



The Crappie CAT

A Newsletter By and for the Crappie Anglers of Texas



From the Editor

Well, it's just about all over except for the digging and the singing. All the points tournaments are 'in the books'. All the '08 Board meetings have been held. We only have one more general meeting for the year and it's **TUESDAY, OCT. 14TH**. This is the last edition of the newsletter (except for possibly a mini version to let everyone know how the Classic went). No more seminars. No more lying or jockeying for position prior to a tournament. No more having to listen that the next tournament will be won on docks when everyone knows it will be won on brushpiles or standing timber. The fat lady is about to sing for 2008. If nothing else, it's been an interesting first year. We've had (lots of) growing pains. We've gotten a few things right, and maybe twice that many wrong. But we still have a very strong base membership of guys that come to every meeting and fish every tournament....and there is something to be said for that. We have a lot of people to thank for our success, especially our few sponsors, and especially **Advantage Marine**. Joe Ham was very instrumental in making sure that our club succeeded financially in it's first year, and for that Joe, we are grateful.

So with that, I will bid you a fond farewell. I hope everyone got some measure of enjoyment out of this rag this year and I thank you for your support. JayDon will edit the Crappie CAT next year and I am sure that you will support him as you have me. I want to also thank Sheldon Shepherd who behind the scenes, and with no credit, converts this newsletter each month from a Word format to a .pdf format (for you less articulate computer types, that means that he takes a very long, big, wordy document and converts it into something that even Paul can download via his dial-up connection in Hooterville, TX).

Later.....
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Monthly Quotes to Live By

- If it don't seem like it's worth the effort, it probably ain't
- If you think you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around
- When you give a personal lesson in meanness to a critter or a person, don't be surprised if they learn their lesson
- Generally, you ain't learning nothin' when your mouth is movin'
- And last but certainly not least.....Always drink upstream from the herd

Election Results

I'm sure that everyone knows it by now, but I thought I would again tell you who will be our Board of Directors for the year 2009. The new members elected at the last meeting were Jimmy Leonard, Pat Martin and Jerry Hancock. While there were several very well qualified candidates, I think you guys elected three guys that will 'keep the rest of us straight'. And speaking of the rest of us; the four Board members that will transition over into 2009 will be George Nelson, Paul O'Bier, JayDon Reeve and yours truly. And all these guys are chomping at the bit to get goin', as we have already had several great recommendations for next year. So if you think we 'done good' this year, just wait til next year, cause we're gonna knock your socks off with some new and hopefully very popular ideas. The one thing that I can guarantee.....you won't be bored.

Angler of the Year

OK, everyone brace yourselves, because here comes the surprise of the century. The very first Angler of the Year award for 2008 for the Crappie Anglers of Texas goes to none other than our own Paul O'Bier (applause, standing ovations, confetti dropping, grown men crying, women swooning, and Jerry sticking pins in a doll that resembles Paul). Paul showed all of us this year that the cream will always rise. Paul's worse tournament this year garnered him 80 points. He had **four** tournaments that he was on the winning team, and **three** tournaments that he was on the second place team. Now if that's not domination, will someone please call me up and explain to me what is. I started to call Paul and ask him to let us in on some of his secrets of success, but then I got to thinking....I already know his main secret.....knowing how to fish standing timber. He beat a mud puddle in our collective butts fishing standing timber (memo to self; learn better how to fish standing timber). And with all kidding aside and in all honesty; Paul did it with the utmost humility. Never once did you hear him brag, never once did he become distant, and never once did he present himself as nothing but just Paul, the crappie fisherman. Congratulations my friend.....**you are the best of the best.**



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Over this past year, I've tried to bring some sort of humor out in each of these tournaments, but this last one defies me. I found nothing humorous about it. So I'll just leave it at that and give you the results.....

