



The Crappie CAT

A Newsletter By and For the Crappie Anglers of Texas



From the Editor

Only one tournament to go (if you don't count the Classic) and this year is "in the books". This year has been hectic, exciting, great, bad, interesting, and sometimes valuable (sorta reminds you of your first year of marriage, huh), although, I'd have to say that it was mostly 'productive'. While at the time it may have not seemed like it.....but we got a lot of things accomplished. We hoped for 50 members, and got 186. We hoped we could run 'a' tournament without too many hiccups, and we ran every one of them with little if any hiccups. We hoped that we could help a few crappie fishermen get better, and we ended up with a club full of very good crappie fishermen. All in all, I think you'd have to say that the Crappie Anglers of Texas.....done good. Yeah, we know we didn't get to put tournaments all over the state, hence "of Texas", but it was still our first year (wait until you see next year's schedule), and after all, the Crappie Anglers of Dallas/Ft. Worth Area makes for a crazy acronym.....CAD/FWA. A lot of you participated not only in the tournaments, but in most everything that the club undertook, and for that you should be proud of yourself. We know we'll probably lose some members next year due to nothing other than attrition, but if we get lucky, we'll have the large majority of you back. After all, if we all don't come back, who will pay for Paul and Jerry's fishing habit. So pat yourselves on the back and stand for a round of applause to yourselves, cause you, the membership of the Crappie Anglers of Texas made it all happen.....ya'll done good.....real good!!

Later,
Guy



President's Message

We have a very important function to perform soon. A major election. On Sept. 29 we will select 3 new board members. That's 43% of the board. You have 7 days to figure out who will best serve

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your wishes and the wishes of the majority of the club membership. If in doubt about any proposed member, call them and discuss their views for the club for next year. 43% change could mean major changes, so be informed. At the next meeting we will allow each candidate a few min to give their views and to answer questions from the members. You also can ask questions by e-mail or on the TFF.

It is important for every member to vote, so if you will not be at the meeting, be sure to submit your ballot before the meeting.

On a personal note, it has been my great pleasure to serve as the first President of our club. It was fun and a great learning experience. In hindsight we would probably have done a few things differently, but overall I feel that it was a successful year and the beginning of a great future for the "Crappie Anglers of Texas". As a non decision maker in the future, I will support the club in whatever job that the board asks of me. Thank you all for being a great group and great friends.

Ernest

Monthly Quotes to Live By

- Don't never squat with your spurs on
- If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still with ya
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back
- And last but certainly not least.....It don't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep

Tips and Tricks

When was the last time that you had nothing to do, so you went out to your boat and just stood there staring at it, wondering why you own a hole in the water that you pour money in to?? Boats are like kids; you gotta "tend to them periodically", or they'll get out of control. When was the last time that you took your trolling motor off and tightened all the bolts that hold it to the boat (I did that a couple weeks ago and found two 'gone')? When was the last time you took a Phillips head screwdriver and tightened all the screws that hold your floor panels down? When was the last time that you checked to see if your bilge pump still works (when you need this one, it's no time to hope it works)? When was the last time you checked the water level in your batteries (use distilled water so that you don't put unwanted chemicals in there)? When was the last time you checked the tire pressure in your trailer tires, **including the spare** (at least 40 psi on a single axle trailer)? What about your trailer lights....are all of them still working? If your trailer is more than a year old, you should have checked your bearings to make sure that there is sufficient grease in them. What about your drain plug; is it tight enough to not leak, is it too tight to remove, has the rubber gone bad, and do you carry a spare? Your boat is your toy.....don't make it your pain.

It's Time to Vote

This isn't exactly your U.S. Presidential election, but to the CAT, it's every bit as important. You, the Club, are being asked to elect **three** new members to the Board of Directors for the Club. Our By-Laws call for two new members to be elected each year, but this year we have three vacancies to fill.

