

# The Newsletter of The Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

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## President's Message

*by Dave Terre*

It was great to see you all at our 2005 annual meeting in Grapevine! I want to personally thank all of you on the EXCOM that helped make this meeting a true success. My personal thanks go to Paula Hawkins, Tim Bonner, Michael Baird and John Findeisen who worked their tails off to bring you a QUALITY meeting and raise significant funds for our chapter. Kudo's go to all of you for your dedication and loyalty to the TCAFS.

2005 will be a very busy year for the chapter. As you may know, we will host the Spring Meeting of the Southern Division AFS in San Antonio, February 8-12, 2006. We will hold our annual meeting in conjunction with this meeting, so please make plans to attend. This will be a great opportunity for you to present your research in front of a national audience. You will have the opportunity to meet and mingle with a diverse group of fisheries professionals; hear about on-going fisheries studies in the Southern U.S.; meet potential employers; and take in the sights and sounds of one of our finest meeting locations in Texas, the San Antonio Riverwalk! We will have discounted rates and special functions for fisheries students. Debbie Wade, our President-Elect, will be heading-up the TCAFS portion of this meeting and I invite you to contact her for any specific needs that you may have.

My goals for the TCAFS during the 2005 Calendar year are the following:

- 1) To increase diversity and visibility of TCAFS by reaching out to some "non-traditional" entities in the fisheries field (e.g. private business, fishing organizations, media outlets, and the general public). If you attended our meeting in Grapevine, you saw how we brought together fisheries scientists, river authorities, private business, the media, and the Bass Angler Sportsman's Society (B.A.S.S) to discuss issues surrounding the management of largemouth bass in Texas. This single effort resulted in positive statewide and national press coverage for the TCAFS. It resulted in a \$1,000 dollar donation to our student scholarship program (see related article below) and \$800 towards the deferment of our meeting expenses. Look for a continuation of this work during 2005.
- 2) To maximize student involvement in our chapter and to increase funding for our student scholarship program. Student papers represented about fifty percent of our contributed paper and poster sessions at our Grapevine meeting. We provided discounted room rates and opportunities for free meeting registration. We hosted a student professional mixer and a special student workshop on professionalism. We secured a \$5,000 donation to our student scholarship program (see related article below) and awarded four student scholarships of \$1,250 each (an all time record). Look for a bigger and better student scholarship program in 2005 with improved opportunities for Texas fisheries students at our annual meeting in San Antonio in 2006.
- 3) To recognize and support TCAFS members, both past and present, for outstanding achievements or contributions made to Texas fisheries. If you've been keeping up with our newsletters, I hope that you've seen the pieces written by Ray Mathews (our TCAFS Historian) on Joe Kraai and Dr. Bobby Whiteside. These two



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members left a legacy in the Texas fisheries profession and I believe we should recognize folks like this every opportunity we get. At our Grapevine meeting, you heard a proposal to establish a student research award in honor of Dr. Clark Hubbs. Several of our members are taking a leadership role to make that happen and the TCAFS will be in full support of that effort. At our Grapevine meeting we set aside time for a special awards program and recognized Roger McCabe and Todd Driscoll for their outstanding work in the area of fisheries administration and management. I challenge each and every member of the TCAFS to openly recognize their fellow TCAFS members by nominating them for an award, getting involved in the awards committee, or by contacting Ray Mathews for a special article in our newsletter.

To me, it is an honor to serve as your President and I look forward to working with you in the coming year. If you have an idea to share, please don't hesitate to call me. Together we will achieve the goals I mentioned above. I believe that we are already making some significant progress in these areas and we will do better in 2005. Please do your part and become more involved in the chapter. Also, invite your fellow workers to become members and be a part of our team.

Sincerely;

Dave Terre

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## President Elect's Message

*by Deborah Wade*

WOW!! We have a lot to do during the upcoming year getting ready for the Southern Division meeting in February which will be held in conjunction with our Annual meeting. I'm sure Dave has already said and will say again in order for this meeting to happen it will take everyone working together to welcome our guests from across the Division as well as to put together the quality meeting that Texas Chapter is known for.

Members of the ExCom will be calling on all of us to help with different aspects of the joint meeting. If you have a special interest or skill I want to encourage you to go ahead and volunteer in that area.

I am sure I'll have more to say next time, but fish season has arrived at our Texas hatcheries.

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## March Excom Meeting Notes

*by Michael Brice, Secretary Treasurer*

Crown Plaza Hotel, San Antonio. Wednesday, March 9th 1:00 – 5:00

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. In attendance were; Michael Baird, Craig Bonds, Tim Bonner, Michael Brice, John Findeisen, Ken Kurzawski, Danny Lewis, Dick Luebke, Charlie Munger, Kevin Storey, John Taylor, Dave Terre, Brian VanZee, Debbie Wade, and Mark Webb.

### **A. TCAFS Committee Reports**

**President** - Dave Terre

The TCAFS and SDAFS will have a joint meeting February 8-12, 2006 in San Antonio. The theme is "Water Allocation for Fisheries."