Place/Big Fish/Total/Team

1.	1.550	9.665	Crilley & Nguyen
2.	1.855	9.210	Freeman & Solis
3.	2.025	8.910	Reeve & Reeve
4.	1.370	8.785	Dyer & Mouw
5.	1.500	8.400	Tran & Ellis
6.	1.365	7.670	Schwieterman & Andrews
7.	1.270	7.460	O'Bier & Hancock
8.	1.215	7.085	Carroll & Anderson
9.	0.995	7.065	Kubiak & Pratt
10	1.485	7.035	Paty & Paty
11	1.390	6.245	Skinner & Shepherd
12	1.165	6.085	House & Coffman
13	0.950	5.770	Lavas & Lavas
14	1.445	5.670	Houseright & Martin
15	1.015	5.665	Martin & Abercrombie
16	1.060	5.620	Savell & Stuckeman
17	1.280	5.440	Nelon & Sims
18	0.835	5.280	Villegas & Leonard
19	0.990	4.980	Conatser & Merriman
20	0.645	3.715	Cao & Hall
21	1.055	3.145	Bradshaw & Bradshaw
22	1.005	3.100	Shivers & Shivers
23	0.665	0.665	Wester & Rodriguez



L to R, Rick Crilly and Anh Nguyen, 1st place, Floyd Freeman and Scott Solis, 2nd place, and JayDon and Rhonda Reeve, 3rd place/1st place couples/big fish/and anything else that could be won (as I'm not sure what the fourth trophy was for). Congratulations to all on a hard won tournament....especially those two little guys on the left

Final Standings/Top 40

OK, here it is. This is what you've fish for all year, and just in case you don't like where you finished....talk to that guy standing in the mirror.

	NAME	LAV	LEW	RC	CC	RR	RC	LEW	TAW	CC	Total	NET
1	OBIER, PAUL	110	105	110	90	105	110	110	105	80	925	775
2	HANCOCK, JERRY	110	75	110	60	105	105	110	100	80	855	720
3	REEVE, JAY DON	100	110	85	35	30	50	80	95	100	685	620
4	SKINNER, GUY	95	65	50	95	50	110	105	75	60	705	605
5	NGUYEN, ANH	0	10	0	110	90	85	105	0	110	510	510
5	SIMS, GARY	100	0	75	0	110	100	95	0	30	510	510
7	RAINS, JAMES	105	10	100	100	30	0	80	60	0	485	485
8	MARTIN, PAT	0	90	95	45	30	75	85	0	40	460	460
9	CARR, BILL	0	70	40	95	70	75	100	0	0	450	450
10	CONASTER, RON	10	0	0	85	85	60	65	110	30	445	445
10	NELON, GEORGE	0	0	75	30	110	105	95	0	30	445	445

