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## Guest Speaker ALEX CARTER, AICP Message From Our President

Alex Gelpi Carter, AICP, is a Resilience Planning Manager with Louisiana's Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD-DR). She is currently working with state and local stakeholders to implement the Louisiana Watershed Initiative, which will be the subject of her presentation.



adult and live entertainment standards, comprehensive nonconforming use/structure/site standards, a hearing procedure to administratively adjudicate code violations, and a variety of nuisance standards (i.e. high grass, trash/debris, junk vehicles). Alex also serves as the

APA LA Metro New Orleans Section Director. In this role, networking and educational opportunities, volunteer events, and membership outreach and participation has continuously increased. Alex previously worked as a Planner in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, assisting with the establishment and promotion of pedestrian and businesses improvement districts. She graduated with honors from UNO (Masters, 2011) and Loyola University New Orleans (BFA, 2009).

The Louisiana Watershed Initiative was launched in August 2018 by Governor John Bel Edwards and aims to lead a long-range vision for the state's multi-pronged approach to mitigating future flood risk focused on natural boundaries.

Formerly, Ms. Carter was the Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement Director of St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana. In her role as Director, she and her team successfully worked with the public and elected officials to draft, adopt, and implement a content neutral sign code,

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Thanks, EASL Board

Hello again fellow members of EASL. Another month has gone by and Fall hasn't arrived yet. It is supposed to be here by the time you read this though. I hope everyone is as ready as I am for cooler weather to get here. I know the hunters in the area are surly ready. To me it's no fun trying to hunt in hot, mosquito filled woods. Seems like when I was a kid it was a lot colder by the end of October. My feet used to be about to freeze off. I don't know if it's the fat layer I've gotten in my older age that insulates me, are what, but it just doesn't seem to get as cold to me anymore. I know I mentioned before that I don't hunt anymore because in St. Amant there isn't as much woods around to hunt like when I was younger. All the squirrels are in my yard anyway. The morning of the squirrel rodeo they had 9 squirrels under one tree in my yard. In the whole yard, I counted 23. There is a big doe and fawn living in the thicket next to the pasture right behind the house. Then two weeks ago, an eagle visited the shop two days in a row. I took pictures. Maybe it will make the paper. I used to walk miles to see that much wildlife. It's a fact that if you hunt with a camera instead of a gun, you will get more shots. A few years back, my wife Bettye and I visited Colorado and went through part of the Rocky Mountain Park and surrounding areas near Denver, Dover, and Estes Park. With a camera I shot many trophy elk, mule and white tail deer, and even a long horn sheep that I could have



shot with a rifle many times in the time it took me to take the picture. I spent probably 30 minutes trying to get a good picture. I loved the time I spent taking those pictures. It really is a challenge hunting with a camera. You need to try it. The wildlife knows the difference between a camera and a gun. Don't get me wrong. I'm not against shooting game for sport and food. It's just

now- a-days squirrels just don't make me that mad. So, I let them live. But sometimes they can overdo their welcome. They can only be so cute you know. Anyway, weather you carry a camera, a gun, or just go hiking through the woods and looking for wildlife wherever you can find it, the weather will be great. If you don't hunt, the speckle trout are moving into the marsh so go get some. Just get outside and do something fun. South Louisiana is hot

most of the year so when the cool weather finally gets here, I want to be here. Don't ask me to go on vacation in the winter. I've waited all year for this weather to get here. One other thing before I go. I want to say happy Veterans Day to all of us veterans and invite you to the Nov. meeting on the 19th to be honored for your service. Thank you. Well this about all my two fingers can type at one time so I need to end this till next time. Be safe and thanks for your time.

Michael J. Lambert



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# 2018 EASL ANNUAL SQUIRREL RODEO

The EASL Annual Squirrel Rodeo was held again on this year's opening day of squirrel season, October 6. Weigh in was from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Merle Gautreau's shed. Fourteen hunters weighed in squirrels, along with three youth hunters. A total of eighty squirrels were weighed in. There were five hunters with limits of eight squirrels. A pork and sausage jambalaya and white beans, cooked by Byron Gautreau, was served to hunters and guests during weigh-in and the resulting skinning party.

The largest squirrel was a 1.5-pound red harvested by Jake Singer. Heaviest bag was 10.09 pounds mixed fox and grey by Tony Arceneaux, for first place. Second place was by Troy Paxton at 9.76 pounds. Third place was by Mike Brown at 9.3 pounds. These winners donated their prize money back to the league.

