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December 2011

Lake Fork Area News

“The Little Paper With Big Bass Results”

Remember the reason for the season
Merry Christmas to all



Ronny Trevilion, 11, of Cumby shows off a nice bass he caught while fishing Lake Fork with his family. Photo courtesy of Minnow Bucket Marina



Amy Stanley and her Logan's Steakhouse managers showing off a nice mess of catfish caught with guide Stan kuhn.



A group of happy 'first time' quail hunters show off the results of their morning hunt at Hidden Lakes Resort with their Grandfathers. See story on page 8

Quail hunting at Hidden Lakes Resort



There is only one 'first' time for everything. A youngsters first quail hunt is a special event. Photo by Luke Clayton

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3	Fork	17.64	28.00	04/01/89	Stan Moss
4	Fork	17.63	26.25	08/29/90	Jerry New
5	Fork	17.29		02/14/88	Larry Barnes
6	Fork	17.02	25.50	02/26/91	Troy Coates
7	Pinkston Lake	16.90	27.66	02/16/86	Earl Crawford
8	Fork	16.86	25.50	02/08/93	Bryan Turner
9	Sam Rayburn Reservoir	16.80	28.75	05/31/97	Tommy Shelton
10	Mill Creek	16.77		03/01/90	Herchel Brickey
11	Fork	16.75	25.50	03/08/90	Stephen Trepkus
12	Fork	16.63	27.25	02/28/99	Flo O'Brain
13	Fork	16.59	26.00	05/15/87	Guy Witherspoon
14	Fork	16.54	25.00	02/27/91	Bill Reed
15	Fork	16.44	26.50	03/10/96	Chris Adams
16	Caddo	16.17	26.5	03/20/10	Keith Burns
17	Gibbons Creek Reservoir	16.17	26.00	01/15/88	Troy Johnson
18	Fork	16.12	27.25	03/22/02	Jim Harrell
19	O.H. Ivie	16.08	28.00	04/30/10	Jerry Bales
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ATHENS—Only the sound of running water fills the Lunker Bunker at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center. The 22 round, 1,500-gallon ShareLunker holding tanks are ready to receive fish. So far none have arrived.

The Toyota ShareLunker season started October 1 and runs through April 30 because Texas is so large that the spawning season stretches over many months. Over the 25-year history of the program, six 13-pound or bigger fish have been entered into the program in October, nine in November and 20 in December.

In a typical season, the action really picks up after the first of the year. There have been 55 entries in January, 119 in February, 224 in March and 85 in April.

October entries have come pinball-machine fashion

from all over the state—from Lake McQueeney near San Antonio to Toledo Bend on the Louisiana border to Lake Fork in Northeast Texas to Lake Meredith in the Panhandle.

Things start to settle down in November, with six of the month's nine entries coming from Lake Fork, one from the Nueces River, one from Lake Lewisville and one from a private pond in Anderson County. And one of those, Mark Stevenson's 17.67-pound monster from Lake Fork, was ShareLunker No. 1 and remains the biggest bass reported caught on an artificial lure in Texas.

Surprisingly, more southerly Texas lakes like Falcon and Amistad have not been heard from until December. Lake Fork leads the December catch pack with seven entries followed by Falcon and Conroe with three each. But the

pinball effect still shows up, with entries from Baylor Creek near Childress, O.H. Ivie near San Angelo, Amistad near Del Rio, Ray Hubbard near Dallas and Sam Rayburn and Nacogdoches in East Texas.

The pattern seems to be that there is no pattern, at least as far as location is concerned. But one thing is clear: The first Toyota ShareLunker of the 2011-2012 season is out there somewhere waiting to be caught.

You would look good wearing the Toyota ShareLunker shirt and jacket and G. Loomis cap holding a fiberglass replica of a big bass. Why don't you go catch that first ShareLunker?

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 program manager David Campbell at (903) 681-0550 or paging him at (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.

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

For complete informa-

tion 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 <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 Foundation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, providing major funding for a wide variety of education, fish, parks and wildlife projects.

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Hey everyone! It is hard to believe that it's December already. Where has the year gone? I know I'm ready for 2012 for a number of reasons but let's not go into politics and just stick to fishing. I know that most boaters have put their rigs up for the year and are getting ready for the New Year already but those that are still getting out on the water know how great some fishing days can be this time of year on Lake Fork. So if you are one of those like myself that love to fish in the winter or you just have cabin fever and would like to get out on the lake, here are some tips and techniques that will help you land some nice fish or even possibly the fish of your dreams!