A new Program Leader is needed to replace Tim Bonner.

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The Outstanding Chapter Award application deadline is May 5, 2005 and Fran Gelwick has volunteered to nominate TCAFS.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has agreed to stand behind TCAFS's bid for hosting the 2009 AFS Meeting. Possible meeting sites include Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, and Corpus Christi.

**Editorial** - Tim Bonner,  
Final revisions of the 2004 proceedings will be completed in April.

**Newsletter** - Kevin Storey  
Deadline for submitting to the next newsletter March 25, 2005. Include donors' names in the newsletter. Send newsletter to donors.

**Pond Management** - Craig Bonds - No report

**Publicity / Exhibits** - John Findeisen / Michael Baird,  
"Thank you" letters have been sent out to the contributors of the 2005 TCAFS Annual meeting. All raffles/prizes have been distributed to winners. Michael Baird has presented shotgun to winner. Contributors' names will be included in the newsletter. Newsletter will be sent to contributors. Contributors' names will be included in the published proceedings.

**Nominating** - John Moczygamba  
Online-voting was a success and will be used again next year.

**Secretary/Treasurer** - Michael Brice  
For the 2005 Annual Meeting, deposits exceeded expenses by \$6,500. Auction / Raffle / Donations \$15,117.00.



<http://www.wdafs.org/Anchorage2005/index.htm>

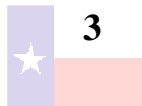
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## Publicity & Exhibits Committee

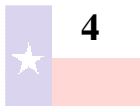
*by John Findeisen & Michael Baird*

The Publicity and Exhibits Committee would like to thank the following individuals and/or businesses who made contributions to the 2005 TCAFS annual meeting.

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Brian Hughes Professional Fishing Guide	Rainswood Marina
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Elm Creek Village	Stren Fishing Lines
Field and Streams Sporting Goods	T.G. Canoe Livery
Fisherman's Wharf	Tanglewood Marine
Floy Tag	Techsonic Industries - Hummingbird Electronics
Forestry Suppliers, Inc.	Texas Aquaculture Association
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Good Luck Lures	Texas Marine
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Honey Hole Magazine	The Science Place & TI Founders IMAX Theater
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Jim Schwartz Fishing Guide	Travis Boating Center
Jerry Dunn Professional Guide Service	TTI Companies
Johnson Lake Management Services	Tyler Marine Repair
Jones Creek Orvis Dealer	Tyler Thrift-Tex RV Center
Juniper Systems	Victoria All Sports
Just For Trucks	Wal-Mart (Canton, Canyon, Longview, Sulphur Springs, Tyler)
K-Mart	Water Monitoring Solutions
Lake Fork & Cooper Lake Guide Service	Watermill Express
Lake Fork Golf Club	West Texas Rod & Gun
Lake Fork Lake View Lodge	West Texas Western Store
Lake Fork Sportsman's Lodge	Wildlife Taxidermy & Sport Shop
Lake Management Services	Will Kirkpatrick Professional Fishing Guide
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## TCAFS Scholarship Program is Growing!

*by Dave Terre*

The Patsy B. Hollandsworth Family Foundation and the Texas B.A.S.S Federation have recently made significant contributions to the TCAFS Student Scholarship Endowment Program. President Dave Terre openly thanked and recognized both organizations for their contributions at our annual meeting in Grapevine, Texas. Contributions made by the Patsy B. Hollandsworth Family Foundation totaled \$5,000, making it possible for us to award four student scholarships (2 graduate and 2 undergraduate), of \$1,250 each, at our meeting. Jimmie and Kirk Green were present at the meeting to accept a "Special Recognition in Fisheries Work" award on behalf of the foundation. Dave Terre presented the award saying: "This award is in recognition for a generous contribution made to the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Student Scholarship Program. In November 2004, the Patsy B. Hollandsworth Family Foundation contributed \$5,000 in support of this very important and highly-valued program. It is clear that our two organizations share a common vision for the future of fisheries in Texas. These funds will go along way toward helping Texas fisheries students achieve their educational and career goals. It is unselfish actions like these that will also help support continued research and help ensure the future of fisheries for tomorrow". Jimmie and Kirk were also recognized for their hard work in securing the contribution from the Patsy B. Hollandsworth Family Foundation. Terre said: "Let it be known that the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society extends its deepest appreciation for the hard work shown by these two individuals. Neither of these two individuals are currently Texas Chapter members. However, Jimmie, a Staff Services Officer for TPW Inland Fisheries, and Kirk, a longtime angler and knowledgeable aquarium enthusiast realized the true benefits of our student scholarship program; enough to motivate them to seek this generous contribution on behalf of the Texas Chapter. Its unselfish actions like these that epitomize the vision I have for this organization. The joining of members and non-members alike (i.e. public) will allow us to achieve goals not possible by our



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members alone. It shows that TCAFS is a strong organization that is much larger than itself and will achieve great things with buy-in from our constituents.

