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## Guest Speaker Bobby Webre, Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office

Bobby Webre was sworn into the office of Sheriff in January of 2019, the capstone of a law enforcement career spanning over 34 years. Sheriff Webre joined the U.S. Army while still a junior in high school, under the Army's Delayed Entry Program. Two days after graduation, he began basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.



He volunteered for airborne school at Fort Benning, Georgia and served as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He participated in Operation Urgent Fury in 1983, landing reinforcements on the shores of Grenada and rescuing captured American medical students.

Sheriff Webre began his career with the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office in 1985 as a patrolman. He was promoted to Lieutenant of the Warrants Division with responsibility of arresting criminals as ordered by our courts. For 16 years, he served as Warden

of the Ascension Parish Jail.

As warden, the parish jail received accreditation by the American Correctional Association, he built a new unit for inmate housing, and he increased the number of job development and educational programs. For six years, he served as Chief of Criminal Operations and then Chief Deputy, managing a \$40 million budget and nearly 350 deputies.

Sheriff Webre is a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Mark Catholic Church. He is also a member of the East Ascension Rotary Club, American Legion Post 81, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3693, and the FBI National Academy Association. He serves on the board of directors for both the Ascension Chamber of Commerce and the Ascension Council on Aging.

Sheriff Webre and his wife, Karen, have been married for 33 years. They reside in Gonzales.

## June President's Report

Hello again EASL members. Summer is here. It is hot but at lease the rain has slacked up. The recent high water is slow to fall but if the rain holds off things should get down to normal in the spillway and some of the other rivers. The high water kept a lot of you from fishing in the Pan Fish Rodeo last month. I was determined to fish this year even if I had to fish off the bank because of the water ways that where closed due to flood. The water ways opened the day before so I launched my boat in Black Bayou and fished right here by the house. I ended up with 27 pan fish a 1 bass. Then I went out to PJ's to weigh in all the other fish. There were none. Nobody else fished so I won. First place with 6.49 lbs. of fish and big fish a whopper .45 lb. bream. Took home a \$35.00 prize. That's not how I hoped it would turn out but it was the only way I could possibly have won. Even though I was the first place winner it was real close to third. I barely made it. I thought to myself, this is going to be the last time I do this rodeo. Then at the meeting everyone showed up with fish and it was a great meal for all. I'd like to thank everyone who donated to the meal and thank Chef KD for frying

them perfectly. It was good to see so many of you show up for the meeting and enjoy the fellowship of a good meal with everyone. Please continue to come to the meetings and bring a guest if you can. The results of the Terry Melancon Salt Water Challenge will be announced at our June meeting on the 17th. Hope to see you there. I will miss the rodeo this year because Bettye and I will be on vacation on Grand Bahama Island. My most favorite place. If you like the outdoors and water you love it there too. The water is unreal. I like to snorkel and photograph the fish there. It's like swimming in an aquarium. The fishing is great too. I've gone out to the beach early in the morning before the other quest wake up and caught bone fish and mutton snapper and grunts and who knows what. We'll be there 16 days. Can't wait. Ask me about it later. I have to go pack now. Thanks for your time and start enjoying the summer yourself.



Michael Lambert

## The EASL Meeting

Held every 3rd Monday of the month at

The Gonzales Fire Department

724 Orice Roth Road, Gonzales, LA 70737

Monday, June 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Meal sponsored by:

Bobby Webre with Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office

## Sportsman's Calendar

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|---------|--|
| June 17 | Board Meeting, 6pm                     |
| June 17 | EASL Regular Meeting, 7pm (3rd Monday) |
| June 22 | Silhouette Match (4th Saturday)        |
| July 27 | EASL Kid's Fishing Rodeo               |
| Oct. 5  | EASL Squirrel Rodeo                    |

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The dates have been set for the championship matches in Louisiana this year - so mark your calendars for the following - (contact Dustin Flint, 225-719-1112, or Jerry Tureau, 225-803-2773, for Silhouette and Rifle competition info):