Three young hunters participated in the youth division this year. They were required to be accompanied by an adult EASL member for safety. They all harvested squirrels. Cole Legnan won first place with two squirrels, total weight 1.29 pounds. There was only a difference of 0.03 pounds between second and third

place. Zachary Hamilton won second with 0.54 pounds and Brandon Morian won third place at 0.51 pounds.

Sunday's gravy was again cooked by Todd Breaux. The eighty squirrels were more than enough to feed all hunters and guests. There were doubts that the harvest would be that good this year because of the hot weather. No one seemed to remember ever having such a hot opening day. Everyone complained about the clouds of mosquitoes and the incidental cottonmouth sightings.

It seems that at each year's Sunday meal, the stories have more mosquitoes than the last years and the snakes grew tremendously. A good time was enjoyed by all.

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## BLACK SKIMMERS - UNIQUE COASTAL BIRDS

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Anyone visiting Grand Isle or Cameron beaches to fish, beach comb, bird, hunt, etc. will surely encounter Black Skimmers, birds with long, scissor-shaped bills where the lower bill is decidedly longer than the top bill. It's hard to miss birds who are black above and snow white below. The base of the bill is red and the end is black. The short legs and feet are red. During the breeding season, the white of the face is continuous with the lower white body. During the non-breeding season, there is a white collar.



**Black Skimmers**

While resting during the day or breeding, Black Skimmers aggregate in large flocks on beaches or large, cleared sandy areas away from beaches. They are easy to frighten and they often flush over real or imagined threats calling with a "yap, yap, yap" that sounds a bit like yapping dogs. In fact, one common name is "sea dog".

Flocks of skimmers often turn in unison with synchronized beats of long wings. This is a truly remarkable sight.

Unlike most birds, Black Skimmer eyes have vertical pupils. These are narrowed to slits to cut the glare of water and white sand.

Black Skimmer flocks often number in the hundreds. But, numbers are declining, largely because beaches where they once nested are being converted into recreation areas! In his account of the Black Skimmer, John James Audubon, our early bird artist and naturalist, reported flocks in the thousands!

The Black Skimmer bill is truly unique. It resembles a scissor with the upper blade shorter than the lower blade. Audubon referred to the birds as "razor bills". The local French name is "bec a ciseaux" referring to the bill's scissor-shape.

To feed, skimmers literally skim across the water surface held aloft by their long, sharp-pointed wings. The lower bill is dipped just below the surface. When a small fish, shrimp, or crab strikes this bill, the upper bill snaps down immediately trapping the meal. The birds find food by touch, not by sight. They often forage in late evening or at night

when waters are often calmer and more prey can be closer to the surface.

Hatchling skimmers have "normal" bills but as they grow and develop, the lower bill becomes progressively longer than the upper bill. Skimmers hatch in rounded "scrapes" where both parents scrape the sand from an area to create a shallow, circular nest depressions where the eggs are laid and incubated.

Young skippers are light brown above and white below. They stand out like "sore thumbs" in a resting skimmer flock beginning in mid-summer into the winter after they fledge and begin to fly.

Skimmers do not normally come inland away from the sea. However, hurricanes and tropical storms will push flocks inland. At such times, they can be found a hundred or so miles inland. They'll remain around large reservoirs and lakes for a few days but quickly return to their normal haunts.

Years ago, I was fishing in Barataria Bay around an oyster reef. I had beached my boat and was casting a shad rig under a popping cork into a strong wind. I had startled some resting Black Skimmers but wasn't paying attention to them but several were hovering directly above me.

I made a bad cast that went high into the wind

and wrapped around one of the skimmer's wings. Fortunately, the bird wasn't hooked and I was able to release it unharmed, the only bird I ever harvested with a fishing rig!



**Skimmer Flock**

# EASL BASS CLUB NEWS

By: Jim Hebert

## “Bubba Rossi & Tim Guillaume dominate everyone with win from the “Ditch”

Bubba and Tim left no doubt about who would win this Tournament when they put their fish on the scale. Once again a big stringer takes it all.

Tournament week began with our meeting at the Gonzales Fire Department on Tuesday night to plan the event. Before the meeting began we all enjoyed a meal of Chicken Stew, rice, potato salad, french bread, drinks and cookies for dessert. I prepared this meal and judging from how much was left, I think everyone enjoyed it for sure.

