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Happy 40th Birthday TABC

On that date 40 years ago our organization made history. We were the very first fishing organization of its kind to incorporate in the United States!

Yes-we were ahead of BASS and all the others.

We had so many member clubs that we had to have regional qualifying tournaments to see who would go to the State Championship Tournament.

The State Tournaments boasted a TOP SIX as winners and we had an Alternates side Tournament (for cash). The Top Six only got a trophy and at the time the alternates fared better money wise. We dropped the alternates and added two more "boats" to the state teams.

To be more competitive with other state and national tournaments, several years ago we added cash to the top State winners.

There are so many great things that TABC has accomplished for anglers and all outdoors loving folks in Texas that it would take all night to list them. Just ask Ed Parten, me and a lot of other Lifetime TABC Members if you want to know some of these meaningful events.

I am throwing a challenge to all you anglers out there:

I have a special prize to be drawn from all the new LIFETIME MEMBERS that sign up during the months of April and May. For \$250.00 you will be a forever member of the best fishing organization in the

whole world (you can tell I believe in TABC)!

Let's come up with some club ideas for celebrating the 40th anniversary of Texas Association of Bass Clubs! Just let Ed C., Ed P., Debbie B., or Randi W. know what your ideas are.

Sincerely-Randi M. Wayland, TABC Advisor, Past President, and proud Lifetime Member

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It seems like 2011 is sailing along faster than 2010 did but I am sure those of you who are my age agree that the days are shorter and the weeks are shorter the older you get. We started off 2011 with a bang hosting our Youth Championships on Fayette County Lake. I believe those that attended would consider it a roaring success. The fishing was pretty awesome and everyone who fished came in with a great story of WOW if I had just landed the one that got away. When it was over we saw many smiles from the fishermen, their parents and those who participated as judges. Several of the judges had no ties to TABC other than to volunteer their time and they immediately volunteered to help again whenever we needed them. That says a lot for our youth fishermen and the way they developed relationships. Way to go gang.

Lunch was served by Kim and Bobby Smith of Tight Lines Rods who made sure everyone had hamburgers and hot-dogs and all of the trimmings before they hit the road. Kim and Bobby got a chance to show us their new prototype rods that will soon be on the market. They are awesome. Thanks guys for helping us out and believing in our youth program.

Now as Paul Harvey would say “for the rest of the news”

I went to Zapata last month and met with the Commissioner’s Court about sponsoring our State Tournament. The Commissioners were very open to having us have the State Tournament in Zapata County in September. I have verbally agreed to their offer. I know several clubs have e-mailed me with concerns about holding a tournament on Falcon and several have indicated that they more than likely would not attend if we held a tournament on Falcon. I am really at a loss for words. Everyone knows about the reports of pirates several months ago, actually over a year ago, that happened to Speedy and a fisherman from one of the clubs in San Antonio. Everyone knows about the man being allegedly shot while up the river near the church, but since then, there has not been one account of a problem on that entire lake. Law enforcement has been increased, game wardens have been added to the area, boats regularly patrol the lake on the Texas side and recently, I was told that if you went over into Mexico you could walk from one boat to another (a slight exaggeration I’m sure) but not one incident or problem. All of this leads me to believe that if we are smart and take care of ourselves then there will not be problems on the lake.

Sometime there has to be decisions made that not everyone likes or agrees with but in order for our organization to not just survive but to grow, we must all band together and support our decisions. While not always popular, I believe they are still in the best interest of the organization. As always I welcome your comments and visits to our meetings.

Now on another note, we canceled our first youth tournament of the year which was to be held on April 2nd. Why you would ask? Well we only had 1 participant who was coming to that tournament. Now I have something to gripe about. Clubs, each of you surely have a youth or two who are interested in competing against others of their own age. Why are they not showing up for these tournaments? I need your answers if we are going to continue to make this a viable venue for our youth. Everyone seems to have an opinion about Falcon, how about an opinion about our youth circuit.

In closing, I wish each of you a great Easter. Remember why we celebrate Easter, (a hint—not hunting eggs) and may God bless you all.

Ed Calderone
President

SENATE BILL 390-TPWD FRESHWATER STAMP

Ed Parten and Aubrey Lewis attended the committee hearing at the Capital on SB 390 and represented TABC.

This bill repeals Section 43.809 (Expiration of Sub-

chapter), Parks & Wildlife Code, relating to the sunset provision of the freshwater stamp. This bill allows the TPWD to continue to sell the freshwater stamp past the original date of 9/1/2014,

and makes it a permanent part of TPWD's revenue structure.