**The Louisiana Highpower Silhouette State Championship in Zwolle is October 19-20, 2019; and The Drue Wands Memorial Louisiana Lever Action Silhouette Championship in Gonzales is December 7-8, 2019.**

**EASL Monthly Silhouette Match is the 4th Saturday; check with Jerry or Dustin.**

### *EASL Wild Game Recipe* **LOUISIANA WHITE OR RED BEANS WITH HAM AND SAUSAGE**



Prep Time: 1½ Hours

Yields: 8-10 Servings

Comment:

Beans with ham and sausage have been cooking in the pots in South Louisiana for 300 years. People of all walks of life and in every area, from the bayous to New Orleans, found beans to be the basis of a delicious and satisfying meal. You may freeze any leftover beans for later use.

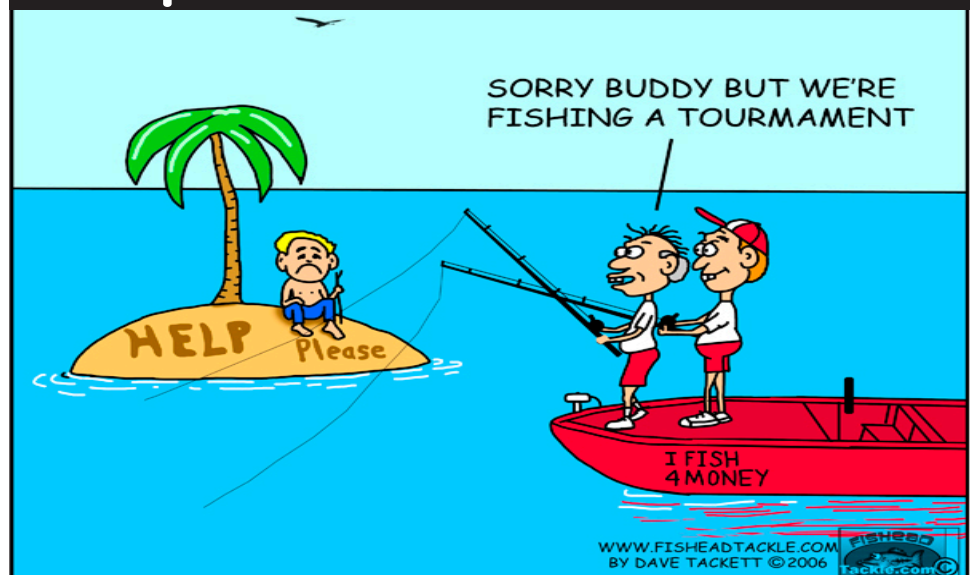
#### INGREDIENTS:

1 pound dried red kidney or white great northern beans  
½ cup shortening or bacon drippings  
1 cup diced onions  
1 cup diced celery  
½ cup diced bell peppers  
¼ cup minced garlic  
2 cups sliced green onions  
2 cups diced smoked ham  
6 (3-inch) links smoked sausage  
½ cup chopped parsley  
salt and Louisiana hot sauce to taste

#### METHOD:

Soak beans overnight in cold water. This will help soften outer shell and shorten cooking time. Drain beans and rinse in cold water. In a 4-quart stockpot, melt shortening or bacon drippings over medium-high heat. Sauté onions, celery, bell peppers, garlic, 1 cup green onions and ham for 5-10 minutes or until vegetables are wilted. Stir in sausage and beans. Cook 2-3 minutes, then pour in enough cold water to cover beans by 2 inches. Bring to a rolling boil and allow to cook 30 minutes, stirring occasionally to avoid scorching. Reduce heat to simmer, and cook 1 hour or until beans are tender. Stir occasionally, as beans will settle to bottom of pot as they cook. Stir in chopped parsley and remaining green onions. Season with salt and hot sauce. Using a metal spoon, mash approximately a third of the beans against side of pot to create a creaming effect. Once beans are tender and creamy, they are ready to be served. For maximum flavor, this dish should be cooked 1 day before serving.

