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TCAFS Annual Meeting Update

The Annual meeting the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is fast approaching and now is the time for members to start planning to attend. The meeting will take place January 27-29, 2003 in Galveston, Texas at the Moody Gardens. The hotel is providing a special rate for the meeting, so identify yourself as part of the TCAFS meeting. A block of rooms will be held until January 6th, but don't wait until the last minute to make your reservation! For reservations call 888-388-8484.

Registration forms can be found on the TCAFS website located at www.sdafs.org/tcafs/index.htm for those who get the newsletter electronically. A registration form is located in the back of the newsletter for those who receive a hard copy in the mail. Make sure and photocopy the registration form and give it to co-workers, students, and anybody else that has an interest in Texas aquatics. Let's make this one of the best attended TCAFS meetings ever.

More in-depth articles follow in this newsletter dealing with business and issues associated with the upcoming meeting. See you there!

TCAFS ExCom Meeting

By
Debbie Wade

In attendance were Gene Wilde, Fred Janssen, Gordon Linam, Brian Van Zee, Bart Durham, Gary Garrett, Felix Martinez, Kevin Pope, Tim Bonner, Paula Hawkins, and Deborah Wade. President Gene Wilde called the meeting to order on November 21, 2002 at 2:00 PM.

Newsletter report: Robert Mauk mailed 101 copies of the last newsletter at a cost of \$153.62. The remaining newsletters were distributed by email. This remains a great savings to the Chapter as well as allowing the newsletter to reach the membership faster as well as reaching non-members.

Secretary/Treasurer: Debbie Wade reported that chapter expenses since the last meeting had been \$412.18 for printing and postage of newsletters and proceedings. The chapter income was \$2012.44 with \$1500 from the Golden Algae Team for Scholarship and 512.44 coming from membership and rebates from the Parent Society. The Chapter's investments had a



slight overall gain during the last 30 days with the net result that the Chapter currently has a total of \$18,960.05 in its Merrell Lynch account.

Endowments: Michael Brice has sent out letters to colleges to encourage application to the Chapter for its annual scholarship. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Golden Algae Team donated \$1500.00 to the Chapter for its scholarship fund. We wish to thank all members of the team for their generous contribution.

Continuing Education: Bruce Hysmith and Spencer Dumont have come up with two topics for the Continuing Education at the annual meeting. There is also a possibility of a tour of the National Marine Fisheries Service's Sea Turtle Project.

Nominating: John Moczygamba has worked hard to develop a qualified slate of officers for this year's ballot. Secretary/Treasurer candidates are Joan Glass and Paula Hawkins and for President Elect the candidates are Fran Gelwick and Deborah Wade.

Pond Management: Craig Bonds is looking at ways that TCAFS might be of service at the Bass 101 workshop in the San Marcos area to be held March 28-29, 2003.

Awards: Bart Durham has obtained the files from Danny. He requested that the Chapter consider amending the bylaws so that Special Recognition Awards could be presented at anytime during the year should a special need arise. He mentioned Dr. Dalquest who passed away between being nominated and the actual meeting where the award was presented as an example. He is to make a presentation at the business meeting on this topic. He also requested that the Chapter consider adding a publication award. The ExCom agreed the idea had merit and requested that he research the proposal more thoroughly so that we could discuss it at the next ExCom meeting.

Student Chapter: Members of the Chapter have obtained an autographed basketball from Bobby Knight, which is to be auctioned at the Banquet with funds going to the Student Chapter.

Membership: Kevin Pope requested that the Chapter revise the method in which it is currently tracking its membership. By allowing the Parent Society to keep the membership roll there will be a continuous database available for both newsletter and anyone else that needs the list. It will eliminate duplication of effort on the part of the Chapter and the Parent Organization and it will cost \$2.50 per non Parent Society member. Kevin was asked to present the pros and cons of the issue to the membership at the next business meeting.

Publicity/Exhibits: David DeLeon and Brian Van Zee reported that they have five confirmed exhibitors for the meeting as well as several excellent donations in the works. They believe that they have obtained sponsorship for the kegs at the mixer and banquet.

