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## A Good Year of Weevil Ranching

As 2017 comes to a close, GCLA members may want to reflect on what we've accomplished to fulfill our mission of helping Caddo Lake survive whatever man made or natural threats to its existence come along. While the infestation of Giant Salvinia is perhaps the most serious threat since the formation of the lake, despair will get us nowhere, so we continue to work on a solution.

Since September, volunteers have made several releases of salvinia weevils in new areas, some near houses, in the hope that different habitats will be more hospitable through the winter, and the survivors will come back strong in the spring.

DATE	WEEVILS RELEASED	LOCATION
9/13/2017	10,340	Cypress Village Canal
9/29/2017	4,854	Stumpy Slough
10/17/2017	6,165	Stumpy Slough
11/2/2017	20,166	Willowson's Woodyard
11/7/2017	6,890	1/2 Lane's Hidden Pond 1/2 Benefield Pond
11/9/2017	3,232	Jenkins Slough



The good news is that as the Salvinia scourge spreads to more lakes across the south, more scientists are getting involved and more funding by state and federal authorities will bolster their efforts to develop the longer term bio-control that will take our lakes back. GCLA has actively aided national media (CNN's [Great Big Story](#) and National Geographic this year alone) in preparing video documentaries to shine a spotlight on the problem. In the meantime, the dual programs of herbicide spraying and releases of the current version of weevils are providing some relief to keep our lakes alive and somewhat navigable. Have a look at the success in Pine Island Pond. We have a long way to go yet, but if the alternative is complaining and doing nothing, bring on the fight!



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**GCLA Christmas Party and Meeting**

GCLA invites all members and want-to-be-members to our annual Christmas pot-luck gala, at the Karnack Community Center (behind the fire department) on December 13 at 6PM. We will provide the meats and ask that those attending bring a favorite vegetable, side, or dessert to share.

While we eat, members of the board will give an update on what the group has accomplished over the past year and attempt to answer any questions from the audience.

# KEEP CADDO LAKE NATURAL!

## Join GCLA

Dues are only \$10.00 per person per year. This includes membership in The Greater Caddo Lake Association of Texas, plus you will receive our newsletters which are printed on a semi-regular basis; more often if needed. There is no better way to keep up with the issues that concern the lake.

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