Eddie signed up 13 boats to fish this Tournament. We then took nominations for locations for the event. We had two locations nominated and the members voted to fish out of the “Ditch”. We then voted to have a 3:00 PM weigh in. The weigh masters chosen were Terry Molea and Ken Villeneuve.

The October meeting is the month where we choose the location for the Classic Tournament. This is the only time we pick a location a month in advance. We nominated three locations; the Ditch, Lake Bruin, and Des Allemands. After the vote, we had a run-off vote between the Ditch and Des Allemands. The Ditch won out to be the Location for the Classic Tournament.

With all business complete, the meeting was adjourned and everyone joined in on the clean up before heading to the house.

Saturday morning everyone had to figure out how to get to the Launch location via the Gramercy Bridge. I'm lucky that Warren was with me because he knew the route so we arrived safely with plenty of time to get ready. Everyone finally got their boats launched on a very foggy morning and then we sat around waiting for the fog to lift enough for a safe take off. Terry let everyone go at safe daylight. I think most boats went toward the Marsh. We went toward the North.

I didn't get a chance to scout, so we didn't have a



From left to right, Bubba Rossi & Tim Guillaume, Ed Hernandez & Donald Braud, Ryan & Murray Alexander

clue on where to start. The water was very muddy at the launch so we had to go North and look for some better water. I was counting on the weather reports to be correct about a mild wind from the north east but that wasn't happening at all. In fact, the wind was from the south east and the water started coming in at about 8:00 AM with the wind.

We did find some better water and caught two keepers early. When that location went dry we moved north from there. By this time the water was no doubt moving in so we were able to catch our limit by 11:00. We continued catching fish throughout the day and we were able to upgrade our catch 3 different times. At least we wouldn't be embarrassed at the weigh in.

We picked up early because we were tired of fishing in the down pouring rain. By 3:00 everyone was weighing their fish and trying to get on the road before the rain got any heavier. We weighed fish in the rain under umbrellas. Most everyone had decent stringers of fish, so it looked like it had been a good fishing day. When the weigh in was complete, Terry announced the winners.

First place went to Bubba Rossi & Tim Guillaume with their limit that weighed in at 13.59 lbs.

Second place was won by Donald Braud and Ed Hernandez with 5 fish that weighed 10.72 lbs.

Third place was the Father-Son team of Murray & Ryan Alexander with 5 fish that weighed 9.71 lbs.



Kevin Diez with 5.5 lb. Big Bass for October

Big Bass of the Tournament weighed in at 4.35 lbs. It was caught by Rod Saylor who also won the “side pot” with his lunker.

Congratulations to the winners of the October Tournament. Our next event will be the Classic Tournament on November 17th. For more information



Rod Saylor with 4.35 lb. Big Bass

on the EASL Bass Club you can visit the website [www.easlonline.org](http://www.easlonline.org).

### From the Scrapbook – The East Ascension Sportsman, No 1, Vol 4, April, 1973

submitted by Warren Singer

#### EASL Wins Conservation Award - Repeats Honor For 2nd Year

The East Ascension Sportsmen's League was presented the Conservation Club of the Year award at the 34th Louisiana Wildlife Federation Convention last week, in Alexandria. J. Burton Angelle, LWFC head, presented the award to EASL's five state delegates, Walter Leftwich, Sonny Guice, Wade Abadie, V.J. Bourque and Larry Braud, Jr. Several forums on all aspects of wild game, fish, pollution, etc., met during the course of the convention. Each committee came up with several resolutions for adoption by the LWF. Here are a few of the major resolutions: The LWF unanimously agreed to endorse a resolution calling for the LWFC to stay as a separate state agency and not merge with any other state agency under the proposed new state constitution. The waterfowl committee submitted a resolution calling for a late, straight duck season. The LWF passed a resolution making it mandatory for all hunters under 18 years of age to pass a hunter safety program before hunting on game management areas. The LWF passed a resolution making it mandatory for all hunters hunting mammals to wear orange safety vests. Also the Federation passed a resolution to try to get Louisiana on the “point system” in our duck hunting ways. These are just a few of the important resolutions passed by LWF.

# FISHING FASHION

Outdoor Corner with Lyle Johnson

Occasionally this is the scenario when a couple is getting ready to go somewhere and the female can't decide what to wear. "Does this go with this? Should I wear the dark jeans or the light ones? Short sleeve or tank top or is it too hot for a long sleeve?" Most of the time us guys are at a loss to help very much and don't understand why she can't decide; until now.

