because I have one of those inquiring minds and you know how that goes. He had two options he was going to go with. First he was going to see if Bubbette wanted it, but since she doesn't really have a green thumb either I expect it will go to Bubba's second option. He's going to put some earthworms in it, keep the soil moist, put some coffee grounds in it occasionally so the worms will reproduce. That way he'll have plenty of bait for bream fishing in the summer.

If he does do the latter though, wouldn't that mean that person should be transferred to the nice list because technically it is now "Fishing Stuff". If that is the case and he uses the tie the way he plans to, shouldn't that person's name be transferred to the nice list. Oh well, I guess it really is the thought that counts.



Earl Tupper, of Tupperware fame, is believed to have gotten the design for Tupperware's liquidproof, airtight lids by duplicating the lid of a paint can.

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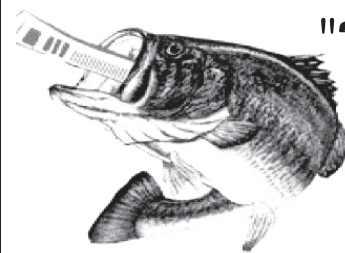
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## The Loss of One of Lake Fork's Own (Continued from Page 1-A)

Canada. With the stepping in of PETA and the short growing season for smallmouth bass in Canada, an answer had to be found and Jerry was a key factor in the resolution of both problems.

The first 'Live Release' boats were designed on Princecraft V-hull boats. It was then discovered a larger boat was required for this and a pontoon boat was required for the excess weight of the tanks, water, aeration and equipment that was required.

Jerry drove and worked the 'Live Release Boats' from coast to coast. Not only returning healthy bass caught in tournaments back into their native waters to be caught again another day but also participating and assisting in restocking programs from Lake Mead, Lake Havasu plus other lakes and reservoirs across the nation. One of the 'Live Release Boats' was donated to BASS and several other boats were built and sent to the United States to help in the preservation of bass.

In 1988 Jerry was a key factor in translating competitive fishing into a marketing value when he became the Shimano Representative for Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana along with his other responsibilities as a rep for Lowrance and return sales with Skeeter. "To think, Jerry did all of this without a computer, just a big cheap tablet," said his wife Terri Moon.

Tom Brooke, now retired from Shimano but head

of Canadian Fish & Game said, "Shimano is still reaping the benefits of all the hard work Jerry did in his field!"

In 2001 Jerry donated the tanks that are now on the Lake Fork Sportsman's Association Live Release Boat. His only request to me when he donated the tanks was that his name would not be associated with it but the Shimano logo should always be on the lids, because they made it possible. With every bass saved on Lake Fork Jerry will be remembered.

Some men are not so much remembered by their names but more so by their deeds and accomplishments. Jerry Moon did this. I'm so proud to say I was his friend and myself and many others will miss him dearly. My condolences and prayers go out to his wife Terri and to all of the family and friends.

### PUBLISHER'S NOTE

**Jerry passed away on December 17th. On December 18th a disreputable individual broke into Terri Moon's boat and stole everything in it. The list consisted of 40 Shimano Sahara 500 and Sedona 500 reels on 5' and 5.5' Com-**

**pre rods, a Lowrance HDS-10 and a Lowrance HDS-7, plus all of her tackle. If someone tries to sell you any of these items, please contact me at: 903-360-6994, a reward is posted. Terri is most concerned about her electronics. The information in the machines is vital towards her way of making a living. If you bought these units, your money will be reimbursed with no questions asked. Anyone wishing to make donations you can contact Ken or Dana at Lake Fork Marina or you can drop it off or send it to Wood County National Bank, 1947 FM 2946, Emory, TX., 75440 and it is listed under "Terri Moon Benefit Account".**



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Twelve chapters of the Texas Master Naturalist program are conducting 2013 winter/spring training classes for volunteers wanting to learn about natural resource and conservation management.

With 44 chapters located across the state, the Texas Master Naturalist program aims to develop a corps of well-informed citizen volunteers who educate their communities about the management of natural resources. The main qualification needed to become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist is an interest in learning and playing an active part in conservation.

Volunteers will receive a minimum of 40 hours training from educators and specialists associated with universities, natural resource agencies, nature centers and museums. Training topics include interpretation and management of natural resources, ecological concepts, eco-regions in Texas and natural systems management. Volunteers are expected to give 40 hours of service a year in community education, demonstration and habitat enhancement projects. They are also expected to pursue a minimum of eight hours of advance training in areas of personal interest.

Enrollment is limited in most chapters and some registration deadlines are fast approaching so contact a chapter near you to see if seating is still available. Chapters offering volunteer training this winter and spring are listed below with con-

tact information.

--Bastrop--Lost Pines Chapter. Classes begin early spring and will meet at various locations in Bastrop and Caldwell counties, including Bluebonnet Electric Co-op Headquarters, Bastrop State Park, Lockhart State Park and Red Rock Community Center. Registration materials are currently posted online with applications due Jan. 16. Class will be limited to 32 participants. Classes will be Mondays from 6:30 p.m. till 9:30PM, with five Saturday morning field trips. For information, contact Louise Ridlon, flridlon@hotmail.com, 512 985-5064 (home), 909 262-3429 (cell). Chapter website: <http://lostpinesmasternaturalist.org>.