Editorial: Tim Bonner has abstracts for thirty-three oral presentations and eleven posters at the moment he hoping to receive three or four more oral presentations before the deadline. There are currently fifteen speakers in the special symposium on Marine Fisheries.



Dick Luebke has agreed to be the Texas Chapter representative for the American Fisheries Society Leadership Committee pending the approval of the TCAFS ExCom. The ExCom was in agreement that Dick was an excellent choice.

Recommended TCAFS Dues Increase

By Kevin Pope, Membership Committee Chair

I'm requesting your support of a motion to be made during the upcoming business meeting. The proposed motion will be:

Future record keeping of membership lists will be conducted by staff at the Parent Society office with a current fee of \$2.50 per non-Parent Society member. To cover the cost of this expense and other rising costs, membership dues will be increased to \$12 annually for professionals and \$8 annually for students.

This issue was discussed at the last EXCOM meeting and received full support from all in attendance. The benefits of this proposed action include:

- Standardization of record keeping with long-term tractability
- Elimination of duplicative efforts among several EXCOM members, including Newsletter editor
- Availability of demographic information of membership
- Focus efforts of Membership Chair on goal of increasing membership
- Membership recruiting efforts from Parent Society
- Members have multiple options (including credit card) for paying dues
- Likely increased membership and reduction in year-to-year variation in membership, which could result in increased donations from businesses such as Cabela's
- Prevents need for 2-tier (Parent Society members and non-Parent Society members) schedule of dues
- Offsets some of the increasing costs (e.g., printing and postage) of conducting business

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

BY JOHN MOCZYGEMBA

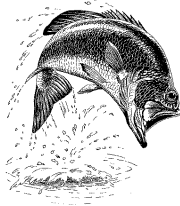
First I would like to thank committee members, Paul Hammerschmidt (TPWD, Austin), and his staff for printing the ballots and getting them mailed. He has the system down pretty good since he has been doing for the past four years. Do not retire yet Paul!

This year we will vote on a President-elect and Secretary/Treasurer. The candidates for President-elect are Dr. Fran Gelwick (Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University) and Deborah Wade (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Inland Fisheries Division).

The candidates for Secretary/Treasurer are Joan Glass (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Resource Protection Division) and Paula Hawkins (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Inland Fisheries Division).

The procedures will be the same as last year. Paul will mail the ballots out the first week of December. The mail-out will include each nominee's resume and their vision for the Texas Chapter in the future. The ballot will have a stamp on it and it is already addressed, mail it in by Tuesday, January 21, 2003, especially if you do not plan to make the meeting. About 50% of the members are voting. Since we have a membership of over 200, we can do better than that. So mail in your ballot and be eligible to win a GREAT prize, which will be drawn for at the annual meeting. You do not even have to be present to win. If you come to the meeting and have not voted yet, there will be a voting table at the registration desk. Just pick up a ballot, fill it out, and put it in the ballot box before 10:30 am Tuesday, January 28. The results will be announced at the business meeting on Wednesday, January 29. To be an eligible voter you must be a registered member, so make sure your dues are paid up. See you at the meeting.





BASS 101 MEETING SET IN SAN MARCOS

Ready to learn more about managing ponds and lakes for better bass fishing? Mark March 28-29, 2003 on your calendar and help spread the word about this informative state-wide private water management workshop scheduled at the Activity Center in downtown San Marcos.

The program will be a slightly modified version of the highly successful Bass 101 workshop held in Athens two years ago. Co-sponsors include Texas A&M University's Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Pre-registration by March 14th is \$75 per person or \$125 per person after that date and at the door.

The workshop targets private landowners and will include information on managing ponds, lakes and reservoirs for better fishing. However, both agency and private biologists will benefit from the wealth of information packed into this 1 1/2 day long program.

Each participant will also receive a copy of the workshop proceedings. In addition to presentations from recognized experts, a panel discussion will be conducted on improving pond fishing as well as a question and answer "Ask the Experts" panel.

Registrants will be eligible for three continuing education units for private, commercial and non-commercial pesticide license re-certification. In addition, a trade show will be conducted and exhibitors may reserve booth space at a cost of \$200 per booth.

