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The Crappie CAT

A Newsletter By and For the Crappie Anglers of Texas



From the Editor

They say that as you grow older, time goes faster....and I'm here to tell you that saying is correct. By the time that you read this, August will be in it's last few days, and thankfully, the days will start getting somewhat shorter and cooler. This has been a Summer to remember. My water and electric bills have been staggering, but I'm sure that I'm not alone in that area. For me, Fall can't get here soon enough....and have I ever told you that Fall fishing is my favorite?? Big crappie, fewer ski things, cooler weather.....and FOOTBALL.....**GO COWBOYS!!!!!!**

My call for a new(er) newsletter editor didn't fall on deaf ears. Our own JayDon Reeve has agreed to take the helm at the end of this club year, and a fine job he will surely do. I've really enjoyed editing the newsletter and I hope that most (not all) of you understood my rather dry sense of humor, as nothing was ever meant to be offensive toward anyone. It is just my way of writing things. And to that end, I must make a public apology....but unfortunately, don't know exactly who to direct it to. I received an unnamed email today that in no short terms, dressed me down for one of my Rogue's Gallery sections. Seems that last month I entitled that Gallery selection as "Beauty and the Beast(s)". Someone definitely took offense to it. Rogue's Gallery was my way of getting pictures of all (hopefully) of the club members that fish tournaments, in the newsletter. Sorta your fifteen minutes of fame. It in no way was ever intended to be disrespectful. Anyway, we'll drop that section due to not-so-popular demand. Again, my apologies to whomever you are.

Later,
Guy



President's Message

2008, a learning year. And boy did we learn a lot, but still have a ways to go.

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For example, if we try to be serious, we pi\$\$ "someone" off, if we try to be funny we offend "someone", if we try to just report the facts, we miss something or get something wrong and upset "someone". Anyway, we're trying and now as we near the end of the year we need to hear from the membership.

Some changes will be necessary before next year and input from the members will certainly be considered by the Board of Directors. Any suggestions for changes to the meetings, tournaments, lakes, programs or whatever need to be submitted, in writing, to the club e-mail address (crappieanglers@aol.com). Please send e-mails rather than PM's or posts on the forum. Please submit your suggestions by Sept. 15 so we will have time to review them before the year's end.

Ernest

Monthly Quotes to Live By

- Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear, or a fool from any direction
- The easiest way to eat crow is while it's still warm. The colder it gets, the harder it is to swallow
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment
- Always take a good look at what you're about to eat. It's not so important to know what it is, but it's crucial to know what it was
- And last, but certainly not least.....Never miss a good chance to shut up

Tips and Tricks

Have you ever been out on a rainy day (last Friday) and everything in your tackle bag got wet? When that happens you have to get everything out and dried off ASAP, otherwise everything will end up rusty. After you dry everything off as good as you can, spray all your jigs and hooks with Reel Magic (or any good silicone spray). It will dry almost instantly, leave no smell, and will assure that nothing rusts.

This one might be old hat to most, but do you know how to wind line on a spinning reel or a bait casting reel without twisting it?? All line is put on a spool at the factory in one direction (at least when it was made in the US it was). In order to not twist the line when you put it on your reels, you must take it off the factory spool and put it on your reel spool in the same direction. If you're putting it on a spinning reel, it must come off the factory spool from the end of the spool that has the label on it (sit the spool on the floor and wind it on your reel). If you let the factory spool rotate (taking the line off the middle of the spool), it will put a twist in the line each time you turn the handle. If you're putting line on a bait casting reel, just the opposite is true. Never take it off the end of the factory spool. Always take it off the middle of the spool while it rotates.

Hats, Shirts and Decals

One of the great things about CAT is that whenever you need help, there is always someone that will volunteer to step up. At the last meeting I said that it would be nice if someone else would like to run the hat, shirt and decal concession, and bingo, two volunteers. Dominick Pescatore was the first to offer, followed closely by new member Jason Anderson. There is no doubt that this part of the club will now be in good and capable hands. Thanks guys.....

Lewisville.....Revisited, Aug. 16, 2008

Boy, what a difference five months make. Anyone remember the March tournament?? Me neither. It's something most of us would just as soon forget, but last weekend, now that was a tournament. We had 29 teams sign up (don't think all of them showed), and some very interesting pairings it was.