--Belton--Central Texas and Heart of Texas Chapters. Registration deadline is March 15. Registration form can be found on the website. Orientation will be March 26 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Bell County Extension Office, 1605 N. Main, Belton. Classes begin April 6 and continued to June 8. No class limit. For information, contact Mary Ann Everett, 254-773-9576, everett.maryann4@gmail.com or Zoe Rascoe, 254-913-1013, trascoe@hotmail.com. Websites: <http://txmn.org/centraltexas/join-ctmn/> and <http://txmn.org/heartoftexas/>

--Dallas--North Texas Chapter. Classes will be each Tuesday Feb. 12-April 30. Registration deadline is Jan. 25, 2013 with class size limited to 40. For information, contact Linda Ford, education@

ntmn.org, 214-343-0720. Chapter website: <http://www.ntmn.org>. Go to their website and click on "How to Join" on the left. The chapter will host an open house to answer questions and to give information on opportunities, requirements, field trips, and projects on from 7-8:30 p.m. on Jan. 15 at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Office, 10056 Marsh Lane Suite B-101, Dallas, Texas 75229-6071.

--Galveston Bay area--Galveston Bay Area Chapter. Classes meet from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays Feb. 28-May 16 and each Thursday from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at different locations. Classes consist of morning lecture and afternoon sessions in the field and will focus on the birds, plants, fish, oysters, marshes, beaches and prairies of the Galveston Bay area. Participants trawl the bay, bird at Audubon's Bolivar Peninsula preserves, explore the Armand Bayou prairie and seine in the Gulf of Mexico. Class limit 20. To receive an application packet contact Julie Massey, Texas Cooperative Extension, Galveston County at 281-309-5063, or [jmassey@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jmassey@ag.tamu.edu). The program cost of \$140 includes all materials and fees. Chapter website: <http://www.gbamasternaturalist.org>.

--Houston--Gulf Coast Chapter. Classes meet

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# New Year Bassin on the Fork

By John Tanner

Happy New Year from Lake Fork! Wow another year has come and gone already. The older I get, seems like the faster the years pass. I am so thankful to God for the blessings of last year and really looking forward to the 2013 season.

January is a turning point for the fishing patterns for us as bass anglers. This time of year bass will begin to move up as they head to the pre-spawn areas. The male fish will usually show up first and then the big females will start showing themselves later in the month and into early February.

I like to fish grass beds this time of year on points and flats. I also flip trees and lay down logs along creek channels leading into early spawning areas. For the grass bed fishing one of my favorite ways

is to run lipless crankbaits along the outer edges of the weed lines. Points and cuts are usually great ambush points for bass and definitely high percentage areas to key in on. You can also fish a jig on the grass edges. Stumps along the outer edges are another great ambush point for a big ole mama bass that is heading to the shallows to get a little sun.

The Sebile Flatt Shad in the Matte Orange/Yellow Crawdad is a super choice while cranking the grass for Lake Fork Hawgs. For the jig I like to go with the ole trusty Stanley Jig in 3/8 or half ounce in black and blue or black brown and amber color. For the jig trailer definitely go with the Berkley Chigger Craw. The Stanley Jig and Chigger Craw are a deadly combination!

You can still catch some deep fish in January. But it seems like once the days start getting longer and January starts rolling along, more and more fish start moving up. Keep in mind the weather as well. On the shallow fish in January the best bite can be in the afternoon especially if the nights have been cold. If the weather has been warm and not cooling down too bad at night, you can catch them in the mornings as well. At any rate, January is a good time to catch a huge fish.

So what is your new year's resolution going to be? I'm hoping mine involves about a 14 pounder



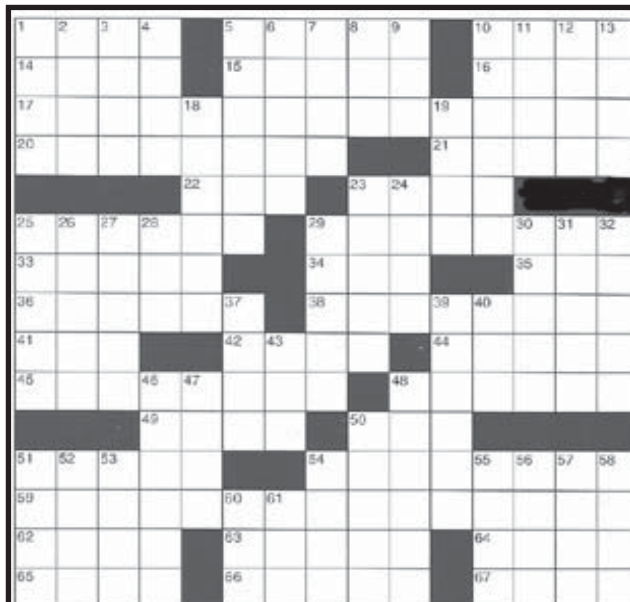
on a lipless crankbait or a jig. Come on down to Lake Fork if your resolution is to try to catch the biggest bass of your life in 2013. They are out there swimming around waiting on you!

Thank you for reading this article. I hope it will help you catch more and bigger fish this month. If you would like to book a guide trip on Lake Fork with us this month, call me at 903-569-7451 or drop me a line at jtanner811@gmail.com. For more booking info go to [www.lakeforkbassguide.com](http://www.lakeforkbassguide.com).

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I have a 2013 Ranger 521 rigged with a Mercury 250 Pro XS available at a huge discount. This boat has all the bells and whistles and (See New Year Bassin...