To register or for further information, contact Billy Higginbotham at (903)-834-6191 or b-higginbotham@tamu.edu.

NOTES FROM THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

To date, we only have a handful of nominations for the annual awards. There is still time to nominate a deserving fisheries professional. The deadline is December 15th. Nominations can be submitted via the web form on the TCAFS website.

The awards committee is proposing the following two items for consideration by the membership at the upcoming business meeting in Galveston.

1.) Awards committee criteria stipulates that awards be distributed at the annual meeting. The awards committee is proposing a change of the criteria to allow for the dissemination of the special recognition award at any time of the year, if circumstances warrant. The proposed change is to add two items to the two existing procedures for determining award recipients as listed in the procedural manual. The additional procedures are: (1) the awards committee may also accept nominations and give the award at any time during the year with a positive vote from 2/3 of the committee members, (2) all awards given at times other than at the annual chapter meeting will be announced to the membership at the next chapter meeting.

2.) The awards committee is proposing the establishment of a best publication award. The award criteria is outlined as follows: (1) at least one author of the paper must be a member in good standing, (2) nominations may, but do not have to be made by the author(s), (3) nominations may be for a peer-reviewed journal article, book, book chapter, or popular article published (in print) since the last nomination deadline. Procedures for determining award recipients will be: (1) all nominations sent in by an announced deadline will be distributed to committee members, (2) reprints of nominated materials must be made available to all committee members, (3) each member of the committee will evaluate and rank all nominated publications.



TCAFS RAFFLE and AUCTION

By David De Leon

Calling all members! Calling all members! This is the last chance for all members of the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society to go hit the pavement and solicit goods and services for the annual auction and raffle. Proceeds from the annual auction allow the chapter to provide scholarships and travel funds for deserving students in fisheries. We have only two months to solicit these items. Handmade crafts, prints, outdoor equipment, and guided hunting and fishing trips have always been particularly popular, but small items such as lures, t-shirts, caps etc. are just as important for the raffle. Go and visit any vendors that might donate a product for our raffle such as Wal-Mart, Academy, Boat Dealers, Marinas, etc. If you are able to organize or donate a product or service, please contact David De Leon (806-655-4341, email ddeleon@cox-internet.com) or Brian Van Zee (915-651-5556, email brianvanzee@hotmail.com) and we can get you a copy of the donation letter and contribution form to present to potential contributors. If every member can go out and solicit at least one item, we can make this one of the best auctions and raffles ever. Also don't forget to bring your checkbooks to the big event. Here are just some of the products that have been donated and will be available for bidding; 4 tickets to the Dallas Zoo, \$100 gift certificate for Rockin 'R' River Guides in New Braunfels, fish cooker, 4 tickets to "Texas" and 1 night stay in a Jacuzzi suite at the Holiday Inn in Canyon, one day guided fishing trip and one nights lodging at Loomis Lake Fork Lodge for 2 people, and one night

stay at Moody Gardens with VIP passes to all attractions.



See You at Moody Gardens and Support the TCAFS

Now that you have had a chance to read about some of the events that are going on at the annual TCAFS meeting at Moody Gardens in Galveston on Jan 27-29, 2003, don't forget to register and book your rooms today!

Also make sure to volunteer your time and talents by serving on one of the many committees available. Perhaps you would like to have the prestigious newsletter editors job with all the perks (box seats at sporting events, backstage passes at concerts, etc with your press pass) that go with it. Let me know!

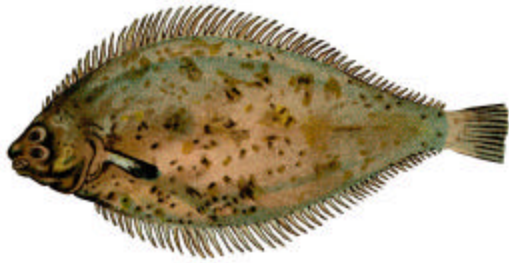
Also make sure that you help out the raffle committee by donating a prize. Really help us out by then bidding on the prize you donate. The money goes to a good cause.