It started out with Friday, the main pre-fish day, being rained out. As a matter of fact, when I pulled the plug on my boat, I swear it raised the lake levels in three counties. But undaunted, the 'die-hard' CAT members came from far and wide on Saturday morning, all launching in the dark, and all running more or less blind to get into our chosen areas by the crack of 0630. My fishing partner, Anh Nguyen and I had chosen to start about as far away from the Little Elm launch ramp as we could go....and still be in Texas, and being the sworn coward that I am, we made that trip in record breaking time....that being the longest time it ever took Anh to get to a fishing area (I think he and Paul are now comparing notes). And a great area it was; not another tournament boat in sight. Anh had found some brushpiles that he had been catching huge crappie on and it was exciting to think that now we could "put 'em in the well".....all except for one minor little oversight. You see, Anh had the coordinates in his GPS, on his boat; and we were in my boat; and Anh didn't write them down or bring them. Not a problem though; put me in the area and we'll find 'em....NOT. So here it is, 0645 and we're looking for new areas, and as luck would have it, we were able to find some 'new' fish.

The morning went by rather quickly, except for the times that we were losing some very big fish, any one of which would have won the tournament for us. But you know the old saying, "sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got", and we were mostly 'getting got'.

We were back at the ramp by 130 figuring we had plenty of time to get the boat squared away and get in line, and would have except for two sets of boaters that each spend 20 minutes parked on the ramp with a line of only 25 rigs waiting for them to move. What I wouldn't have given for a good bullhorn about then. While waiting, I saw Paul drop Jerry off and then he motored out toward me. "Howd' you do" he asked. "About 9#" was my answer. At that point I firmly established that Paul is either (1) the worst estimator of fish weight I have ever met, or (2) the best BS'r I ever met. Care to make a guess?? He swore they didn't have better than 8#. Yeah.....right.

The weight-in was it's smooth flowing self, with Paul directing traffic, and all the rest of us jockeying for position (do I weigh-in now, or do I wait). I think a pretty good time was had by all (some better than others), but we put another goodun' in the books.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Big Fish</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Team</u>
1	1.815	10.405	O'Bier - Hancock
2	1.820	9.755	Nguyen - Skinner
3	1.600	8.980	Carr - Ellis
4	1.550	8.560	Nelson - Simms
5	1.355	7.265	Villegas - Leonard
6	1.335	6.700	Martin - Abercrombie
7	1.080	6.250	Rains - Reeve

8	1.465	5.315	Paty - Crilley
9	1.180	4.050	Solis - Freeman
10	1.365	3.705	Conatster - Merriman
11	1.505	3.695	Cao - Hill
12	1.430	3.540	Mouw - Dyer
13	1.420	3.055	Leard - Lawrence
14	1.605	2.870	Wester - Rodriguez
15	0.730	2.165	Turner - Vinson
16	1.265	2.115	Lavas - Lavas
17	1.070	2.100	Biester - Kubiak
18	1.110	2.050	Oditman - Barker
19	1.010	1.900	T & K Worthington
20	0.900	1.435	Bradshaw - Schwieterman
21	0.000	0.000	Spagnola - Anthony
21	0.000	0.000	Gray - Budish
21	0.000	0.000	Carroll - Anderson
21	0.000	0.000	House - Coffman
21	0.000	0.000	Willis - Willis
21	0.000	0.000	Pescatore - Stuckemar
21	0.000	0.000	Shivers -Shivers



L to R....Jerry Hancock and Paul O'Bier 1st place, Guy Skinner and Anh Nguyen 2nd place and Bill Carr and Carl Ellis 3rd place. The old guy with two trophies in his hands took big fish with a 1.820, edging out Mr. O'Bier who had a 1.815. Congratulations to the winner (especially Bill and Carl) and to everyone that participated. Lewisville just climbed back into my list of favorite lakes.

Year to Date Standings

Time for the "read it and weep section".