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## CLUES ACROSS

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Wet nurse  | 36. Girls                           |
| 5. Vocal musics   | 38. Cyclical                        |
| 10. Carangid  | 41. Small integer                   |
| 14. El _____, Texas town  | 42. Primates                        |
| 15. Misconception   | 44. Clan chief                      |
| 16. Enclosure   | 45. Man                             |
| 17. Tevye's fantasy   | 48. _____ fatal, French fatal women |
| 20. Mental health   | 49. Away from wind                  |
| 21. Lift  | 50. Ganoid                          |
| 22. Hymenopteran  | 51. Capital of Guam                 |
| 23. Gusto (Italian)   | 54. Aviator                         |
| 25. Write   | 59. Sondheim hit song               |
| 29. Maintain  | 62. _____ Capshaw, actress          |
| 33. Island consisting of a circular coral reef surrounding a lagoon | 63. Spite                           |
| 34. Cereal grain  | 64. Queen of Sparta                 |
| 35. Compass point that is midway between north and northeast        | 65. Tube                            |
|   | 66. Minors                          |
|   | 67. Sense experience                |

## CLUES DOWN

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|------------------------------|--|
| 1. Arthropod genus           | 30. Asian nation                       |
| 2. Matakam                   | 31. Devoid of ideas or intelligence    |
| 3. Month                     | 32. Mammal genus                       |
| 4. _____ Mandel, TV comedian | 37. Ingest                             |
| 5. Calm                      | 39. Anagram of rleot                   |
| 6. Be situated               | 40. Resistance unit                    |
| 7. Bird genus                | 43. Edgar Allan _____, poet            |
| 8. Hill (Celtic)             | 46. Cycle                              |
| 9. California think tank     | 47. Jai _____, sport                   |
| 10. Make better              | 48. Dressings                          |
| 11. Women's undergarment     | 50. Long necked birds                  |
| 12. Turkish leader title     | 51. Transmits thoughts                 |
| 13. Harm                     | 52. Ancient German                     |
| 18. Change                   | 53. Wager                              |
| 19. A la mode                | 54. Whale ship captain                 |
| 23. Hillsides                | 55. _____ contendere, plead no contest |
| 24. Island north of Guam     | 56. Frightened                         |
| 25. Getas                    | 57. Ruin                               |
| 26. Organ                    | 58. Tyrant                             |
| 27. Social classes           | 60. Take hold of                       |
| 28. Bad                      | 61. Don't know when yet                |
| 29. Assistant                |  |

*Answers on Page 21-A*



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## Lake Fork Produces ShareLunker #538

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crappie with a double jig in 30 feet of water near the dam when the big bass bit. "She made several long runs, and at first I thought it was a catfish, because we had already caught several," Sims said. "Finally she came up and I lipped her."

Lake Fork has now produced 250 of the 538 entries into the ShareLunker program.

Genetic information on file shows the fish is an intergrade, or a cross between pure Florida largemouth and northern largemouth bass. Pure Floridas are held for spawning, while intergrades are returned to the lake as soon as possible. Fish caught on or after April 15 will

be recorded and entered into the program but will not be transported to Athens for spawning. Experience shows that fish caught late in the season typically do not spawn in time for the offspring to be stocked before water temperatures rise beyond the optimum level for survival of the fingerlings.

Anyone legally catching a 13-pound or bigger largemouth bass from Texas waters, public or private, between October 1 and April 30 may submit the fish to the Toyota ShareLunker program by calling the ShareLunker hotline at (903) 681-0550 or paging (888) 784-0600 and leaving a phone number

including area code. Fish will be picked up by TPWD personnel within 12 hours.

ShareLunker entries are used in a selective breeding program at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) in Athens. Some of the offspring from these fish are stocked back into the water body from which they were caught. Other ShareLunker offspring are stocked in public waters around the state in an attempt to increase the overall size and growth rate of largemouth bass in Texas.

Anglers entering fish into the Toyota ShareLunker program receive a free replica of their fish, a certificate

and ShareLunker clothing and are recognized at a banquet at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. All fish accepted into the program become official entries whether spawned or not, and anglers still receive all program prizes.

The person who catches the season's largest entry will be named Angler of the Year and will receive a prize package from G. Loomis. If a Texas angler catches the largest entry of the season, that person also receives a lifetime fishing license.

For complete information and rules of the ShareLunker program, tips on caring for big bass, a list of official

Toyota ShareLunker weigh and holding stations and a recap of last year's season, see <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/sharelunker>. The site also includes a searchable database of all fish entered into the program along with pictures where available.

Information on current catches, including short videos of interviews with anglers when available, is posted on [www.facebook.com/sharelunkerprogram](http://www.facebook.com/sharelunkerprogram).

The Toyota ShareLunker Program is made possible by a grant to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation from Gulf States Toyota. Toyota is a long-time supporter of the

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# "The Moon Report" January Crappie on the Fork

By Terri Moon

Once again I say it's hard to believe the year is over. Another awesome year of fishing we've had here on Lake Fork. We really lucked out weather wise in December for the most part with a few 60-70 degree days and then on Christmas day look what happened... we were hit with all that snow!

I know January will bring cooler weather with not as many fishable days. So, it's time to check out all the boat and tackle shows in your area.

The growth of the crappie fishing industry over the past few years is just amazing! The tackle, the electronics and even the boats are finally putting the crappie fishermen in mind.

Just a few years ago almost all of us were in 14 to 16 foot boats. Most without any type of electronics, some didn't even have trolling motors. Now we are in longer, wider, deeper, safer, made for rough water boats. Even the salt-water center console boats are



making their way into the crappie market. In these boats, the larger live wells and the open floor plans, the latest in electronics and trolling motors, are all becoming a part of the crappie fishing world.

Probably the fastest growing change I've seen is the amount of "Four Stroke" motors showing up among us crappie fishermen. Aren't they awesome? My Yamaha 115 "Four Stroke" has made a huge difference in my fishing (because of all the money I save in gas, it practically pays for itself), and they are so quiet. If you're thinking about a change, be sure and check out the Yamaha "Four Strokes" at your local boat and tackle show. Also while you're there, look at the boats that are available and give the dealers suggestions that would make their boat a "bet-

ter" crappie fishing rig.