The lake conditions are considerably different going into winter this year than any other year that we have seen before. With the Texas drought of 2011 the lake is now between 7 1/2 and 8 feet low. The water temperatures are in the 60's as I write this but you can expect water temperatures to dip into the 50's and remain there for much of the month unless it stays unseasonably warm. With the low water, it is very important to navigate the lake with caution and do not run in any



James Caldemeyer's Lake Fork Trophy Bass Report

areas that you are not familiar with including some marked boat lanes.

One my favorite winter and December shallow water patterns is targeting fish around any shallow vegetation or stumps near main lake or secondary points. Most of these winter fish will move into these shallow grass beds or hug stumps to ambush prey. During the sunny warmest part of the day can be best as water temperatures in these shallow areas is at its peak and the fish are most active. My first lure of choice is a lipless crank bait. My favorite sizes are a 1/2 oz or 5/8 oz but will also keep a 3/4 oz bait handy as well. I like to

use shades or red, orange, or a combination of these two colors as well as chrome or gold. I like to use a 7' medium heavy Abu Garcia Veritas rod with 17-20 lb Trilene 100% Fluorocarbon on a high speed reel like the NEW Abu Garcia Revo MGX. This reel comes in a 7.1:1 or 7.9:1 ratio so you can really burn a bait with this set up or use it to take some of the work off of your arms while you fish these baits all day making numerous casts. I like to use the lipless bait as a search bait and once I get bit I will slow down and work the area over thoroughly.

A lot of times you will find the fish in small groups this time of year but may not be able to catch all of them on the same bait or presentation. If you double back and fish something like a suspending jerk bait or jig you may catch a few more fish or that BIG one you've been looking for! On the jerk bait I will throw a suspending model in a gold/black, clown, or ayu color. Fishing this bait slowly with twitch and long

pause technique is great for a real big fish especially during the sunny calm days. On cloudy days I do better fishing slowly through the area with a jig and I will flip or pitch a 3/8 or 1/2

oz Talon jig tight to every piece of cover available. A jig can be very effective on deeper points at the mouth of creeks and the creek edges inside the creek.

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Trophy Bass Report

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With the lake low like it is you can follow the trees that line the channel edge very easily. Best colors for me are black & blue, black/blue/purple, bama bug, or black/brown. I like to tip my jigs with a 3" or 4" Berkley Chigger Craw or Chigger Chunk in matching colors. The action on the Chigger Craw is very attractive to a big fish and they hold onto the jig longer with the Powerbait scent. This is an important advantage as most bites are light and normally fish will not hold onto the jig long during the winter months.

The deep water patterns are effective as well during the winter. You can find a lot of bass in the mouth of major creeks, on the bridges, and on structure near open water

on the main lake at the mouth of major creeks. I will use my Lowrance HDS unit to graph these deep areas first. If I find bait and shad, I know that the bass are nearby. Once I locate a school of bass, I will usually drop a marker on them. I like to use spoons, Carolina rigs, drop shots, and a tube jig on these deep fish.

If you are interested in coming out for some big bass action this winter or would like to just take an instructional trip to learn about electronics, seasonal patterns, or some new techniques on Lake Fork, contact me anytime. I am also booking winter trips on Lake Monticello for those that are interested in catching spawning fish in the cold on this great power plant lake. The fishing

last winter was awesome there and already starting off with a bang this year. I still have a few dates available and want to remind anyone that is considering making spring reservations with me to do it ASAP. My spring's book up extremely fast so get your 2012 date now before my schedule is full. You can reach me by phone at (903)736-9888 or drop me an email at lakeforktrophybass@yahoo.com You can also visit my website for more information about trophy bass fishing on Lake Fork www.officiallakeforktrophybass.com

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Stan Kuhn's Catfish and Crappie Report

Happy Holidays everyone. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and now getting ready for a Merry Christmas.

I want to thank all my customers this year for letting me take them catfishing on Lake Fork. We ended up having my best year yet. The boat ended up bringing in 3,132 catfish for the year! A new record.

Thanks to my sponsors who provide me the best catfish bait on the market. Catfish Gold Stickbait, Uncle Joe's Cheesebait, and Ernest's Poretown catfish bait caught all those catfish.

And a special thanks to Sartin Marine for keeping my two boats running and giving me great prices on all my boating needs.

We ended up the year on a great fishing trip with the Logan's Steakhouse crew. Regional Manager Amy Stanley brings her restaurant managers from all over Texas on a fishing trip each year. It was Nov. 3 and the catfish were still on my deep 40ft. holes. We managed to catch about 150 cats that day with 100 of them being keepers. That was a busy day for me.

Since hunting season

has started I have either been in my blind or sitting in the woods trying to get a deer.

The first split of duck season has been good and better than last season. We have shot a variety of ducks this first part of the season. I'm sure the second part will be better as I'm sure it will be a little colder.

