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## Guest Speaker Malcolm Smith November News Letter



**Jesus said "Follow Me and I will  
make you Fishers of Men"**  
Matt 4:19

Malcolm Smith is the director of Fishers of Men South Louisiana Division. Fishers of Men is the largest christian bass tournament trail in the US. It's ministry covers 26 states with 32 divisions and has 4000 members. Locally we have 100 members that fish 6 tournaments a year and compete for a chance to qualify for nationals.

Bass fishing is only a small part of what Fisher of men is about, our main focus is to help anglers come to know their Lord Jesus Christ as our savior. The message is given during a mandatory meeting on the Thursday night before each tournament, where there is food, prayer and fellowship among the anglers.

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Please contact me if you would like to join our ministry or be a sponsor for the Fishers of Men.

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Hello again, everyone. I hope you all have taken the chance to get out and enjoy this cool weather we finally have. It really feels good. I know the hunters are happy after the hot summer squirrel hunt on opening day. This is more like it.

First thing I'd like to let you all know that the meeting this month at 7:00 p.m. Nov. 18 will be held at Chef KD's place on Hwy 74. We will be serving gumbo as this is the tradition of the Guatreux family for many years. This year the Guatreux's and I wish to invite all of you to join us for a good meal cooked by award winning cook Mr. Byron Guatreux and an evening of fellowship. I also wish to invite all veterans to join us and be recognized and lead us in the pledge to our flag.

Our veterans are always forever appreciated and worthy of our recognition and support. It wasn't always the case as we all know. I also hope that you all get out and vote. This is one of the easiest ways to support our troops since most of the wars they have fought was to give others in all parts of the world the right to vote. I was one of the lucky ones who served in times of peace.

Also, this month we will be taking nominations from the floor for next year's board members and officers. We need your help. As you have heard in the last

couple of months, we have lost some great people who have done their part for this club and have reached the point to move forward with their lives and enjoy retirement and family.

And I literally mean they are moving. New people are needed anyway. Things are changing and we must change with them. This club has fought many battles for our environment and our rights as hunters and fishermen and it seems we have become a little bit stale. We may not have too many battles to fight lately but just as our armed forces must stay ready in peace time, we must stay ready and protect what we believe in if the need arises.

It is in our favor that people now are a lot more interested in protecting our environment and its resources than ever before and that's a good thing. Let's keep our presence strong for any future needs that we can support.

Thank you for your time and see you at the meeting. Bring a guest and let's enjoy this season as we look forward to things to come.

**Michael Lambert**



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## Sportsman's Calendar

Nov. 18 Board Meeting, 6pm

Nov. 18 EASL Regular Meeting, 7pm (3rd Monday)

Nov. 23 Silhouette Match (4th Saturday)

## Silhouette Match Calendar

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.

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Sophie Bordelon, winner of the big fish category in the 5-7 age group of EASL's Kids Fishing Rodeo, proudly displays her trophy. An oversight (oops!) in the calculation of results left her out of the winners at the August event. Sorry about that, Sophie!

## EASL Big Fish Contest Contacts

*Deadline for entry is 7 days after month end*

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# AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER – AN ODD AND HARD TO FIND SHOREBIRD

Jay V. Huner, Louisiana Ecrevisse, Boyce, LA

American Oystercatchers are truly unique shorebirds. They are rare along Louisiana's Gulf beaches but if you see a large, long legged shorebird with a lengthy, stout, laterally flattened, orangish-red bill, you've found one! From a distance they may look black and white but upon closer inspection, the head and breast are black, and the back and wings are dark brown.

The underparts are white. Each wing has a white wing bar. The eyes are bright yellow with red eye rings.

I've had good luck finding one or two oystercatchers on visits to Grand Isle State Park's beach in May, most years. I've occasionally found them at the now closed East Jetty Beach in Cameron, Louisiana as well as along the beaches west of Holly Beach, Louisiana.

So, how rare are American Oystercatchers in Louisiana? Well, I keep yearly bird lists for the state. I'm never assured of finding an oystercatcher. However, they're somewhat more common now than in the 1970s when Professor George Lowery, Jr. published the last edition of "Louisiana Birds".