Next while you're there, when it comes to electronics there's only one word "Lowrance." Be sure and check them out.

With the way the temperatures have been on Fork recently, the crappie are starting to bunch up. We have been catching them in 15 to 35 feet of water

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--Paris--Red River Chapter. This chapter will conduct training in the spring providing they have enough trainees. They usually have recruitment meetings in Paris and Clarksville in February, but dates not yet determined. Class dates and times will be posted on the chapter website, <http://txmn.org/redriver/>

--Round Top--Gideon Lincecum Chapter. Classes meet Jan. 28-April 29 at the Winedale Historical Complex near Round Top. Classes are limited to 25 and will meet from 6-9 p.m. Mondays. There will be a few Saturday field trips. For information, contact Judith Deaton, [judithdeaton@gmail.com](mailto:judithdeaton@gmail.com). Chapter website: <http://www.txmn.org/glc>

--San Antonio--Alamo Area Chapter. Classes will be held at 3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208, San Antonio on 5-9 p.m. on Thursdays from Feb. 21-April 25. There will be four morning field trips. Application deadline is Feb. 3. Class limited to

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--San Marcos--Hays County Chapter. Classes Feb. 5-Oct. 15. Training will take place in San Marcos, Wimberley and Dripping Springs. Applications due Jan. 8. Class limit 30. Classes usually meet Tuesday evenings with two Saturday morning classes, plus three optional Saturday field trips. For information contact Bari Conley at Hays County AgriLife Extension, [hays-tx@tamu.edu](mailto:hays-tx@tamu.edu), 512-393-2120. Chapter website: <http://hay-smn.org>

--Wichita Falls--Rolling Plains Chapter. Classes March 19-May 4. Registration due by March 12. Classes will meet Tuesday and Thursday nights with Saturday field trips. For information contact Robert Mauk, 940-766-2383, [Robert.mauk@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:Robert.mauk@tpwd.state.tx.us). Guests are welcome to attend the chapter's monthly meetings at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at River Bend Nature Center, 2200 Third Street, Wichita Falls, TX. Chapter website: <http://txmn.org/rollingplains>.

--The Woodlands--Heartwood Chapter. Classes begin March 16. Classes are generally at the Texas Forest Service classroom building on FM 1488, north of The Woodlands, but move around some during the session. There are typically two classes a month, all on Saturdays, through July. Final dates will be announced soon, along with availability of a 2013 registration application. Dues are \$150 for the session. For more information contact Teri MacArthur, [teri.macarthur@mctx.org](mailto:teri.macarthur@mctx.org), 281-364-4225. More information will be posted on the chapter website, <http://www.heartwood-tmn.org> before year's end.

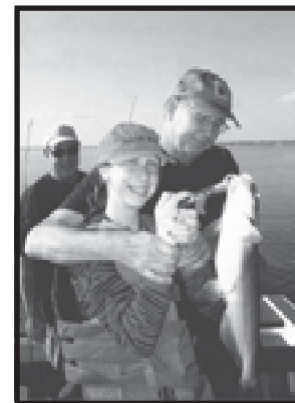
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas AgriLife Extension co-sponsor the Texas Master Naturalist Program. For more information about existing chapters or forming a new chapter contact Michelle Haggerty, Texas Master Naturalist Program Coordinator, at 830-896-2504 or [mhaggerty@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:mhaggerty@ag.tamu.edu). More information about the Texas Master Naturalist program is available at: <http://txmn.org>.



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# Rainbow Trout Coming to Tyler's Nature Center

The East Texas Woods and Waters Foundation (ETWWF) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will host two special fishing events in January 2013. Two thousand rainbow trout will be stocked into The Nature Center pond to provide a free fishing opportunity for area youth and their adult fishing mentors. Event dates are January 5 and 12, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., rain or shine.

Adult mentors should bring all equipment and bait necessary for fishing (see recommended equipment below). A limited amount of fishing equipment (and bait) will be on hand for those who cannot bring their own on a first-come-first-served basis. Adult mentors do not need to be experienced anglers. TPWD staff will be on hand to assist.

"Anglers will have the choice of releasing their catch or keeping up to a limit of five fish per person to take home," said Craig Bonds, East Texas Regional Fisheries Director. "We also have fish-cleaning facilities courtesy of the East Texas Woods and Waters Foundation, and we will offer fish-cleaning demonstrations."

If you are a mom, dad, neighbor, grand-

parent, big brother, big sister, etc., and know kids who want to go fishing, this is a chance to make some great memories and introduce a youngster to the wonderful sport of fishing. Adults who attend these events must bring at least one child and mentor them while fishing. So round up your little fishing buddy and bring them out to The Nature Center for a great time!

--Recommended Equipment: A light-action rod and reel combination (one per child) with small fishing hooks, light line 12 lb. test or less, small bobbers (optional), and small split shot. For bait, bring salmon eggs, whole kernel corn, marshmallows, small worms, or prepared trout bait (Berkley PowerBait Hatchery Formula Chews or similar). Small rooster-tail spinners work well, but we require that you use single hooks only on this bait type. If you intend to keep trout, please bring a stringer or small cooler.

--Special Rules: Fishing will be allowed only on Saturday, January 5, and Saturday, January 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Youth must be supervised at all times by their adult mentors. Parking will be allowed in designated areas only. Only

rainbow trout (five per day) and channel catfish (one per day) may be kept by youth anglers only. No fishing license is required for youth or their adult mentors. Free to all participants. Pre-registration is not required.