12	PATY, ERNEST	10	10	50	105	50	65	75	0	65	430	420
13	LEONARD, JIMMY	10	10	60	40	65	45	90	80	30	430	410
14	LEARD, TRACY	100	80	0	50	30	80	50	0	0	390	390
15	COFFMAN, JAMES	10	90	0	90	0	35	0	105	55	385	385
16	BRADSHAW, PHIL	95	10	0	30	35	90	30	65	30	385	375
17	MOUW, BILL	0	0	0	0	55	95	55	70	95	370	370
18	SOLIS, SCOTT	10	0	0	65	0	0	70	110	105	360	360
19	ABERCROMBIE, JAMES	10	70	95	30	30	0	85	10	40	370	350
20	POPPELL, ERIC	105	10	100	100	30	0	0	0	0	345	345
20	VILLEGAS, PATRICK	10	10	60	10	30	60	90	65	30	365	345
22	HOUSE, CHARLES	10	100	45	30	30	35	10	45	55	360	340
23	FREEMAN, FLOYD	10	0	0	0	80	70	0	55	105	320	320
24	REEVE, RHONDA	0	0	0	35	30	50	0	95	100	310	310
25	HOUSEWRIGHT, BUCK	10	10	90	0	60	0	0	90	45	305	305
25	SHIVERS, BILL	0	0	0	80	30	70	10	85	30	305	305
25	SHIVERS, EVIN	0	0	0	80	30	70	10	85	30	305	305
28	LAVAS, TIM	10	10	0	80	30	10	35	75	50	300	290
29	SCHWIETERMAN, JEFF	0	0	0	65	0	30	30	50	85	260	260
30	DYER, ALEC	0	0	0	0	95	0	55	10	95	255	255
31	LAWRENCE, DON	0	65	0	40	0	0	50	90	0	245	245
31	MERRIMAN, JOHNNY	0	0	0	0	85	55	65	10	30	245	245
33	CRILLEY, RICK	10	10	0	0	30	0	75	0	110	235	235
33	ELLIS, CARL	0	0	0	0	0	45	100	0	90	235	235
33	PATY, FAITH	0	0	0	105	0	65	0	0	65	235	235
33	RODRIGUEZ, ANDY	0	10	10	55	30	10	45	55	30	245	235
37	WHYTE, MACKEY	85	10	35	30	30	40	0	0	0	230	230
38	WORTHINGTON, TREVOR	10	0	10	80	100	0	30	0	0	230	230
39	BROADWAY, DOUG	10	0	0	0	65	100	0	45	0	220	220
40	SHEPHERD, SHELDON	10	60	0	0	0	80	0	0	60	210	210
41	MARTIN, DANNY	10	0	90	0	60	0	0	0	45	205	205
41	OIDTMAN, GREG	10	110	0	10	45	0	30	0	0	205	205
41	WESTENHOEFER, KURT	85	85	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	205	205
44	STEED, TY	0	95	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	180	180
45	CAO, TOM	10	0	0	0	75	0	60	0	30	175	175
45	HALL, JARED	10	0	0	0	75	0	60	0	30	175	175
47	CARROLL, MATHEW	0	0	0	0	80	0	10	0	75	165	165
48	WESTER, JOHN	0	0	0	55	30	0	45	0	30	160	160
49	GRAY, TOBY	10	0	30	30	30	40	10	0	0	150	150
49	KUBIAK, KEVIN	0	0	0	50	0	0	30	0	70	150	150
51	WALKER, ERIC	0	0	0	10	45	90	0	0	0	145	145
52	WILSON, MIKE	0	0	0	110	30	0	0	0	0	140	140
53	FRIDGE, TOD	0	75	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	135	135
54	LYONS, JASON	0	100	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	130	130
55	MOUW, BEN	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	70	0	125	125

STUCKEYMAN, JIM	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	80	35	125	125
WORTHINGTON, KELLIE	0	0	10	80	0	0	30	0	0	120	120
ANDREWS, MIKE	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	85	115	115
BARNES, JIM	0	0	105	10	0	0	0	0	0	115	115
KATIE, BARNES	0	0	105	10	0	0	0	0	0	115	115
TIPPIE, ALPHONSO	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	105
DALTON, CLIFF	90	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
DUNN, DONALD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	100	100
SALAZAR, DANNY	90	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
WORTHINGTON, ALAN	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	100	100
LAW, LEROY	0	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	0	95	95
PESCATORIE, DOMINICK	10	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	95
SOUTHARD, KENNETH	0	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	95
BROWN, BERT	0	10	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	90	90
TRAN, CV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	90	90
WILLIS, JOE	0	80	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	90	90
ANDERSON, JASON	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	75	85	85
BLAKE SAVELL	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	0	0	85	85
HOPKINS, JERRY	0	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	85
LAVAS, NICHOLAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	50	85	85
JENNINGS, J	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	80
SCHWARTZLANDER, EARL	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	80
TURNER, EDDIE	0	0	0	0	40	0	40	0	0	80	80
VINSON, JOHN	0	0	0	0	40	0	40	0	0	80	80
GOFORTH, BOBBY	10	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	75
GRAHAM, MAX	10	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	75
BUDISH, BRAD	0	0	30	0	30	0	10	0	0	70	70
MALDONADO, FRANK	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	70
MALDONADO, FRANKLIN	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	70
PRATT,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	70	70
SPINDLE, CLIFF	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	70	70
BAGNALL, JON	10	10	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	65
KASPER, JARED	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	60
SKEEN, MARC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	60	60
SPAGNOLA, BRIAN	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	60
MERRIMAN, L	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	55	55
TAYLOP, BRUCE	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	55
TAYLOR, WIFE	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	55
STEELE, TERRANCE	10	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50
CARVER, RICK	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	45	45
LUSSIER, ROD	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	35	35
SAVELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	35	35
BARKER, ERIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	30	30

