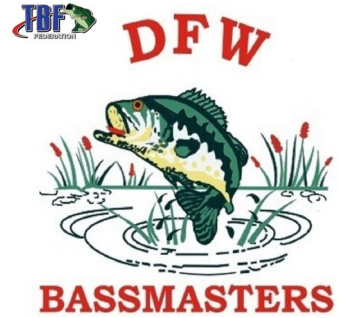


## Notes from the Prez

Before we start our 2013 season I wish to thank everyone for being true ambassadors of the sport we love. As a 'newbie' to tournament fishing and to DFW Bassmasters I personally have enjoyed getting to know so many of you last year. 2012 has been a fantastic experience and the banquet Saturday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> was no different.



At the annual banquet we discussed new changes to the rules (please see new rule adoptions), reviewed the 2012 season and awarded the top finishers of 2012. Yours truly was awarded the HTA and I'm looking forward to passing that honor to someone else in 2013! The lakes chosen at the banquet were a nice mix of repeats from last year as well as some new ones to explore. We had our raffle that gave out some fun and wonderful gifts ranging from beautiful baskets filled with holiday cheer to practical lures and fishing gear that will surely help win some of the tournaments this next season. Lastly, a brand new KLX Kistler Rod was given out by playing 'heads or tails' giving everyone a fun way to compete for this prize valued at over 160.00! Congratulations to Ron Morris for knowing where to best put his hands! Thank you, Sandy Anderson for coming up with such a fun game at the end of the evening!

2013 is going to be an exciting year for the club and I hope to help make it a fun one for everyone. Included for 2013 is our very own Facebook page! Please include tips, tricks and fun (family friendly) posts for everyone to enjoy. If you wish to post pictures simply send them to [dfwbassmasters@yahoo.com](mailto:dfwbassmasters@yahoo.com) and Danny or myself will get them up for everyone to see.

Our first lake this year will be a power plant lake, Lake Welsh. Welsh has special regulations so please review the link below: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fish/action/fishregs2.php?water=0867>

Reports are hard to find on this lake, but initial scouting has the lake in good shape as far as water levels, with the last tournament posted on the TFF from Welsh needing 19lbs to win. Timber, brush, hydrilla, and manmade structure being the places to key in on. Welsh is 10 miles Southeast of Mount Pleasant. Danny will post the ramp location as time gets nearer so watch your [dfwbassmasters.com](http://dfwbassmasters.com) website for more information.

Good places to stay at Mount Pleasant include:

**LaQuinta Inn and Suites**, 1620 Rotan Ave, Mt. Pleasant (903-572-5514) or

**Quality Inn**: 2515 W Ferguson Rd, Mt. Pleasant (903-577-7553) .

If anyone knows of other spots closer to Welsh or where you like to stay, simply post them on our Facebook page !

I have eaten at the Two Senoritas (2217 W Ferguson) and Pete's ( 2601 W Ferguson) both in Mount Pleasant right near the hotels listed above and they are good eats after fighting the metromess traffic all evening .

Lastly, I wish you and yours a very safe and happy holiday season!

God Bless and tight lines,

Shawn 'Prez' Sherwood