A good friend put me on a nice 8 point buck this season. Deer hunting is so exciting when you get a chance to get out in the woods. It really gets my heart pumping when a deer comes into range. I have sat many hours in the woods and haven't seen a thing. But you don't give up because if you have a little patience and a little luck you will have a chance.

Until next month, good hunting and fishing. Be safe and fish friendly.



J.J. Victorino from Wichita Falls Logan's Steakhouse and Gabe Morris from Lufkin Logan's with two nice channel cats.



Phillip and Cheryl Taylor from Big Sandy, Tx. caught 56 cats weighing in at 66 pounds with catfish guide Stan Kuhn.

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Father-in-law John Kapik from Lincoln, Ill. caught some nice channel cats with guide Stan Kuhn.



Regional Manager Amy Stanley of Logan's Steakhouse finally caught her first fish of the day.



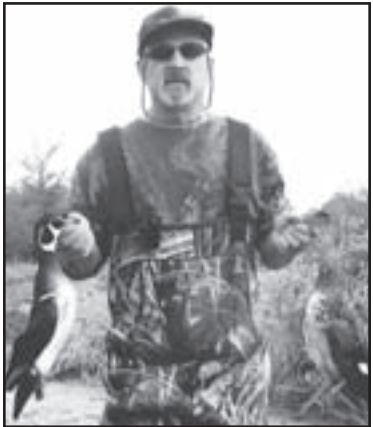
John Kapik from Lincoln Ill. with a nice mess of cats caught with guide Stan Kuhn.



Phillip Taylor from Big Sandy, Tx caught this nice channel cat on Catfish Gold Stick-bait.



Pam Almy, Logan's Manager from waxahachie showing off her biggest cat of the day.



Mike Joiner hunting with guide Stan Kuhn with a nice wood duck and a gawall..



Larry Wagner and son Trey with a nice mess of ducks hunting with guide Stan Kuhn.



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Quail hunting tradition alive at Hidden Lake Resort

By Luke Clayton

Molly, a little two year old pointer who shares the bloodline with a pedigree of champions a mile long, was running with her head high, just downwind of an overgrown briar patch. We were hunting quail at Hidden Lakes Hunting Resort near Yantis, Texas. When the faint, tantalizing scent of quail touched her nostrils she froze in mid stride, locked up in a solid point that left little doubt that she was on birds. A few quick steps toward the cover indicated the birds were running. Then Molly froze again. Behind her, honoring her point were two other magnificent pointers. Rock, a big boned older male, the veteran of many hunts and Missy, another speed demon with plenty of fire and bird savvy stood like statues with heads high and noses quivering in an attempt to get the scent of the quail Molly was pointing.

A few yards behind the assembly of world class pointers, my three grandsons, Trevor and Tyler Clayton and Luke Zimmerman stood at the ready with their shotguns, coached by upland bird guide Steve Jarvis. Phil Zimmerman, Luke's paternal Grandfather and I were behind the assemblage, cameras ready to capture our Grandson's first quail hunt!

Life is full of wonderful experiences but there is only one first time for everything. One first date, one graduation from high school and one's first time to hunt quail! Watching the boys listening to Steve's instructions to stay on line, check their gun's safety and keep their barrels pointed high, I thought back to my first quail hunt that took place near our little farm north of Clarksville in Red River County a half century ago. Life was coming full circle and, right before my eyes!

Phil grew up hunting quail with his father and it was obvious he was sharing the same emotions as I. We both were honored and humbled to be present on this 'first' for our Grandsons. As we observed the dogs work, we noted the expressions of excitement on the boy's faces as they walked forward for the flush.

We were very much here in the present with our Grandsons that carried our own 'blood lines' but the joyous hunts from years past also occupied a corner of my mind, I'm pretty sure Phil's thoughts pretty much mirrored mine. Then all thinking stopped! A brace of quail blew out of the briar patch with the intensity of two Roman candles. It was time to react, not think! A couple of the boy's

little 20 gauges boomed and we watched the birds sail into a wood line several hundred yards across the field. Molly rolled her eyes back toward her Master with a questioning gaze before breaking her point and heading on in quest of more birds. This hunt was more about the first time experience for three young bird hunters in training, not so much killing birds. But, as the morning progressed, the boy's shotgun swing and aim improved. We were getting plenty of birds for a meal of smothered quail, rice and gravy. The Grandsons obviously enjoyed shooting quail, just wait until they set down to a platter of the fruits of their labors, they'd be hooked for life!

This year's severe drought

has been tough on all wildlife, especially ground nesting birds. Wildlife biologists have admonished hunters to reduce their harvest of wild quail in order to leave more 'seed' birds for next spring's hatch.

