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A Message From the President

As we begin another great year for the Texas Chapter, let us not forget our purposes as an organization of professionals. The Texas Chapter is committed to initiating and accomplishing successful activities which protect and promote our resources, offer expertise to the layman, provide support for future colleagues, and unite a group of professionals with a strong commitment to quality and excellence within the chapter as well as their employment. The quality of your day to day work can have a significant impact on the profession as well as the chapter.

The way to achieve these values is by uniting ALL of our active and competent members, increasing communication, meeting attendance, committee participation and chapter funds. This is the lifeline of the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. It is easy to build belief in the chapter, but the key is in maintaining that belief.

You need 36 hours a day and you haven't had a day off in forever. If Father Time gave us 36 hours a day, then we'd need 48 and pretty soon we'd never sleep. Sure, it's a jungle out there and there are man-eating tigers lurking behind every tree. But this should not be an excuse, this should be a challenge, a questioning of pride, professionalism, and a willingness to make your mark. Whether you've been a member for 10 days or 10 years, your help and expertise are needed. NOW!

If the EXCOM and its committees are to make headway, they need help. We have some new interests as a chapter and we are planning some very active goals. I want to see a vast expansion of publicity and recognition of the chapter and it's dynamic, high caliber membership on a national basis.

So please, help roll the the ball.....downhill! Call another chapter member, talk about the activities, make suggestions, offer your help or just visit. If you want to gripe, argue, or complain, call me..... collect, if you have to.

In closing, I would like to make a special appeal to the people who have been members for many years. In all organizations, we always hear the same thing, "We need new blood running the show". But what most people forget is that the old blood is what's kept the heart pumping all this time. And we must never forget that. This "new" dog would love to learn some old tricks!

Mac McCune

Annual Awards Presented at Abilene Meeting

Dr. Gary Garrett was named Fisheries Worker of the Year (research). Gary works at the Heart of the Hills Research Unit, Ingram for TPWD. He recently developed and is working on a recovery plan for the Guadalupe bass, Micropterus treculi.

Ms. Lorain Fries was awarded honorable mention for Fisheries Worker of the Year (culture). Lorain works for the TPWD at the San Marcos State Fish Hatchery. She has significantly advanced the state's largemouth bass broodstock and management plan.

Dr. Kirk Strawn was awarded Special Recognition in Fisheries Work. Dr. Strawn is on the faculty of Texas A & M University. His contributions, in terms of research and education of fisheries workers, are numerous and far-reaching.

Mr. Joe Fries was given the award for Outstanding Presentation. Joe works for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the San Marcos National Fish Hatchery and Technology Center. His presentation was entitled "Effects of Several Feeding Methods on Growth, Survival, and Condition of Striped Bass". The paper was coauthored by Thomas M. Brandt and Bobby G. Whiteside.

Ms. Catherine J. Dryden earned honorable mention for Outstanding Presentation. Catherine is a graduate student at Texas A & M University. Her presentation was based on the paper, "Genetic Characteristics of Walleye from Dale Hollow Lake, Tennessee: Implications for Southern Strain Restoration". Authorship was shared with B. R. Murphy and P. W. Betolli.

Congratulations are certainly due to all of these awards recipients. Also, a special note of thanks from Holt Williamson to all members of the Awards Committee for their service.

Chapter Member Receives High Honors

Clark Hubbs' career as a biologist and his contributions to fisheries are legendary. Recent honors bestowed upon him, therefore, are no surprise to any of us. Dr. Hubbs received "The Award of Excellence" in Toronto in September at the annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society. This is the highest award given by our parent society. In addition, he was recognized as the first recipient of the Clark Hubbs Professorship in zoology at the University of Texas at Austin. Our heartiest congratulations are hereby extended to him.

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New Fish Attractant

Reports from the Pacific Northwest and from the Midwest suggest that an old household substance may serve an additional function, as a fish attractant. When applied to lures, increased angling success is reported for a variety of game species. Fishermen have regularly carried this magic potion in their tackleboxes, evidently with the idea it should be used for purposes other than an olfactory piscine attractant. This magic substance..... WD-40!

Plea For New Memberships and Renewal of Old Ones

If you personally know someone who is not currently a chapter member and is professionally involved in fisheries, inform them of the advantages of belonging to the Texas Chapter. We need them.

Also, if you see former members, remind them of the chapter. There are many individuals who have allowed their dues to expire.

The 1989 Annual Meeting

In December, the Executive Committee met and chose San Antonio as the site for the 1989 chapter meeting. Tentatively, it is scheduled for early October. Watch future editions of this newsletter for more specifics concerning scheduling and topics.