



# Crappie CAT

A Newsletter By and For the Crappie Anglers of Texas

## From the Editor



Just in case you haven't noticed, July is almost over. We're half way thru our tournament schedule and the points race for the Top 40 is getting tight. So if you're planning on making the Classic, and if you're laying back hoping to do well on that "favorite" lake of yours; I wouldn't wait too long if I were you, cause there are some 'hungry' fishermen out there trying their best to make sure that you don't get in.

How many of you out there are talented, aspiring writers?? If you fall into that category, stop reading right here cause the rest of this won't apply to you. With our new club year only four months away; I'm looking for someone that can take this rag over. That's right....you too can make yourself infamous (if not also wanted....dead or alive) by becoming the editor of the **Crappie CAT Newsletter**. The work is hard, the deadline is uncompromising, you'll lose most of the few friends that you have, and if your spell check doesn't work....you're screwed, but to make up for all that.....you don't get paid either. What'a deal, huh? So if you're interested, let me know, as I'd like to retire while I'm still accepted in all but dozens of your homes. It doesn't take much talent, but it does take guts.

Later,  
Guy

## Presidents Message



From Ernest to all CAT members. Thank You. It's been a lot of hard work getting the club going but boy is it worth it. I looked around at the last tournament and meeting and thought to myself, look at all the new friends I have made in only a few months. Good friends, the kind you can depend on if you need something. I'm sure most of you feel the same way.

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As time passes, we will all become even closer. Each meeting, tournament, fish fry and seminar, further cements our bonds of friendship. To all you members that are not attending the meetings or other events I can only say, BIG LOSS on your part. I know distance makes it impossible for some of you, but many others are right here in the area and are not taking advantage of all the club has to offer.

So once again, thank you, thank you, thank you. . I can't wait to see what this club will grow into.  
Ernest

### Word for the Month

The word for this month is **Globulin** (noun) 'gla-bye-len'...meaning "any of a class of simple protein that are insoluble in pure water". Why the heck Webster's dictionary went to the trouble of figuring that out is beyond me. Ask any crappie fisherman what a 'globulin' is and he'll tell you that it's that glob of stuff that is deposited around the waterline of a tree stump in the spring that feels sorta x-rated and looks even worse. But Webster did get one thing right. It is insoluble in water (but it's hard as hell to get it out of your boat carpet).

### Tips and Tricks

When was the last time you took the prop off your trolling motor? Never...OK. Then when was the last time you took the prop off your big motor? Same answer, huh. You need to take the props off the motors at least 2-3 times a year to just check to make sure that there is nothing that you've picked up outta the lake and wound around the shaft...like mono, or worse yet, small rope or plastic. These things can damage the seals that protect the gear head of the prop shafts. It also doesn't hurt to put a little lube on the shafts prior to reinstallation.

Now I know you check your water level in your trolling motor batteries often, right? A deep cycle trolling motor battery will use up fluid (acid) three times faster than the fluid will be used in your starter battery. And nothing will kill a battery faster than letting the fluid level get low. So if your trolling motor batteries don't seem to be lasting as long as they should for a day of fishing, better check the fluid level. **And never leave your batteries in an uncharged condition after a day of fishing.** This will assure you of a trip to Walmart to spend a couple of hundred dollars.

### Rogues Gallery - July Edition



Beauty and the beast(s)....beauty is in the third pix, right side. Let you figure the rest.

### Monthly Quotes to Live By

In our continuing effort to assist in the overall education of our club, I figured that we might as well throw a few monthly quotes that just might help in your everyday life. So here's the 'starter group' for this month.

- Don't interfere with something that ain't botherin' you none
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance

- And last but certainly not least.....I f you find yourself in a hole; the first thing to do is stop diggin'

### A Walk in the Black Forest...or Richland-Chambers, July 19, 2008

At the meeting prior to the last tournament, Paul O'Bier looked over at me half way thru the meeting and said, "more boaters than non-boaters". We all knew this would happen sooner or later, but the outcome was something that no one ever thought would happen.