Well managed upland bird hunting resorts such as Hidden Lakes provide great bird hunting during a time when many hunters would otherwise be unable to enjoy the sport. Billy Burnett and his wife Kathryn decided about four years ago that it was time to bring quail hunting back to the fields and woodlots on their farm in east Texas, located a stone's throw from Lake Fork. They critiqued many hunting resorts across the country and developed a plan

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I was yielding a camera rather than a shotgun on this hunt but I've done lots of shooting at Hidden Lakes and can attest to the speed and stamina of the released birds. I'm an average wingshot but have hunted here with some very accomplished shooters, all of which I've watched miss birds. If you've never hunted flight conditioned quail, chuckar or pheasants, a bit of advice: Don't brag too much on your shooting before a round with the birds at Hidden

Lakes!

The noon meal at Hidden Lakes is a highlight to the hunt and it's amazing how quickly three 13 year old young men can make a big plate of smothered steak, mashed potatoes, fresh green beans and buttermilk pie disappear. Their two old Grandpa's weren't far behind the youngsters in pushing their chairs away from the dinner table!

This is not a good year for hunting wild quail but if a close to home hunt for quail, pheasant or

chuckars is your goal, I highly recommend Hidden Lakes Resort. The birds are hard flying, the dog work world class, food excellent and the people there are like home folks. For more information, go online to www.hiddenlakeshuntingresort.com or call 903-714-7574.

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Campfire cooking the easy way

By Luke Clayton

Since the days when primitive man first learned to use a club or spear to put meat on his tribe's dinner table, cooking over an open fire has been important to human existence. We modern day Homo Sapiens have state of the art micro wave ovens and electric ranges to use to cook our meals but the need for the basic campfire remains an integrate part of our core being.

Until the middle of the past century, cooking with wood fires was a way of life for the majority of people in the U.S., especially those who lived in rural areas.

Today with a plethora of outdoor cooking apparatuses available, cooking over the campfire still holds its allure. The thought of meat roasting over hot coals conjures images of woodsmen and hunters living in the backwoods soaking up the warmth of the burning embers as a leg of venison or possibly a fat pheasant or duck slowly roasts over the coals.

I've always enjoyed campfire cooking. The flavor of foods cooked in cast iron Dutch Kettles heated by embers from a hardwoods fire or meat sizzling over a grill above the fire has long been a passion of mine.

This past week, I learned a method of cooking directly over the campfire that combines the best of the old and new; old because the meal is prepared right over the fire, new because two D cell batteries supply the energy necessary to turn the spit!

As an outdoors writer for the past quarter century, I have had the opportunity to meet a great deal of very interesting people that make their living, one way or the other, in the outdoors. I recently received a phone call from my nephew who was in his booth at Canton, busy marketing the cedar furniture he builds. "Luke, there's a guy here cooking over a campfire, using a well built spit rotisserie. This looks like something you would be interested in". A few minutes on the phone with Jon Sattler, who bills himself as the

Chief Kangaroo in charge of North American distribution for his Australian made Auspitt, and I was eager to see this rig in action!

"How about me coming by one day when you're not busy and let me cook lunch?" says Sattler. "As much time as you spend in the woods hunting and on the lakes, I am positive you will be impressed with the ease of this style of cooking and, the tasty meal once the meat and veggies are done!"

We live on a heavily wooded few acres and in the trees behind the house, I have what my wife refers to my 'deer camp'

set up. And old camper trailer and metal building serves as 'camp'. This is where I spend a good bit of time especially during the cool weather months. A campfire circled with rocks is the centerpiece of my little outdoor area. It was the ideal spot for Jon to demonstrate his style of outdoor cooking and, relax while lunch was slowly cooking over the coals!

Jon lives a very interesting life. He uses a motor home as base camp and travels around the country, hitting major and minor outdoor gatherings, exposing folks to his unique and relaxing way of creating lunch

or dinner over campfire coals. After driving his big rig through the trees and dodging limbs, he parked within a few yards of my camp. "Looks like a fine place to do some campfire cooking. I have the makings of what will soon become a great tasting meal." says Jon as he climbs down from his rig and shakes hands with my buddy Joe Dunn, also a devoted campfire cook, and myself.