--Sponsorship: These special events are made possible by the members of the East Texas Woods and Waters Foundation and staff of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

--Other Activities: The Nature Center in Tyler has a series of outdoor hiking trails that may also be of interest to visitors. We invite you to explore these trails and also enjoy a day of fishing!

--How to Get Here: From ESE Loop 323 in Tyler, go southeast on University Blvd. (Spur 248). Take a right turn on F.M. 848 (Bascom Rd.). Go 0.2 mile and turn right at The Nature Center gate. Please park in main parking area and walk to pond using the concrete trail near the kiosk.

--Got Questions? Contact Mr. Craig Bonds, East Texas Regional Fisheries Director, (903) 566-1615, ext. 202, or Dr. Richard Ott, Fisheries Biologist, (903) 566-2161.



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## TPWD Seeks Input on Possible Coastal Fisheries Regulation Changes

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has scheduled three public scoping meetings in January to gather input about possible regulation changes for 2013-14. The scoping items include incorporation of a rule regarding recreational possession limit, clarification of fish harassment rules, bonus red drum tag requirement changes and new possession rules in state waters for aquatic resources in excess of federal limits.

All meetings will begin at 7 p.m. and are set for:

--Jan. 7 -- Dickinson TPWD Regional Office, 1502 FM 517 East;

--Jan. 9 -- Corpus Christi on the TAMU CC campus, NRC #1003, 6300 Ocean Dr.;

--Jan. 10 -- San Antonio at Bass Pro Shops, 17907 W. IH 10.

During the regulation restructuring process where fishing and hunting regulations were separated into their own chapters, language regarding the definition of recreational possession limit was not carried forward into the Statewide Recreational and Commercial Fishing Proclamations chapter. Though the definition currently is enforceable from the Statewide Hunting Proclamation, this proposal will incorporate the

definition into the Statewide Recreational and Commercial Fishing Proclamation making it clearer. The language to be incorporated reads: The possession limit shall not apply after the wildlife resource has reached the possessor's permanent residence and is finally processed.

TPWD is also looking to clarify language in the regulations regarding fish harassment, which currently states that it is unlawful for any person to use any vessel to harass fish. In an attempt to clarify this definition to make it clearer, the department proposes the following language:

It is unlawful to use any vessel to harry, herd, or drive fish including but not limited to operating any vessel in a repeated circular course, for the purpose of or resulting in the artificial concentration of fish for the purpose of taking or attempting to take fish.

The department is also considering removing the prohibition regarding simultaneous possession of the red drum tag and bonus red drum tag. Currently anglers must obtain these two tags at separate times. In an effort to make it easier for those anglers who wish to harvest more than one oversized red drum (>28 inches), the department proposes eliminating this prohibition.

As TPWD currently only issues about 7,000 bonus red drum tags annually, and oversized red drum makes up only 3 percent of the total harvest, the department expects no negative impact to the population. Anglers would still only be issued one bonus red drum tag annually.

TPWD is also scoping a change making it a state violation for possession in state waters of aquatic resources taken in violation of federal regulations in the Exclusive Economic Zone. Differences currently exist between state and federal regulations. TPWD has maintained an annual agreement with the Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through which TPWD agrees to enforce federal regulations in state waters. The ability to enforce federal regulations will help prevent depletion and waste of aquatic resources.

Public input on these scoping items can also be submitted electronically at [http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/feedback/public\\_comment/scoping/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/feedback/public_comment/scoping/) by email to Jeremy Leitz at [jeremy.leitz@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:jeremy.leitz@tpwd.state.tx.us), or in writing to Jeremy Leitz, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

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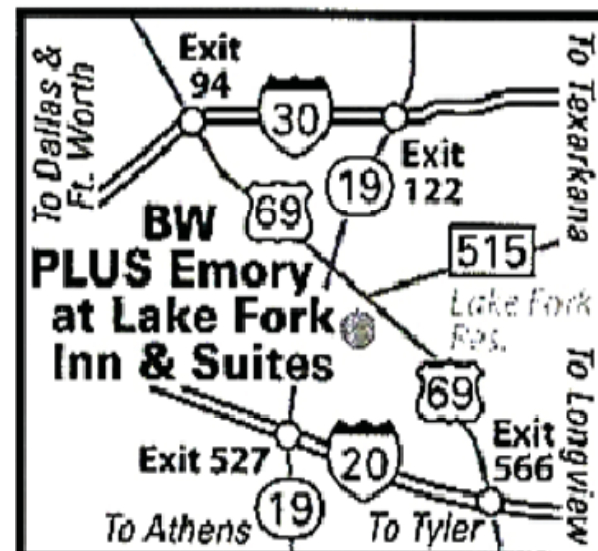


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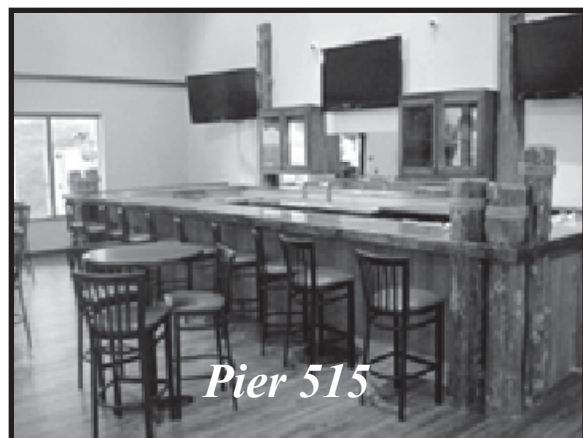
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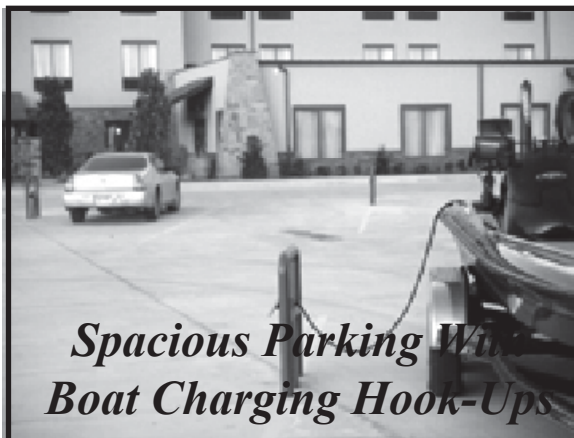
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## Rare tropical bird spotted in Austin

