



T.O.W.N. Rockport

July 2009

Bait Rigging Class

We had a great Bait Rigging class on June 14! A BIG THANKS TO Alan Voigt, Justin Siltmann and James Fox. Eleven ladies showed up to learn how to tie knots, how to rig up baits, what knots to use for specific baits, etc. We all learned how to tie uni-knots, uni-to-uni-knots, uni-knot to hook, and the improved cinch knot. We divided up into two groups to have more hands-on experience. Hopefully all the ladies are practicing. In our group we started talking about the difference between spinning reels and bait casters, which will be another class. It sounds like I need to get that class rolling! Thanks again to our instructors, they did a great job.—*Lorel Brumby*

Surfing in Port Aransas

Nine ladies enjoyed the waves in Port Aransas on Sunday, July 12. Texas Surf Camps provided two female instructors to teach us how to surf. Each of us caught at least one wave. Some of us ladies are discussing going back and purchasing some surfboards so we can go out anytime we want. The instructors provided information on beginner boards to buy. All of us had great time—what a great workout! —*Lorel Brumby*

Kayaking on Little Bay

When: Wednesday, July 15, 22, 29

Time: 5:30 p.m. arrival and preparation; 6 p.m. shove-off

Where: Little Bay, next to McDonald's

Cost: Free!



Bring your kayak and join us on Wednesday afternoons for a paddle around Little Bay. Try to arrive by 5:30 p.m. and be ready to shove off by 6 p.m. Bring kayak, paddle, bottled water, snacks, hat, quick-dry clothing, sunscreen, and a personal flotation device (required). We will have a limited number of kayaks and paddles available for those who do not own their own. To participate or to make sure we're on in any given week, please call C.J. Vaughn at 361-758-2453/cell 512-484-3723 or Lynda Pouyer at 371-727-9100.

Kayaking group on July 8: Back row, left to right: Martha Smith, Peggy Flesher, Suzanne Snyder, and Laurel Varnon. Front row: C.J. Vaughn and Gail Bergan. Kayaks courtesy of Rockport Birding and Kayak Adventures.

Our Next Meeting

When: Tuesday, July 28

Time: Social—6 p.m.; Meeting—6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Poor Man's Country Club

Speaker Brandi Reeder, Game Warden with Texas Parks & Wildlife, will discuss local species and wildlife identification. Bring your friends and win possible door prizes!

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TOWN Member Profile



Kay Blaha, Science Teacher

Kay is a 6th grade science teacher at Rockport Fulton Middle School. She studied geology at UT-Dallas and worked in the oil industry for 15 years. Later she returned to school and received her B.S. in Animal Science from Texas A&M. She managed a horse ranch for a short time before going into the teaching profession. Kay's husband John works for CCA-Texas and they have an 8-year-old daughter, Aransas. Kay likes gardening, wade fishing, and surfing with her daughter.

Upcoming TOWN Events

Hunter's Education Certification Class

When: Sat & Sun, August 1 & 2

Time: Sat 8 a.m.—1:00 p.m.;
Sun 1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Where: TBA

Cost/Limit: \$10/person, Limit 20

This course is required for anyone 17 and over, born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, to legally hunt. Most states require a hunter education certification to hunt out of state. Note that it's a 10-hr course divided into 2 days. This class is *only* open to TOWN members and their family or friends. Common sense safety information for hunting is the focus of the class.

ONLY females 10 yrs of age and older can participate in this class, with a maximum of 20 participants. The deadline to sign up is the TOWN chapter meeting at Poor Man's Country Club, July 28, 6–7:30 p.m.

Location will be announced soon. Event leader is Brandi Reeder; con-

tact Randi at 361-790-2611 or brandi.reeder@tpwd.state.tx.us

Trailer Backing Class

When: Sunday, August 9

Time: 4:00–6:00 p.m.

Where: Old Wal-Mart parking lot

Cost: Free!

To participate, contact event leader Brandi Reeder at 361-790-2611 or brandi.reeder@tpwd.state.tx.us.

Bait Casting vs. Spinning

When: Thursday, August 13

Time: 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Where: Old Wal-Mart parking lot

Cost: Free!

Bait casting or spinning...which do you prefer? Learn the tricks of how to throw both. To participate contact event leader Leslie Kenfield at 361-205-5090 or lkenfield@live.com.

Zazu 1st Annual Fishing Tournament

When: Fri–Sun, August 21–23

Time: 6:00 a.m. Fri–2:00 p.m. Sun

Where: Camp Aranzazu

You won't want to miss this weekend of fun especially designed to support both children and adults with chronic illnesses or disabilities. Tournament benefitting Camp Aranzazu. This exciting weekend consists of a kick-off celebration on Friday, tournament fishing on Saturday (sunrise start, weigh in 1 to 2 p.m.) and fish fry and dance Saturday. For more information go to www.camparanzazu.org or call Gina at 512-332-9880. NOTE: this is not a TOWN event.

Fish School

When: Saturday, August 22

Time: 9:00 a.m.– 12 noon

Where: Goose Island State Park

Cost: Free!

Family fishing program geared to ages 6 and up. Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian. No fishing license required! Group limit size. Bring water, hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Each child will go home with a Junior Angler certificate, a pin, and a bag of fishing goodies. Door prizes will add to the fun. Accessible for the mobility impaired. For more information contact Goose Island State Park at 361-729-2858. NOTE: this is not a TOWN event.

Coming soon! September & October events...

Outdoor Photography with John Martell

When: Mid-September, exact date TBA

Where: TBA

Cost/Limit: \$15/person, Limit 10 people

Spend a half day (four hours) with locally renowned professional wildlife photographer John Martell. John will cover four areas: 1) the camera and its settings, 2) composing and taking photos, 3) editing photos, and 4) output; e.g., photo cards, matting and framing, printing on canvas. All levels of expertise are welcome! Bring your own camera (either digital or traditional film) and plan to spend sometime outdoors. If you would like to participate, contact event leader Gail Bergan at 361-727-2343 or gail.bergan@bergan.com so she can put you on the list when the date is set. To see some of John's expertise, visit his Web site at www.pbase.com/tropicaltrail.

Camping in the Hill Country

When: Friday–Monday, October 23–26

Where: Bastrop St. Park (near Austin) or Garner St. Park (near San Antonio)

Cost: State park entrance fees (\$4/person), camping fees (~\$17/night) split between participants

Do you like to tent camp, or want to give it a try? Gail Bergan will take a group to the Hill Country from October 23–26. We'll hike, swim and maybe kayak, depending on which park we go to. Of course, cook out on the grill and enjoy cool nights and comradere underneath the stars. Plans are just now being made, so contact Gail at 361-727-2343 or gail.bergan@bergan.com to reserve your spot early and cast your vote for which park we go to. The fall is a popular time at state parks so they fill up early on the weekends; reservations need to be made by the end of July. Both parks have excellent hiking/biking trails, and Garner has the wonderful Frio River for swimming, cooling off, and kayaking.

Two tent campsites (with electric and water) will be reserved. Two vehicles and up to 8 people are allowed per campsite. You must have your own gear; if you need to share a tent or cooking gear, please make arrangements on your own. As the time gets nearer, Gail will send out a suggested list of camping gear so you can come prepared. If you wish to bring an RV, please make your own reservations for a hook-up spot. Dogs welcome! But plan to comply with state park regulations (must be leashed at all times, must clean up after your pet). Come join us!