"The first thing we need to do is get a campfire going." Do you have any dry wood? If not, I have plenty in the trailer." I have an abundance of dry oak and hickory stacked near the camp this year and we soon had a roaring fire in the pit. After about 30 minutes, the fire had become what the old timers used to call a 'cook fire'; a bed of embers with low flames. Lunch was to be a big piece of pork loin, beef roast and fresh green beans which were placed in a round stainless steel container that slid onto the spit and slowly rotated at the same rate of the roasting pork and beef. I could tell I was going to like this style of laid back cooking! Set up was easy. Jon drove a vertical rod into the ground,



Jon Sattler preparing lunch over the campfire with his Auspitt, an outdoor rotisserie made in Australia that is ideal for the sportsman. Photo by Luke Clayton

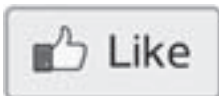
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 slid the bracket that holds the Auspitt's motor down the rod and used the simple wire clamp to adjust it to the correct height above the flames. He slid a wire skewer onto the spit, released the spring to secure it in the correct position and impaled and secured the beef roast on the spit. Next came the pork loin which was also secured with the clamp on skewers. Next, a rack with multiple skewers designed for sausages was clamped in position. "We'll snack on these sausages while the bigger cuts are roasting," says Joh as he fills the metal basket with fresh green beans, bits of onion, gar-

lic and small slices of bacon for basting.

Seasoning of the meat takes place after the spit is in place and the meat slowly rotating over the coals. The morning was cool and we set around the campfire, drinking coffee as Jon related some of the interesting experiences he has encountered as he traveled the world, exposing the masses to the joy and ease of campfire cooking!

I was amazed at how quickly the meat was transformed into well done pork and beef. The entire cooking process was completed in less than two hours. Of course, the Bratwurst

sausages were long gone before Jon pronounced the meat done after completing a quick test with the meat thermometer. By the time the meal was complete, we'd gathered a few more hungry neighbors around the campfire. Jon has learned that every time he puts his Auspitt to work, new friends seem to appear out of the woodwork!

There's nothing like an open wood fire for imparting flavor to meats. Our meal was deli-

cious. The slowly roasted pork and beef with green beans seasoned with bacon, garlic and onion and roasted over the coals was the stuff great dining moments are made!

Every outdoors person that enjoys cooking over a campfire should check out the Auspitt. One huge advantage is the fact that it doesn't need propane or electricity, other than the 2 D cell batteries. It's lightweight and you can use it anywhere.

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What constitutes a trophy buck?



By Luke Clayton

Today, a buck that makes the Boone and Crockett book with the minimum score of 170 BC has become almost commonplace, especially on well managed ranches, many of which are high fenced, all across the state. I, and most veteran deer hunters, can remember not too many years ago when there were only a handful of 'book' bucks taken in the state each year. While visiting and hunting with my friend outdoor writer and TV show host Larry Weishuhn recently, we spent a good bit of time discussing the subject of the increased number of big deer taken in Texas and across the country

"I think most deer hunters today are educated to the fact that trophy class deer need three things to grow to their potential: genetics, nutrition and age. While all three are important, I truly believe that age and nutrition are the most important. We've had some native Texas bucks with massive antlers harvested and without exception, they were fully mature animals that had a highly nutritious diet." said Weishuhn. "Hunters have learned that it takes a buck at least five or six years to reach their potential for antler development. They're letting those young bucks

walk and reaping the rewards."

I couldn't agree more with Larry. When I was a young deer hunter back in the sixties and early seventies hunting the Pineywoods of east Texas, the buzz word among deer hunters is "how many points did he have?" To our way of thinking, a ten point was better than an eight point, regardless of factors such as age, tine length, mass, etc. Today, experienced deer hunters judge a bucks rack with terms such as: mass, tine length and symmetry rather than strictly number of points. Granted, we all are hunting for a big, mature ten or twelve pointer with a typical frame, rather than a mature 6 or 8 point. Most experienced hunters will let an immature ten point walk and harvest a mature eight point or even a mature 5 or six point. MATURE is the buzzword today. We have learned that an immature buck that's been on a good diet has the potential to develop an

eight or even ten point rack very early in it's life, maybe as a 2.5 year old but, given the time necessary to develop to maturity this same buck might be sporting a high scoring ten or twelve point rack with long, heavy main beams and long tines.

We have also been educated to what a mature buck looks like. Young bucks are slender with smaller necks and should

ers but mature whitetail bucks are much blockier and after the age of 4.5 years, begin to put on a bit of a pot belly.

In the forty eight years that I have been hunting whitetails in Texas and, as an outdoors writer, across much of this country and Canada and Mexico, I've seen lots of changes. Some I like and some I don't. Deer hunting is not all about numbers or

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how many inches of antler a particular buck's rack sports. On the vast majority of ranches in Texas today, bucks in the 170 BC and bigger are non existent. Deer of this size are occasionally harvested from small acreages where deer certainly cross several property lines on a daily basis. But most high scoring bucks are taken from intensively managed ranches, either high fence or extremely large low fenced ranches, ranches where the majority of the deer never leave the property.

