



Letter from the Directors

Anglers,

Thank you for your continued support of Sun Country. We have seen some drastic changes over the last year. Gas has ranged from a high of \$4.50 per gallon back down to \$1.50 and all of us have felt the pinch of the recession. I think all of us will agree that to stay closer to our base will allow us all to hopefully still participate and enjoy the camaraderie of Sun Country tournaments. With this in mind this years schedule will kick off back at Del Rio with our first qualifiers at Lake Amistad but then all the final qualifiers will be held in New Mexico. This was done to get back our numbers and to minimize the travel days involved fishing the circuit. Another thing we have done to get back to our roots is to wait and announce the Championship lake later in the year. Although we can tell you the date we don't know the lake as yet, but I can tell you to bet the farm that it will not be on Lake Amistad this year. We have tossed out the idea of going back to Lake Martinez for the 25th championship and included at least 6 other lakes that various directors and anglers will help to research over the coming months but we will let you know in late June for sure.

The single biggest change for 2009 is the circuit format, and though we are still fishing as teams we are not encouraging you to fish both tournaments during the conjunction events. With this years format by entering both sides you only gain from the aspects of qualifying to both Super Team divisions at championship or jackpotting the tournaments for money but not towards the goal of championship. This year qualifying to Championship requires fishing 3 tournaments in one of the two divisions. In other words fishing both dual tournaments at Lake Amistad and Ute Lake only counts as two of the three qualifiers even if you enter both sides meaning you will still need to attend one tournament on the East or West side to qualify. We are also guaranteeing an 80% payback at each qualifier for one in 6 teams. This means better payback at the 8 tournaments but less for Championship. Super Teams will compete within their divisions at championship for the pots with 15 teams qualifying from each side. This is where entering both sides for you hard core guys come in to play at the first 2 tournaments. The top 10 teams from each side (best 4 of 4) will qualify in addition to the next 5 teams with the best 3 out of 4 scores. The Anglers of the Year from each side will get jackets and then compete at Championship for The Angler of the Year prize money. There will be no Ambassador pot this year and the Ranger Cup will be hosted by Smith RV and Marine as our local Ranger dealer. In theory a team could fish all eight tournaments and be Anglers of the Year in both divisions but I feel the competition will be a little stiff to accomplish that kind of goal.

Membership forms, Entry forms and a complete set of rules are inside and we hope you enjoy the new look. We have also standardized the tournament hours to 9 on Saturdays and 8 on Sundays with a 5 fish limit back in effect. Please read all the rules and if you have any questions please feel free to [call or e-mail](#) one of us.