Friday morning I had agreed to meet Paul at the ramp at about 6:00....and that was assuming that I could find the ramp. But as luck would have it, I did, and Paul was waiting....with one rod, a plastic zip lock bag full of only two color jig bodies, and four cans of diet Dr. Pepper. Now I believe in going light (with my 30# tackle bag and four rods), but Paul was pushing the confidence curve just a little I thought. But I had plenty of tackle he could borrow, so not to worry. As we idled out of the marina, Paul says, "got any favorites you wanna go to"?? "Sure" I said, as this was at least the...let's see...second time I had ever been on RC. After I explained that I was totally lost, Paul suggested that we go to an area that he had fished only once....well, so much for the confidence factor. But here we go putting my pride and joy, my almost new Lund, into the deepest, nastiest, scariest, set of timber that could ever be imagined. Paul was sure that we could catch fish there. At 9:30 we had caught fish.....all three of them. Not to worry assured my fishing partner; they'll start at about 10:00. Guess what....at precisely 10:00 someone somewhere threw a light switch and every fish in the lake (well, the portion of the lake that we were in anyway), started biting. We're catching fish on almost every tree....and I'm getting worried, but not as worried as I was when Jerry called and told Paul to start keeping his fish cause Jerry and George wanted to eat fish that night. EAT MY FISH THE NIGHT BEFORE A TORUNAMENT??? This is heresy. They're all crazy. Paul please..... Paul just laughs and says, "don't worry". At that point I was beyond worrying, as I was downright panicked.

It's now 5:30 Saturday morning as I pull up to the ramp, and there stands Paul....one rod, one smaller zip lock bag of jig bodies.....and four diet Dr. Peppers. Paul tells me we have to get to our area sooner this morning, cause he knows that Jerry and George will be there along with Gary and Doug, and they were....together with Sheldon and Tracey. All is surely lost, as there are three boats fishing where we're supposed to be fishing. Paul suggested that we both take a little bigger than usual dip of snuff to calm our nerves.....and get down to business. Somehow I just can't get the thought out of my head that a bunch of hungry clubbers had filleted and eaten 42 very big crappie less than 12 hours ago....that came from this exact area.

At 8:30 we decided that we'd cull out a seven fish limit and clear the livewells. We dumped 8 fish that probably weighed 10#. Several more tree lines and several more fish. At 10:00 we culled out another limit and dumped another 8-10#....but Paul is confident that the big fish hadn't started yet. God I hate it when someone is always right....well, maybe I don't really 'hate it', or maybe I don't really mind it at all; in fact I could learn to really like it, cause at precisely 10:10 the big fish started biting, real good. We did our final culling at about 11:30....just about the time that Jerry and George pulled up. Paul saw them coming and said "watch this...I'm gonna really screw with their heads". And the lying began. I'll tell you folks; it wasn't pretty. Jerry would lie, then Paul would lie, and then George would jump in. Then along came Gary and Doug....and Gary got in on it. It's really a

good thing that all these guys are such good friends, cause if they weren't, they'd have to get Ratmo to referee.

We finally made our way back to the ramp (without tearing any part of my boat or motor off)....and the rest is guess is history.

By the way; did anyone see that dang fish eagle this time?? I sooo wanted to show him my livewell.....

### Richland-Chambers Results

<u>Place</u>	<u>Big Fish</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Team</u>
1	1.990	10.33	O'Bier - Skinner (big fish)
2	1.630	9.890	Nelon - Hancock
3	1.510	9.805	Simms - Broadway
4	1.845	9.260	Mouw
5	1.315	8.280	Walker - Bradshaw
6	1.320	7.955	Nguyen - Savell
7	1.430	6.585	Shepherd - Leard
8	1.220	6.495	Martin - Carr
9	1.670	6.425	Shivers - Shivers
10	1.150	6.000	Paty - Paty
11	1.350	5.550	Conaster - Villegas
12	1.485	5.020	Merriman - Merriman
13	0.920	2.195	Reeve - Reeve
14	1.065	2.175	Leonard - Ellis
15	0.845	2.165	White - Gray
16	1.050	1.050	House - Coffman
17	0.705	0.705	Andrews - Schwieterman
18	0.000	0.000	Rodriguez - Lavas



L to R...Guy Skinner and Paul O'Bier 1<sup>st</sup> place, Jerry Hancock and George Nelon 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Doug Broadway and Gary Simms 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Bill Mouw 4<sup>th</sup> place, and (front row) Faith and Ernest Paty 1<sup>st</sup> couple. Guy Skinner also had big fish with a 1.990 (sorry, no pix). Congratulations to the winners and to everyone that participated. That's one real good lake to fish.....

