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## 2010 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP - CHOKE CANYON RESERVIOR

Wow, what a wonderful new year for TABC. We would like to welcome all of our supporting clubs from 2010 and the new clubs that are signing up with us for 2011.

We had an outstanding year in 2010. Unfortunately we were not able to hold our state tournament at Falcon Lake like we originally planned but I think that everyone enjoyed fishing at Choke Canyon for the State Tournament.

The State Champs for 2010 were San Antonio Bass Club. Congratulations to their team members. They

prevailed in the two days of fishing with a total weight of 86.01, they took home a check for \$3,136.05.

Second place was the outstanding Austin Bass Club with 82.75lbs. They took home \$1518.00.

Third Place was San Antonio Bass Busters Team 1 with 78.67lbs and a check for \$862.50.

Fourth place was Llano Bass Club with 75.59lbs and a check for \$552.00.

Fifth Place went to Universal City Bass Club with 74.52lbs and a check for \$448.50.

No Name Bass Club came in sixth with 72.63lbs and a check for \$382.95.

On Saturday Robert Evans walked away with Big Bass of the day. His Big Bass weighed in at 12.77 lbs.

Kevin Ressig prevailed on Sunday with his Big Bass weighing in at 9.92 lbs.

Each of these outstanding anglers took home a check for \$870.00.

## TABC TO GIVE AWAY 4- \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2011

In 2011 TABC has 4- \$500 scholarships to give away.

This grant is established to help TABC meet one of our established goals; that is, involving our youth in the sport of bass fishing, and at the same time encouraging our youth to continue their education.

Each applicant must review the scholarship qualifications and follow the instructions

on the scholarship application form. The current TABC officers shall review all applications to determine eligibility.

Once eligibility is established, the TABC Board of Directors will determine which two applicants shall receive the grants. The grants shall be awarded in September.

Applications must be post marked by August 15 of the current year.

*For an application  
& official guidelines visit  
our website*

[www.tabconline.org](http://www.tabconline.org)



NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

**September  
24 & 25**

**Falcon Lake**

**Zapata, TX**

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**2011 YOUTH DIVISION <FISHING ALL-AMERICAN>**

The tournament schedule for the 2011 youth division is as follows:

Tournament I April 2, 2011 Falcon Lake.

Tournament II June 11, 2011 Lake Livingston.

Tournament III August 13, 2011 Lake Bastrop.

The website has the rules and regulations and an entry from you can download and print.

**Sponsorship**

Our youth division sponsorship is open to individual and or corporate sponsors.

Here is how you and your business can help.

Bronze (\$100) Name and logo will be displayed on our website for the current year.

Silver (\$250) Name/Logo will be displayed on a banner and our website for the current year.

Gold (\$500) All benefits above and your name will be verbally recognized at all events for the current year.

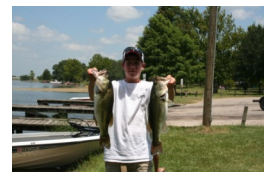
Platinum (\$1000) All benefits above along with your product photographed with the anglers on our website.

Bronze, Silver & Gold Sponsors please make checks payable and mail to:

TABC  
P.O.Box 1163  
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

Platinum Sponsors ship your donation to:

TABC  
C/O Debbie Black  
4465 Noyes Rd.  
Von Army, TX 78073



***T.A.B.C. Invitational – Youth Division***

***Coletto Creek Reservoir & Park***



It was “HOT” on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at Coletto Creek Reservoir but our young anglers hung in there and fished the third youth tournament. We had our usual crowd of youngsters and what a great bunch of kids they are.

In Division II, Cody Moreno (No Name Bass Club) had no competition. He sailed right through. He weighed in one fish for a weight of 2.53 lbs. He also caught the title of Big Bass for his division.

In Division I, Brett Sunvison led all the others with a total weight of 10.50 lbs. He also

had the “Big Bass” for the day. It weighed 4.55 lbs. Payden Tolbert (SABC) came in second with a total weight of 7.61 lbs. In third place was Tanner Moreno (No Name Bass Club) with 2.06 lbs. His brother Dustin (No Name Bass Club) had 1.74 lbs. Christopher Armstrong (SABC) and Maegen Carpenter (Austin Bass Club) did not weigh in a fish on Saturday.

I can’t go on without mentioning that we had three outstanding individuals that volunteered their time, boats, and even gave up fishing for the day to help the Moreno boys out because their dad

had to work and was unable to be there with them.

They are our own Vice President – Ed Parten, Lifetime Member – Pete Wayland, and a member of Bass Busters of Houston – Aubrey Lewis.

If you know these gentlemen or see them be sure you shake their hand for making it possible for the boys to fish the third youth tournament.



