



14th Annual World Championship Bass on the Fly Fishing Tournament

Well, another year and another successful Tournament is in the books. First I want to say we appreciate all of the Participants and Volunteers who came out to make this year's Tournament a Success! We couldn't do it without you!

I also want to recognize **Tena Granger** for her "relentless" work this weekend to help us bring in \$1700.00 in Raffle sales! Great job Tena!

And I would like to thank Tena Granger, Jeanette Warren and Denise Brown for really helping during setup, teardown, and the general administration of the Tournament – Thank you!

I also want to recognize Johnny & Joyce Walker for providing the Veteran's Smoker/Grill; allowing us to feed everyone on Friday and Saturday. Thanks to John and Amy Shavers for helping with the cooking duties. This was a lot of work (especially in the heat this weekend). Being able to provide the Hamburgers and Hotdogs for 50+ people on Friday and Saturday gave us all an opportunity to sit down with new and old friends and have a fun couple of days. I'm sure there was more than one exaggeration on the size of "the one that got away".



I want to thank all of our Sponsors who helped support our Tournament. Also I have a special recognition for the East Texas Fly Fishers and the Lone Star Fly Fishers for their support.

And let's not forget Jerry Hamon who secured the Grand Prize for the Biggest Bass Award: 2023 Sportsman 106 Kayak from Old Town Kayak and accessories from Mariner Sails.

The Winners of the 14th Annual World Championship Bass on the Fly Fishing Tournament are:

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| **Big Sun Fish Tournament – Jerald Lewis – | 9" Red Ear. |
| **Casting Contest: Distance – Brad Cozart – | 84 ft. cast |
| **Casting Contest: Accuracy – Benson Fowler | n/a |

***Men's Division:**

- Boater's Category

- ✓ 1st Place – David House/Tim Kapp 86.5" (5+1 fish)
- ✓ 2nd Place – Jonathon Ramirez 20.5" (1 fish)
- ✓ 3rd Place – Steven Schwartz/Nick Schwarts (Tie) 18.5" (1 fish)
- ✓ 3rd Place - Brad Cozart/Neil Wasik (Tie) 18.5" (1 fish)
- Kayak Category
 - ✓ 1st Place – Greg Stine 75" (5 fish)
 - ✓ 2nd Place – Lee Kodet 53.5" (4 fish)
 - ✓ 3rd Place – Ryan Whitman 28" (2 fish)

***Women’s Division**

- Boater’s Category
 - ✓ 1st Place – Cathy Case/La Jan Barnes 34.5" (2 fish)
- Kayak Category
 - ✓ 1st Place – Joan Swartz 12" (1 fish)

****Fly Fishing Club – East Texas Fly Fishers 68.5"**

****2023 Big Bass Winner – Cathy Case**

22" Largemouth Bass



This Tournament was started for three reasons: fishing, having fun and raising money. Again, my thanks to everyone who helped support our efforts to raise over \$2800 for our Charitable Organizations:

Patriot Anglers (<https://patriotanglers.org/>) HELPING VETERANS MOVE FORWARD

Casting for Recovery (<https://castingforrecovery.org/>) CFR provides healing outdoor retreats for women with breast cancer.

Reel Recovery (<https://reelrecovery.org/>) RR conducts Fly Fishing retreats for men living with all forms of cancer.