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By Don Bubba Hampton

The dog days of summer are upon us. One hundred plus degree days and no wind can make it tough to fish during daylight hours. If you cannot take the day-time heat, switch to the night shift. For nighttime bassing, planning is the key for successful night trips. Make a check list and go over it before you launch. Forgotten items can ruin your night trips. Be sure to bring flash-lights and sport lights. Make sure your running lights are in working order and don’t forget your bug spray. Be sure to check the weather forecast. Even if you are familiar with Fork, everything looks different in the dark. Plan the areas you intend to fish. Go over them during day-light and plan your route to and from each area. This will make navigation from one area to another a lot easier.

Use big Texas-rigged worms, ten to thirteen inch variety in dark colors, and jigs w/craws in black and blue. Texas-rigged hog craws in black/blue and june-bugs are top night producers. Black spinner baits and buzz baits are good back-ups. When you start hearing a lot of action on the surface it is time to start throwing spinner baits and buzz baits.

Your fishing equipment should be on the heavy side. Reels spooled with twenty to twenty-five pound test mono or fifty pound braided line is the norm. Use heavy action rods and reels. When you hook up with Mrs. Big you need the right equipment to put her in the boat. Some hot night time patterns will be grassy edges and near deep water, major lake points, bridges, and lighted marina areas and piers. Four to fifteen feet will be the best water depth for some good night action.

For those of you who don’t like to or can’t night fish, you are in luck because the day bite can be hot during summer. To prepare for the heat drink plenty of water, apply a good sunscreen, wear sunglasses and light colored clothes. Carolina-rigged drop shot Texas-rigged plastics are hard to beat for catching Fork’s summer bass.

Good day patterns will be main lake points, humps, ridges, roadbeds and grassy areas near deep water. Look for twenty to thirty foot water depths for deep water hang outs. Don’t give up on shallow water areas. Dense hydrilla fields near deep water will produce some big catches during day hours.

With Fork being at normal pool, it can be hazardous to old-timers as well as first time visitors because of the numerous stump fields from one end of the lake to the other. There are a lot of areas that look like they are clear running, but are not. Remember to use caution, especially if you are not in a well-marked boat lane.

If you are planning a trip to Lake Fork and need a guide or just general fishing information or an updated fishing report to make your Fork fishing experience a good one, you can call me at 903-360-6994 (cell) or 903-383-7748 (land line). Don’t expect a quick answer via email: fishnews@lakefork.net.

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Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

--Game Cameras and Facebook: Part 1-- A Comanche County game warden received a call in December from a man who said he found signs that someone was poaching on his property. The warden suggested he put up a game camera and shortly thereafter, the game warden received an email from the landowner showing a clear image captured by the game camera of a man holding a rifle. The landowner posted the image on Facebook asking for information and within an hour had the suspect’s name and address. That night the suspect called the warden and said that it was him in the picture. Case is pending for trespassing with a gun.

--Game Cameras and Facebook: Part 2-- A Jim Wells County game warden received a call from a landowner who had seen an image on a Facebook post of his neighbor posing with a white-tailed buck. The photo showed a blood trail from the deer to a fence and two rifles leaning against that fence. The landowner expressed concern that the neighboring hunters had killed the deer on his property. He also stated that this was an ongoing problem. While interviewing the hunters, they admitted to shooting the deer and stated that the deer had jumped the fence onto their property and taken a few steps before one of them shot it in the neck. They then stated that the buck turned around, jumped back over the fence and died immediately upon landing on the other side. Further investigation and trail camera footage showed that this was not the first time that the hunters had trespassed or harvested a deer on their neighbor’s property. Cases and restitution are pending.

--Keep the Beard-- A Sutton County game warden was checking a deer camp during the special white-tailed deer late season when he discovered a Rio Grande turkey beard in the same cooler as an axis deer that had been killed. When asked whereabouts of the rest of the turkey, one hunter said that it had been hit by a car on the county road and all they took was the beard. After asking if they could show the warden where the turkey was hit, the other hunter in camp said it was in the back pasture. The story quickly fell apart from there and one hunter finally admitted to shooting the turkey the previous day and taking only the beard when he realized the season had closed two weeks prior. The hunter showed the warden where he had shot and dumped the turkey carcass. Cases and civil restitution are pending.

--Improvised Exit Strategy-- A Lamar County game wardens responded to a vehicle accident where a truck jumped the guardrail on Hwy. 271 and plowed more than 50 feet into the Red River. The wardens were able to execute a successful water rescue by tying a rope to the vehicle door and pulling it open with their boat, freeing the motorist. Paris Fire Department and two citizens aided in the rescue. The victim was airlifted to Dallas with lower leg and back injuries plus hypothermia.

