

From the Helm

How can something so simple can be so much fun – simple like dumping a bunch of rubber ducks in the water and watching them float downwind. Well, I guess there was a little more to it than that. During the Fiesta Party at the clubhouse, we had the first fundraiser for our clubhouse improvement projects. Members and their guests had an opportunity to sponsor their favorite numbered duck(s) in two duck races. After all of the ducks were adopted, they were corralled and carried to the “Race Duck Deployment Dock”, A.K.A. the Canyon Lake Marina courtesy dock.

As many of the HCYC members and their guests laughed, cheered and encouraged their newly adopted ducks, the first race began with a splash. As the crowd cheered the ducks steadily made their way through the “rough” two inch waves. When the thoroughbred ducks approached the finish line in the first race, the crowd yelled as duck #56 (sponsored by **Kim Budde**) took first place while duck #62 (sponsored by **Brent Bazar**) took second place.

As a fast approaching spring storm rumbled nearby, the thoroughbred ducks were again corralled and taken to the “Race Duck Deployment Dock” for a second heat. And again the race was off to a speedy start! As one group of ducks quickly pulled away, it was not clear which of the lead ducks would be the big winner. While the leading duck #53 (sponsored by **Randle Moore**) briefly got hung up in the noodle race track border, an anxious moment was created as duck #3 (sponsored by **Juan & Amy Tobbon**) quickly approached from behind. As the crowd spurred them on, duck #53 broke loose and was quickly declared the winner while duck #3 was only a few beak lengths behind. Upon conclusion of the Duck Race, the following prizes were awarded.

Race One

- ✓ 1st Place: **\$50.00 Canyon Lake Marina Merchandise Certificate** (Donated by **Don King**, CLM Manager)
- ✓ 2nd Place: \$25.00 Bass Pro Gift Certificate

Race Two

- ✓ 1st Place: **\$50.00 Lucky's Dinner Certificate** (Donated by **Craig Harrington**, Manager)
- ✓ 2nd Place: \$25.00 Bass Pro Gift Certificate

Thank you to the sponsors, members and guests who donated during this event. Together we raised \$600 toward our flooring project. Also, thanks to **Bryan & Joy Lindsay, Terry & Susan Hooper** and **Anna Bustamante** for assisting with the race.

Following the awards presentation and a blessing given by **Jerry Dechert**, lots of food and live music by **Deano & the Housejacks** were enjoyed by all. Thanks to **Dave Herrington** for making the arrangements for the band.

Having enjoyed a great time during the Fiesta Party, we look forward to numerous activities scheduled in the coming months, including the **Weiner Dog Races** (open class, too) during the Jamaican Me Crazy Party (May 22nd), **Kayak Team Obstacle Race** (June 5th), several sail events, raft-ups and power boat events. I encourage each of you to participate and offer input as we look forward to many enjoyable events during the summer of 2010. In the meantime, enjoy the lake and remember, *LIFE'S II SHORT!*

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