

Cox, Kervin capture Anglers Quest series on Rayburn

Anglers Quest 2007 Super Team Series #1 blasted off at on Lake Sam Rayburn with 80 teamed anglers showing up to go for the all cash purse of \$6325.00.

This series will provide the "Team Anglers of the Year" with free entries to all 2008 Super Team series events. The Super Team series championship will be a two-day event held on Sam Rayburn for the Top 25 in points or any team entering all five events on June 30-July 1, 2007, this will be a no entry fee championship with \$5,000 guaranteed going to the winner.

Top seven from this Series will advance to the "Tournament of Champions" which will again be

held on Lake Tyler on Nov. 10-11, and will have a maximum of 30 teams from all A/Q series go to a very exciting \$10,000 to the winner Championship.

The air temp at take-off was 72 degrees with a warming to 82 degrees at weigh in time. The water was at approximately 1/2 ft. above pool level with water temps running 59-60 degrees in the main lake.

The fishing was very good on Big Sam today as 29 limits were brought to the scales for a total of 160 bass at 408.86 lbs making the average bass brought to the scales today weigh 2.55 lb.

George Cox, Jr from Humble and Jimmy Kervin from Crosby ran

Jimmy's Ranger Z-21/Yamaha bass rig to mid and north lake areas to cull to their limit of five bass casting crank baits to 15 ft. deep grass edges and ended up with 24.31 lbs. to finish in first place and collect the A/Q "Goal Posts" and \$2600.00.

Cox and Kervin reported not having but one keeper in the boat at noon, but at 12:30 p.m. the bite turned on with their reels spooled with 20 lb. big game line. Cox hung a fish of a life time for most anglers to land a huge bass, a 12.27 lber. to anchor their bag for the win and a total of \$2840.

Pete Elliot from Vidor and Danny Cherry from Kountze fished together today and gathered up their five

bass and ended up with 17.93 lbs. to finish in second place and collect \$1,100.

Chris McCall from Jasper and Pete Shivers from Kirbyville ran Chris's A&W wrapped bass rig to numerous areas on the lake to catch their best five bass to bring to the scales to capture third place and \$600. Mike Dorcz from Humble and Eddie Harrison from Huffman powered Mike's Bullet/Mercury bass rig to numerous creek areas with grass ledges to catch their best five bass of 16.99 lbs. to garner fourth place and \$400 for their day on the water.

Jeff Jackowski and Kevin Ekdall finished their day with their limit of five bass at 16.41 lbs. and collected

fifth place and \$350. Stan and Steve Burgay finished in sixth place with 16.12 lbs. and collected \$325. Steve and David Morton finished their day in seventh place with 15.11 lbs. and collected \$300. Jason Reyes and Jeremy Murray finished in eighth place with 14.87 lbs. in one of the TIREMAX wrapped Ranger/Yamaha boats and collected the last check of \$250.

Anglers Quest will be back on Big Sam on Feb. 18 for the second of the five Super Team Series events. Enter these events anytime at Needmore Tackle or call A/Q at 281-852-8842.

Anglers Quest 2007 Rules & Schedules are now posted on our Anglers Quest web site.

Outdoor news



Courtesy photo

TED BYERLY traps and hunts wild hogs in the forks of the Angelina and Neches river. This large hog was shot from his deer stand and weighed more than 300 pounds.



Courtesy photo

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS killed his first deer, a 10 1/2 inch spike Dec. 29 while hunting with his father Tommy Strause on Freeborn Ranch in Jim Wells County.

Volunteers set precedent to control invasive exotic plant

Message from residents of Karnack, Texas, to giant salvinia: Don't mess with our lake!

When Howard Elder, aquatic vegetation biologist for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, needed help fighting an infestation of the invasive aquatic plant giant salvinia in Caddo Lake, residents of the tiny East Texas community quickly volunteered.

In December 2006, 35 citizens received training in how to recognize and dispose of giant salvinia and were issued permits allowing them to do so.

"It is illegal to possess or transport giant salvinia without a permit, but these people wanted to do something to help protect their lake," Elder said. "Involving them as permitted volunteers gives them ownership of the management of the water they live near."

Caddo Lake residents have even drafted a "Community Response Plan" which outlines specific goals and objectives to help coordinate volunteer efforts. In addition to creating a "Shoreline Watch" program which will provide quick and decisive control of new infestations, the plan involves actively researching new sources of funding for control efforts.

Elder is planning another training session in the spring. In the meantime signs will be placed around the lake warning people of giant salvinia's presence and steps they can take to help prevent its expansion.

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trailers before leaving launch areas," Elder said.

Giant salvinia is an invasive floating aquatic fern from Brazil. According to Dr. Earl Chilton, TPWD aquatic habitat enhancement program director, giant salvinia is one of the world's most invasive aquatic weeds.

"It has caused problems in Australia, New Guinea, New Zealand, Rhodesia, and Sri Lanka to name a few," Chilton said.

