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HOUSTON BIG GAME FISHING CLUB'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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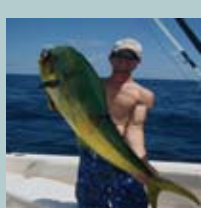


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## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR MEMBERS AND CORPORATE SPONSORS!

2010 BROUGHT AN INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL BANQUET, AS WELL AS A RECORD TURNOUT FOR THE NEWLY RENAMED LONE STAR SHOOTOUT BILLFISH TOURNAMENT IN PORT O'CONNOR. WITH THE PROCEEDS FROM BOTH SUCCESSFUL EVENTS, WE WERE ABLE TO FUND OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND CHARITABLE PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE BILLFISH FOUNDATION'S GULF COAST THUNDER PROGRAM, HOUSTON SAFE BOATING COUNCIL'S WATER ACTIVITY DAY EVENTS AS WELL AS THE ANNUAL INSHORE FISHING TOURNAMENT IN PORT O'CONNOR, WARRIOR'S WEEKEND.



**MEET COLT COOK**, ONE OF OUR 2010-2011 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS! THANKS TO YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS, COLT WILL CONTINUE HIS EDUCATION AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

A FEW WORDS FROM COLT... *The 2010 Houston Big Game Fishing Club Scholarship has been an enormous help to me and my research at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute. The funds are being used to directly fund my research into fishery and food web ecology. With the help of the Houston Big Game Fishing Club I have been able to jump start my research project and move forward in helping conserve vital Gulf of Mexico fisheries.*



WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION TO OUR DIAMOND LEVEL CORPORATE SPONSORS, GALATI YACHT SALES AND TILSON HOME CORPORATION.



GALATI YACHT SALES HAS LOYALLY SUPPORTED THE CLUB SINCE ITS INCEPTION. TILSON HOME CORPORATION IS A NEW CORPORATE SPONSOR TO THE CLUB WHOSE SUPPORT WILL HELP US REALIZE OUR CHARITABLE PROGRAM GOALS.

## Upcoming Events...

**A P R I L** Mark your calendars and save the date for the 7TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET. The banquet will be held on April 9th, 2011 at the Omni Hotel in Houston.

**J U N E** The 7TH ANNUAL BILLFISH TOURNAMENT, the **LONE STAR Shootout**, will be held in Port O'Connor at Caracol Marina, June 21-26th, 2011.



## News you need to know...

**THE HBGFC WEBSITE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. ON JANUARY 14TH WE WILL ROLL OUT THE NEWLY RENOVATED SITE. CHECK IT OUT! WWW.HBGFC.COM!!!**

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PACKETS HAVE BEEN MAILED!

ENCLOSED IN THE PACKETS IS THE 2011 CLUB AWARDS PROGRAM INFORMATION. READ CLOSELY AS THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES TO THE ANGLING RULES. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP PACKET, PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB.

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!** SIGN YOURSELF, YOUR SPOUSE AND YOUR DEPENDENT CHILDREN UP TODAY!

2011 Membership Forms  
Visit:  
<http://hbgfc.com/membership.php>

**WAHOO SEASON IS IN FULL SWING!** RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLUB'S 2011 YEAR LONG AWARDS PROGRAM.

2011 Verification Forms  
Visit:  
<http://hbgfc.com/verification-forms.php>



**SEND US YOUR FISHING PICTURES! WE LOVE TO INCLUDE THEM ON OUR WEBSITE AND IN OUR BROCHURES!**



**PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS, FRED PYLE AND KIRK ELLIOTT.**

**WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CLUB!**

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