Well, ladies if you don't know this already, us guys getting ready to go fishing is way worse than any dilemma you go through getting dressed. We just don't ask you what to pick out. That's not your thing, right? Come to think of it, fashion is not our thing either and you probably don't listen to our suggestions anyway.

This is me. First, we have to pick out our weapons for battle. Which rods and reels shall I bring; not too many because I'm fishing in someone else's boat but not too few either. Gotta be prepared, you know. It took me 10 minutes to decide the correct number was six, then pick out the ones I wanted. Baitcasters or spinning, light or heavy line, braid or mono; man the choices are endless.

Next is the type of bait. My favorite

way to catch bass is with plastic baits, so first on the agenda is the type. It just gets worse as the process goes along; plastic worms of all shapes and sizes. If you think fashion, jewelry or shoe designers come up with names for their products; think again. Honey worm, shaky worm, power worm, straight tail, paddle tail, twister tail—need I go on?

"Creature" baits are really high on my list as well. How about Brush Hog, Pit Boss, Hawk Hawg, Sweet Beaver, Rocket Craw, Rage Tail Craw, Space Monkey, Chigger Craw? There's leeches, toads, lizards, snakes, is there really a need to go on?

So finally I settle on a Strike King Rage Tail Craw. What next, the color. We have more colors than lipstick manufacturers that appeal to any taste one might have. Like the fruity kind? How about Black Grape, Cherry seed, Plum, Watermelon or what about Electric Grape?

Got a sweet tooth? Hard Candy, Cotton Candy or Watermelon Candy. Romance? There's Midnight Fire—heck there's even one that sounds like a Kenny Chesney song; Tequila Sunrise. I chose watermelon/red that I'll dip in chartreuse dye that is garlic flavored.

Seems to be getting a little pitiful doesn't it?

Wow, one rod done and five more to go. This time of year the topwater baits are always one of my favorites early in the morning. But there are buzz baits, scum frogs, stick baits, poppers and walkers. Colors are next; well I could have chosen a Foxy Shad, Lady Shad or Lemon/Lime Crush. Guys doesn't this seem to be getting a bit ridiculous.

Next comes a hard bait to select. Strike King's Red Eye Shad quickly comes to mind so here we go with the color. Chili Craw is making me a little hungry, Bad to the Bone makes me want to sing, Sensitive Shad makes me a little emotional and the Sexy Shad...well, I'll leave that one alone but Sexy Shad it is!

I pick up another rod and I'm just about mentally exhausted. Point fishing is good this time of year so a plastic worm is in order. Shall I use a straight tail, a twister tail or a trick worm? Color choice again, it never stops.

Zoom offers over 400 colors in their plastic bait selection to fit every need. For the auto mechanic there's motor oil. For the vegetarian there's avocado & tomato. For the person with a sweet tooth there's cotton candy & watermelon candy. Is this not pitiful? I have more rods to get ready. How can we put ourselves through so much torture? Man, it's time for bed.

Oh yeah, we even get the "I ain't got nothing to wear" figuratively as well. Two tackle boxes crammed full, two tackle bags, sundry "Wal-Mart" bags filled with stuff we never opened as of yet and a 22" X 36" plastic tote with "God knows what" in it. Man, this is sorry!

Ladies, I want to take this opportunity to apologize for every man that's ever gotten frustrated, angry or bent out of shape when you've asked him a fashion question of any sort. We are much worse when it comes to these kinds of choices. I will always empathize with my wife from

now on.

Anything Outdoors Helping Kids is at it again. The group that has put kids with cancer and other serious medical issues put on a kid's fishing rodeo during the La Fête des Bayous festival at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in St Amant.



**my grandson Canaan Watts with the two bass he caught on a short trip in the Diversion Canal.**

*Photo by Lyle Johnson*

The annual fund raiser for the church is held on the banks of New River so there wouldn't be a better spot to host some enthusiastic youngsters at a morning of fishing. Jacob Heath and crew did it up good as thirty kids lined the banks in the quest of catching some fish.

When all the dust settled, an up and coming angler by the name of Barritt Babin hauled in 8 perch to earn the winning spot for the most fish caught. Adelynn Reynolds came in right behind Babin with five fish caught. Jax Guillory and Reid James followed Reynolds with four fish each and Ella Sheppard, Trace Bocking, Callie Babin along with Alli Guillory each landed one fish.

