

**Rosenberg Masonic Lodge
#881 A.F. & A.M.**

**First Annual
Fishing Tournament
Scholarship Fundraiser
October 10, 2009
Matagorda
Tournament Pavilion
(Next to Russell's Bait & Tackle)
Matagorda, Texas**

Schedule of Events

Fri 10-09-09 5-8 PM Registration
(mail-in entry recommended)
Sat 10-10-09 6 AM - Start fishing
4 PM - Weigh station closes
(Awards to follow after Weigh-in)

Categories

Redfish, Trout and Flounder

Entry Fee

\$50 per person

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse application or entry from any prospective entrant with or without cause. Any applicant refused entry will be entitled to a full refund of the entry fee. All tournament entrants and participants must be willing to submit to a polygraph if deemed necessary. Results of the polygraph are final. Violators will be banned from future participation in this tournament.

GENERAL

1 All contestants must have paid their \$50 entry fee by 8:00 PM October 09, 2009 the day before the tournament. (Tournament staff will be at the Harbor till 8:00 pm to receive entries). NO REFUNDS except as for rule #24.

2 The tournament is open to all who wish to participate and begins at 6:00 AM unless threatening weather is present. (see Safety & Weather)

3 Each entrant may weigh in a fish in each category (Trout Redfish & Flounder) but is eligible for only one individual award. This is an 'Individual Type' tournament and pooling or sharing of fish is not allowed.

4 There are no boundaries. All waters fished during the tournament shall be legally accessible to the general public.

5 All fish must be caught by pole or rod and reel in strict adherence to State Laws.

6 No bait acquired by illegal means, no pre-baiting fishing spots and no culling of dead fish.

7 The winner is determined by the heaviest weight. In the event of a tie, the fish weighed in first, WINS.

8 Violation of any rule or un-sportswoman like behavior will disqualify the entrant.

9 A written protest, accompanied by a \$50 cash fee, may be filed with the tournament director no later than 4 PM on the day of the tournament. The fee will be refunded if the protest is judged valid.

10 The decision of the tournament committee, consisting of the tournament director and his appointed committee (4 people min.) concerning any tournament matters is final.

WEIGH-IN

11 The weigh station is located at Matagorda Tournament Pavilion at the Harbor Marina, Matagorda.

12 The weigh-in station will open at 2 PM and close at 4 PM the day of the tournament. To weigh in your fish, you must be recognized in line by a committee member before 4 PM.

13 Contestants must appear in person and verify each entry by signing the register.

14 All fish will be weighed on the same scale.

15 The largest fish in each category will be chosen by the contestant, weighed in one time and marked by the weigh master.

16 Any entrant who attempts to enter a fish that is not of legal size will be disqualified. No redfish over 28 inches will be accepted. All fish must be caught by registered tournament entrants, during tournament hours, on the day of the tournament. PARKS AND WILDLIFE FISHING LICENSE & SALTWATER STAMP ARE REQUIRED. ALL PARKS AND WILDLIFE RULES & REGULATIONS APPLY.

17 Official records maintained by the weigh master and not the status board will determine the winner.

18 All fish submitted for weigh-in must be in a fresh, edible condition. Frozen, thawed, spoiled or mutilated fish, or fish altered from its natural state will be disqualified. The weigh master has the option to retain the fish for inspection and future reference. Tournament freshness standards are listed in the Marine Advisory Pub; Keeping fish "tournament fresh" TAMU SG-86 504, A/F-4.

TOURNAMENT PAYOUT

19 The tournament will retain 20% of the entry fees for scholarship and expenses. The remaining amount will be split based on number of entries. 1ST, 2ND & 3RD Place plaques will be awarded along with a 50%/30%/20% payout split.

20 Optional 50/50 Redfish spots pot. \$20.00 entry fee. The redfish with the most spots will win the pot. In the event of a tie, the jackpot will be decided by weight. Contestants are only eligible to enter the spots pot if they are entered in the tournament. Cash award is a 50/50 pot – 50% to winner / 50% to scholarship fund.

SAFETY & WEATHER

21 Boat operators should check their safety equipment prior to the tournament and it is recommended that while wade fishing, you wear a PFD. The filing of a float plan is encouraged.

22 Contestants outside of boat must stay within ½ mile of their boat.

23 If threatening weather is present, the tournament start may be delayed. The decision to delay the start time will be made at 6:00 AM and not before. It is the responsibility of the contestants to verify the status of the tournament by contacting Russell's Bait & Tackle at 979-863-7620.

24 If severe or threatening weather compels the tournament committee to cancel the tournament, the tournament will not be rescheduled and a \$35 refund will be given to each entrant. \$15 per entrant will be retained to help cover the cost of the tournament.

Saturday, October 10, 2009

Make checks payable to:
Rosenberg Masonic Lodge #881
Scholarship Fund

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Entry Fee: _____ \$50.00

Redfish Spots Pot: (\$20.00) _____

Total Amount: _____

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules of the tournament and hereby release the principals and affiliates from all liability for damages whether real or punitive.

Signature of Entrant

All proceeds go to the
Rosenberg Masonic Lodge #881
College Scholarship Fund.
We greatly appreciate your support.

ATTACH CHECK AND RETURN TO:

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Rosenberg, TX 77471

For questions please call:
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