Well, you'll never guess what oystercatchers eat! Of course, they do eat lots of oysters. Some wade around in oyster beds at low tide, looking for a partially opened oyster. They then quickly stab their flattened bill into the oyster and snip the adductor muscle that opens and closes the shell. Others will chip away at the edge of the paired shells until they can insert their bills to snip the muscle for "oyster on the half shell"!

It's said that sometimes an oystercatcher stabbing an oyster is unable to cut the oyster's adductor muscle. In that case, the oystercatcher may well drown when the tide rises.



Oystercatchers do eat clams. They probe for them along beaches. They also eat mole crabs and polychaete worms. Both of these creatures burrow in the substrates along beaches.

Oystercatchers weren't always known by that common name. Until 1731, these flashy birds were called "sea pies". This changed when the naturalist Mark Catesby observed an oystercatcher eating oysters!

The American Oystercatchers' nests are shallow scrapes on sandy or rocky ground along the shore. Oystercatcher eggs are well camouflaged but they are vulnerable to predators including raccoons, coyotes, skunks, hogs, rats, foxes, gulls and crows. Humans, too, destroy nests by negligently walking or driving about in nesting areas.

Oystercatcher chicks can run within a day of hatching. It takes up to 60 days before their beaks fully develop to the point when they can pry open oysters and clams. Thus, they rely on their parents to feed them for to feed them for some time.

Oystercatcher can travel about some distance following the nesting season. Various researchers are studying these birds. They use color coded leg bands to identify individual birds. So, if you see an oystercatcher with bands on its legs, try to record the bands and contact the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to report your observations.

American Oystercatchers have coastal distributions along the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean to southern California. Along the west coast, the Black Oystercatcher is found with range from California into Canada. Where the two species ranges cross, there is some hybridization.

American Oystercatchers and their eggs were favored foods into the 1900s and their numbers fell precipitously. They received



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# EASL BASS CLUB NEWS

By: Jim Hebert

## "Phillip Valentine wins Two in a Row" "Teams up with his Father George, for the Win"

As I have previously said, "it is hard enough to win a tournament against this group of excellent fishermen but when you manage to win twice in a row it is an exceptional feat". This Father-Son team has won before and they blew the competition away again out of Doiron's with their 5 fish limit that weighed in at 13.45 pounds. They were the only team that fished the Atchafalaya Spillway and managed to beat the odds while the water was rising too. Congratulations men!

The EASL Bass Club met at the Gonzales Fire Station On October 15th to plan the upcoming tournament. Before the meeting began, Terry Molea treated us to a delicious meal of pork stew, potato salad, bread, drinks and cookies for dessert. We appreciate our cooks, so thanks to Terry for cooking.

George signed up 11 boats to fish the Tournament. When that was complete, Mike opened the meeting and asked for nominations for tournament location. There was only one nomination and that was "Doiron's either side". Then the members voted for a 3:00 PM weigh in time. After that, Mike and George drew the boat numbers and announced Bubba Rossi and Chris Keller as weigh masters for the event.

Mike then asked for nominations for the "Classic Tournament" location. There were two nominations including Doiron's either side" and another that included choice of launching at Pigeon, Public Landing or Doiron's with weigh in to be held at the Public Landing. The vote was overwhelming for "Doiron's

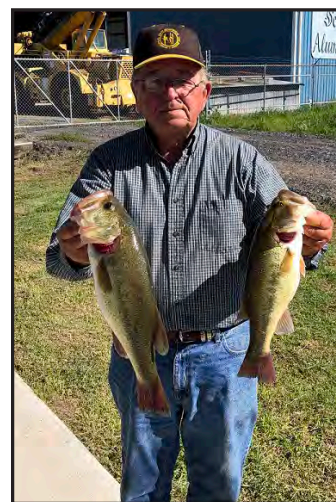
either side". The Classic Tournament is scheduled for November 16th.