Another great job by Anything Outdoors as they provided tackle to kids that didn't have any as well as giving 200 Zebco rods, 20 sticker books and 8 tackle boxes.

Remember to keep the slack out and set the hook hard. Until next time, have fun in the outdoors, be safe and may God bless you!!

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# LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

by **Goosie Guice**

## THE BUCKET

After a long hot summer, fall had arrived. Time had come again for my partner and I to attend our annual Thanksgiving weekend either sex lottery deer hunt on the Tensas National Wildlife Refuge. We arrived in full spirit at the campground at around nine-thirty Thanksgiving morning. The hunt takes place on the two days following the holiday, so scouting for a place to hunt is a major priority on the first day there. After shaking hands and wishing holiday greetings to several other campers and hunters that attend the event annually, we headed out to find some hot deer signs.

We weren't in the woods very long when we walked up on five feral hogs. This area also held some fair deer browsing signs so my partner chose this location for his hunt. While searching for my dream spot I noticed an old rotten deer stand overlooking this beautiful oak bottom with a stream running through it. Next to the old stand was an old bucket turned bottom up that someone had sat on from time to time when they chose to hunt that location.

It's typically a good idea to hunt in these old stand locations because the clubs that once hunted these lands, prior to the government buy-out, knew the best deer travel routes. I hung my tree-climber, a short distance from the old stand location, took a compass reading and headed for the truck.

Although I love to hunt out of tree climbers, age has made me very reluctant to do so. My balance and leg strength is not near what it once was. There is also another problem with me using climbers that won't seem to go away. One of my closest friends fell from one of those things about a mile and a half from this location eighteen years ago. I had the horror of dealing with that situation as we were hunting together that fateful day. The accident left him partially paralyzed until the problem finally took his life.

Daylight the next morning was



a beauty. I found myself uncomfortably sitting about fifteen feet off the ground when my partners' gun fired about seven a.m. It wasn't long after that I spotted a young doe about thirty yards to my left. It seemed that I was more concerned about falling out of the tree than aiming properly as I rushed this shot missing the young whitetail. After climbing down to check to see if I had hit the deer, I noticed that old bucket sitting there. At this point, I knew that I would feel more comfortable just sitting on that bucket than from my elevated tree climber.

My buddy's shot had been on target harvesting a young spike buck. After cleaning the deer, I headed back out for the evening hunt. I climbed again but when I came down at dark my mind was made up. Tomorrow I would be sitting on that bucket to hunt. The next

morning found me at the same spot but sitting safely on the ground. The action was slow with the exception of a huge amount of red and gray squirrel activity. At one point I decided to do a little looking around and found some good deer signs not far from my original spot. There were hookings, bedding and feeding areas along with scrapes at that location. I carried my climber out as I headed out for lunch and a much needed nap.

That evening found me at the new location sitting on that old bucket. The Tensas is one beautiful forest and this particular location had a view I'll never forget. No, I didn't shoot a deer that evening, but as numerous squirrels scurried around and flocks of migrating geese passed overhead my mind wondered about the history of the bucket. I wondered who had brought it there. Was he still alive? What did he do for a living? How many deer did he shoot while sitting on it? Did he bring it there because of the fear of sitting on the old ladder stand as he grew older. I can only imagine the magnitude of wildlife that has passed in front of it through the years of changing seasons on this beautiful piece of our country. Man, if that bucket could only talk.

At dark, I grabbed the old bucket and returned it to where I had found it on my way out of the woods. As I walked away from it my eyes teared up. I thought about days of the past spent with family and friends in this forest. Many have passed away. Others are just too old to make the trip anymore. I began to wonder if this would be my last trip out of this vast wilderness. I can only hope and pray that next year I'll still be alive and healthy enough to return. If I can, I'll definitely visit the bucket on my way to my new findings.

You know, buckets don't have souls or feelings but I do. That bucket sure aroused my emotions and gave me a sense of security and made me appreciate life from a different perspective....

**Till Next Time,  
What's in your bucket?  
James "Goosie" Guice**

### EASL Wild Game Recipe

## PEKING DUCK

BY Allison of allrecipes!