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To report weight for Big  
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## PURPLE GALLINULES AKA BLUE PETERS

Jay V. Huner, Louisiana Ecrevisse, Boyce, LA

Ask most folks who are often outdoors to name beautiful birds. Drake, wood duck and mature male painted bunting are almost always mentioned. But, there's an ungainly, chicken-like water bird that is sometimes mentioned. It's the Purple Gallinule whose beauty rivals that of the wood duck and painted bunting.

Adult purple gallinules have purplish heads and bodies, greenish wings and backs. The red bill is yellow-tipped and the head has a baby blue frontal shield. Legs and feet are bright yellow. The undertail is bright white.

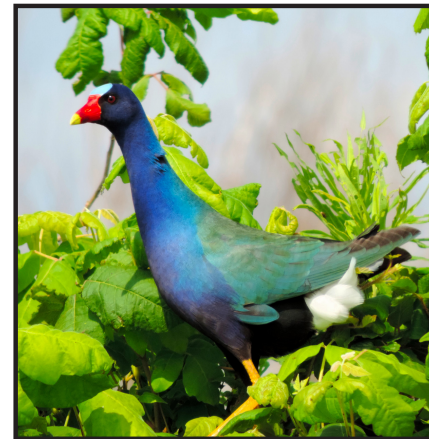
One of the most common names is "Blue Peter". I've yet to find an explanation for this common name. Perhaps it has something to do with the call which, if you use your imagination, you can hear "pete, pete, pete"?

Juvenile Purple Gallinules show basically none of the colors of their parents. They are brown above and khaki below with dull bills and legs. They gradually acquire adult colors in their first year.

You say you hunt frequently but don't recall seeing Purple Gallinules. Well, by the time most folks go hunting in the fall, purple gallinules have left their marsh and swamp habitats for a winter sojourn in the Tropics.

Purple gallinules belong to the rail family and can be hunted during September and November-January seasons in Louisiana. However, they're pretty much long gone by mid-September!

Don't be fooled by common gallinules whose body shape and behavior are more or less identical to that of purple gallinules. Common gallinules are year around wetland residents but are steel gray overall and don't have the blue frontal shields on their heads.



Blue Peters

Both species of gallinules have long toes that enable them to walk on soft muddy surfaces and to nimbly walk about on floating water plants, especially water lilies. They hunt a bit like domestic chickens – walking slowly and investigating the vegetation for all

manner of edible delights, animal and vegetable. They swim quite well and can climb easily with the long toes.

Purple gallinules are most common in coastal marshes but can be found in marshy, swampy habitats all over Louisiana. Some invade rice fields and are said to damage the rice crop and block narrow waterways with vegetation mats, often used for nesting sites.

Want to hunt purple gallinules? Well, you need to go as early as possible in the September "rail" season if you are to see them. Remember, they migrate.

I've never had occasion to hunt Purple Gallinules. My experience with both species of gallinules is that they seem rather tame until you try to approach them with the intent to "harvest" them. They seem to know when they are being hunted, perhaps by the deliberate way one acts when hunting. They'll disappear like ghosts into waterside reeds and grasses.

As best I can tell, one hunts gallinules by paddling a pirogue, canoe or kayak as silently as possible in marsh ponds, bayous and canals. Stay close to the shoreline and watch carefully for movement. If flushed, the birds "run across the surface" beating their wings in the same manner as American Coots.

Often, as not, they give up flying and crash land. Once, air borne, they can fly very well. If they couldn't, how could they migrate across the Gulf of Mexico in the fall and back in the spring?

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# EASL BASS CLUB NEWS

By: Jim Hebert

## "TONY ARCENEUX WINS TWO IN A ROW. DIRK AND BRANDT KEEP THEIR STREAK GOING."

It's tough to win back-to-back, but Tony Arceneaux and Jeff Beck teamed up to win this tournament out of Amelia Landing including Big Bass.