To sum it up, deer are hunted for many reasons. Some deer hunters are just out there for the sheer joy of spending a few well earned days at deer camp and are happy for a buck, any buck, and a doe or two for the freezer. These guys and gals probably get more enjoyment from all aspects of the hunt than those that are strictly 'head hunters'.

Others are not willing to release the bowstring or squeeze the rifle's trigger on anything that scores less than 150 BC. Neither camp is right or wrong, to my way of thinking. Some might be a bit more privileged to have access to intensively managed ranches that others, but I've been hunting deer long enough to know that a mature buck is a mature buck. A low scoring, freaky antlered 5 point that might gross 85 BC points can be just as challenging to hunt as one of those high fenced monsters that push 300 inches or antler. May our sport go on forever, regardless whether we consider our 'trophy' to be a heavy antlered buck-or venison for the freezer!

My 10 year old grandson recently harvested a fat 2.5 year old eight point from a heavily hunted area where most bucks are harvested as soon as they meet legal requirements. Words cannot explain how excited and proud he was to harvest his 8 pointer. Think of it in this prospective: who is the most successful hunter, a kid with his first

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8 point buck or a well heeled sportsman with multiple monster bucks on the wall who just shot another Boone and Crockett buck?

May our sport go on forever, regardless whether we consider our 'trophy' to be a heavy antlered buck or, venison for the

freezer. I have commented many times that I would continue hunting deer if I knew I could only harvest does and spikes. There's just something about being out there in the fall with family and friends, pursuing what many consider being the greatest big game animal of all!

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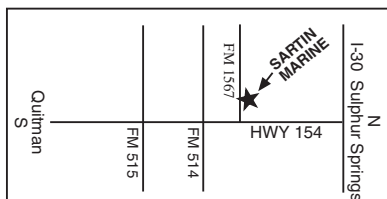


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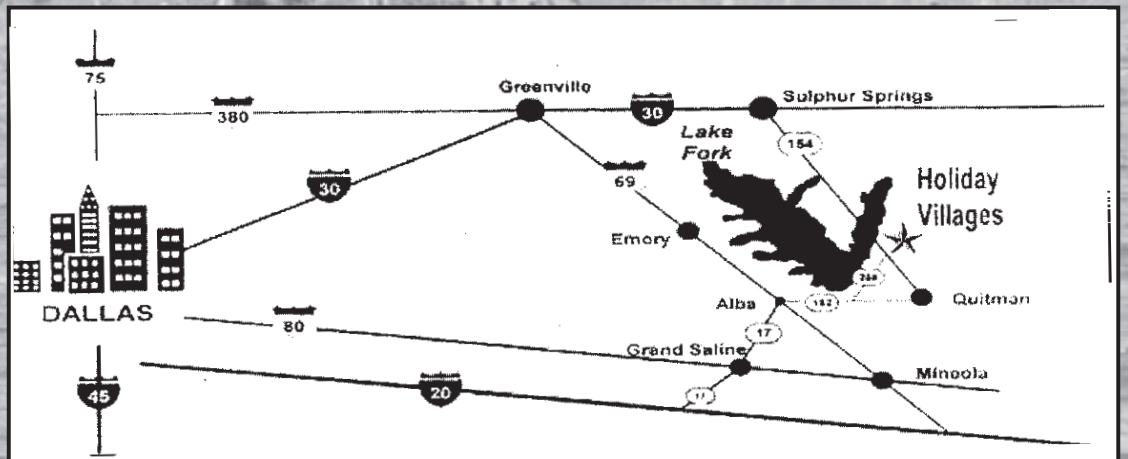
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Lake Fork Sportsman's Association, Wild Carp Companies and USCARPPRO magazine will host an inaugural \$10,000 Lake Fork Big 4 Challenge February 29 to March 3, 2012.

USCARPPRO MAGAZINE and Wild Carp Companies today announced an agreement with Lake Fork Sportsman's Association to host a \$10,000 carp and rough fish catch and release tournament and social event early 2012. The Lake Fork Big 4 Challenge, a newly introduced "Texas 44" event, is scheduled to begin February 29 with registration and a social gathering, with education, outreach and community programs and a Pro-Am showcase slated for March 1. The prize tournament will start in the afternoon of March 1 and last until March 3. Entry fee is \$400 for teams registering by Dec 31, 2011, rising to \$450 for teams registering after that date.

The Wild Carp Club has recently expanded its presence into Texas, establishing a schedule of club tourneys and events that will appeal to carp and smallmouth specialists and promote the sport to new anglers. In honor of this expansion, the Lake Fork Big 4 Challenge will follow a newly-created "Texas 44" tournament challenge, with anglers competing to land the 4 largest carp and the 4 largest smallmouth buffalo over 44 continuous hours of fishing. In addition to the Big 4 prizes, awards will be given for the biggest carp, biggest mirror carp, biggest smallmouth buffalo and more. Two tagged fish are worth an additional \$5000 each if caught during the event.