Under ideal conditions, giant salvinia populations can double every 5-to-8 days, are resistant to cold weather, and can survive for weeks out of water if kept moist. Once established, the fern forms dense mats that eliminate all other aquatic vegetation in the area, even plankton, which are vital to healthy fish populations.

Juvenile plants, spread by wind and wave action, quickly start new colonies in protected backwaters. Giant salvinia is easily spread overland to new locations by boat trailers, propellers or jet-ski intakes; most new infestations are found near boat ramps.

More than 150 acres of

the invasive fern were discovered in Caddo Lake in May 2006 in Jeem's Bayou, Louisiana. Subsequent surveys revealed almost 300 acres of giant salvinia in the area. Louisiana vegetation control crews, with the assistance of TPWD, responded with aggressive chemical treatments in an effort to prevent uncontrolled expansion of the exotic.

Since its arrival in Texas waters in 1998, giant salvinia has been documented in Toledo Bend Reservoir, Lake Conroe, Sheldon Lake, and Lake Texana. In 2006 giant salvinia was confirmed on Caddo Lake, Center City Lake and Lake Pinkston in East Texas. Although many infestations are never reported, giant salvinia persists in at least 50 private water bodies in Texas.

An integrated pest management program combining public awareness and education, chemical treatment, physical removal and introduction of bio-control agents like the giant salvinia weevil (Cyrtoaba salviniae) considered to be the best long-term manage-

ment approach.

Although aquatic herbicides remain the first line of defense in controlling new infestations, the introduction of salvinia weevils as a bio-control agent has shown great promise on Toledo Bend Reservoir and Lake Conroe. Elder is also stepping up efforts to introduce weevils on the Louisiana side of the lake in cooperation with Louisiana authorities.

"We have a high density of giant salvinia weevils in at least two places on Toledo Bend Reservoir that need to be harvested and distributed to locations where they will do the most good," Elder said.

Public involvement and awareness are critical in identifying and controlling new infestations and are considered a priority in control efforts. Anglers and boaters can help by learning to identify giant salvinia and reporting any suspicious floating aquatic vegetation, particularly around boat ramps and the backs of nearby creeks.

Boats, trailers, jet-ski intakes, and other equipment should be inspected frequently and cleaned of all aquatic vegetation before leaving launch areas.

For information on giant salvinia in East Texas, to report possible sightings or to inquire about future volunteer training sessions, call Howard Elder, Aquatic Habitat Biologist, 409-384-9965, howard.elder@tpwd.state.tx.us, or Tim Bister, Fisheries Biologist District 3-A, 903-938-1007, timothy.bister@tpwd.state.tx.us.

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2. construction of a 16'X60' building with 2 handicap assessable bathrooms with 1 shower each.
3. installation of 1 stand alone icemaker and 1 upright freezer.
4. installation of 1 septic system.

Bidders are required to contact the City of Brownell at (409)698-2044 to schedule a visit to the work site prior to submitting a bid. At this visit, copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained. A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the (locality's name) or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Office of Rural Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin.

The City of Brownell reserves the right to reject and or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by City of Brownell for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bids opening for the purpose of reviewing the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award. City of Brownell, Monica Garrett, Mayor, January 17, 2007

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Notice to Bidders City of Brownell Invitation for Bids of Construction TCDP No. 725237

The City of Brownell will receive bids for construction for public shelter improvements at the Brownell Community Center until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 2, 2007 at the City of

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The City of Jasper is accepting sealed bids for poleline hardware and supplies for Re Conductor upgrade on Highway 96 Under IFB# 011207.01.
Bid forms may be picked up at City Hall at the purchasing department.
Bids will be received

until 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 5, 2007. Late bids will not be considered for award.
Bid documents may be examined at the City of Jasper Purchasing Department, located at 465 South Main St. Jasper, TX. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Questions concerning the bid may be addressed to Tommy Boykin at 409-384-4651.
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Notice to Bidders City of Brownell Invitation for Bids for Construction TCDP No. 725327
The City of Brownell will receive bids for construc-

tion for public shelter improvements at the Church of the Living God - Hope Center in Brownell, Texas until 10:15 a.m. on Friday, February 2, 2007 at the City of Brownell located at 291 Circle Drive, Brownell, Texas or by mail at City of Brownell, P.O. Box 430, Brookeland, Texas 75931.

The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, February 2, 2007 at the Brownell Community Center, 291 Circle Drive, Brownell, Texas.
Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows:
1. expanding the primary shelter area by 10 feet at front of building.

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2. installation of 2 handicap assessable bathrooms with 1 shower each
3. installation of 1 kitchen including 1 freezer, 1 sink, 1 stand alone icemaker and cabinets
4. replacing the existing roof
5. repair existing bathrooms
6. repair electrical room
7. repair exterior
Bidders are required to contact the City of Brownell at (409)698-2044 to schedule a visit to the work site prior to submitting a bid. At this visit, copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained. A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an

acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the (Locality's name) or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Office of Rural Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on the project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin.
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