**Year to Date Standings**

You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why.....cause Santa Claus ain't gonna bring you any points....get use to it!!!

		LAV	LEW	RC	CC	RR	RC	LEW	TAW	CC	Total
PAUL	O'BIER	110	105	110	90	105	110				630
JERRY	HANCOCK	110	75	110	60	105	105				565
GUY	SKINNER	95	65	50	95	50	110				465
JAY DON	REEVE	100	110	85	35	30	50				410
GARY	SIMS	100	0	75	0	110	100				385
BILL	CARR	0	70	40	95	70	75				350
ERIC	POPPELL	105	10	100	100	30	0				345
JAMES	RAINS	105	10	100	100	30	0				345
TRACY	LEARD	100	80	0	50	30	80				340
PAT	MARTIN	0	90	95	45	30	75				335
GEORGE	NELON	0	0	75	30	110	105				320
ANH	NGUYEN	0	10	0	110	90	85				295
ERNEST	PATY	10	10	50	105	50	65				290
PHIL	BRADSHAW	95	10	0	30	35	90				260
CHARLES	HOUSE	10	100	45	30	30	35				250
RON	CONASTER	10	0	0	85	85	60				240
JAMES	ABERCROMBIE	10	70	95	30	30	0				235

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JIMMY	LEONARD	10	10	60	40	65	45	230
MACKEY	WHYTE	85	10	35	30	30	40	230
JAMES	COFFMAN	10	90	0	90	0	35	225
KURT	WESTENHOEFER	85	85	35	0	0	0	205
TREVOR	WORTHINGTON	10	0	10	80	100	0	200
BILL	SHIVERS	0	0	0	80	30	70	180
EVIN	SHIVERS	0	0	0	80	30	70	180
TY	STEED	0	95	0	85	0	0	180
PATRICK	VILLEGAS	10	10	60	10	30	60	180
DOUG	BROADWAY	10	0	0	0	65	100	175
GREG	OIDTMAN	10	110	0	10	45	0	175
BUCK	HOUSEWRIGHT	10	10	90	0	60	0	170
FAITH	PATY	0	0	0	105	0	65	170
DANNY	MARTIN	10	0	90	0	60	0	160
BILL	MOUW	0	0	0	0	55	95	150
SHELDON	SHEPHERD	10	60	0	0	0	80	150
ERIC	WALKER	0	0	0	10	45	90	145
TOBY	GRAY	10	0	30	30	30	40	140
TIM	LAVAS	10	10	0	80	30	10	140
JOHNNY	MERRIMAN	0	0	0	0	85	55	140
MIKE	WILSON	0	0	0	110	30	0	140
TOD	FRIDGE	0	75	30	30	0	0	135
JASON	LYONS	0	100	0	30	0	0	130
JIM	BARNES	0	0	105	10	0	0	115
KATIE	BARNES	0	0	105	10	0	0	115
RHONDA	REEVE	0	0	0	35	30	50	115
ANDY	RODRIGUEZ	0	10	10	55	30	10	115
DON	LAWRENCE	0	65	0	40	0	0	105
ALPHONSO	TIPPIE	0	105	0	0	0	0	105
CLIFF	DALTON	90	10	0	0	0	0	100
DANNY	SALAZAR	90	10	0	0	0	0	100
ALAN	WORTHINGTON	0	0	0	0	100	0	100
	DYER	0	0	0	0	95	0	95
	LAW	0	0	0	0	95	0	95
DOMINICK	PESCATORE	10	85	0	0	0	0	95
JEFF	SCHWIETTERMAN	0	0	0	65	0	30	95
KENNETH	SOUTHARD	0	95	0	0	0	0	95
BERT	BROWN	0	10	0	80	0	0	90
FLOYD	FREEMAN	10	0	0	0	80	0	90
KELLIE	WORTHINGTON	0	0	10	80	0	0	90
TOM	CAO	10	0	0	0	75	0	85
JARED	HALL	10	0	0	0	75	0	85
JERRY	HOPKINS	0	0	85	0	0	0	85
BLAKE	SAVELL	0	0	0	0	0	85	85
JOHN	WESTER	0	0	0	55	30	0	85
MATT	CARROLL	0	0	0	0	80	0	80
J	JENNINGS	0	0	80	0	0	0	80
EARL	SCHWARTZLANDER	0	0	80	0	0	0	80
JOE	WILLIS	0	80	0	0	0	0	80
BOBBY	GOFORTH	10	0	65	0	0	0	75