BIESTER, DAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	30	30
BRADSHAW, ZACH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	30
BRYANT, JOE	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30
HILL, JAMES	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	30	30
HILL, TOBY	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	30	30
KELSEY, DON	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	30
KELSEY, WIFE	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	30
MYERS, JASON	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	30	30
PHILLIPS, JIMMY	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	30
RUSSELL, CLAY	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	30
SALAS, FABRICO	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	30
SWEET, GARY	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	30
WILLIAMS, JIMMY	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	30	30
BROWN, ERIC	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	20	20
LOOS, RODNEY	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20
WILLIS, JOHN	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	20	20
BAILEY, SCOTT	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
BRUMMETTE, JIMMY	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
ELY, KEVIN	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
ELY, WIFE	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
HARDIN, LARRY	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
HENSON, JIM	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
MITCHELL, RAY	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
NEIGHBORS, JEFF	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
PESCATORE, BILL	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
STEWART, DEAN	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10

Everyone else had no points. The names highlighted in green are the top 40 finishers. You have won the right to fish in the Classic. You won that right by fishing all or most of the tournaments, and doing well in them. **I encourage you to fish in the Classic.** This year it was decided that if some of you decide to not fish the Classic, we will start pulling from position 41 down, until we get forty participants. But understand; you earned the right to fish....and there will only be ONE 'first Classic'.

Well, that about puts the wrap on it. It was a good year, but one not without problems. Some of us learned that we were better fishermen than we thought we were; and some of learned just the opposite. Some of us were taken out of our 'comfort zone', and succeeded; and some of us didn't. Some of us learned volumes about crappie fishing that we didn't know; and some of us taught volumes. Some of us made new friends; and some of us lost old ones. Some of us learned patience; and some of us lost it. Some of us learned that crappie fishing is a means to an end; and some of us learned that it is the end. Some of us gained respect that wasn't solicited; and some of us solicited respect that wasn't gained. But all in all, it was like Sinatra once said.....it was a very good year.

OK, hoping that everyone is still awake.....THE NEXT (AND LAST) MEETING OF THE YEAR IS NEXT TUESDAY, OCT 14, 2008. You gotta be there cause you're a member of the best darn fishing club to ever exist...

The Crappie Anglers of Texas

Note from Sheldon

Just a little add-on here before converting this into pdf. Writing this to you now from Cleveland, Ohio where I'm on a business trip at the moment. Don't know enough about crappie fishing but I am staying at a Holiday Inn Express....maybe that will help? The more I travel the world away from North Texas, the more I appreciate being at home and the great state of Texas.

When Guy sends me the MS Word document I create a pdf file using the smallest file size option. This causes a reduction in the quality of photos and may make the text a little bit grainy. The reason is that some of us are on varying levels of connection to the internet. This original file size was about 4 megs and would take someone on a dial-up connection a long time to download via email or on the web. Pdf is used as well because not everyone has Word or even compatible versions.

On another note, thank you for supporting CAT over the last year. We certainly learned a lot. I'm proud to have been a "plank owner" on the first board of the crappie club. We made good and bad decisions from the beginning. We made modifications. The next board will learn from our experience. The decisions and direction were driven by what we believed to be in the best long-term interests of the club and its membership.

It has been a good year for the club and it will only get better as I know the next board will follow the same mission. Be safe on the water!

Regards,

Sheldon Shepherd