

***The 16th Annual
Big River Roundup - Flathead Catfish Tournament
Friday, May 27 - Saturday, May 28, 2011
Apalachicola River Blountstown Landing, Blountstown, Florida
18- Hour Event (4:00 PM CT, Friday May 27 - 10:00 AM CT Saturday, May 28, 2011***

****Presented and sponsored by the Blountstown Rotary Club****

March 30, 2011

Dear Fellow Fisherman:

We at the Blountstown Rotary want to personally invite you to join us for the 16th Annual Big River Roundup. The entrance fees are the same, adult (pre-registration) is \$50, Adult (gate price) is \$55, and kids (15 years old and under) is \$25.00.

The first prize for largest flathead catfish is \$2,000. The first prize for largest flathead catfish in the kid's category is \$200 and over \$500 in door prizes that will be given away.

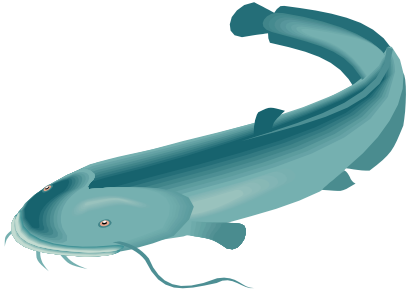
Also, new this year is that the Blountstown Rotary Club is now a sanctioned organization for the Cabela's King Kat Tournament. This means that the Boat Fishing Contestant 1st Place Winning Team will be the Blountstown Rotary Club's (BRC) representatives to the Cabela's King Kat Tournament and the BRC will pay the \$500 entry fee for that team to participate. The information about the Cabela's King Kat Tournament can be found at www.cabelas.com. As you will see from their website, the opportunity to fish in the King Kat Tournament is phenomenal because the possible prize package this year is worth approximately \$60,000.

We have also included this year a separate category for bank-fishing. Check out our website, blountstownrotary.com, if you are interested in registering for this category.

We are all very excited this year about the tournament and the great new opportunities for our fishermen.

If you have any questions, please contact us through the website.

Sincerely,



16th Annual "Big River Roundup"

Flathead Catfish Tournament

REGISTRATION FORM
For Boat Fishing Contestants

ENTRY #: _____

BOAT #: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX: **ADULT** **CHILD**

Having acquainted myself with the rules, I have completed this application I am enclosing my entry fee of \$ 50.00 (Adult Entry Pre-Registration) or \$ 55.00 (Adult Day of Event) or (\$ 25.00 "Kid's Category" only 15 years old and under) payable to the **BLOUNTSTOWN ROTARY CLUB**. In signing this application, I hereby release all other contestants, the host sponsors and tournament officials from all claims or injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. I further understand and agree that the Tournament Committee reserves the right to refund this entry fee if they choose for any reason not to accept my application. I grant my permission to the Tournament committee to use any photos taken of me during the tournament along with my name for public relations purposes only.

I agree to abide by any and all tournament rules, regulations, and laws and conduct myself in high standards while involved in the tournament. I understand that any violations will result in my expulsion from the tournament. By executing this document, I consent to the Blountstown Rotary Club having sole and complete discretion as to what constitutes a violation and agree that the Blountstown Rotary Club's judgment is binding and final. I swear that the facts listed herein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Fisherman's Signature: _____

