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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hey Members and Guest! Our year is progressing very well, we have had many events for the enjoyment of our new and experienced members, with many more planned. Our fall calendar of events is FULL of exciting events and fishing trips.

This fall offers us all many chances go advance our quest in the knowledge of fly fishing. Our club activities include trips to Bill Ward's ranch, September 25 thru 27, for Bass and Sunfish, also note that this is a join trip with the Fredericksburg Fly Fishers; Coast Fishing trip Oct. 22 to 25, for Redfish and Seatrout and last but not least to Broken Bow November 20 to 23 for Trout. Regional events include Texoma on the Fly in September, Octoberfish in October and Trout 101 in December.

If you haven't attended our meetings lately now is the time to come. We have started a "Mini" Raffle series in which you can buy tickets to go on fishing trips, win rods and reels and many other items. The current raffle is a trip to Galveston Bay for a full day fishing experience for 2 with Steve Soule. Steve spoke at one of our meeting this summer. This particular raffle will run thru the October meeting. Please note that you do not need to be present to win. A second raffle starts at our September meeting in which you could win a TFO rod from a selection of rods, we all can use another rod, right. The fishing trip raffle is \$10 per ticket and the rod raffle will be \$5 per ticket. The rod raffle will run thru the Nov. meeting.

James Dillard presented our August program. James gave a very good talk on the "Little Red River" in central Arkansas. I have fished this river many times and have never had a bad day. You should plan a trip to this river especially in the fall and early spring, you will not be disappointed.

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held September 15th at Sammy's Barbeque in Fort Worth, directions will be sent in a future Email.

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## OUTINGS FOR 2015

**September 25-27** - Bill Ward's - Perch and Bass Classic

**October 22-25**- Coast trip - Sea Trout, Redfish etc

**November 20-23** - Broken Bow

**December** - Open

**2016 Calendar to be determined.**

**- Wanted - Outings Director and Outing Hosts for 2016-2017. - Lots of help will be provided.**



**Fishing Trip Mini Raffle**  
*Read more on page 5.*



**September Speaker-Blane Chocklett**  
*Read more on page 15.*

## Message from the President- *Contd.*

One more thing, it is time to select new Board members, as some will be rolling off at the end this year, if you have any interest to help our club, please let me know we can USE your help. The Board positions do take a little of your time, but you will find it's well worth it, you gain more insight to the operation of the club and you have an opportunity to further our cause.

THIS IS A REPEAT!! I know many of you have been fishing, please be prepared to report your experiences, this IS part of our mission. Lets share our fishing experiences, not only how many fish you catch, but where you fished, what flies you used and the weather conditions you experienced. We encourage you to submit articles to be posted on our web site as well published in our Newsletter.

Let's be a GREAT club and have FUN!

Rick Hanes  
President, Fort Worth Fly Fishers

*COME FLY WITH US!*



## FWFF AUCTION 2015 Donor List

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS WHO SUPPORTED OUR CLUB THIS YEAR!

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A thank you to our individual contributors would be a welcome gesture as well.

## Outing Update

### Bill Ward Ranch Outing and Perch & Bass Fishing Tournament 2015 - September 25th - 27th

Where: Bill Ward's beautiful gravel quarry lakes west of Mexia.

How to get there: 6 to 7 miles west of Mexia on HWY 84 (however you want to get there) to the intersection of 2681 and LCR 199/198. Take LCR 199/198 north. First opportunity take a left and then another left onto LCR 198 (sharp 90 degree curve). Go about .8 miles to the top of the hill. Look for 2 red gates and turn right. Follow this road about ¾ mile past 2 buildings and down to the water. GPS: 31.6863 N, 96.5895 W at the water – You really should look it up on Google Earth.

Accommodations: This is a camping trip. There will be places for RV's but limited hook-ups. Other wise it will be tent camping or 4 door motel (car).

Reason to go: These gravel quarry lakes are filled with fish (big bass and perch). The water is amazingly clear and clean. Other reasons: 1) getting together with friends and the Fredericksburg Fly Fisher. 2) a great fish fry and 3) the Bass Classic and Perch-off where we weigh the 5 biggest perch and biggest bass –CASH PRIZE and club completion with the Fredericksburg Fly Fishers!!!!

**IMPORTANT! BRING YOUR ELECTRIC FILLET KNIFE!!!!!!!**



### Rockport and Aransas Pass - October 22nd - 25th

This is a great time to be going to fish Aransas Bay and Light House Lakes. The tides are right and the fish are moving around in their migration movements before winter. We will be staying at the Drifters Resort between Rockport and Aransas Pass. The club will reserve cabins/bungalows at the resort and as such we need to know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. We will enforce the cancellation policy simply because the club is on the hook for the deposit if we do not cancel cabins in time. You will need to let us know two weeks before the trip (October 7th ) if you need to cancel. That is also the deadline for signing up.

Also, if you need a kayak or just don't want to haul yours down, contact the folks at Slowride Guide Services (<http://www.slowrideguide.com>- 361-758-0463) and they can fix you up for the weekend. They deliver to a reasonable location.

This is always a good time with Red Fish Willies on Friday night and a CAJUN SHRIMP BOIL on Saturday night. The Shrimp Boil will be held at Drifters Resort.