#### INGREDIENTS

1 (4 pound) whole duck, dressed;  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon;  
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger; 1/4  
teaspoon ground nutmeg; 1/4 tea-  
spoon ground white pepper; 1/8 tea-  
spoon ground cloves; 3 tablespoons  
soy sauce; 1 tablespoon honey; 1 or-  
ange, sliced in rounds; 1 tablespoon  
chopped fresh parsley, for garnish;  
5 green onions; 1/2 cup plum jam;

1 1/2 teaspoons sugar; 1 1/2 tea-  
spoons distilled white vinegar; 1/4  
cup finely chopped chutney.

#### PREPARATION

Rinse the duck inside and out, and  
pat dry. Cut off tail and discard. In  
a small bowl, mix together the cinna-  
mon, ginger, nutmeg, white pepper  
and cloves. Sprinkle one teaspoon  
of the mixture into the cavity of the  
duck. Stir one tablespoon of the soy  
sauce into the remaining spice  
mixture and rub evenly over the  
entire outside of the bird. Cut  
one of the green onions in half  
and tuck inside the cavity. Cover

and refrigerate the bird for at least 2  
hours, or overnight.

Place duck breast-side up on a rack in  
a big enough wok or pot and steam  
for an hour adding a little more wa-  
ter, if necessary, as it evaporates.  
Lift duck with two large spoons, and  
drain juices and green onion.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F  
(190 degrees C). Place duck breast  
side up in a roasting pan and prick  
skin all over using a fork.

Roast for 30 minutes in the pre-  
heated oven. While the duck is  
roasting, mix together the remain-  
ing 2 tablespoons of soy sauce and

honey. After 30 minutes, brush the  
honey mixture onto the duck and re-  
turn it to the oven. Turn the heat up  
to 500 degrees F (260 degrees C).  
Roast for 5 minutes, or until the skin  
is richly browned. Do not allow the  
skin to char.

Prepare the duck sauce by mixing  
the plum jam with the sugar, vinegar  
and chutney in a small serving bowl.  
Chop remaining green onions and  
place them into a separate bowl.  
Place whole duck onto a serving  
platter and garnish with orange slic-  
es and fresh parsley. Use plum sauce  
and onions for dipping.





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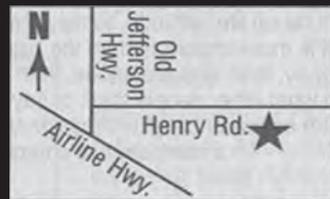
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**LOUISIANA RIFLE  
SILHOUETTE TEAM REPORT**  
By Dustin Flint  
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Cameron only scored 2 points and Dewey made a big move to jump into second place and close the gap to Cameron. The competition is down to 4 shooters: Cameron Braud, Dewey Stewart, Yumi Domangue and Ken Green. That doesn't mean you should stop coming for the rest of the year, all the scores still affect the standings - plus this is the best time of the year to shoot so keep coming!

Stay in touch as we also have lever action in conjunction with the IHMSA state championship. We also shoot the high-power club match and airgun matches. The LOUISIANA RIFLE SILHOUETTE TEAM has an event for anyone and everyone.

Remember, the Club Champion will win an entire case of ammo from Lapua/SK! Finally, don't forget the state championship is in December. Contact us for more information.

Contact EASL member Jerry Tureau for additional information at 225-803-2773.

**YOUTH HUNTER OF THE  
YEAR CONTEST**

If you have a special hunt this year, harvest your first game animal or bird, or just enjoy a hunting trip made great by sharing time in the outdoor with family and friends, you could be a candidate for our male and female Youth Hunter of the Year contest.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Louisiana Wildlife Federation and the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association is seeking submissions for the 2019 Youth Hunter of the Year contest, which may be submitted anytime during the fall, winter and spring hunting seasons. The contest is open to Louisiana boys and girls ages 15 and younger.

Youth hunters who enter the Youth Hunter of the Year Contest must submit a short story about their hunting experience along with a photo or photos of the hunt. LOWA, LWF and LDWF will then select a male and female youth hunter of the year based upon the stories and photos that are received. The winners will be honored with a plaque and gift certificate from Bowie Outfitters in Baton Rouge at the LOWA awards banquet in August of 2019.

The application form, short story and photo(s) can be submitted any time during an ongoing fall/winter/spring hunting season but must be submitted by June 30 of the competition year. For more information, log on to <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/hunting/yhrp>

**EASL BOARD MEETING**  
October 15, 2018

Present: Mike Lambert, Barney Callahan, Herb Finnerty, Vince Diez Jr., Jodie Singer, Warren Singer, Darlene Bourgeois, Kevin Diez, James 'Goosie' Guice, Warren Hebert, Charlie Moore.

