

APRIL COVE *Newsletter*



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April Cove Meet and Greet

The Goodwill Committee hosted a successful Meet and Greet on June 2nd. Beverages and hot dogs were enjoyed by all and the homemade ice cream kept everyone cool. We met some of our new neighbors and were able to catch up with old friends. Thanks to all who helped make this a success!



Goodwill Committee

Call Wanda Rollins (903-599-3606) if you would like to assist the Goodwill Committee in reaching out to neighbors or if you know someone in April Cove who could use a helping hand.

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April Cove Spring Work Day



We had a very productive Spring Work Day. The weather was great and we had lots of hands to pitch in. The right of ways were mowed and the fence was power washed. We planted an April Cove herb garden behind the front entrance. New street signs were installed. Rock was spread and many weeds met their doom in the boat lot. The bushes were trimmed and flowers were planted at the entrance. It is amazing how much was done in 3

short hours. Thanks to all who pitched in! Thanks to the Barkley's for hosting a lunch to reward everyone's hard work. The next work day will be in the fall, we hope to see you for this fun and rewarding April Cove event.



Road Fees are due July 1st

Please check your records to verify that your ACMF account is current for all dues and assessments. Maintaining our roads is expensive and we have a lot of work planned for this year (See below). It is important that we keep up with the yearly maintenance to keep our roads from falling into disrepair.

ACMF 2018 ROAD MAINTENANCE PLAN					
SHADOW COURT					
Cul-de-sac	OVERLAY	80' CIRCLE	5000 SQ FT	\$	7,500
APRIL COVE	OVERLAY	500' X 18'	9,000 SQ FT	\$	13,500
TALL OAKS					
Deerwood to Walton	OVERLAY	380' X 18'	6840 SQ FT	\$	10,260
SHADOW OAK	SEALCOAT	1150' X 18'	20,700 SQ FT		\$ 4,140
HIGHVIEW	SEALCOAT	1300' X 18'	23,400 SQ FT		\$ 4,680
SUB-TOTAL				\$	31,260
TOTAL				\$	40,080

Southern Oaks Volunteer Fire Department

Each year Southern Oaks Volunteer Fire Department holds two community events to raise funds for equipment and training. A fish fry in the fall (usually the last weekend of September) provides good food and a time for neighbors to gather for a good cause. For many years, the fish used for the fish fry was caught from Richland Chambers Lake and donated to SOVFD. That had to change with the drought we experienced a few years ago and now a delicious mild white fish is purchased and fried to perfection.

February is the month of the annual Chili Supper and Cake Auction. This is the big fundraising event of the year. Beautiful homemade cakes are donated and auctioned to the highest bidder; most going for hundreds of dollars to benefit the Fire Department. Additionally, a silent auction is held for donated baked goods so that everyone can participate in the festivities. A lower attendance was experienced in 2018 which resulted in donations being down several thousand dollars from previous years.

By attending these two functions of SOVFD you are supporting the efforts of the men and women who are on call 24/7 to answer an alarm that may be for you or your loved ones. Fire Department personnel are 100% volunteer. **Donations are down this year, but the need is not. Please do whatever you can to support the Southern Oaks Volunteer Fire Department.**

Right of Way Mowing

We are coming up on the 4th of July Holiday. Lets pitch in to make the Cove look its best. If you can help with mowing ether contact Kris Horner or myself (Scott King). Every little bit helps if you can just do part of the Cove that is a big help.



White Bass (*Morone chrysops*)

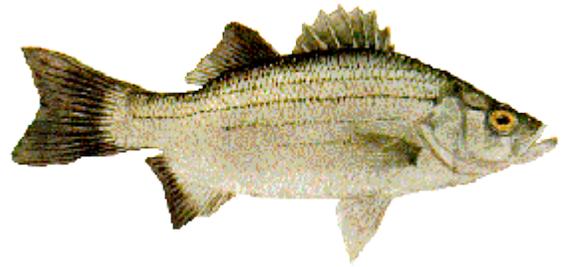
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Other Names

Sand Bass, Barfish, Streaker, Silver Bass

Description

Game fish -Morone is of unknown derivation. The species epithet chrysops is Greek meaning "golden eye." As with other true basses, the dorsal fin is clearly double, separated into spiny and soft-rayed portions. White bass are silvery shading from dark-gray or black on the back to white on the belly. Several incomplete lines or stripes run horizontally on each side of the body. Adults resemble young striped bass, and the two are often confused. However, striped bass have two distinct tooth patches on the back of the tongue, and white bass have one tooth patch. Striped bass have two sharp points on each gill cover, as opposed to white bass which have one, and the second spine on the anal fin is about half the length of the third spine in striped bass, whereas it is about two-thirds the length of the third spine in white bass.



Life History

White bass are active early spring spawners. Schools of males migrate upstream to spawning areas as much as a month before females. There is no nest preparation. Spawning occurs either near the surface, or in midwater. Running water with a gravel or rock substrate is preferred. Females rise to the surface and several males crowd around as the eggs and sperm are released. Large females sometimes release nearly a million small eggs during the spawning season. After release eggs sink to the bottom and become attached to rocks, hatching in 2-3 days. Fry grow rapidly, feeding on small invertebrates. White bass may grow eight or nine inches during the first year. Adults are usually found in schools. Feeding occurs near the surface where fish, crustaceans, and emerging insects are found in abundance. Gizzard and threadfin shad are the preferred food items. White bass more than four years of age are rare.

Distribution

White bass are native to the central US west of the Appalachians, including the Great Lakes, as well as river systems in the Ohio and Mississippi river valleys. In Texas the species is native to the Red River drainage.

Other

White bass are the fifth most preferred species among licensed Texas anglers. Schools of white bass feeding on shad generate much excitement in the fishing community. Once a school has been located, successful anglers often fish the surface with spoons or spinners. Bottom fishing at night with live bait may also produce great success. White bass are excellent fighters, and are considered superb table fare.