The fork-tailed flycatcher, native to Central and South America, was spotted by birder Shelia Hargis recently near McKinney Falls State Park during Travis County Audubon's annual Christmas Bird Count.

Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist Mark Klym attributes the bird sighting so far North as a product of a confused migration path.

"The fork-tailed flycatcher usually comes from Argentina to Mexico at this time of year," Klym said. "Every once and a while one of them seems to overfly that northbound migration and end up in Texas."

Females are usually around 12 inches and males are larger at around 15 inches long. Though the bird is around a foot long it only weighs about an ounce making it ideal for gliding through thousands of miles of airspace.

Recently it was reported there were two fork-tailed flycatchers in the area, yet upon inspection of the image it was determined to be the flycatcher sitting with one of its relatives, the scissor-tailed flycatcher.

"We have so many people coming from all over Texas and the U.S. to see this bird," said park ranger Amber Conrad. "This bird is relatively small, it's like a little cotton ball with some black string hanging off of it for its head and its tail."

Interest in the bird has brought visitors out in droves to the park with high-powered binoculars and professional video and photography equipment to capture the rare traveler. Groups of photographers seem to resemble the paparazzi as they work to get the perfect shot of the rare birds.

"A lot of people think it's funny, and I do to sometimes, that people have this kind of obsession about seeing birds," said Austin birder Chris Layten. "For me, it's getting the chance to be out and to have a more intimate connection with the natural world."

Layten and other birders flocked to the park and the surrounding area upon hearing of the flycatcher sighting. State birders have only documented 25 sightings of the fork-tailed flycatcher in Texas over the past 150 years, making this discovery sensational to bird enthusiasts across the nation.

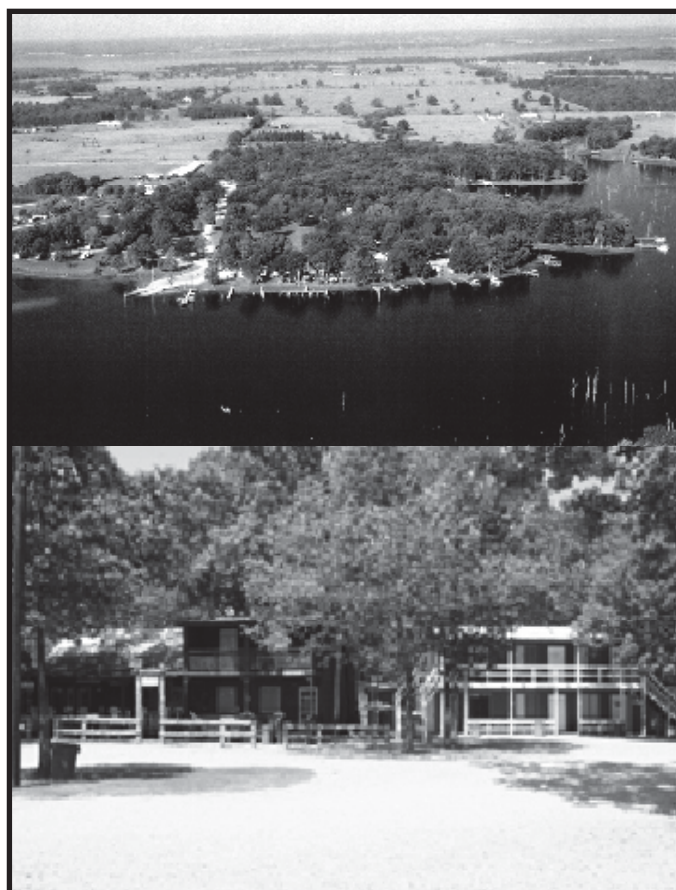


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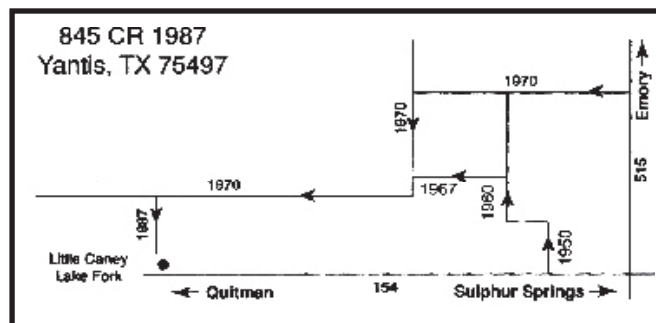


Who said the fish weren't biting? Guide John Tanner got a triple hook-up fishing Lake Fork with an Alabama rig! C.P.R. (Courtesy Photo John Tanner Guide Service)

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Lake Fork guide Justin Musgraves had a great day fishing on 12/21/12 catching this hawg weighing in at 10.44-lbs. Caught in 25' of water on an Alabama rig. (Courtesy Photo Oak Ridge)