Saturday morning most of the boats launched on the Belle River side. We launched into the Spillway with Phillip and George. We wanted to check an area as our Plan A. It only took us an hour to get back to Doiron's and launch on the Belle River side. We spent the day moving and fishing different areas hoping to finally locate the Bass. It was a tough day for us with only 3 keepers for the effort.

At 3:00 p.m everyone was back at the launch ready to weigh their fish. Bubba



**George & Phillip Valentine 1st Place**



**Donald Braud 2nd Place**



**Tim Guillaume & Richard Rossi 3rd place**

was operating the scale and George was

logging the results. It was a pretty good day for most of the anglers. There were 7 boats with a limit, 3 boats with 4 keepers and one outlier with 3 keepers. There was only one Bass weighed over 3 pounds.

When the weigh in was complete,

George announced the winners.

First place was won by the Father-Son team of Phillip and George Valentine with a limit of Bass weighing 13.45 pounds. They also won Big Bass and the side bet with their lunker that weighed in at 3.74 pounds. Second place was won by Donald Braud fishing alone to weigh in a limit that weighed 10.54 pounds. Third place was won by Tim Guillaume and Richard Rossi with their limit weighing 10.07 pounds.

Congratulations to the winners of the October Tournament out of Doiron's. The Classic Tournament is scheduled for November 16th where everyone fishes alone against the other members. This tournament has a larger payout including money that has been set aside all year long to include in the pot. We hope to see everyone there.

For more info on the EASL Bass Club see [www.easlonline.org](http://www.easlonline.org).



**Left to right, Phillip & George Valentine, Donald Braud, Tim Guillaume & Richard Rossi**



# IT'S A MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

Outdoor Corner with Lyle Johnson

Although there is already some Christmas stuff in the stores and it's a great holiday, that's not exactly what I'm talking about. We've had two cold fronts (if that's what you want to call them) along with some welcome cool weather, Santa and his elves are a way away. I'm sure they're working overtime about now.

Most of the photos we are getting now for Ascension Outdoors TV center around hunting. Lots of teal, squirrels and deer have become the norm. I've made a couple of squirrel hunts myself, so hunting is sort of in the air.

As most folks focus turns toward the woods, fall and early winter have always been my favorite time of the year for fishing for quite a few reasons. Reason number one; the temperatures have gone from oven baking temperatures to cool/slightly cold that is comfortable for the angler and affect the fish in a positive way as well.

But my favorite thing about fishing in the fall and winter is the lack of company there is on the water. School is back in session; the temperatures are falling, and folks are heading to the woods so there is way more peace and quiet out on our waterways. Just dress for the weather so you don't freeze when it gets really cold.

Fish are cold-blooded, humans are warm-blooded, so the temperature has a great effect on their metabolism. In the summer when the temperatures are high, they have to expend a lot of energy chasing their food for very little return and their body mass tends to shrink. Barometric pressure does as well, much more as it gets colder.

As the water cools, they have to spend less energy to catch their prey, so the weight gain rises as January & February roll around. An angler's opportunity to catch larger fish, even in the saltwater gets really good. The activity of larger fish decreases when the water temperatures are high.

Instead of roaming around and searching for food, a bass is sort of like a person sitting in a recliner. He's not going to get out of the chair and go looking around the pantry, the kitchen or refrigerator to see if there's any food. He'll just wait for his wife to bring him something to eat. He gets good and fat.

That makes it a little easier to pinpoint their location. All an angler needs to do is find all the recliners in the water. That can be a slough or run-out, a point of a canal, a fallen tree in the water or a water depth change. They become much more structure related and easier to find.

Occasionally you can find them schooling, in a feeding frenzy as they gorge themselves on a school of shad. It's sort of like a good pig out at your favorite buffet location. You eat a plate full of food, but it never runs out. So, unfortunately you just go back for more. It takes much longer



Leavitt Hamilton and his son Dayton pose with some of the limit of reds and some nice bass fishing the Dularge area. Courtesy photo



This is the specs that Jeff Lee along with his wife Cheri and their son Zack caught in Lafitte last Saturday morning. Courtesy photo

to get out of the place than it took for you to get in, you're so full.