Lake Fork Sportsman's Association, Wild Carp Companies and USCARPPRO magazine planning for inaugural \$10,000 Lake Fork Big 4 Challenge

The tournament is the first official engagement for the newly formed partnership between USCARPPRO, North America's only online magazine dedicated to catch and release carp and rough fish angling, and Wild Carp Companies, the Baldwinsville, NY-based carp angling promoter and creator of the Wild Carp Club, that hosts educational demonstrations, offers angling lessons and promotes tourism by hosting fishing social events and organizing world-class tournaments.

"We've been working with Lake Fork Sportsman's Association for several months and they've been enormously supportive," said David Smith, founder and Editor-in-Chief of USCARPPRO magazine. "They're as excited as we are to be hosting the tournament and to showcase a different aspect of the American fishing experience. Lake Fork is a well-balanced and prolific multi-species water that consistently produces trophy-sized fish. We're expecting something a bit special from this event."

The LFSA was founded in 1999 in an effort to protect the lake, a renowned Texas treasure, at a time when many believed the lake needed a guardian for the first time in its brief twenty-one year history. In addition to awarding scholarships, LFSA continues as an organization of dedicated sportsman whose mis-

sion is to promote the fishery and protect it when the need arises.

"Hosting a world class carp and rough fish tournament at world-famous bass venue like Lake Fork is a real coup and a fantastic opportunity to promote the sport," said Wild Carp Companies co-founder, Sean Sauda. "Texas has consistently produced some incredible carp and smallmouth buffalo over the years and we know there are some enormous fish in Lake Fork so we're very excited by this event."

"Texas is a hotbed for carp and smallmouth buffalo fishing with a lot of anglers here that enjoy the sport," Sauda continued. "In every issue of USCARPPRO magazine you see Texas anglers showing off fish that some people can only dream about so it made sense for us to expand our club presence here. The initial response from Texas anglers has been better than we imagined."

Tournament registration and event details will be made available shortly on the Wild Carp Companies Tournaments page as well as being published and updated on the WCC and USCARPPRO Facebook pages.

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LAKE FORK WATER FRONT & WATER VIEW HOMES



SOLD
Yantis, TX \$999,995

UNIQUE & TOTALLY CUSTOM 5 bdrms, 5.1 baths & 3 car garage. All custom fixtures, kitchen island granite & counters, Italian tile and Bamboo wood flooring. Efficient cooling & heating. Pier and 2 stall boat house w/elec lifts. **MUST SEE!**



HOME w/brick & stone 3/3.5/4 office, sunroom & summer kitchen. 2car gar. & wkshp w/4 gar. doors, HVAC & greenhouse w/seperate entry. Below Appraised Value! Virtual Tour: <http://tours.realestatedisplayed.com/public/vtour/display/37159>

Yantis, TX \$615,000



REDUCED
Yantis, TX \$465,000

4/3 LAKE FORK WATERFRONT Home on 4+ heavily wooded acres +leaseback w/pier. Wood flooring, ceramic tile, in-ground pool with waterfall, and fountain, hot tub, pool hous, gazebo & screen porch. Detached garage with half bath.



Well maintained, exc. cond, on Lake Fork. Perfect for those who want to downsize or have a weekend home. Custom cabinets, irrigation system & plenty of boat parking. Pier on Lake Fork with plenty of room for a boat house.

Emory, TX \$169,900



PRICED TO SELL! Lake Fork warefront home w/vinyl siding, fenced yard, concrete driveway w/carports & room for RV + boat house w/boat lift. All carpet removed, owners considering flooring allowance w/good offer.

Yantis, TX \$144,900



4/2/2 home in gated subdivision across the street from Lake Fork. Private boat ramp for prop owners only! Open living, dining & kitchen with huge breakfast bar/island. Garage/workshop with room for 2 boats. All appliances are included.

Yantis, TX \$119,900

RURAL LOTS

ALEXA ESTATES - unrestricted level lots ready for your new home, mobile home or your RV is welcome. Lake Fork boat ramp just 2 miles away. Utilities at road. **\$14,900 each**

LAKE FORK GOLF COURSE - Level lot on golf course & ready for your new home to built. Upscale neighborhood with HOA & community boat ramp access. **\$27,500**

LAKE FORK RANCHES - Wooded off-water 2.9 ac lot has unbelievable view of lake. Elevated bldg site will give your custom home views of the lake in all directions. **\$49,900**

BRUSH HOGGING OR PASTURE SHREDDING
BRANDON 903-335-4685



SOLD
Winnsboro, TX \$89,900

Home on private 100 acre lake has gorgeous views of the water, well maintained & brick construction with hardwood floors. Tons of wildlife in this area. Sit back & watch deer & geese eat in your backyard & enjoy peace & quiet.