MAX	GRAHAM	10	0	65	0	0	0	75
SCOTT	SOLIS	10	0	0	65	0	0	75
FRANK	MALDONADO	0	0	70	0	0	0	70
FRANKLIN	MALDONADO	0	0	70	0	0	0	70
CLIFF	SPI NDLE	0	0	0	0	70	0	70
JON	BAGNALL	10	10	45	0	0	0	65
BRAD	BUDI SH	0	0	30	0	30	0	60
JARED	KASPER	0	0	0	60	0	0	60
BRIAN	SPAGNOLA	0	60	0	0	0	0	60
	MOUW	0	0	0	0	55	0	55
L	MERRIMAN	0	0	0	0	0	55	55
BRUCE	TAYLOR	0	0	55	0	0	0	55
	TAYLOR	0	0	55	0	0	0	55
RICK	CRI LLEY	10	10	0	0	30	0	50
KEVIN	KUBIAK	0	0	0	50	0	0	50
TERRANCE	STEELE	10	0	40	0	0	0	50
RICK	CARVER	0	0	0	45	0	0	45
CARL	ELLI S	0	0	0	0	0	45	45
EDDIE	TURNER	0	0	0	0	40	0	40
JOHN	VINSON	0	0	0	0	40	0	40
ROD	LUSSIER	0	0	0	0	35	0	35
MIKE	ANDREWS	0	0	0	0	0	30	30
JOE	BRYANT	0	0	30	0	0	0	30
TOBY	HILL	0	0	0	0	30	0	30
JAMES	HILL	0	0	0	0	30	0	30
DON	KELSEY	0	0	0	30	0	0	30
	KELSEY	0	0	0	30	0	0	30
JASON	MYERS	0	0	0	0	30	0	30
JIMMY	PHILLIPS	0	0	0	30	0	0	30
CLAY	RUSSELL	0	0	0	30	0	0	30
FABRICIO	SALAS	0	0	0	30	0	0	30
GARY	SWEET	0	0	0	30	0	0	30
JIMMY	WILLIAMS	0	0	0	0	30	0	30
LINDA	BROWN	10	0	0	10	0	0	20
RODNEY	LOOS	0	10	10	0	0	0	20
SCOTT	BAILEY	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
JIMMY	BRUMMETTE	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
KEVIN	ELY	0	0	0	10	0	0	10
	ELY	0	0	0	10	0	0	10
LARRY	HARDIN	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
JIM	HENSON	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
RAY	MITCHELL	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
JEFF	NEIGHBORS	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
BILL	PESCATORE	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
DEAN	STEWART	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
JOHN	WILLIS	0	10	0	0	0	0	10

**EVERYONE ELSE HAS ZERO**

Also, you'll probably notice that there is (has been) several blanks where names are suppose to go. So please don't shoot the messenger (editor) as I can only publish what I'm given. Talk to the guy(s) that keep the stats.

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Well, I guess that's it for yet another month. Thanks to everyone that helped with the info and pictures. Please remember

**the next meeting is Monday, Aug 11, same time, same place, and the next tournament is at Lake Lewisville on Saturday, Aug 16. It's a 'partner' tournament, so do I have any takers on who the winners will be...and thanks to all of you for being a member of the best dang fishing club anywhere**

**THE CRAPPIE ANGLERS OF TEXAS**