The freshwater stamp currently generates an estimated \$6 million annually.

HEADLINES FROM TPWD— [HTTP://WWW.TPWD.STATE.TX.US/NEWSMEDIA/RELEASES/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/newsmedia/releases/)

April 25, 2011

[Critical Texas Bass River Named “Water To Watch” For 2011](#) — *Llano River Project To Help Save Guadalupe Bass, The State Fish of Texas* [[Permalink](#) – [Plain Text](#)]

AUSTIN – The Llano River in Texas has been named one of 10 “Waters to Watch” for 2011 in the National Fish Habitat Action Plan. The watch list doesn't necessarily indicate waters in trouble, but points to those that will benefit from strategic conservation efforts to protect, restore or enhance them, thus providing models for good work elsewhere.

April 21, 2011

[NRDA Trustees Announce \\$1 Billion Agreement to Fund Early Gulf Coast Restoration Projects](#) [[Permalink](#) – [Plain Text](#)]

Washington, DC – Under an unprecedented agreement announced today by the Natural Resource Trustees for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill (Trustees), BP has agreed to provide \$1 billion toward early restoration projects in the Gulf of Mexico to address injuries to natural resources caused by the spill. The Trustees involved are: Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, the Department of the Interior (DOI), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The Department of Justice provided assistance in reaching the agreement.

April 20, 2011

[Camp Thicket Open for Business at Estero Llano Grande State Park](#) — *Popular Retreat Camp Now Operated by State Park in Rio Grande Valley* **News Images** [[Permalink](#) – [Plain Text](#)]

WESLACO, TX—After operating for decades as a popular, privately run Methodist church camp retreat, Camp Thicket is now open to the public as a part of Estero Llano Grande State Park, located in the central Rio Grande Valley area of South Texas.

April 19, 2011 — [Bundled Plain Text](#)

[Wildfire Battles Continue at Possum Kingdom State Park](#) — *Nearby Possum Kingdom Fish Hatchery Operations Affected* **News Images** [[Permalink](#) – [Plain Text](#)]

[Outdoor Grants To Texas Groups Focus on Education and Service](#) [[Permalink](#) – [Plain Text](#)]

April 18, 2011 — [Bundled Plain Text](#)

[Catfish Stockings in Houston-area Lakes to Begin the Week of April 18](#) **News Images** [[Permalink](#) – [Plain Text](#)]

[Texas Giant Salvinia Effort Reaches Boaters, Raises Awareness](#) — *TPWD Continues To Fight Invasive Plants, Gears Up for Zebra Mussels* [[Permalink](#) – [Plain Text](#)]

For more information please go to the TPWD Newsrelease link: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/newsmedia/releases/>

2010 Youth State Championship



Cody Moreno
Division II
First Place



Caleb Ramsey
Division II
Second Place

From left to right: Meagen Carpenter, Cody Moreno, Brett Sunvison, Caleb Ramsey, Dustin Moreno, Tanner Moreno



Brett Sunvison
Division I
First Place



Meagen Carpenter
Division I
Second Place



Dustin Moreno
Division I
Third Place



Tanner Moreno
Division I
Fourth Place



Judges (left to right) Pete Wayland, Jim Rector, Jerry James, Deborah Howard, Dave Cole, (front) Robert Rose.

The 2010 Youth Division State Championship was a great success. The kids had a wonderful time. First and second places received trophies. First place in Division I will receive a \$150 savings bond and First Place in Division II will receive a \$300 savings bond. All of the kids received soft plastics from Hag's Tornado and a rod from American Rodsmiths.

We would like to thank our judges who donated their time. Two of them not only donated time but also their boats, Pete Wayland and Robert Rose.

Thank you to all the parents. With out your support and guidance none of this would be possible.

2010 Sponsors

American Rodsmiths

Stanley Lures

Lake Fork Tackle

Hag's Tornado

Titeline Fishing Products

Atascosita FFA Fish Project

We would like to give you a quick update on the progress of our fish project, thanks to your sponsorship! Since our last update we have only lost one catfish, so our numbers are still good and while we do not have many bass after the circulation problem early on the fish that remain are doing well. The temperature in the tanks has been steady at 69 degrees, which is a little lower than we like but with two heaters that are out of commission we are glad the water is not any lower in temperature.

We have purchased a new bag of feed for the fish and boy are they happy! They eat well and are staying very healthy. Just last week we took some pictures and hope to have them ready to send you next week.

Thank you again for your support!



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