Tony also won last month at Toledo Bend including Big Bass. It's five-in-a-row for the team of Dirk Anderson & Brandt Fairchild. They have received a check in all five 2019 tournaments.

We started this week out at the Gonzales Fire Department on Tuesday, May 7. We enjoyed a supper of Jambalaya and French bread with cookies and drinks. The meal was prepared and provided by Tim Fatheree. Tim, thank you for cooking for the members.

After the meal, George signed up 11 boats to fish the tournament, and Mike opened the meeting by asking for nominations for tournament location. There was only one nomination, Amelia Landing. We then voted for a 3:30 weigh in time. Dirk and Brandt were chosen as weigh masters.

The Board of Directors met during the meeting and voted to fund another \$300 jackpot since we paid out two jackpots already this year. We had approximately \$900 available which left the club with \$600 in our general fund. All other moneys are already dedicated. It was a short meeting so we cleaned up and left anticipating a good Tournament.

Saturday morning we arrived at the landing to see the water even higher than it was before. Everyone launched and waited for safe daylight. Dirk let the boats go one at a time. Almost everyone went to the marsh.

We fished the marsh too. We started in a



Left to right, Warren & Jim Hebert, Brandt Fairchild & Dirk Anderson, Tony Arceneaux & Jeff Beck

couple of places where I thought we might see some action, but we didn't stay long. The marsh looked dead in our area with no water movement and not a sign of life except gar fish.

Our next stop gave us more confidence, but it didn't produce anything either so on to the next spot. Our third spot proved to be a big improvement. We caught a limit there, and we stayed until they quit biting.

We then drove further down the intracoastal to another spot that I thought might be a good place to upgrade our catch. It didn't take long for Warren to catch a nice one to improve our weight. We stayed there because we were catching fish and felt confident that we might get a better one.

Soon after, Warren had another good one on while I grabbed the net. Every fisherman knows that sometimes they just jump and get off and that's what happened to the fish that appeared to be our largest one of that day. We did manage to cull twice so we weren't disappointed with the move. Soon we made our way down the intracoastal and stopped on one more spot before heading in early.

By 3:30 p.m. everyone had returned to the landing and loaded the boats. Dirk

and Brandt weighed the fish while George wrote down the weights. It was a good day for fishing as most all of the boats weighed a limit and the weights were close. It took just one larger fish to make the difference for the winners.

When the weigh in was over, George announced the winners.

Tony Arceneaux and Jeff Beck won the tournament with a limit of fish that weighed 10.51 pounds. They also won Big Bass and the side pot with their largest Bass at 3.24 pounds.

Dirk Anderson and Brandt Fairchild took second place with a limit that weighed 9.78 pounds. Jim & Warren Hebert came in third with their limit that weighed in at 8.26 pounds.

Congratulations to the winners of the May Tournament. Our next event is Saturday, June 15. For more info on EABC, visit [www.easlonline.org](http://www.easlonline.org).



Tony Arceneaux & Jeff Beck 1st Place & Big Bass



# THE DIVERSION CANAL

Outdoor Corner with Lyle Johnson

The Diversion Canal is many different things to many different people. My grandfather, Roy Marchand Sr. built the fourth camp on Chinquapin Canal – which is actually the Chene-Blanc Diversion Project that was dug in the early 1950s to divert flood waters from the Old Amite River to Chene Blanc then dumping into Blind River.

The origin of the big canal took place when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dug the Amite River Diversion Canal in the '50s to prevent flooding during times of high water. A weir was built in to divert 20 percent of the Amite flood waters down the canal and the remaining 80 percent was destined to head down the Amite.

Beginning near French Settlement, downstream of Port Vincent, the canal flows along the snaking boundary Bayou Pierre that is the Livingston-Ascension parish line depositing water from the Amite into Blind River before emptying into Lake Maurepas. The project began in the early '50s coming to completion in 1956.