As the water and temperature cools the fat just piles on. So the more weight added coupled with cooler water temperatures, anglers need to slow down their presentation of the lures as well. Fat, lazy bass won't move as much to catch their food as they know another offering might be coming along that's a little easier to catch.

Redfish and speckled trout somewhat follow the

same routine. They've been in their late spring and summer haunts near the coast and offshore as well. They go there to spawn and remain until their food heads into the marsh because of cooler temperatures.

Saltwater fish are different than their freshwater counterparts. They always roam around looking for food. That only changes when the water gets so cold it causes them to find the deepest spots to stay as warm as they can. That's where the bait goes as well.

Live bait is usually the ticket when the fish are near the coast in the warmer months. As the temperature starts to cool while the fish move into the marsh, artificial baits become the go-to method of catching them. That does away with the hassle of using live bait and the enormous cost as well.

Slower presentations and fishing on the bottom come into play. A popping cork is still a great way to catch them when they first move in but as it gets colder, a bottom (tight lining and jugging) or a slow retrieve works pretty well.

One of my favorite areas to fish in the fall and early winter is down in Dularge below Houma in Theriot, La. The weather has to get a little cooler for the specs to turn on but the opportunities for redfish and bass are off the charts this time of year.

A good fishing buddy and friend, Leavitt Hamilton and his son, Dayton made a trip last weekend to Dularge. The pair used bass baits in the form of a rattle-trap and a bladed jig on points to put a hurting on a limit of redfish and nearly a limit of bass.

Another friend, Jeff Lee along with his wife Cheri and their son Zack took a trip down to Lafitte last Saturday morning before the LSU/Mississippi State game. They used plastic baits (color didn't matter) and caught 25 nice specs before 9:30 am and got back in plenty of time to watch the Tigers put a whuppin on the Bulldogs.

Hunting is getting in full swing but it's a great time for fishing as well. So until next time, remember to keep the slack out and set the hook hard. Be safe in the outdoors and may God truly bless you!!

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# LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

## by Goosie Guice

### THE SPOONBILL ADVENTURE

For my entire life I have experienced good and bad beginnings to that year's hunting season. This particular year I didn't have much success at the first opening of the season. After an early morning workout on one of the hunting club properties that I hunt, I decided to ride out to Amite, La. to a hayfield acquired by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for the opening day of dove season.

I made the trip by myself. I guess others are smarter than me, but I'm a hunter and this was the first day of the 2019-2020 hunting season. By arriving after noon, it seemed that the best flight patterns on the property already had hunters in place. Although it was ninety-eight degrees and I didn't fire a shot, I really enjoyed my first day of the season. I'm blessed to be able to still do these kinds of things. It beats sitting on the couch, that's for sure. Strike one.

The next weekend found me heading to Venice, La. for the opening of the teal season. Lyle Johnson and I were guests at a camp owned by the owners of Veron Sausage – Blaine and Kade Sheets – for that weekend.

The plan was to scout for teal, bass fish on Friday and hunt teal on Saturday. We didn't locate many birds that day and caught a small mess of fish that evening. The bite was getting better as the evening progressed, but we soon decided to get back to camp and prepare for the next day's hunt.

A lot of work was at hand, and when the invite by Blaine to go on a red and spec charter trip was offered for the next day, it was time to make a decision. I would make the teal hunt with the younger men and Lyle would make the fishing trip. The teal hunt was very challenging to say the least.

After paddling the pirogue through 25 yards of solid water-hyacinths, there wasn't much of a difference than paddling on dry land. I began to question my intelligence of following the youngsters. I made it as well as they did, and after a couple of hours, none of us had killed a teal. Strike two for the hunting season start, but again I truly enjoyed being part of that adventure.

Not long after the first two strikeouts, a friend and I were talking about the possibility of making a waterfowl hunting trip this fall. After admitting that neither of us at the moment have the correct type of boat for this type of adventure, my old friend Mike Melancon said, "let's just book a guided trip."