*Thank you to everyone who made this season possible.*



Youth Division Tournament III  
Coletto Creek Reservoir  
August 14, 2010

## Grants Will Help Children Connect with the Outdoors

AUSTIN - Fifteen Community Outdoors Outreach Program grants from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department totaling more than \$629,000 will be helping thousands of Texas children explore and learn about the states' cultural and natural resources.

"At a time when children are more plugged into electronics, these projects connect them to the outdoors," says Darlene Lewis, TPWD CO-OP program director.

The grants are being awarded to various cities, non-profits, school districts and other communities that have come together to focus on natural and cultural resource education for children. Participants in programs funded by these grants will have the opportunity to attend nature day camps or participate in outdoor recreation programs as well as service projects.

Currently, \$1.25 million is available to eligible tax exempt organizations to help fund these types of programs in Texas. Grants can range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Applications for the next round of grants will be accepted through Feb. 1. The following grants have been awarded:

--(Athens) Friends of the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center - Inner-city youth from Dallas will participate in hands-on activities which include fishing, hiking, environmental education and a native plant re-establishment service project. (\$36,100)

--(Austin) Ascend Outdoor Adventures - Participants from several non-profit organizations will get to experience nature first hand on eight planned weekend adventures which will include backpacking, canoeing, rock climbing and environmental education. (\$50,000)

--(Austin) Chautauqua Foundation - 5th and 6th graders from Sanchez and Zavala Elementary schools will participate in a canoe camping club. Other activities will include nature photography and Project WILD. (\$49,000)

--(Austin) City of Austin - This afterschool program for teens from 20 Austin recreational centers gets them "Into the Wild" through kayaking, mountain biking, archery rock climbing and more. (\$47,395)

--(Boerne) Friends of Cibolo Wilderness - 4,200 kids will participate in a hands-on summer camp exploring a variety of nearby ecosystems which will allow them to experience four accessible ecosystems. (\$49,993)

--(El Paso) Centro De Salud Familiar La Fe - Through a partnership with the Serna Ranch Youth Leadership Program, participants will visit state parks and learn about the Buffalo Soldiers and cowboys. (\$41,130)

--(Fort Davis) Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute - 250 students will attend weeklong nature day camps to learn more about wildlife identification, plant life, fishing, birding and outdoor photography. There will also be families participating in the Texas Outdoor Family program. (\$16,445)

--(Hawley) Hawley ISD -- 552 students will visit state parks and learn about geo-caching, archery, birding, environmental education and outdoor cooking. (\$47,666)

--(Houston) Junior Anglers & Hunters of America - Students will learn about conservation programs while participating in hunting, shooting sports and fishing. (\$48,462)

--(Houston) North Forest ISD - 275 participants will get to experience the outdoors through hiking, fishing, mountain biking, kayaking and more. (\$50,000)

--(Laredo) Webb County - 650 youths will participate in a series of state park visits and activities including fishing and hiking. (\$30,000)

--(Mabank) Mabank ISD - Innovative outdoor learning experiences are planned for 200 secondary students. Activities include camping, fishing, and environmental education and conservation programs. (\$20,696)

--(Menard) Menard ISD - 326 students will participate in fishing, kayaking, archery, outdoor cooking and camping. (\$43,992)

--(New Waverly) Sunshine Network Corporation - Rural students and families in this community will experience natural science and environmental education programs. Other activities include camping, fishing, hiking and trips to state parks. (\$48,300)

--(Rogers)- KIDFISH Foundation - 3,000 kids will learn about the sport of fishing, fishing laws and ethics. (\$50,000)

For more information about this grant program visit the web link <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants/trpa/#coop> or contact the grant office at 512-389-8224.

## SAPD 31ST ANNUAL BIG BASS TOURNAMENT

SAPD Bass Club is holding its 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Big Bass Tournament on March 5, 2011 at Choke Canyon. 1<sup>st</sup> place is a guaranteed \$2000 with 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> places paid out. There will also be hourly big bass payouts of \$150 and lots of door prizes! Pre-registration is \$75 (per person) or \$95 day of the event. This is

an individual event and all it takes is one Big Bass to be a winner!

For tournament rules and entry forms visit our website at

[www.sapdbassbusters.com](http://www.sapdbassbusters.com)

or

contact Susan Osborne  
(210)771-7999

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[susan\\_osborne@att.net](mailto:susan_osborne@att.net).



Well, we've finished 2010 and jumped directly into 2011 with all of the gusto of people wanting to have an exciting year.