Date: _____

16TH ANNUAL BIG RIVER ROUNDUP FLATHEAD CATFISH TOURNAMENT

Friday, May 27th & Saturday, May 28th, 2011

*****Rules & Regulations*****

1. GENERAL REGISTRATION: will begin at 9:00 AM CT Friday, May 27, 2011 at the Blountstown Landing and will continue until 10:00 AM CT. Registration on Saturday, May 28, 2011 will be held from 6:00 AM CT to 9:00 AM CT.
PRE-REGISTRATION: ENDS ON CLOSE OF BUSINESS DAY MAY 26, 2011 AT 5:00 PM CT either by mailed applications received or in person. Advance registration is advisable, **AND IS REQUIRED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ALTERNATE LAUNCH SITES NO EXCEPTIONS!** (SEE RULES) To register in advance, mail attached registration form with your ADULT ENTRY FEE of \$50.00 OR for the KID'S ONLY CATEGORY \$25.00 (must be 15 years old and under!!!) To **Blountstown Rotary Club, P.O. Box 161, Blountstown, Florida 32424.**
2. DECISIONS of the judges and the tournament officials shall be final in all matters.
3. SAFE BOATING conduct is required of all boating contestants at all times. Caution and safety **MUST** be observed at all times. Each contestant **MUST** have Coast Guard approved life jackets in addition to other required Coast Guard equipment in the boat.
4. TACKLE: Only conventional fishing tackle may be used. **NO** trot lines, bush hooks, cast nets, and shocking devices are allowed! All fish must be caught with a rod and reel. **NO** cane poles or noodling allowed.
5. ELECTRONIC GEAR: Depth finders, graphs, LCRs and PH meters are permitted.
6. OFFICIAL STARTING TIME will be at 4:00 PM CT Friday, May 27th, however, participants are allowed to enter any time between 4:00 PM CT Friday until 1:00 AM CT Saturday, May 28th and from 6:00 AM CT to 9:00 AM CT on Saturday, May 28th.
7. WEIGH-IN: Preliminary weigh-ins will be held any time between 4:00 PM CT on Friday, May 27, 2011, to 2:00 AM CT, on Saturday, May 28, 2011. Final weigh-in will be held at 10:00 AM CT on Saturday, May 28, 2011. All fishermen must be in line at 10:00 AM CT on Saturday, May 28, 2011, to have their fish weighed. **ALL ENTRY FISH MUST BE WEIGHED IN AT OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN CHECKPOINT - NEAL LANDING, BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA.**
8. CONTESTANTS: During and at the weigh-in of all entry fish, boaters/participants/partners must stay together until after their fish have been weighed. Boaters/participants/partners must sign each weigh-in slip.
9. LANDING FISH (Boat Contestants): All entry fish must be caught and landed from a boat **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
10. BOAT LAUNCHING: All boating contestants must leave from approved boat launch sites and return to NEAL LANDING OFFICIAL CHECK POINT for all entry fish to be weighed in.
11. OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN CHECK POINT: All contestants (boating or bank) must return to NEAL LANDING OFFICIAL CHECK POINT for all entry fish to be weighed in.
12. ENTRY BOAT IDENTIFICATION: Each boat will be given an official identification number that must remain in the boat during the tournament.
13. ENTRY BANK IDENTIFICATION: Each bank fishing team will be given an official identification number that must be in the possession of contestants during the tournament.
14. ELIGIBLE ENTRY FISH: Flathead Catfish and Channel Catfish (CHANNEL CATFISH MUST BE AT LEAST 14 INCHES LONG TO BE ELIGIBLE). Registered participants 15 years and under entered into the "Kid's Only" Category may only weigh and officially enter **CHANNEL CATFISH IN "KID'S ONLY" CATEGORY**. However, registered participants 15 years old and under are also eligible to weigh-in and officially enter Flathead Catfish in the adult category as well.
15. BAG LIMIT: No bag limit on Flathead Catfish.
16. TOURNAMENT TIES: Ties will be decided by tournament officials and will be final.
17. OFF LIMITS: No contestant may begin fishing or leave any approved launch site prior to the official tournament start. Boats are **NOT** allowed to go through the locks at the Seminole Dam. All entry Boats must be inspected prior to launch at Blountstown Landing. **AFTER COMPLETED BOAT INSPECTION PARTICIPANT MAY LAUNCH FROM FOUR (4) APPROVED LAUNCH SITES: 1) BLOUNTSTOWN - NEAL LANDING, 2) OWL'S CREEK, 3) ESTIFFANUGA LANDING, AND 4) WEWAHITCHICA - GASKIN PARK LANDING.** Any exceptions will be determined otherwise by tournament officials.
18. TOURNAMENT RULES may be discussed with tournament officials at any time; however, participants are encouraged to resolve any questions prior to the official start of the tournament.
19. BOAT INSPECTION AND PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: ALL PARTICIPANTS LAUNCHING FROM SITES "OTHER THAN" NEAL LANDING MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED FOR TOURNAMENT PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS DAY THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011 AT 5:00 PM CT.
20. SPORTSMANSHIP: All contestants are expected to practice good sportsmanship, safety, courtesy, and conservation. Contestants may be disqualified due to an infraction of these rules and/or principles. Drunkenness/intoxication or if participant is considered unsafe to himself/herself or other event participants shall be ample cause for immediate disqualification by tournament officials. **ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS SHALL BE OBEYED AT ALL TIMES.** This includes but is not limited to fishing licenses. Each fisherman is responsible for having a current fishing license before the tournament begins.
21. TOURNAMENT HOURS will be from 4:00 PM CT Friday, May 27, 2011 until 10:00 AM CT Saturday, May 28, 2011.
22. A LIE DETECTOR TEST will be administered to any contestant that breaks the State Record; the test will also be administered to the first place winner of the tournament and also to one other winner than the first place winner as determined by a random drawing of all winners; and will be administered to any contestant at the discretion of the tournament officials or the tournament director.
23. PRIZES: All prizes are guaranteed. \$ 50,000.00 will be awarded to the contestant who breaks the State of Florida Flathead Catfish record during the official tournament start/end times, and pending all rules and conditions provided by the tournament insurance company have been followed, and provided that the winner passes a polygraph test. A copy of rules and conditions can be requested from the tournament officials at (850) 674-8053 or picked up at the registration desk at the tournament. Should the State Record be broken more than once during the tournament, the grand prize will be awarded to the contestant that holds the record at the **END** of the official tournament time.