I agreed to do so, after all, we're not getting any younger. For a couple of years, I have been getting very good reports from the Welsh rice field area. The guide service of interest was a business called "Spoonbill Adventures."

After a short conversation with the young owner of the business, a date was set for the last Friday of teal season. We arrived on Thursday evening for an overnight stay at our accommodations. It was

a really nice lodge with a game room, bedroom and kitchen area.

As we sat outside enjoying a few refreshments that evening, we witnessed several flocks of waterfowl in the air. Later that evening, a couple members of the staff took us on a ride to see a very respectable flock of roosting ducks near the lodge. After supper my mind was then focused on tomorrow's sunrise.

Strike three wasn't to be. It looked like I'd finally hit a home run and would have a successful hunting trip. Probably 20 or more teal had lit in our decoys before shooting time. I told our guide that it looked like I'm finally going to shoot this old Browning today – and shoot we did.

In 23 minutes, we had killed a limit of 24 teal between the four of us. We did not lose a bird and could have been back in Prairieville by 9:30 that morning if we had wanted. We returned back at camp to see how the other three groups of hunters had managed. All had done very well. We then cleaned our birds, shook hands and headed

home.

The owner of "Spoonbill Adventures" is Glardon Hoffpauir. He's an energetic, young man only 24-years-old with most of staff on the good side of 30. These guys were some very nice young men. The business is only four years old, and although it will have some growing pains, it has the potential to be one of the top waterfowl ventures that I've ever been to.

If you would like to treat yourself, friends or your family to one of the easiest and most productive waterfowl trips of a lifetime, then give "Spoonbill Adventures" call. I don't think you'll regret it. Look them up on the internet or give them a call at:

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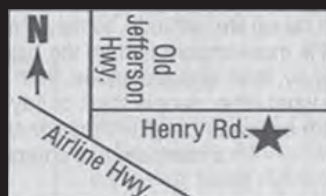
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## 2019 EASL Annual Squirrel Rodeo Set for October 5

The EASL Annual Squirrel Rodeo was held again on this year's opening day of squirrel season, October 5. Weigh in was from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Merle Gautreaux's shed. Eighteen hunters weighed in squirrels, including two youth hunters.

A total of one hundred and eighteen squirrels were weighed in. There were eight hunters with limits of eight squirrels. One of these limits was bagged by youth hunter, Cole Legnon. 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 1.45-pounds red harvested by Troy Paxton. Heaviest bag was 10.21 pounds all fox by Richard Gautreaux, for first place. Second place was by Goosie Guice at 9.26 pounds. Third place was by Troy Paxton at 9.21 pounds.

Two young hunters participated in the youth division this year. They were required to be accompanied by an adult EASL member for safety. They both harvested squirrels.

Cole Legnon won first place with eight squirrels, total weight 8.39 pounds. He

was the first-place winner last year. Tommy Frazier won second with four squirrels, total weight 5.8 pounds. Tommy's heaviest squirrel weighed 1.40 pounds, just five one hundredths of a pound less than Troy's heaviest. We thank Cabela's in Gonzales and their representative, Alexa Boudreaux, for the generous donation of prizes for these young hunters.

Sunday's gravy was again cooked by Todd Breau. The one hundred eighteen 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 and agreed that the calm winds did throw the odds of a good hunt in favor of the hunters.

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 grow tremendously. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Byron Gautreau, Event Chairman

*It's A  
Fact!*

*Squirrels may pretend  
to bury a nut to throw  
off potential thieves*

### EASL Wild Game Recipe RABBIT AND SQUIRREL SAUCE PIQUANTE

PREP TIME: 2 Hours - SERVES: 8

Sauce piquante, or peppery sauce, is a stew-like dish of French origin in Louisiana. It can be made with seafood, domesticated meats or wild game. Tomato is added to the dish to give it a slight rusty color. Although called peppery, the sauce has just the right touch of spice.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 rabbit cut into 8 pieces
- 1 squirrel cut into 8 pieces
- 1 cup oil
- 1 cup flour
- 1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste
- 2 cups chopped onions
- 1 cup chopped celery
- ½ cup chopped bell peppers
- 2 tbsps diced garlic
- 1 (10-ounce) can Rotel tomatoes
- 1 (16-ounce) can whole tomatoes
- 1 quart beef stock
- 2 tbsps sugar
- salt to taste
- black pepper to taste
- cayenne pepper to taste



