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FOR THE 28th ANNUAL

2015 JOHN PAUL GRIFFON MEMORIAL
INVITATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

WHERE: Port Mansfield, Texas

WHEN: Mixer/Shrimp Boil - Wednesday, May 13, 2015
Captain's Meeting - Thursday, May 14, 2015
Tournament - Friday, May 15, 2015
Saturday, May 16, 2015
Leave - Sunday, May 17, 2015

Fellow fisherman, you are invited to participate in the Twenty Eighth Annual J.P. Griffon Memorial Invitational Fishing Tournament. It's time to clean up your tackle and get ready for some of the finest fishing on the Texas Gulf Coast.

Every angler will receive a tournament cap and T-shirt, a pre-tournament meal prepared by Big John's B-B-Q, (provided by Doug Granger and Nick's Kitchen & Beach Bar) and the post-tournament Banquet and awards ceremony.

If you are reading this, you have found your way to the new Tournament Website www.theJP.org We hope this makes your registration quicker and more convenient. Many features are available so take a look around.

This year we have made several changes to the rules and tournament stringers, so please check the official tournament rules.

The tournament stringers cannot contain more than two speckled trout 25 inches long or longer per day.

Fisherman may enter the Guided Division (artificial lures only *see rules for exception), the regular Open Division (no guides and no croaker) or the Hardware Division (no guides with artificial lures only).

*******Attention All Anglers*******

The tournament fishing hours are

6:15a.m. - 4:00p.m. Friday and Saturday

We have made changes to the daily stringer limits and the Guided Division (NO GUIDES FISH).

Please check the revised tournament rules.

Don't be late to the Weigh-In!

Every participant will be responsible for his own lodging and boats. Some of the rental agencies are:

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*Additional information can be found on portmansfieldchamber.org or port-mansfield.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>Dates and Times</u>		<u>Event</u>	<u>Where</u>
Wednesday	May 13 th	6:00pm-till Doug Granger/Nick's Shrimp Boil	Pavilion
Thursday	May 14 th	6:00pm-8:00pm Team Check-in/Mixer	Pavilion
Friday	May 15 th	6:15am-4:00pm Tournament Fishing	Laguna Madre
		4:00pm-5:00pm Weigh-in	Pavilion
Saturday	May 16 th	4:00pm-5:30pm Mixer (Snacks & Beverage Provided)	
		6:15am-4:00pm Tournament Fishing	Laguna Madre
		4:00pm-5:00pm Final Weigh-in	Pavilion
		7:30pm-till Banquet Fish Fry & Awards	Pavilion
		Raffle & Auction	Pavilion

Shrimp Boil & Banquet Fish Fry catered by BIG JOHN'S BAR-B-QUE, Harlingen Texas

Tournament Headquarters and all events will be held at the Port Mansfield Pavilion

We look forward to a capacity turnout this year. **No duplications of this invitation will be allowed.** If you have any questions, please call Robert Griffon (713) 248-7729 or Brent Ratcliff (713) 819-1988, after 7:00pm.

Thank you,



Robert J. Griffon

PLEASE GET YOUR ENTRY FORMS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE MAY GET AN ACCURATE COUNT FOR THE BANQUET. DUE TO LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF SLOTS, ALL REMAINING TEAM RESERVATIONS WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS

The website is **HERE!** www.theJP.org

OFFICIAL 2015 JOHN PAUL GRIFFON MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) All Texas Parks and Wildlife rules and regulations must be observed.
- 2) All anglers must have a current Texas Fishing License and Saltwater stamp.
- 3) All fish must be caught on rod and reel.
- 4) Tournament and Open Division teams will be composed of no more than 4 anglers without prior approval of the tournament directors.
- 5) Open Division teams can fish with dead bait, artificial lures and live fin fish but **NO CROAKERS ALLOWED!**
- 6) Hardware Division teams may only fish with artificial lures.
- 7) Any person who has guided during the previous year is prohibited from participating in the Open or Hardware Divisions and is designated as the guide for that team.
- 8) Tournament fishing is limited to the lower Laguna Madre Bay system, **THE BAFFIN BAY COMPLEX, THE SURF AND JETTIES ARE OFF LIMITS.**
- 9) All angling teams must leave, fish, and return to Port Mansfield using no more than one watercraft. (No kayaks, canoes, jet skis, etc...)
- 10) Any team that leaves the port when the severe weather flags are out (red flags at the Port Mansfield Pavilion) will be subject to disqualification for that day's fishing. When the red flags are lowered, the tournament will resume.
- 11) Legal fishing hours are from 6:15 am to 4:00 pm Friday and 6:15 am to 4:00 pm Saturday.
- 12) All fish must be weighed in at the Port Mansfield Pavilion.
- 13) All decisions of the Tournament Directors are FINAL.
- 14) The weigh-in station will be open from 4:00pm to 5:00pm on both Friday and Saturday
A team member with the team's fish must be checked-in at the weigh-in station by closing each day. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- 15) The Tournament Directors reserve the right to refuse application or entry from any prospective or current entrant with or without cause at their sole discretion. Any applicant refused entry shall be entitled to a full refund of paid entry fees.
- 16) Frozen or mutilated fish will be disqualified. All fish must have been caught the day of the weigh-in during the tournament fishing hours and shall be in a fresh and edible condition at the time of the weigh-in. Fish with damaged fins, tails or noses will be disqualified. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- 17) Each day of the tournament, teams will weigh their heaviest combination of up to FIVE legal speckled trout, up to THREE legal redfish and up to TWO legal flounder. The combined stringer cannot contain more than two speckled trout 25 inches long or longer (per updated TPWD regulations). **The combined stringer cannot contain more than two speckled trout 25 inches long or longer per day.**
- 18) All fish will be measured/checked for length. The entered stringer will be weighed as one combined unit. In the event of a tie in total combined weights, the winner will be determined by the earliest weighed stringer on Saturday. Standings within the big fish categories shall be determined by weight, then length, then earliest weighed. Method of measurement: Nose of fish to a squeezed tail total length (measured to longest attainable length).
- 19) SLOT LIMITS are
Redfish 20" – 28" * NOTE * Oversized/tagged redfish are ineligible
Trout 15" and greater (no more than 2 trout over 25 inches)
Flounder 14" and greater
- 20) Any team presenting an illegal fish at the weigh station, (i.e. fish placed on the weigh table) will be cause for disqualification of that fish. That fish may not be replaced on the team's stringer. Any team that presents a second illegal fish during the tournament will cause the team's stringer to be disqualified for the day the second fish was presented.
- 21) Protests must be filed in writing the same day prior to end of weigh-in time. \$50 must accompany protest, to be returned if protest is deemed justified by the Tournament Directors.

2014 Open Division Results

Team	Place	Stringer Wt.
Los Rojos	Champions	57-10 lbs/oz.
El Chasin' Bait	Second Place	55-5 lbs/oz.
Italian Stallions	Third Place	51-5 lbs/oz.
Reel Ready II	4 th	24-8 lbs/oz.
Flip N Off 2	5 th	20-5 lbs/oz.
Sea Stalkers	6 th	39-13 lbs/oz.
UnNaturals	7 th	16-3 lbs/oz.
Mullet Mob	8 th	4-10 lbs/oz.

2014 Hardware Division Results

Team	Place	Stringer Wt.
El Gato	Champions	67-3 lbs/oz.
Orty & the Redfish	Second Place	60-10 lbs/oz.
Czeck Rybare	Third Place	51-4 lbs/oz.
Tout Masters	4 th	51-2 lbs/oz.
Cat Scratch Fever	5 th	49-3 lbs/oz.
Salty Seamen	6 th	47-7 lbs/oz.
Los Borrachos Pescadores	7 th	46-10 lbs/oz.
Whack'em & Stack'em	8 th	46-8 lbs/oz.
Reel EZ 1	9 th	45-9 lbs/oz.
Long Shots	10 th	43-8 lbs/oz.

BIG TROUT

Open Division

1st Place	Matt Anderson	6-0 lbs/oz.	Los Rojos	Randy Weisinger	8-6 lbs/oz.	Outcasts
2nd Place	Pat Johnson	5-1 lbs/oz.	El Chasin' Bait	Brent Ratcliff	8-0 lbs/oz.	Trout Masters
3rd Place	Scott Becker	4-11 lbs/oz.	Reel Ready II	Michael Boone	7-13 lbs/oz.	El Gato

Hardware Division

BIG REDFISH

Open Division

1st Place	Pat Johnson	7-8 lbs/oz.	El Chasin' Bait	Bob Brezina	7-12 lbs/oz.	ArtiFISHal Intel
2nd Place	Craig Schulze	6-11 lbs/oz.	Los Rojos	Craig Fenton	7-10 lbs/oz.	Tail Gunners
3rd Place	Aaron Stevens	6-10 lbs/oz.	Sea Stalkers	Bernie Brezina	7-9 lbs/oz.	Czeck Rybare

Hardware Division

BIG FLOUNDER

Open Division

NO FLOUNDER WEIGHED-IN			<u>Hardware Division</u>		
			Chris Bock	2-15 lbs/oz.	Reel EZ 1
			Austin Ratcliff	2-9 lbs/oz.	Wreckin' Specks
			Richard Burlingame	2-2 lbs/oz.	Tail Gunners