I would like to start off by saying a few things about 2010. As those of you who fished the State Tournament know, we fished Choke Canyon as a replacement of Falcon due to the stuff on the lake about tournament time. I have to say, that it hurt my heart greatly by not fishing Falcon. As most of you know, Falcon-Zapata and the folks around that area have a special place in my heart and it pained me greatly to leave such a great fishery and move to another location. However, with that said, I still had to consider the safety of the people that I represent which is YOU and with that in mind it was the right decision to move the tournament. Thanks to the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce who absolutely jumped through hoops to help us, I believe that the tournament was a huge success. I would be remiss if I did not mention Jim and Katie Rector who did the cooking for us and Debbie Black and Deborah Howard who set up everything and made beans and potato salad. Overall, I give us a strong "A" for the tournament.

Also in 2010 we finished our youth tournaments which I believe was very successful and our Championship is scheduled for Fayette County in March. If you want to participate and help in this tournament and receive a huge blessing, please let us know.

We are really working hard at getting new clubs interested in our organization and I must say our directors are working hard and have had some success. I believe we have 4 or 5 commitments to be a part of our organization. These are new clubs who have heard about us and our Directors have traveled to their club meetings and have told them about TABC and what we are about and they have decided to become part of our organization. I am extremely proud of this.

On a different note, in January we lost a beloved member and Director Jack Yates and he will be sorely missed. In looking back over time I remember a couple of things I would like to share with you. About a year and a half ago, I received a phone call from Jack who was decidedly angry at TABC because we were not out in front of the people enough and his gripe was that the masses had no idea what TABC did or what TABC stood for. We had a long conversation that day and I tried to assure him that the times were changing and that we were embarking on our new journey. Jack offered to be a Director, and do anything necessary to build TABC back to its former glory days and I accepted his offer. Over the last year or so, he became a Champion for our organization and was constantly preaching our worth. On a personal note to share with you, at the State Tournament this last year, we were all standing outside the motel and a friend of mine from work came by with his son. They were just fun fishing and I introduced him to Jack and Bernie. During our conversation, my friend told us about his son who was part of the SFA bass fishing team and needed a place to keep a boat when the boat was up in the Lufkin / Nacogdoches area. Jack immediately offered his mother's carport for storing the boat and Bernie offered a boat stall at his place. For the next hour, Jack and my friend (Bryan McClary) talked youth and fishing and how it builds our youth today. They became fast friends just sitting on the back of a pickup truck. This was the Jack Yates that I knew. After the State Tournament, Jack worked feverously to build TABC and was excited about our youth in the Lufkin area. I believe that we have lost a warrior and I have lost a friend. I am rich for having known him and being involved with him.

Jack's family asked that in lieu of flowers at his memorial, that donations to TABC's youth tournaments in his name be made. I will approach the board at our next meeting and put before the board that we have an annual scholarship in his honor presented to a young man or lady each year.

Our next meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio and I invite all of you to attend. Remember these are your meetings and they are open to all members.

Thank each of you and each affiliated club for all you do for our great sport.

May God Bless each of you  
Ed Calderone  
President TABC

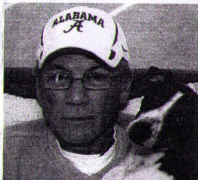
*In Memory Of*  
*Jack Donald Yates, Jr.*  
*Lufkin Bass Club*

**Jack Donald Yates, Jr.**

Jack D. Yates, Jr., 62, passed away peacefully at his home in Houston, Texas on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack D. Yates, Sr, his stepdaughter, Leisha Tartamella and grandson, Cameron Tartamella of Houston.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Yates of Houston; his mother, Helen Yates of Nacogdoches; father and mother-in-law, Walter and Margaret Beveridge of Pasadena, Texas; son, John Yates of Thornton, Colorado; son, Kyle Yates and wife, Katie of Birmingham, Alabama; daughter, Amy Kuberski and husband, Matt of Ft. Worth; brother, David Yates of Nacogdoches; and four grandchildren.

Jack was born in Lufkin, Texas, December 18, 1948, and moved to Nacogdoches shortly thereafter. He spent his early years hunting, fishing, playing baseball and most other sports. In addition, he enjoyed gardening and working on cars. His passion in life was fishing and the joy of that lasted throughout his lifetime. He could be found most weekends on Texas' lakes bass fishing with his buddies and competing in tournaments. His love of life and sense of adventure kept life interesting and exciting for Jack and Wanda. They took many trips together exploring the Smokey Mountains, where they shared their vows. Jack's many friends and family members cherish their time with a man who lived life large and was loved by many.



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Issue 2 2011	March/April	Deadline: March 30, 2011
Issue 3 2011	May/June	Deadline: May 30, 2011
Issue 4 2011	July/August	Deadline: July 30, 2011
Issue 5 2011	Sept/October	Deadline: September 30, 2011
Issue 6 2011	November/December	Deadline: November 30, 2011

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