- ½ tsp oregano
- 2 tbsps Worcestershire Sauce
- ½ cup sliced green onions
- ¼ cup chopped parsley

#### METHOD:

In a heavy-bottomed Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat. Season rabbit and squirrel using salt and peppers and sauté until golden brown. Remove from oil and keep warm. Add flour to pot and, using a wire whisk, stir until dark brown roux is achieved. Add onions, celery, bell peppers and garlic. Sauté 3-5 minutes or until vegetables are wilted. Add tomato paste and continue to stir 5-6 minutes or until the sauce is a nice brown color. Add tomatoes and beef stock. Blend well into the roux mixture, bring to a rolling boil and reduce to simmer. Add meat, sugar, salt and peppers. Blend well. Add oregano and Worcestershire. Allow to simmer 1 hour or until game is tender. Finish with green onions and parsley. Serve over a plate of steamed white rice.

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# CASUAL OBSERVATIONS

## FOOTBALL JUST AIN'T THAT IMPORTANT

by Torrey Hayden



It is surprising to some of my friends I choose to go fishing while major football games are on TV. If I had tickets to go to the Alabama-LSU game or go on a good fishing trip, someone else would be enjoying football tickets. Sure, I enjoy watching a good football game, but I don't let it interfere with spending time in the outdoors with family and friends. Not many lifelong memories are made while watching football.

Prior to Thanksgiving, friends and family members come down to fish off Highway 1 near Grand Isle each year. We are able to launch boats and fish right off the side of the road. Fishing is great in November and usually results in a meat haul of trout, redfish, black drum, sheepshead and flounder. The best part is that a boat is not even needed. You can just fish off the side of the road and do very well if you choose to do so or don't have a boat.

Below is a recap of a brief one hour stretch from Last November's fishing trip:

Dad always takes point and assumes trolling motor responsibilities because that is the only seat in the boat. He also does not have to get up, get bait, put fish in the cooler, get his sammiches or beer or deal with the anchor. He just sits there all day wreaking havoc with the trolling motor and casting toward the back of the boat crossing over our lines.



Joe T and Torrey Bank Fishing

This is the normal conversation between Dad and I as I tried to guide him to a good spot where we had caught several nice trout earlier. "Go left, go left, go left Dad, go left, okay go your other left". Dad's reply, "Dammit If you can do a better job, you get up here and run the trolling motor". "Okay Dad, move and I will relieve you". "Dammit sit down I got this!" "Okay Dad!", as an 80-year-old Cajun Gentlemen in a pirogue slides into the targeted spot and catches his limit in short order.

About that time a transplanted Cajun from Texas came by and I would guess to be in his mid-20's wearing shorts, tennis shoes and a

t-shirt wading along the edges in the frigid water. He was telling us what kind of lure to use, what color, how to retrieve it, etc. as he waded by. He got about 30 yards down the bank and Len went on a tear catching about twenty 15 to 22-inch trout almost on consecutive casts.

Apparently the younger Cajun was full of antifreeze which explains how he was able to withstand wading in the cold water and he came charging back up the bank. He was now seeking information instead of dishing it out. "What are you f\*\*kaks using? I ain't catching s\*\*\*t but you f\*\*kaks is on fire."

We explained and shared information with him, and Len even provided a demonstration by catching another 20-inch trout on cue. He then said "I gots to go back to my truck for a minute, you f\*\*kaks leave me some fish." I assume his bottle of antifreeze was back at the truck.

You just can't get memories like that watching football. The enjoyment I get out of football is agitating those who are all-consumed by football. Especially those who think there is a conspiracy against their team and a rival team gets all the breaks. Getting those fans worked up and flustered is as easy as catching a good mess of trout in November but not nearly as fun.