Bucky Woy from Irving, TX., caught this hawg weighing 10.02-lbs. fishing Lake Fork with guide Gerald Boudreaux in December. C.P.R. (Courtesy Boudreaux Guide Service)



John Norman was fishing Lake Fork on 12/6/12 with guide JW Peterson when he caught this hawg weighing 11.86-lbs. C.P.R. (Courtesy Photo Oak Ridge Marina)

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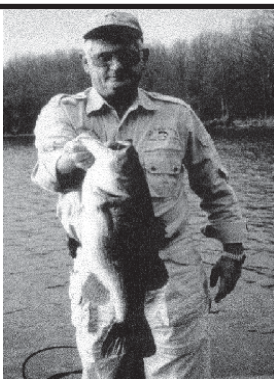
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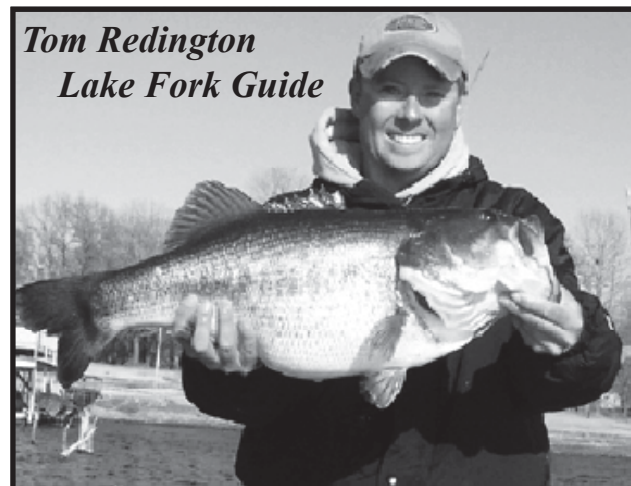
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## "Pack of Knowledge" Resolutions for a Lucky '13

By Tom Redington

Just like doctors & engineers stay abreast of the latest technology and innovations or get left behind, anglers who ignore the latest fishing trends & info are likely to get outfished by their partners. Although fishing is not a vocation for most, who wouldn't have more fun by catching more and bigger fish next year? With the goal of more big fish and a good time on the water, here are a few ideas for the coming year.



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- Go fishing with someone new, like a friend, guide, tournament partner, or family member: Face it. We all get set in our ways and pretty much fish the same way most of the time. Fishing with someone else (especially in their boat on their lake) will likely open your eyes to a number of things you've been missing. Not only will you learn a few new tricks or patterns; in addition, spending a day on the water is a great way to make new friendships or renew friendships with old pals. Other great ways to learn are booking a guide trip or by signing up as a non-boater in a fishing tournament. Nothing helps me learn a new lure or pattern quicker than watching a fishing partner use it to catch a lot of big bass.

- Take a young person fishing: While you might not agree on hairstyles, clothing, or music; you'll both enjoy reeling in fish. And what young folks lack in fishing experience, they make up for in exuberance and curiosity. Watching a kid catch a big fish is exciting for all parties involved and reminds me of when I fell in love with the sport. Plus, a young person's lack of knowledge of the bass fishing "rules" often leads to the discovery of hidden patterns on a fishing trip. Leave it to a newbie to rescue a slow trip with acts of fishing heresy such as topwaters on a sunny day, casting out to the middle of the lake, or pink spinnerbaits.

Taking a relative or neighbor kid is great. Furthermore, youth organizations like the Boy Scouts are always in need of volunteers and fishing from a bass boat with a seasoned angler like you might be a once in a lifetime opportunity for them to get hooked on fishing.

- Try new places: We want to catch bass during our trips, so most of our time is spent fishing our favorite spots on our favorite lakes. While that often fills our livewells, it does little to increase our understanding as anglers and gives us limited options if bass won't bite in the same old honey holes. If you have access to a variety of lakes in your area, go try a new one. You'll be forced to read the conditions and react to the fish on that given day. Although the fishing may be tough at first, nothing is more rewarding than figuring out a pattern and solving the fishing puzzle for that given day. Or if you are on a familiar lake, force yourself to fish new areas. Not only will you learn from figuring out the pattern in the new places, but you'll also have extra honey holes for future fishing trips.

- Experiment with new lures & techniques: Fish become conditioned to lures, especially when you cast the same baits in the same colors and the same sizes to the same spots all the time. Fishing on a daily basis, I see firsthand how quickly

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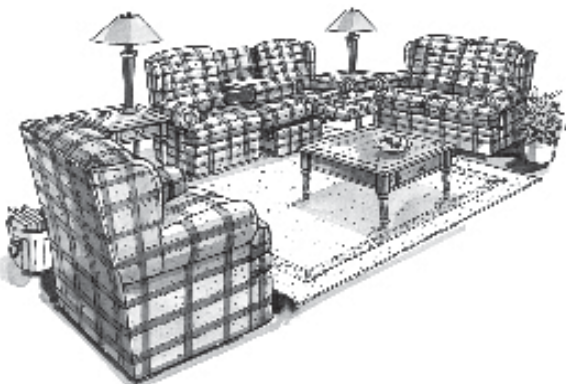


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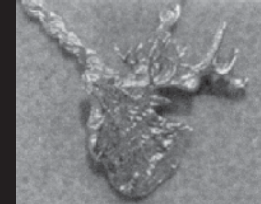
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Until next time, Good Fishing and God Bless!  
John 3:16.

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## "The Moon Report" (Continued from Page 8-A)

down on the main lake points and humps.