NAME	LAV	LEW	RC	CC	RR	RC	LEW	TAW	CC	Total
OBIER, PAUL	110	105	110	90	105	110	110	0	0	740
HANCOCK, JERRY	110	75	110	60	105	105	110	0	0	675
SKINNER, GUY	95	65	50	95	50	110	105	0	0	570
REEVE, JAY DON	100	110	85	35	30	50	80	0	0	490
SIMS, GARY	100	0	75	0	110	100	95	0	0	480
CARR, BILL	0	70	40	95	70	75	100	0	0	450
RAINS, JAMES	105	10	100	100	30	0	80	0	0	425
MARTIN, PAT	0	90	95	45	30	75	85	0	0	420
NELON, GEORGE	0	0	75	30	110	105	95	0	0	415
NGUYEN, ANH	0	10	0	110	90	85	105	0	0	400
LEARD, TRACY	100	80	0	50	30	80	50	0	0	390
PATY, ERNEST	10	10	50	105	50	65	75	0	0	365
POPPELL, ERIC	105	10	100	100	30	0	0	0	0	345
ABERCROMBIE, JAMES	10	70	95	30	30	0	85	0	0	320
LEONARD, JIMMY	10	10	60	40	65	45	90	0	0	320
CONASTER, RON	10	0	0	85	85	60	65	0	0	305
BRADSHAW, PHIL	95	10	0	30	35	90	30	0	0	290
VILLEGAS, PATRICK	10	10	60	10	30	60	90	0	0	270
HOUSE, CHARLES	10	100	45	30	30	35	10	0	0	260
WHYTE, MACKEY	85	10	35	30	30	40	0	0	0	230
WORTHINGTON, TREVOR	10	0	10	80	100	0	30	0	0	230
COFFMAN, JAMES	10	90	0	90	0	35	0	0	0	225
WESTENHOEFER, KURT	85	85	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	205
OIDTMAN, GREG	10	110	0	10	45	0	30	0	0	205
MOUW, GREG	0	0	0	0	55	95	55	0	0	205
MERRIMAN, JOHNNY	0	0	0	0	85	55	65	0	0	205
SHIVERS, BILL	0	0	0	80	30	70	10	0	0	190
SHIVERS, EVIN	0	0	0	80	30	70	10	0	0	190
STEED, TY	0	95	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	180
BROADWAY, DOUG	10	0	0	0	65	100	0	0	0	175
LAVAS, TIM	10	10	0	80	30	10	35	0	0	175
HOUSEWRIGHT, BUCK	10	10	90	0	60	0	0	0	0	170
PATY, FAITH	0	0	0	105	0	65	0	0	0	170
MARTIN, DANNY	10	0	90	0	60	0	0	0	0	160
RODRIGUEZ, ANDY	0	10	10	55	30	10	45	0	0	160
FREEMAN, FLOYD	10	0	0	0	80	70	0	0	0	160
LAWRENCE, DON	0	65	0	40	0	0	50	0	0	155
SHEPHERD, SHELDON	10	60	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	150
GRAY, TOBY	10	0	30	30	30	40	10	0	0	150
DYER, ALEC	0	0	0	0	95	0	55	0	0	150
WALKER, ERIC	0	0	0	10	45	90	0	0	0	145
CAO, TOM	10	0	0	0	75	0	60	0	0	145
SOLIS, SCOTT	10	0	0	65	0	0	70	0	0	145
ELLIS, CARL	0	0	0	0	0	45	100	0	0	145
HALL, JARED	10	0	0	0	75	0	60	0	0	145
WILSON, MIKE	0	0	0	110	30	0	0	0	0	140
FRIDGE, TOD	0	75	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	135
LYONS, JASON	0	100	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	130
WESTER, JOHN	0	0	0	55	30	0	45	0	0	130
SCHWIETERMAN, JEFF	0	0	0	65	0	30	30	0	0	125
CRILLEY, RICK	10	10	0	0	30	0	75	0	0	125
WORTHINGTON, KELLIE	0	0	10	80	0	0	30	0	0	120