--OGT Tip Leads to Gator Snatcher-- A Harris County game warden received an Operation Game Thief tip regarding a man catching and keeping a five foot alligator off the Surfside Jetty in Freeport. After tracking down the suspected gator snatcher and conducting several interviews, the warden recovered the carcass of a five foot alligator from a dumpster as well as a full confession from the fisherman. Charges have been filed and are pending in Brazoria County.

--Swooping in for the Bust-- An Operation Game Thief call in Harris County alerted game wardens of an individual selling a falcon on Craigslist. After several phone conversations, a warden arranged a meeting and purchased the Cooper’s hawk for $200 as another game warden swooped in for the bust. Charges have been filed for the illegal possession and sale of the hawk and a separate investigation of the suspect’s quail raising operation is still underway.

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Keeping It Light

By Sue Hampton

One of America’s favorite warm weather activities is outdoor grilling. While hamburgers and hot dogs are standard fare, why not experiment with seasonal fresh produce? You can create some refreshing light and healthy meals with food that comes right from your garden or a farmer’s market.

Try this light main dish recipe using shrimp and ripe produce?

Thai Shrimp with Watermelon Salsa

A trip to a farmer’s market or your backyard can provide most of the ingredients for this recipe!

Serves: 4
Prep time: 25 minutes
Marinating time: 30 minutes

Way to grill: direct high heat (450 to 550 degrees F)
Grilling time: 3 to 5 minutes

Special equipment: 8 bamboo skewers, soaked in water for at least 30 minutes

Salsa:
2 tablespoons minced shallot
2 teaspoons rice vinegar
1 teaspoon granulated sugar
1-2 tablespoons minced jalapeno chili pepper
2 cups seedless watermelon, cut into ½-inch cubes
1 – 3-inch section cucumber, halved lengthwise, seeded, and thinly sliced into half-moons
1 teaspoon minced fresh mint
⅛ teaspoon kosher salt

Marinade:
⅔ cup lightly packed fresh cilantro leaves and tender stems
⅓ cup lightly packed fresh mint leaves
3 medium garlic cloves
2 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh ginger
2 tablespoons rice vinegar
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 teaspoons granulated sugar
1 teaspoon Thai red curry paste
⅛ teaspoon kosher salt
1-1/4 pounds extra-large shrimp (16/20 count), peeled and deveined, tails left on

1. In a large bowl, mix the shallot, vinegar, sugar and jalapeno. Add the watermelon, cucumber, mint and salt, and toss gently to combine. To fully incorporate the flavors, let the salsa sit at room temperature for 30 to 60 minutes.
2. In a food processor combine the marinade ingredients. Process to create a coarse puree, occasionally scraping down the sides of the bowl to incorporate the ingredients evenly.
3. Transfer the marinade to a medium bowl, add the shrimp, and toss to coat them evenly. Cover the bowl and refrigerate for 30 minutes, turning the shrimp after 15 minutes. Prepare the grill for direct cooking over high heat.
4. Remove the shrimp from the bowl and discard the marinade. Thread the shrimp onto skewers.
5. Grill the skewers from the bowl and disc...

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1. Entry fee is $25.00.
2. Early entries optional (No Discount)
3. All entry fees must be paid before 6 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, 2017.
4. Sign Up: Friday, Aug. 11, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 12,
   5 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. at Fisherman’s One Stop.
5. Tournament is open to any person with a valid Texas fishing license.
   Minors can compete but must have signed release form.
6. All State and Local Laws Apply.
7. No alcohol or drugs allowed during tournament hours.
8. Trailering is allowed.
9. Iced Fish Will Be Allowed.
10. Trolling with big motor is allowed.
11. Each contestant may weigh-in only 5 fish.
12. 10” Minimum Length. Live bait is allowed.
13. No pooling of fish, all persons in boat must be paid entry.
14. Contestants can only fish with as many rods as they can.
15. Contestants must agree to submit to a polygraph.
16. Tournament Director & Committee Decisions Are Final.
17. Mail in entries must be received by July 31, 2017.
18. All fish become property of tournament to be fried.

Entry Application

Entry fee of $25 must accompany mailed entry and must be postmarked on or before July 31, 2017 to Wish To Fish Foundation, 538 PR 5861, Yantis, TX 75497, or you may pay $25 at tournament headquarters before starting time of tournament. $10 extra for Big Sandie (optional). Print clearly. No Checks Accepted at Tournament Sign In.

Name __________________________________________ Email________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

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Having read and understood the tournament rules, by my signature I agree to accept all decisions of the judges as final. By my signature I waive, release and hold harmless all members, officials and sponsors of any and all alleged liabilities to me and/or my equipment.

Contestant Signature _______________________________________________________

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August
August 12 ~ Hook n’ Cook
Sandbass Tournament
Fisherman’s One Stop
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Aug. 13 ~ JC Outdoors Champions.
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