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At our last Club meeting, we asked for nominations from the floor for candidates to vote on, and ten members were nominated. Eight of these members were present at the meeting and accepted their nomination and agreed to serve on the CAT Board if they were elected. Two of the nominees, Tracy Leard and Tod Fridge, were not able to be at the meeting to accept their nomination so they will not be included on the ballot. However, Tracy and Tod are CAT members in good standing, and should definitely receive consideration for a place on the Board, so remember that Tracy and Tod are eligible to be a write-in candidate along with any other CAT member. So now it's your turn to say who you want to fill these vacancies. The official ballot is attached to this newsletter. You are asked to vote for **three** names. This ballot must be used by you for your voting. The official ballot is identified with our Club logo, as we are trying to make sure that the voting is as straight-forward and honest as we can make it. So make sure that you vote for no more than **three** candidates (including a write-in candidate, if you choose), as any ballot with more than three names marked, will be disallowed. Bring the ballot with you to the next meeting which is this coming **Monday, Sept. 29, 2008**, or if you can't make the next meeting, you can mail them to **Jay Don Reeve, 246 Commander Lane, Gun Barrel City, TX 75156**. If neither of those options work for you, you can also email the ballot to me at jaydon@finnytribe.com.

We are trying to make it easy for you to vote, because your vote does count in this important election. Remember, these are guys that will help direct the Club next year, and it is very important to keep the great momentum going that we got started this year. The new Board members will be introduced at next Monday's meeting. Until then, thanks to everyone for your continued support of the **The Crappie Anglers of Texas**.

Tawakoni, Sept, 20, 2008.....or "Don't Be Deceived By Looks"



This is what it looked like at sun rise yesterday. Beautiful huh? It was accompanied by roosters crowing, birds chirping, fish (gar) splashing....what a great day to be on the water....that is, if you

weren't fishing in a crappie tournament. I kinda figured it was gonna be a tough day when I noticed one of Quinlan's finest showing me his beautifully matching pair of blue and red lights, as I pulled out of McDonalds. I had my fog lights on (brightest fog lights you can imagine), but had failed to turn my headlights on. He was friendly enough and told me that he wouldn't issue a citation, but he did run my license to see if I was a wanted felon (funny how a shaved head and small beard have a way of putting people on tilt). So with that small delay, Tim Lavas and I are off again. We stop At Scotty's to get minnows, and when I ask the gal for three dozen and she gets on the phone to call for more minnows, I know better than to wait around. We then stop at the Bait Shed and yep, he's got minnows.....the size of a small crappie (in fact, they were so big, I considered trying to slip a couple of them past Paul at weigh in). Tim and I finally get on the water and slip out to our first (and ends up only) stop of the day. Only one other boat there with us, Scott and Ron, but they had the good sense to leave early. After about an hour I remembered that I had failed to mention to Tim that we were in a "crappie" tournament, and not a "bass" tournament, as he is knocking the LMB dead. But what a beautiful fishing day. No one around us (not a good feeling) and four crappie in the well at 1100. At that point I considered moving, but I noticed the likes of JayDon and Rhonda, as well as James and Marc running around, so I think, probably more than us are finding crappie unwilling. But that little voice in my head (one of many) keeps telling me....."go to the bridge, go to the bridge", but I turn that off, as everyone knows that in tournaments, bridges will get you beat....yeah, and the check's in the mail and I'll love you in the morning.

In the CAT tournaments, have you ever noticed that just prior to weigh-in.....nobody's talking about how they did?? I mean, most of us could win an Oscar for our performances, or certainly be considered for a job with the CIA, as everyone is so tight-lipped as to make you think there was \$\$\$\$ at stake. As it turned out yesterday, we were just all so ashamed of our catch that we wouldn't talk about it. It was a typical smooth-as-silk weigh-in held by Paul (I think he needs to be nominated as our "Tournament Director for Life"), but I'll tell you folks, there simply wasn't much to weigh. Thanks to all that participated.....one more to go.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Big Fish</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Team</u>
1	1.560	6.840	Solis - Conatser
2	1.465	6.145	O'Bier - Coffman
3	1.570	4.445	Hancock - Dunn
4	1.755	4.020	Reeve - Reeve
5	1.395	3.685	Housewright - Lawrence
6	1.690	3.315	Shivers - Shivers
7	1.170	3.240	Leonard - Stukeman
8	1.065	3.230	Skinner - Lavas
9	1.260	2.995	Mouw - Mouw
10	0.970	2.425	Villegas - Bradshaw
11	1.665	1.665	Rains - Skeen
12	1.130	1.130	Rodriguez - Freeman
13	0.765	0.765	Schwieterman
14	0.600	0.600	House - Broadway
15	0.000	0.000	Abercrombie - Merriman
16	DNF	DNF	Dyer - Dyer