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BARNES, JIM	0	0	105	10	0	0	0	0	0	115
KATIE, BARNES	0	0	105	10	0	0	0	0	0	115
REEVE, RHONDA	0	0	0	35	30	50	0	0	0	115
TIPPIE, ALPHONSO	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105
DALTON, CLIFF	90	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
SALAZAR, DANNY	90	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
WORTHINGTON, ALAN	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	100
LAW, LEROY	0	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	0	95
PESCATORIE, DOMINICK	10	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
SOUTHARD, KENNETH	0	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
BROWN, BERT	0	10	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	90
CARROLL, MATHEW	0	0	0	0	80	0	10	0	0	90
WILLIS, JOE	0	80	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	90
HOPKINS, JERRY	0	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
BLAKE SAVELL	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	0	0	85
JENNINGS, J	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
SCHWARTZLANDER, EARL	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
KUBIAK, KEVIN	0	0	0	50	0	0	30	0	0	80
TURNER, EDDIE	0	0	0	0	40	0	40	0	0	80
VINSON, JOHN	0	0	0	0	40	0	40	0	0	80
GOFORTH, BOBBY	10	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
GRAHAM, MAX	10	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
MALDONADO, FRANK	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
MALDONADO, FRANKLIN	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
SPINDLE, CLIFF	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	70
BUDISH, BRAD	0	0	30	0	30	0	10	0	0	70
BAGNALL, JON	10	10	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
KASPER, JARED	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	60
SPAGNOLA, BRIAN	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
MOUW, SON	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	55
MERRIMAN, L	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	55
TAYLOR, BRUCE	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
TAYLOR, WIFE	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
STEELE, TERRANCE	10	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
CARVER, RICK	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	45
LUSSIER, ROD	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	35
LAVAS, NICHOLAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	35
ANDREWS, MIKE	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	30
BRYANT, JOE	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
HILL, TOBY	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	30
HILL, JAMES	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	30
KELSEY, DON	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30
KELSEY, WIFE	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30
MYERS, JASON	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	30
PHILLIPS, JIMMY	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30
RUSSELL, CLAY	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30
SALAS, FABRICO	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30
SWEET, GARY	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30
WILLIAMS, JIMMY	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	30
BIESTER, DAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	30
BARKER, ERIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	30
BROWN, ERIC	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	20
LOOS, RODNEY	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
WILLIS, JOHN	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	20
BAILEY, SCOTT	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
BRUMMETTE, JIMMY	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
ELY, KEVIN	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
ELY, WIFE	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10

HARDIN, LARRY	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
HENSON, JIM	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
MITCHELL, RAY	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
NEIGHBORS, JEFF	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
PESCATORE, BILL	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
STEWART, DEAN	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
ANDERSON, JASON	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10
STUCKEMAN, JIM	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10

The "What If" Scenario

OK, we've rounded the last bend and we're into the home stretch. Two tournaments to go in the regular season, on two of probably the hardest lakes we have to fish. But what if the regular season was over. What would, say the top twenty really look like. Remember, you have to 'toss' two tournament scores out, as only seven tournaments are used to establish who goes to the CAT Classic. Let take a look.....

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Paul O'Bier	545
2	Jerry Hancock	540
3	Gary Sims	480
4	Guy Skinner	470
5	JayDon Reeve	425
6	James Rains	415
6 tie	George Nelon	415
8	Bill Carr	410
9	Anh Nguyen	400
10	Pat Martin	390
11	Tracy Leard	360
12	Ernest Paty	345
12 tie	Eric Poppell	345
14	Ron Conaster	305
15	Jimmy Leonard	300
16	Phil Bradshaw	280
17	Patrick Villegas	250
18	Charles House	240
19	Trevor Worthington	230
20	James Coffman	225

Now ain't that a swift kick in the south end of a north bound donkey. Kinda thought you had that position all secure, huh?? Needless to say, if you're included in the top ten positions here, ahhh, let me figure out how to say this...."you better be lookin' behind you instead of in front of you". The biggest spread is between second/third and forth/fifth places. **Everyone else is either 5 or 10 points of being knocked down a notch.** If the Board of Directors hadn't been the ones to determine how the points would be scored, I would call this system down right 'amazing', but considering who is on the Board of Directors, we'll just call it luck.

Well, that's it for another month. Thanks to everyone that helped with the info and pics, and thanks to all of **YOU THE GENERAL MEMBERS** that support this club with your attendance and

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participation. I have belonged to several fishing clubs in my years, but never have I belonged to one that is more interested and dynamic than the Crappie Anglers of Texas. Remember.....

The next meeting is Monday, Sept. 8th, same time, same place, and the next tournament is at Lake Tawakoni on Saturday, Sept. 13th. It's a 'draw' tournament, so that means that there just 'could be' some new(er) names appearing in the headlines....and thanks for being a member of the best dang fishing club anywhere.....

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