Also, in a surprise announcement at our annual banquet in Grapevine, Tim Cook, Conservation Director of the Texas B.A.S.S. Federation, presented checks to the chapter totaling \$1,000 dollars toward our student scholarship program. Tim was a guest speaker at our "Bass Management in Texas Symposium" and is a life-long angler. Mr. Cook said that he appreciated the opportunity to come speak to our organization and believes that TCAFS and B.A.S.S. share a common vision for the future of fisheries in Texas. The Texas B.A.S.S. Federation wishes to help fund fisheries students, especially those involved in the field of fisheries management. President Terre and Mr. Cook will be working together over the coming years to make this happen. Also, look for the B.A.S.S. to be a big part of the SDAFS meeting in San Antonio, Texas in February 2006. This is yet another opportunity to bring both our organizations together and create opportunities for communication between fisheries scientists and anglers alike.

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## Lucky raffle winner



2/8/2005 – Michel Baird presented the Remington 1100 automatic shotgun, from the 2005 TCAFS meeting, to its winner Monday night, February 7th, at a Waco Parks and Recreation - sponsored meeting for outdoor women. The lucky winner was Alicia Uptmor of Waco, TX. The surprise presentation was timely as well since the club's members will be shooting sporting clays for the first time at their next event later this month. Alicia was extremely happy to win the shotgun, and her fellow club members applauded the presentation.

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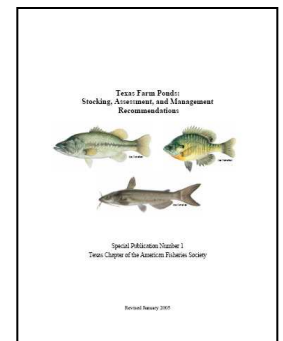
## Pond management manual - January 2005 edition

by Craig Bonds

The newly revised pond management manual was posted on the chapter's website prior to our annual meeting in January. Committee members have taken a short break to focus on other priorities since completion of our task. We will work to re-enlist current members and solicit new membership to the committee. Our next goal is to identify potential tasks for the committee to pursue.

The latest edition of the Texas Farm Ponds: Stocking, Assessment, and Management Recommendations is available for download at:

<http://www.sdafs.org/tcafs/manuals/pond/ponds.htm>



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## Fisheries Techniques – your 2¢ worth

The editorial team for the forthcoming (ca. 2007) Third Edition of Fisheries Techniques (Al Zale, Donna Parrish, and Trent Sutton) seeks input from fisheries educators, students, and professionals on the content and format of the Third Edition. To share your views on what the next edition of Fisheries Techniques should be, please complete the short survey at the following website: <http://wildfish.montana.edu/survey/>

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This is a great opportunity to make the Third Edition more useful and relevant for you. All responses will be considered seriously and treated confidentially.

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## Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society

The Texas Chapter invites you to join us in San Antonio for the 14th Southern Division AFS Spring Meeting, February 8-12, 2006. <http://www.sdafs.org/meetings/2006/>

### Southern Division AFS Committee Chairs

**General Chair** – David Terre  
**Program Chair(s)** - Tim Bonner / Dick Luebke  
**Abstracts / Posters** – Craig Bonds  
**Audio Visual** – Danny Lewis  
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**Registration** – Paula Hawkins  
**Student Activities** - Fran Gelwick / Mark Webb  
**Signs** – Debbie Wade  
**Workshops** – John Taylor

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## Special Symposium: Bass Management in Texas



Pictured above are the speakers who participated in the special Bass Management in Texas Symposium at the January 2005 Annual meeting; left to right – Mike Brice, Steve Magnelia, Randy Myers, Kevin Storey, Billy Higginbotham, Allen Forshage, Todd Driscoll, Tim Cook, Dave Terre. Dijar Lutz-Carillo also participated but did not make it to the photograph.

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## Join the Texas Chapter

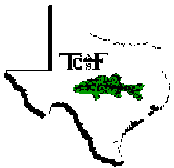
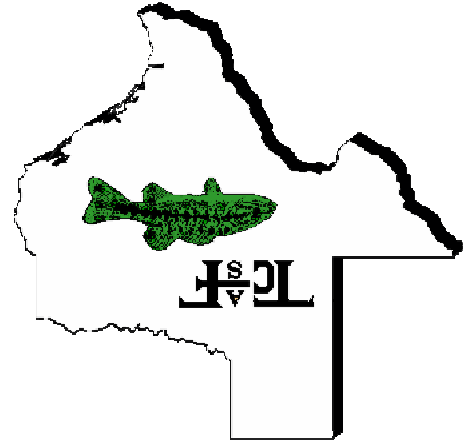
If you are interested in joining or renewing your membership to the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, you can get membership materials at our web site, <http://www.sdafs.org/tcafs/index.htm>, or by contacting Dennis Smith, Dundee State Fish Hatchery, Rt. 1 Box 123A, Electra, TX 76360, (940) 586-1203, [Dennis.Smith@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:Dennis.Smith@tpwd.state.tx.us).

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