(L - R) Scott Solis and Ron Conatser 1st place, Paul O'Bier and James Coffman 2nd place, Jerry Hancock and Donald Dunn (not pictured) 3rd place, and JayDon Reeve and Rhonda Reeve (thank you Rhonda for making this picture palatable) 4th place/big fish/1st male-female team. Congratulations to all the 'WINNERS', cause you guys deserve everything that you got on this one.

Year To Date Standings

It's again 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	105	0	845
HANCOCK, JERRY	110	75	110	60	105	105	110	100	0	775
SKINNER, GUY	95	65	50	95	50	110	105	75	0	645
REEVE, JAY DON	100	110	85	35	30	50	80	95	0	585
RAINS, JAMES	105	10	100	100	30	0	80	60	0	485
SIMS, GARY	100	0	75	0	110	100	95	0	0	480
CARR, BILL	0	70	40	95	70	75	100	0	0	450
MARTIN, PAT	0	90	95	45	30	75	85	0	0	420
CONASTER, RON	10	0	0	85	85	60	65	110	0	415
NELON, GEORGE	0	0	75	30	110	105	95	0	0	415
NGUYEN, ANH	0	10	0	110	90	85	105	0	0	400
LEONARD, JIMMY	10	10	60	40	65	45	90	80	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
BRADSHAW, PHIL	95	10	0	30	35	90	30	65	0	355
POPPELL, ERIC	105	10	100	100	30	0	0	0	0	345
VILLEGAS, PATRICK	10	10	60	10	30	60	90	65	0	335
COFFMAN, JAMES	10	90	0	90	0	35	0	105	0	330
ABERCROMBIE, JAMES	10	70	95	30	30	0	85	10	0	330
HOUSE, CHARLES	10	100	45	30	30	35	10	45	0	305
MOUW, GREG	0	0	0	0	55	95	55	70	0	275
SHIVERS, BILL	0	0	0	80	30	70	10	85	0	275
SHIVERS, EVIN	0	0	0	80	30	70	10	85	0	275
HOUSEWRIGHT, BUCK	10	10	90	0	60	0	0	90	0	260
SOLIS, SCOTT	10	0	0	65	0	0	70	110	0	255
LAVAS, TIM	10	10	0	80	30	10	35	75	0	250