FARM AND RANCH



REDUCED
Quitman, TX

SELLER WILLING TO DIVIDE! 3/2/3 and carport on one acre for \$79,000 OR take the whole 67+ acre horse ranch for \$275,000 w/several hay/tack barns & horse training arena. Property is fenced & cross fenced has a nice deep pond.



SOLD
Yantis, TX \$344,000

3/2.5/2 BRICK AND STONE custom home on 16+ acres. Two living areas and two dining areas w/brkfst bar. 12' ceilings with arched doorways, stone fireplace w/gas and built-ins throughout. Pond, covered porch & new fence. Super Nice!

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY



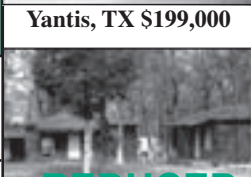
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Mineola, TX \$100,000

2.5 ACRES - 300FT ON HWY 69 South Mineola on US Hwy 69. Elevated building site allows high visibility & serious exposure from either direction of highway. Hotel, Retail, B&B, anything is possible here!
BRING WRITTEN OFFERS!



11 ACRES IN PRIME LOCATION Cleaned & leveled but all mature trees were left untouched. over 1000ft of frontage on SH 154. No zoning or restrictions. Utilities are at the road and Lake Fork boat ramp is just minutes away.

Yantis, TX \$199,000



REDUCED
Yantis, TX \$125,000

3 LOG CABINS AND 3 PADS Located in a heavily wooded area with a great pond. These cabins are great rentals for fisherman and room for more cabins and RV sites. Plus a single wide mobile home. **Bring written offers!**

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COUNTRY HOMES



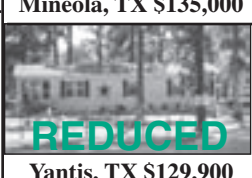
HUGE 5 BCRM HOME is perfect for bus. owner or large family. Huge mstr bdrm w/20x16 walk-in closet. Pool w/waterfall, playground, 30x30 barn, game rm & tanning rm. Virtual Tour: <http://tours.realestatedisplayed.com/public/vtour/display/37160>

Sulphur Springs, TX \$595,000



SOLD
Mineola, TX \$135,000

PRICED TO SELL! 2.4 Acre 3 bdrm home, full bath & walk in closet in all bedrooms, hardwood floors, garage/workshop, fenced yard & 30x30 bldg that is an acoustically tuned music studio. Sits back off the road & is private & peaceful.



REDUCED
Yantis, TX \$129,900

Home on 4.75 acres has new textured walls, updated windows, storage building & garage. Appliances & furniture included. Lake Fork boat ramp less than 1 mile & view from property plus excellent deer hunting at back.

LAKE FORK WATERFRONT LOTS

ROYAL OAK ESTATES-A Lake Fork subdivision is a gated community with a waterfall entry, community pond and a private boat ramp for property owners. **\$19,500-\$79,000**

LOST CREEK ESTATES-Beautiful area of Lake Fork is heavily wooded & secluded. No HOA, sqft restrictions only. Many lots to choose from starting at **\$36,000-\$109,000**

FIDDLERS GREEN- A restricted, gated community. Water front lot with gorgeous view of Lake Fork, approx 500+ feet of lake frontage. No minimum square footage. **\$59,900**

OWNER HAS 2 LAKE FORK WATERFRONT PROPERTIES Sulphur Springs-9.6 acres w/500ft water frontage. **\$79,000** Alba-28.6 acres w/water, septic, electric in place. **\$135,000**

DOUGHERTYS LANDING-2.6 waterfront acres. Restricted to site built homes only, minimum living area 1500 sqft. Dead end county rd, no traffic & lots of deer in this area. **\$95,000**

LAKE FORK RANCHES-BLUFF RANCHES Waterfront lot has open water view & water frontage everyone is looking for. Located in an area of upscale, custom built homes. **\$79,900**

RURAL ACREAGE

LEVEL 15 ACRE TRACT heavily wooded, most underbrush cleared, unrestricted w/utilities at road. Lots of wildlife in area, build your home or weekend get away! **\$39,000**

11.5 ACRES JUST NORTH OF QUITMAN CITY LIMITS Lots of wildlife, good hunting area. Property is unrestricted & no zoning. Electric & water available at road. **\$49,000**

18 ACRE IN ALBA-PRODUCES GOOD HAY EVERY YEAR Mostly fenced with gates, 700ft of road frontage on hwy 17 and Lake Fork boat ramp is less than 2 miles away. **\$59,900**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!