Bright colors have been working this month...chartreuse w/ blue tail, red w/blue tail, and powder blue w/red tail.

It's been a year of memories some good and some not very good at all. I'm sure that most of you know that I lost my dear husband, Jerry, on Dec. 17th. Thank you so much for all the kindness and generosity shown to me at this difficult time from not only family and friends but complete strangers. It has been overwhelm-

ing.

If anyone runs across someone out there wanting to sell you some Lowrance Depth Finders, (HDS 7 & HDS 10) my boat was broken into on Dec. 18th and everything was stolen. If I could just get the stored information back from my depth finders, my

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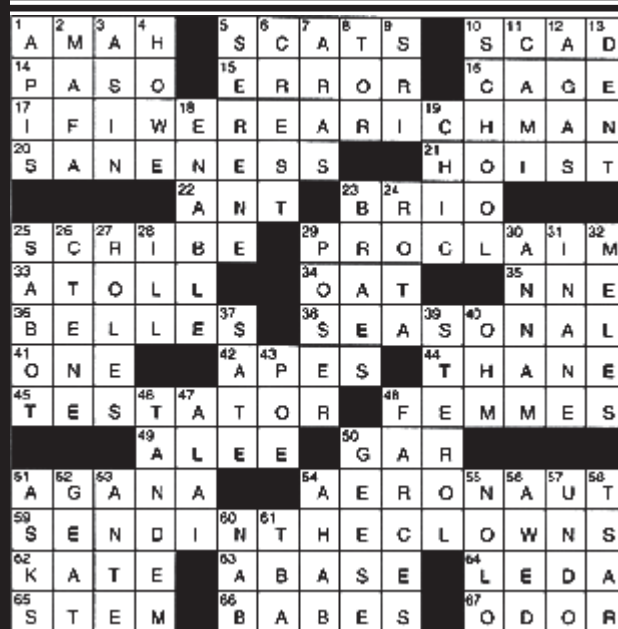
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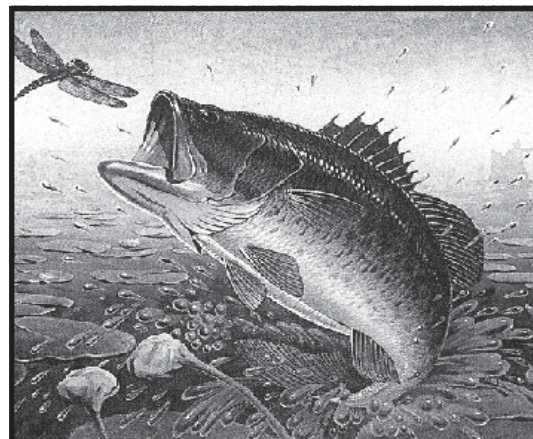
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## "Pack of Knowledge" (Continued from Page 18-A)

fish stop responding to familiar lures and I am constantly searching for that little edge. Often by simply changing your bait slightly or by changing colors, a seemingly dead area will start producing more fish again. Whether I try new colors like Striped Shad or Disco in my favorite Lucky Craft baits; or try innovative new lures like Lake Fork

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• Do some research in the off season: Pro athletes work out all offseason to prepare to win. When conditions are too nasty to fish or if you don't have enough time for a day on the lake, take a few minutes to increase your knowledge of the sport. The tools available now are almost infinite—TV shows, books, magazines, videos, fishing forums, and

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I wish you and your families the very best in 2013. With a little bit of work and good fortune, it'll be your best fishing year ever. Here's hoping you catch the lunker of your dreams. If I can be of assistance, please contact me at 214-683-9572 or e-mail me through my website, [www.LakeFork-GuideTrips.com](http://www.LakeFork-GuideTrips.com).

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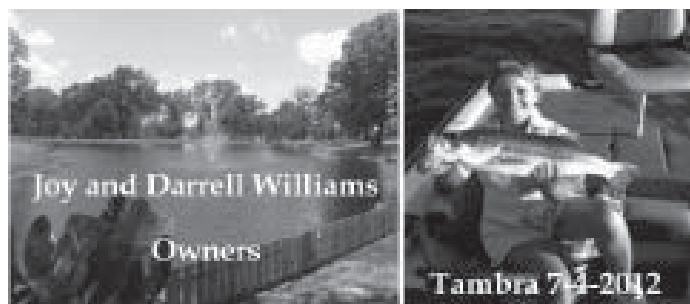
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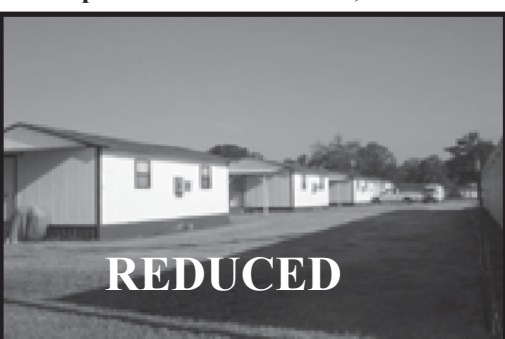
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May 18	Tulsa	Tulsa

Dallas - 1st & 2nd		
Jan 18	Dallas - 1st & 2nd	Dallas
Feb 18	Dallas - 1st & 2nd	Dallas
Mar 18	Dallas - 1st & 2nd	Dallas
Apr 18	Dallas - 1st & 2nd	Dallas
May 18	Dallas - 1st & 2nd	Dallas

Houston		
Jan 18	Houston	Houston
Feb 18	Houston	Houston
Mar 18	Houston	Houston
Apr 18	Houston	Houston
May 18	Houston	Houston

Tulsa		
Jan 18	Tulsa	Tulsa
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