Don't forget to vote. We've made it easy for you by dropping the butterfly style ballot we used to use. In fact next year run for office.

Attend the continuing education classes that are available. Lot's of effort goes into putting this event together, let's support it.

Finally, just come and enjoy the beautiful surroundings, get reacquainted with friends and other professionals, and catch up on your sleep through the presentations. Enjoy!





11th Annual Spring Meeting of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society

The North Carolina Chapter of the American Fisheries Society invites you to join us on the riverfront of historic Wilmington, North Carolina, at the Hilton Riverside Hotel for the 11th Annual Spring Meeting (formerly Midyear Meeting) of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society. The meeting begins Thursday, February 13, 2003 and finishes up on Sunday, February 16, 2003 at noon. The action packed meeting includes Technical Committee Meetings, an outstanding slate of workshops, an LMB virus workshop hosted by B.A.S.S., Poster Sessions, Technical Sessions, a student-mentor affair and the annual Southern Division AFS business meeting. We even have a couple of surprises planned; you won't want to miss this exciting meeting.

The registration fee is only \$69 if received before January 18, 2003; you can't find a more informative meeting ANYWHERE else for this price! Hotel rates for the Wilmington Hilton Riverside are \$79 per night (plus taxes), single or double occupancy, \$84 for triples and \$89 for quads. The room block will fill up rapidly so make sure you get your reservation in before the January 12, 2003 deadline.

Please note that the deadline to submit abstracts has been extended to December

6, 2003. Presentations will be scheduled for 20 minutes (15-min presentation and 5 min for questions), that will be strictly enforced. Media for presentations may include 35-mm slides or Microsoft PowerPoint™. Abstracts should be a 200-word (or less) statement of objectives, principal results and conclusions and must include (in order) title; author names, addresses, phone, and e-mail; abstract text; and format (poster, slides, or PowerPoint). The first author will be assumed to be the presenter and principal contact person unless otherwise noted. Please send abstracts by e-mail or diskette using WordPerfect, MS Word (preferred), or ASCII text to:

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Please visit the SDAFS web site at www.sdafs.org/meetings/03sdafs/2003home.htm for additional meeting information and updates. We look forward to seeing you at the 2003 Spring Meeting!

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Southern Division Scholarships

Robert M. Jenkins Memorial Reservoir Research Scholarship

This scholarship was created by the Reservoir Committee in 1997 to provide financial assistance to graduate students in the southeastern States that are conducting reservoir-related fisheries research. A sub-committee will review applications and present recommendations to the Committee at the annual meeting held in conjunction with the SD-AFS Spring Meeting. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded annually with funding for a second year contingent upon research and academic performance. This award will be made directly to the student and not the student's educational institution. It can be used for any aspect of the graduate education including, but not limited to, tuition, textbooks, equipment, travel or living expenses. Scholarship recipients will be required to present the results of their study to the Committee or at a conference where the Committee is holding a regular meeting. Travel assistance of up to \$500 each will also be provided if travel funds from other sources are unavailable. Go to the Southern Division AFS Website homepage and follow the links found in the "Scholarships" box at the bottom of the page. Applications must be received by January 31, 2003.

Jimmie Pigg Memorial Outstanding Student Achievement Award

The Warmwater Streams Committee was established in 1976 as a technical committee within the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society in order to address issues related to warmwater streams. The Committee promotes the conservation and management of warmwater streams by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas, information, and concerns. The Committee created an Outstanding Student Achievement Award in 1997 to recognize university students who are truly outstanding in research, education and professional endeavors. Outstanding student(s) are recognized at the Southern Division's Annual Mid-Year Meeting and receive a plaque, funds to travel to the meeting, and a one-year membership to the American Fisheries Society. In 1999, the award was re-named the Jimmie Pigg Memorial Outstanding Student Achievement Award in honor of Jimmie Pigg, a longtime supporter of student