My relationship with the Diversion began when I was very young. My dad and I fished all the time there for catfish and bass. The only place that any development began to take place was where Hilltop Inn is consisting of camps. How that has changed!

So it was dug for flooding purposes. Once it was completed the natural use for this 10.6 mile, 300-foot wide with an average depth of 25 feet was fishing. As things always progress, more camps came along. Eventually these river front properties were developed for homes and that's where we are today.

With river-front populations increasing and boating becoming a very popular pastime, the river traffic exploded and even partially

hosts one of the largest poker runs in the world. So the Diversion still is used for flood relief, fishing, homes on the river, boating and nature lovers. It gets pretty crowded in the summertime.

One of the phenomenon's that take place during a flood – minor or major – is the amount of debris that gets floated into the river system as the water rises. The basin of the Amite River starts in Amite County, Mississippi. There is a 75 feet elevation drop from there to Lake Maurepas.

As the water begins to inundate the woods, swamp and residential areas, everything that can float does so and eventually finds its way into the river system and heads downstream with the water.

This debris we speak of is virtually unlimited in scope. Certainly wood floats so trees, large branches and even lumber is a big part of the mess and that is sort of natural. But lots of other things float as well. Some of it is sickening.

Over the years I've gotten the chance to watch the "stuff" float by, either by boat from our camp on Chinquapin or now sitting on my pier on the Diversion. The wood makes up most of the debris.

Refrigerators and freezers are one of the larger components. Propane bottles, ice chests, tires and rims, plastic barrels, gas cans and such make up a sizeable portion of every event. Thousands and thousands – maybe millions – of Styrofoam cups, plastic water bottles, energy drinks and anything made of plastic joins the parade as well. The size of the amount of debris would have to be measured in tons.



**Eli—My grandson Eli caught 10 catfish and a gaspergou while fishing with me on our pier. Photo by Deborah Johnson**

There is usually one "thing" that passes by that wins the prize for the most unusual. This time some of my family joined us on the pier for what turned out to be a "trash watching party". We saw lots of "stuff", and I even caught a five gallon gas can with gas in it with a rod and reel.

But the item that took the prize was an intact, partially built room of some kind. It had a 12' X 12' floor with one wall up with studs. On the top of the floor was a hot water heater. Yes, all in one piece. This has been going on for as long as there have been floods since 1956. Where does it all go?

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will again be reminding all boaters to be safe, responsible and knowledgeable while

on the water during this safe boating week. Safe Boating Week is a time for all boaters to inspect their vessels to ensure that all required safety equipment is on board and that vessels are in good working condition.

LDWF Enforcement Division agents will be out in full force as always during the week to perform boating safety checks and driving or operating a vessel while intoxicated DWI patrols.

Each vessel should have enough personal flotation devices on board for all occupants and a sober operator. LDWF regulations also state that anyone 16 years of age and younger must wear a PFD while underway in vessels less than 26 foot long. For more boating and PFD regulations, please visit [www.wlf.louisiana.gov/boating](http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/boating).

Alcohol use is one of the leading causes of boating crash incidents and fatalities on the water. Alcohol consumption impairs a boater's judgment, balance, vision and reaction time. The penalties for DWI on the water are the same as on the road.

Anyone cited for a DWI on the water or on the road will lose his or her driver's license and boating privileges for the specified time ordered by the judge in the case.

LDWF also wants to remind anybody born after Jan. 1, 1984 that they are required to successfully complete a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators boating education course to operate a motorboat over 10 horsepower. LDWF offers these classes free of charge statewide.

In 2018, Louisiana reported 20 boating fatalities. So far, in 2019 Louisiana has reported five fatalities. As always, remember to keep the slack out and set the hook hard, be safe in the outdoors and may God truly bless you!!



**Floating—There it is. The prize winning floating room with a hot water heater. Photo provided**

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# LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

by **Goosie Guice**

## DOUBLE TRIPPING

Most seniors that have been involved in hunting and fishing for most of their lives have probably been part of some type of illegal activity in the past. Through the process of education, most of us have learned to become better stewards of our passion throughout those years.