2014 Best Sportsman: Bob Evans

GUIDED DIVISION RULES & INFORMATION

Each team in the Guided Division will be composed of up to four anglers and a professional guide. Each team is responsible for booking and paying for their own guide. Trophies will be awarded to the first through third place Guided Division teams (each member and guide) and first through third place in the Guided Division big fish categories. All the rules for the Guided Division are the same as in the regular tournament with these exceptions:

- 1) Teams in the Guided Division will be composed of up to, but no more than four anglers and one guide. (5 maximum)
- 2) **ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY! Exception*(Anglers 65 years or older may fish with live shrimp (NO CUT BAIT OR LIVE FINFISH OR CROAKERS ALLOWED))**
- 3) **THE GUIDE CANNOT CONTRIBUTE FISH TO THE TEAMS STRINGER, NO GUIDES FISH ALLOWED!**
- 4) The teams fishing in the Guided Division will weigh their heaviest combination of up to **FIVE** legal speckled trout, up to **THREE** legal redfish and up to **TWO** legal flounder. **The combined stringer may only contain a maximum of two speckled trout 25 inches long or longer per day.**
- 5) The big fish categories in the Guided Division, (trophies) will be awarded to the angler for first, second and third place trout, redfish and flounder (the guide or his fish are **not eligible** in the big fish categories).
- 6) Anyone fishing in the Guided Division is not eligible to compete or enter in the Open or Hardware Division.

If you are planning on fishing in the Guided Division of the tournament, make your reservations with a guide as soon as possible. Guides can be found on www.port-mansfield.com, www.portmansfieldchamber.org, www.harborbait.com/guides or by using internet searches.

2014 Guided Division Results

<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Guide</u>	<u>Stringer Wt.</u>
Wasted Seaman	Capt. Sonny Hinjosa	57-12 lbs/oz.
Dark Horse	Capt. Charlie Buchen	53-6 lbs/oz.
Foul Hookers	Capt. Roger Kohutek	53-1 lbs/oz.
Stringer Fellas	Capt. Trish Buchen	51-2 lbs/oz.
Asleep at the Reel	Capt. Danny Neu	46-8 lbs/oz.
Jig Masters	Capt. Jaimie Lopez	43-10 lbs/oz.
Bottoms Up	Capt. Ben Boudreaux	36-12 lbs/oz.
Texan Bank	Capt. Roy Garza	34-14 lbs/oz.
Big Red Machine	Capt. Roy Lee Evans	31-5 lbs/oz.
Yahoo Wahoos	Capt. Trey Pugh	29-8 lbs/oz.
Wet Bandits	Capt. Earl Evans	29-2 lbs/oz.
City Trout Slickers	Capt. Tommy Countz	28-7 lbs/oz.
Royz Boyz	Capt. Rene Hinijosa	26-12 lbs/oz.
Double K	Capt. Walt Kalinowski	21-9 lb/oz

Tournament Records

Largest Trout	10.9#	31.0"	David McCullough City Trout Slickers	1995	(Guided)
Largest Red	9.13#	28.0"	Travis Klosterboer Los Rojos	2010	(Open)
Largest Flounder	5-14 lb/oz.	24 7/8"	Silvenio Garza El Chasin' Bait	2006	(Open)
Largest Stringer	97-9 lbs/oz.	Castaways	Rick Crump Buddy Sullivan Steve Faggard Carey Cobb	2009	(Guided)

History of Participation

Year	Teams				Anglers		
	Open	Hardware	Guided	Total	Amateurs	Guides	Total
1988	8	0	0	8	29	0	29
1989	11	0	0	11	42	0	42
1990	11	0	0	11	44	0	44
1991	19	0	0	19	76	0	76
1992	31	0	0	31	124	0	124
1993	34	0	0	34	136	0	136
1994	37	0	4	41	162	4	166
1995	39	0	10	49	190	10	200
1996	40	0	20	60	229	17	247
1997	35	0	19	54	229	17	247
1998	34	0	13	47	180	12	192
1999	36	0	18	54	209	17	226
2000	40	0	17	57	224	17	241
2001	49	0	16	65	256	16	272
2002	46	0	17	63	241	17	258
2003	44	0	16	60	231	16	247
2004	43	0	19	62	231	19	260
2005	23	24	21	68	268	18	286
2006	20	22	22	64	256	18	274
2007	18	24	25	67	263	21	284
2008	15	29	27	71	286	23	309
2009	18	34	26	78	301	23	324
2010	18	41	23	82	317	21	338
2011	15	38	25	78	298	23	321
2012	15	42	33	90	345	30	375
2013	12	41	32	85	331	27	358
2014	15	44	26	86	340	26	362



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Practice catch and release**

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