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Lake Texoma: Monday, October 19th was a very exciting day for local (several from out Dallas area) anglers and fishing guides, Denison Chamber of Commerce, and the Boys and Girls Club of Denison. Through the generosity of fishing guides, local anglers and businesses, the Boys and Girls Club of Denison are richer by \$24,360.00. The event, in its second year, is the (Texoma Stripper Challenge) Striped Bass Challenge hosted by The Island Bar and Grill at Highport Marina Resort and sponsored by the Tackle Box and a host of other businesses and organizations. Before the "weigh-in" to determine the baddest fishermen, all were treated to some great hamburgers with all the trimmings catered by Tyson, T-Bones Bar & Grill, Paper Plate, Coca Cola, Ruiz Foods, and personnel from Oncor grilled the burgers. Brett Graham of Graham Trucking Center served as "master-of-ceremonies", while Texas Parks and Wildlife Department personnel from the Lake Texoma Fisheries Station conducted the "weigh-in". Five striped bass per team were weighed in order. A total of 114 anglers and 28 fishing guides representing 28 teams competed in this fishy benevolent event. Each team's weight was recorded by Ms. Jo Melbourne, Boys and Girls Club of Denison board member. The largest fish from each team was weighed to determine the big-fish of the event.

Fishing guide Scott Bridges and team made up of Scott

McCarthy, Tommy Maddock, and Bob Soucy claimed the biggest catch with five stripers weighing 48 pounds and 3 ounces. Maddock caught the biggest striper which weighed 11 pounds and 4 ounces. This is their second consecutive 1st place finish in the Texoma Striper Challenge.

Second place of 24 pounds and 1 ounce went to fishing guide Jason Harrelson and team consisting of Robert Burchfield, Josh Copeland, Cody Lash, and Joe Shilling representing Grayson Home Health. Third place of 18 pounds 13.5 ounces went to fishing guide Erick Bearden and team consisting of Josh Bays, Ronnie Cole, and Charles Lester.

In addition to the fine meal and fellowship, all teams were given the opportunity for a team photo thanks to Michael's Photography of Denison and Michael Tucker of Los Angeles, CA. This years earnings was a significant jump from last years \$9,000.00. Thanks to members of the Denison Chamber of Commerce, Denison Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, and other volunteers for their tireless effort in putting together this event. A special thanks to the many sponsors, participants, and donors. For information on next years event contact Patrick Duiarano at the Boys and Girls Club of Denison at 903-465-9008, Harry Lemming at hlemming@yahoo.com or call the Denison Chamber of Commerce at 903-465-1551.

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