activities. Students must be either currently enrolled in a university or had been enrolled during the 2000-2001 academic years. Criteria are based on research, education and professional activities. Research criteria can be achieved by either independent graduate activities or collaborative research with educators or fishery scientists. All aspects of research activities concerned with warmwater (for the definition of warmwater streams see Winger, P.V. 1981. Physical and chemical characteristics of warmwater streams: A review. In Krumholz, L.A. editor. The Warmwater Stream Symposium: A National Symposium on Fisheries Aspects of Warmwater Streams. American Fisheries Society Warmwater Streams Symposium, 1981, pp 33-44) streams are acceptable. An outstanding educational record based on undergraduate and/or graduate courses is desirable. Courses concerned with fishery or aquatic biology, statistical concepts, and warmwater stream biology and management are highly desirable, but not required. Professional activities such as holding offices or chairing committees in fishery-related student organizations, AFS Chapters, and other professional organizations are desirable. Activities in public services such as children fishing derbies, teaching conservation and fishing workshops to local elementary and high schools and other conservation-related activities are also desirable. All nominees must be willing to present their research at the 2002 SDAFS Mid-Year Meeting and must submit with the nomination material an abstract. All nominees will be ranked based on research (40%), education (25%), professional service (25%) and public service (10%). A committee of members employed by state and federal agencies, and universities will serve as the selection committee. Nomination material is available from the Committee's homepage housed in the SD AFS site (<http://www.sdafs.org/>) or by contacting Chris O'Bara at cobara@dnr.state.wv.us or 304-420-4550. All nomination material must be submitted by January 15, 2003 to Chris O'Bara, West Virginia DNR, 2311 Ohio Ave, Parkersburg, WV 26101 Fax 304-420-4554

John F. Dequine Scholarship

The Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society is proud to announce the creation of a one-time \$1000 scholarship in honor of the first President of the Southern Division, John F. Dequine. All fisheries students attending colleges and universities within the Southern Division are eligible. Application forms and procedures



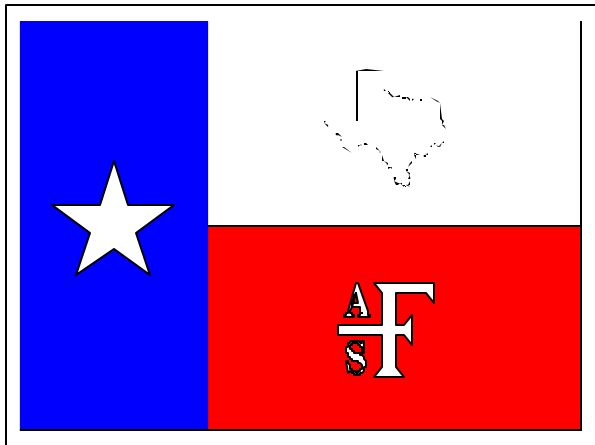
are posted on the Southern Division web site (www.sdafs.org). Application deadline is February 1. Send all materials to: Jeff Boxrucker, Oklahoma Fishery Research Laboratory, 500 E. Constellation, Norman, OK 73072; jboxrucker@aol.com

JOIN THE TEXAS CHAPTER

If you are interested in joining or renewing your membership to the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, you can get membership materials at our web site <http://www.sdafs.org/tcafs/default.htm> or contact **Dr. Kevin Pope, Box 42125, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-2125, (806) 742-2843, kevin.pope@ttu.edu** or the newsletter editor to obtain application information.

**Next Newsletter submission deadline:
February 14, 2003Spring Issue**

Submissions are encouraged. Submit a hard copy or a .TXT file by mail or email to the editor at **maukrobert@hotmail.com**



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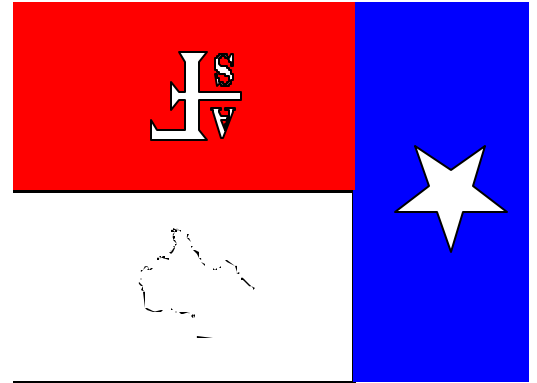
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