

**The Fourth Annual Shallow Sport Boat Owner's Tournament** was held Friday May 21 through Saturday May 22 in South Padre Island at Louie's Backyard Grill. Previous events were held in 1989, 1990 and 2002. Because of the success of these tournaments Shallow Sport Boats has decided to make this an annual event to be held near Memorial Day weekend. Fifty-five boats competed in this year's tournament with one to four anglers per boat.

There were two divisions in the

competition—amateur and guide. Trophies were awarded for the top six redfish, trout, and flounder in each division. Janie Petty was named the Guide Division's Grand Champion. Bob Perry took the honors as the Grand Champion Amateur. The Grand Champion awards go to the individual anglers who weighed in a redfish, trout and flounder with the greatest combined weight.

This event honored and was dedicated to the memory of Willis Isaac Hudson, who along with his son Rex, created Shallow Sport Boats in 1982.

Willis Hudson passed away in February 2004. An aluminum leaning post, a bow tower and a Rolex watch were raffled during the tournament. The winner of the watch presented it to Hudson's widow, Mackie.

The Saturday night awards ceremony and banquet was attended by more than 300 guests. They were entertained by M.C., Steve Walker, and the Toby Beau Band. Connie Hudson presented a donation of \$1,000 to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Hatchery

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Program.

In the Texas Ford Dealers STAR Tagged Redfish Division five tagged redfish have been caught and reported. One angler didn't qualify, but tag #T471 caught June 11 by Marcos Pina of Cuero earned him a new Ford truck, boat, motor and trailer package. Three tagged reds caught the morning of June 21 are pending polygraph.

The following results were valid at press time and are, of course, subject to change. Leading in the Trout Division along the Upper Coast is Chad Wright, of Baycliff, with a 9-lb., 1-oz. trout. A 9-lb., 13-oz. trout caught by Jim Reed, of Port O'Connor, leads the Middle Coast contest. J.O. Lewis is in first place in the Lower Coast Division with a trout weighing 10 lbs., 9 ozs.

Complete results to date of the 2004 CCA FORD/Texas State Bank State of Texas Angler's Rodeo (STAR) are available by visiting that website at [ccatexas.org](http://ccatexas.org).

Team Oso Hardcore Wadefishing group in partnership with T.G.I. Friday's will hold the **2004 Summer Classic Fishing Tournament** to benefit Halo Flight at Marker 37 Marina in Corpus Christi on Saturday, August 14, 2004 from 5:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a wadefishing and boating division with cash prizes. A pre-registration party at T.G.I. Friday's will take place on Friday, August 13, 2004 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The proceeds of the tournament will go to benefit a non-profit air ambulance service. Since its inception in 1987, HALO-Flight has transported over 7,000 critical patients. HALO-Flights service area



*Connie Hudson of Shallow Sport Boats presents a check in the amount of \$1,000 to TPW Game Warden, Jerry Barker, for the Department's hatcheries.*

covers a 26-county area in South Texas with a population of over one-million.

T.G.I. Friday's, underwriter of the event, has been joined by another major sponsor, Big Shell Oil and Gas, as well as other tournament supporters including Walmart, Advantage Aircraft, Coastal Bend Emergency Services Association, Houston Helicopters, Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, Snoopy's Pier and Star Credit Union. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Information on the tournament, entry forms and rules are available on-line at [www.teamoso.com](http://www.teamoso.com) or you may contact Debbie Vickery at 361/289-2516.

**The Cherokee Bait 2004 Youth Speckled Trout Tournament** would like to thank the 88 children that participated in their tournament. Every youth at the awards ceremony received a door prize.

Both age division winners and the winners of the Hard Luck categories received a plaque, a 1/2 day guided fishing trip donated by area guides, as well as a rod and reel.