Now believe me it's quite a challenge to be 100 percent within the law at all times, but with some effort it can be done. Although there's a chosen few that choose to commit some very serious game and fish violations, such as night hunting and baiting, the majority of the gang have left those bad habits behind.

With that being said, there are still quite a few out there that will still try to get away with some illegal activities if they believe that they can do it without getting caught.

One particular greedy bad habit that some still believe is fine is double tripping. Most species if not all, of fish and game have a daily limit with a possession limit of two or three days of daily limit numbers. Meaning you can bring home several daily limits after a two- or three-day trip.

Double tripping is defined as catching or killing your limit for that day, returning to land, camp, or home with your catch or kill to then go back and try to harvest more on the same day. There are too many supposedly responsible citizens that for some reason, to this day, think that this is

alright to do.

In the first place, the state of Louisiana has some of the most liberal limits and seasons in the country. If you're not satisfied with our game laws, then shame on you. I know a lot of people, but I must say, that I do not know anyone, who has the need for more than 25 specs per day, or more than five reds over 16 inches long, or more than one whitetail a day, and the list goes on.

In some cases, you can kill a buck and a doe on the same day, but for some they still want to go back for more fish and game on the same day.

For some reason, double tripping is still an acceptable practice among some hunters and fishermen. I've even heard some people try to lie to themselves saying that they thought that you could get a limit in the morning and after bringing them in go back for more the same day.

They're lying to themselves, and they know it. In many cases of wrongdoing you are teaching your children to do the same. Don't lie to yourself, if it seems wrong or unethical it probably is.

The next time lady luck comes your way and you limit out early on, be thankful for such success and enjoy the rest of your day doing something else. You and I know it won't always be that way and you also know that you don't really need any more than you have already removed from the resources.

Our seasons are long, and limits are liberal. Some type of fish is biting in Louisiana twelve months a year. Leave some for next time.

*Till Next Time,  
Remember, The Next Generation Is Behind Us,  
Leave Some For Them,  
James "Goosie" Guice*

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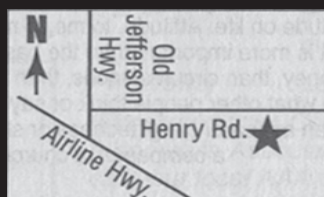
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# HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR MAY 20 MEETING



Mike Lambert



Jim Hebert



May Guest Speaker Karen Gautreaux

## OPEN LETTER FROM BETTYE LAMBERT, CHAIRPERSON, KIDS FISHING RODEO

Hello fellow members. This message is going to be short and sweet as I am on vacation with the president. I would like to remind everyone that the date for the Kids Fishing Rodeo is July 27th.

I would like to ask those that have helped before to please be there for our kids again.

This is one of the oldest and best events that this organization is known for. They will be the ones that take over for us when they become adults.

We would like for them to have a great experience and want to come back, and especially volunteer when they are adults. We appreciate every moment of help and every donation made whether monetarily or by your time and/or talent.

In next month's newsletter I will have a list of rules for the rodeo. I hope this finds you all well and I'll see you at the next meeting.

Bettye Lambert

## EASL BOARD MEETING May 20, 2019

Present: Mike Lambert, Barney Callahan, Vince Diez Jr, Jodie Singer, Warren Singer, Kevin Diez, Byron Gautreaux, James 'Goosie' Guice, Warren Hebert, Marcia Jimmerson, Bettye Lambert, David Miles, Charlie Moore. Guest Brennen Normand

Mike Lambert called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Mike reported that he was the only participant in last Saturday's EASL Pan Fish Rodeo. He weighed 27 bream totaling 6.49#. His biggest weighed .45#. Mike took first place and largest bream. He also caught one bass.

Brennen Normand said he would like all the newspaper articles in to him by the first Monday of every month. This will allow him to get the newspapers to our members before the monthly meetings.