Mike Lambert called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Vince Diez Jr. said the November meal sponsor will be the 'Yep' Gautreaux Family.

Barney Callahan is working on the nominating committees' recommendations for officers and board members for 2019. EASL needs more board members and we will need a new membership chairman. All 2018 officers and board members said they are able to run for office for 2019.

Mike reported that 14 hunters weighed in 80 squirrels for the annual squirrel rodeo. We had 3 youth hunters this year.

Warren Singer said one of EASL's squirrel rodeo hunters asked if we could

somehow amend the rules to make a gray squirrel only category to make it easier for those who do not have fox squirrels to compete. After some discussion on alternative categories the topic was tabled until next fall.

Warren Hebert showed the group some choices for new EASL caps. We can get as few as 12 with the EASL logo, and after some discussion he made a motion, second by Warren Singer to order 12 and see how well they sell. Motion passed.

Barney Callahan passed out some archival papers showing EASL's work in the past; noting we won the National Wildlife Federation's President's Award as Louisiana's outstanding conservation club for 1967. NWF's president Dr. Donald Zinn said of EASL "Your collective efforts have served to emphasize the importance of an alert, active and aggressive local conservation club as the essential ingredient of effective and efficient state federation." We had 502 members that year. It was also noted that The East Ascension club is one of the oldest in continuous service in the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, dating back to 1951. Also included in the archival papers was notice that the East Ascension Sportsman's League won the LWF Governor's Award - Conservationists of the Year for 1992; a result of the club's contributions to conservation. EASL was ranked as one of the top local conservation clubs in the nation.

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

**Sportsman Comic Corner**



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## CASUAL OBSERVATIONS

### NAPPING

by Torrey Hayden



Sportsman have the ability to nap anytime or anywhere. being comfortable or cozy is not a requirement. For my dad the hum of an electric fillet knife will put him to sleep faster than anything that could be medically induced. When it comes time to clean fish he magically vanishes. We will get up early and fish until about 2:00 in the afternoon then go back to camp. Dad will get out of the truck then instantly transport himself to the Lazy Boy recliner in a blink of an eye. He will be asleep before we can shut the doors getting out of the truck.



Frank a well seasoned angler helping clean fish.

by Len's running Dad woke up, sat up, looked around and wanted to know what all the commotion was about and why Len was out of breath. Then he asked if Len had brought any beer down with him.

One of my regular fishing buddies who we will call Vince for purposes of this story is the napping champion. We will get in the truck in the morning. He will get on the passenger side and be asleep by the time we get to the end of his driveway. If we

fishing from a boat, he will build a nest out of life jackets and take a nap while fishing. Once the boat is on the trailer after fishing he will be asleep by the time we get to the top of the boat ramp.

Vince can sleep anywhere. We used to wade fish Elmer's Island at a very productive spot which was filled in as a result of the BP Oil Spill. Incredible fishing, we would usually limit out on trout, redfish and flounder. I was walking down the beach and saw Vince asleep next to a big log where sand had drifted up on one end of the log to form a natural recliner. On the other end of the log I saw the pile of evidence explaining why Vince walked down the beach. He needed a release of the greasy breakfast sandwich he ate at the bait shop a few hours before. He later commented while he was taking care of business on one end of the log he noticed the upwind side of the log looked like a good place to take a nap.

People are always wondering what to get a sportsman for Christmas. Get us a good pillow.

After fish are cleaned and packaged, coolers washed, rods and reels washed down, boat cleaned and tackle put back in order he reappears to ask what are we having for supper and where is the beer. This is a well-documented trait shared by many "seasoned" anglers.

Dad really scared my buddy Len at the start of a sac-a-lait fishing trip on Lake Eufala a few years back. Dad has a habit of showing up hours or even days ahead of the scheduled start of a trip. Dad was on the pier fishing and simply laid down and went to sleep spread eagle. Len our host showed up, looked down and saw dad who is in his mid - 70's sprawled out on the pier unconscious. Len immediately yelled out "Man Down Call 911". He thought dad had a heart attack and died on the pier.

Len descended the 100+ steps down the side of the mountain to the pier in record time, then ran across the walkway. With all the bouncing caused

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