LAWRENCE, DON	0	65	0	40	0	0	50	90	0	245
WORTHINGTON, TREVOR	10	0	10	80	100	0	30	0	0	230
WHYTE, MACKEY	85	10	35	30	30	40	0	0	0	230
BROADWAY, DOUG	10	0	0	0	65	100	0	45	0	220
FREEMAN, FLOYD	10	0	0	0	80	70	0	55	0	215
MERRIMAN, JOHNNY	0	0	0	0	85	55	65	10	0	215
RODRIGUEZ, ANDY	0	10	10	55	30	10	45	55	0	215
REEVE, RHONDA	0	0	0	35	30	50	0	95	0	210
OIDTMAN, GREG	10	110	0	10	45	0	30	0	0	205
WESTENHOFER, KURT	85	85	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	205
STEED, TY	0	95	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	180
SCHWIETEMAN, JEFF	0	0	0	65	0	30	30	50	0	175
PATY, FAITH	0	0	0	105	0	65	0	0	0	170
DYER, ALEC	0	0	0	0	95	0	55	10	0	160
MARTIN, DANNY	10	0	90	0	60	0	0	0	0	160
GRAY, TOBY	10	0	30	30	30	40	10	0	0	150
SHEPHERD, SHELDON	10	60	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	150
CAO, TOM	10	0	0	0	75	0	60	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
WALKER, ERIC	0	0	0	10	45	90	0	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
CRI LLEY, RICK	10	10	0	0	30	0	75	0	0	125
MOUW, SON	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	70	0	125
WORTHINGTON, KELLIE	0	0	10	80	0	0	30	0	0	120
BARNES, JIM	0	0	105	10	0	0	0	0	0	115
KATIE, BARNES	0	0	105	10	0	0	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
DUNN, DONALD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	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
STUCKEYMAN, JIM	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	80	0	90
WILLIS, JOE	0	80	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	90
BLAKE SAVELL	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	0	0	85
HOPKINS, JERRY	0	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
JENNINGS, J	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
KUBIAK, KEVIN	0	0	0	50	0	0	30	0	0	80
SCHWARTZLANDER, EARL	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	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
BUDISH, BRAD	0	0	30	0	30	0	10	0	0	70
MALDONADO, FRANK	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
MALDONADO, FRANKLIN	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
SPI NDLE, CLIFF	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	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
SKEEN, MARC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	60
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
LAVAS, NICHOLAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	35
LUSSIER, ROD	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	35
ANDREWS, MIKE	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	30
BARKER, ERIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	30
BIESTER, DAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	30
BRYANT, JOE	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
HILL, JAMES	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	30
HILL, TOBY	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
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
ANDERSON, JASON	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10
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

The "What If" Scenario...Again

We're now in the stretch with one tournament to go, and this thing is shaping up to 'go to the wire' for a few of us (I obvious am not talking to Paul and Jerry here). So take a look and see if you think you're safe....and we'll see you at Cedar Creek. *Congrats to Paul on locking up 1st place.*

Place Overall	Name	Adjusted Points
1	Paul O'Bier	650
2	Jerry Hancock	640
3	Guy Skinner	545
4	JayDon Reeve	520
5	Gary Sims	480
6	James Rains	475
7	Bill Carr	450
8	Pat Martin	420
9	Ron Conatser	415
9 (tie)	George Nelon	415

11	Anh Nguyen	400
12	Tracy Leard	390
13	Jimmy Leonard	380
14	Ernest Paty	355
15	Phil Bradshaw	345
15 (tie)	Eric Poppel	345
17	James Coffman	330
18	James Abercrombie	320
19	Patrick Villegas	315
20	Charles House	285
21	Greg Mouw	275
21	Bill Shivers	275
21 (tie)	Evin Shivers	275
24	Buck Housewright	260
25	Scott Solis	255
26	Don Lawrence	245
27	Tim Lavas	240
28	Trevor Worthington	230
29	Macky Whyte	220
29 (tie)	Doug Broadway	220
31	Floyd Freeman	215
31	Johnny Merriman	215
31 (tie)	Andy Rodriguez	215
34	Rhonda Reeve	210
35	Greg Oidtman	205
35 (tie)	Kurt Westenhofer	205
37	Ty Steed	180
38	Jeff Schwietiman	175
39	Faith Paty	170
40	Alec Dyer	160

Well, that's it for this month. The next meeting is Monday, Sept. 29th, same time, same place, and the next tournament is at Cedar Creek Lake on Oct. 4th. It's a 'partner' tournament, so better go find yourself somebody that knows the lake....and thanks for being a member of the best dang fishing club anywhere.....

THE CRAPPIE ANGLERS OF TEXAS



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Election Ballot for Board of Directors
Club Year 2009

Please vote for "three" names.....

In alphabetical order (first name):

Bill Carr _____

James Rains _____

Jerry Hancock _____

Jimmy Leonard _____

Pat Martin _____

Patrick Villegas _____

Scott Solis _____

Tim Lavas _____

Write-In _____