Jodie Singer had emailed the financial reports to the board this afternoon. She said we have \$14,821.73 in the operating account.

Jodie also reported we have 339 current members.

Warren Singer gave a newspaper ad report. We have 6 delinquent advertisers. Mike Lambert and Chef KD offered to help collect these.

Jodie gave an update on the Terry Melancon Memorial Saltwater Challenge to be held Saturday, June 8th, with registration Friday the 7th. She said the registration and weigh in will be at Camp Therapy, 2966 Hwy 1, Grand Isle, across from Meagan's Snowballs. She also said that Charlie Moore will cook the Friday evening meal and Vince Diez, Jr and his crew will fry fish Saturday.

Bettye Lambert said everything is coming together for the Kid's Fishing Rodeo Saturday, July 27th at Twin Lakes in Dutchtown.

Vince Diez Jr said we are running low on bluebird boxes and he will be looking to schedule building more.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

## CASUAL OBSERVATIONS Cyber-Sportsmen

by Torrey Hayden



Recently I have noticed a trend by those who love outdoor pursuits but have very limited time available to be in the outdoors. They turn to computers to help fill the void and satisfy their urge to catch fish or go hunting.

My younger brother Caleb is a fine example of this. He was introduced to Louisiana fishing at the Saltwater Challenge last year. Dad, Caleb and I launched on the side of the road and fished within 50 yards of the road. We won three divisions and finished second in two other divisions fishing from one spot.

Caleb is now obsessed with fishing in south Louisiana, but he lives in north Alabama and has very few opportunities to get down here. He has become master of the internet fishing rodeo and caught, by far, more fish online than anyone I know.

Caleb is not alone in his affliction. The rest of the Bama Toad Strangler Krewe, with the exception of Dad, can only schedule one, or at most, two visits per year. Dad shows up whenever he wants. I have come home on more than one occasion to see his motor-home sitting in my driveway without any warning.

Since they have such limited access to actually grab a slimy trout, experience the distinctive thump of a good flounder bite or feel the pull of a nice redfish, turning to the internet to read fishing reports and seeing photos is a pleasant, but not quite as satisfying alternative.

Caleb and my buddy, Len, will text fishing reports with photos to our group. They also buy tackle online based on what they read. Caleb bought more rods and filled more tackle boxes than the number of times he has been fishing down here. Len has more fishing tackle than he could ever throw in one lifetime. It is nothing short of an addiction, something to which most avid fisherman can relate.

I have another buddy who has the same issue with deer hunting. He found a site on the internet that has a camera overlooking feeders. He will text me photos of deer that are currently at the feeder and encourage me to go to that site.

"Don't you have anything better to do at work," I reply when he sends texts of a good buck and boasts like he shot it.

My only thought on the "Cyber-Sportsman" phenomenon is that there are things worse my brother and buddies could be looking up on the internet. For Caleb and Len, there is something exciting and therapeutic about taking a trip out to the mailbox to see what came in the day's mail. Sometimes, due to their



Caleb on the hunt

addiction, they order so frequently it really is a surprise. When they open a delivered package, they sometimes forgot they even ordered the merchandise.

Just recently Len was quite elated and sent photos to everyone when two Cotton Candy Bomber Badonk-a-Donk lures showed up - he forgot he ordered those. What a nice surprise! He even sent us a link to a website showing Theophile Bourgeois and Bill Dance using those exact lures at the Chandeleur Islands catching one nice trout after another. That is a prime example of Cyber Fishing.

After watching the video, I have personally been to four different stores and can't find them. I'm old school when buying fishing stuff. I have to pick it up, touch it, shake it and inspect it thoroughly before I buy it. I guess I will borrow one of Len's Cotton Candy Bomber Badonk-a-Donks.

On a positive note, all those high-quality rods and endless tackle my brother keeps purchasing online will need to be used at some point, and he may come down

with dad and fish with me more often.

"Keep fishing online my Brother!!! Hope to see you in Grand Isle soon with all that shiny new tackle."

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