Check out the trail maps for Light House Lakes (just off the Port Aransas Causeway) at this website: [http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/boat/paddlingtrails/coastal/lighthouse\\_lakes/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/boat/paddlingtrails/coastal/lighthouse_lakes/)

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**Sign-ups will also be at the meeting in August and September.**



## A Note From the Texas Council President

Fort Worth Fly Fishers. By the time you read this, many of us will have returned from Bend, Oregon for the 50th Anniversary celebration at the National Fair. What an exciting time for a great organization. The only organization that supports all facets of fly fishing. What a great time to reflect back on the moments and milestones we have shared. This November, will also be an exciting time, as the Texas Council celebrates its 4th year, and will be the first council in the IFFF to be over 1000 members. I found this facebook post that I would like to share, as it describes the thought process of what was the original idea.

After months of conversing with fly fishing enthusiasts throughout the state of Texas, the idea of forming a Texas council became reality on November 26, 2012. Once divided, Texas is now united forming a council that will educate, conserve, and fly fish across this great state. Stay tuned as the council organizes, elects a Board of Directors, and begins to go to work. If you would like to be part of this exciting time, please let us know. We will be needing board positions, club communicators, and volunteers for many activities that will be going on. Please like our page and help make a difference.

The growth of the Texas Council has come from recruiting new members, creating new clubs, and converting clubs to charter clubs. With news of another club joining as we speak. This could not have happened without the help of so many volunteers. Enough cannot be said about the men and women who have worked so hard to bring us all together. We have had two successful expo's, clubs doing more together than ever before, and a future that is primed for success.

Plans this year include more regional events, casting programs to further support the future teachers of tomorrow, a new fly tying achievement program, conservation projects around the state, and so much more. One event that we hope you all put on your calendar this year is for Oktoberfisch. A jamboree of fly fishers that invade Junction Texas on the banks of the Llano River. More about this outing in the newsletter, but all should attend.

For us to remain strong and growing, we need more volunteers. Help us help you. We are the Federation, and together we can only make things better for all of us. Get involved. Meet new friends. Make a difference in the environment in which we live in. Help educate someone else, like the person that helped you. Give back to the organization that gave to you.

Russell Husted  
President, Texas Council

## Gulf Coast Council Fly Fair

September 18-19, 2015  
Ocean Springs Civic Center  
3720 Bienville Blvd  
Ocean Springs, MS

FREE ADMISSION - FREE TYING DEMONSTRATIONS -  
FREE CASTING LESSONS - FREE CLASSES

Auctions & Raffles for rods, reels, equipment, guided trips and artwork, with 50% of the proceeds to be donated to the USM - Gulf Coast Research Lab's Conservation / Research programs. If you have ever thought about learning to fly fish in Salt Water, Warm Water or Cold Water, or improving your skills, then this is your opportunity to learn from many of the best instructors in the country! Programs on fly fishing specific areas and species. One of the best casting faculties in the country with Certified and Master Casting Instructors from across the South. Fly Tying Demonstrations by many of the best fly tyers in six states. [More information and schedules soon...](#)

## Rendezvous 2015

Rendezvous is a time honored fly fishing event held in North Toledo Bend State Park the first weekend in November each year. For the first time, I could not get the first weekend reserved even though it is required 11 months in advance so it will be held Friday, Oct 30th through Nov 1st this year.

Rendezvous started with fishing trips from two clubs, the Pineywoods Fly Fishers and the North Louisiana Fly Fishers back in the last 1980's and continues today. It has developed into a family event where about 65 fly fishers from Louisiana and Texas meet to share the group facility in the park. We have 5 bunk houses that sleep 30 people each, segmented by men, women, families and couples. We set up our fly tying vises in the dining hall and we all bring food to share. The commercial kitchen there provides everything you might desire for cooking your favorite meals and dishes to share with everyone.

Visit our website to see what we do: <http://pages.suddenlink.net/w/Rendez/indexR.html> All your information is included so read everything to see what to bring and what we supply. Contact me if you have any questions. We hope to see you there.

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# Fort Worth Fly Fishers “Mini Raffle”

One day Fishing for 2 with Steve Soule in  
Galveston Bay



**\$10/TICKET**

**Purchase tickets at our monthly meetings**

**DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT END OF OCTOBER 2015 MEETING**

Please visit our organization's website at

[www.fortworthflyfishers.org](http://www.fortworthflyfishers.org)



# **Trout Fishing 101**

**December 5, 2015**

## **Possum Kingdom Tailrace**

- **On river demonstrations**
- **Flies available**
- **Instructors present for training**
- **Lunch provided**
- **Fish for freshly stocked trout**
- **Join members from clubs from Fort Worth, Dallas, Red River, Waco and more!!!**
- **Bring a friend**
- **Join the IFFF Today!!!**

# Giving. Learning. Living.

Founded in 1996, Casting for Recovery provides free retreats for women with breast cancer with a focus on improving quality of life through the therapeutic sport of fly fishing.

Supported entirely by donations and a team of over 1600 volunteers nationwide, CfR currently offers 42 retreats across the country, serving nearly 600 women each year. **Your generous help makes it possible to enrich the lives of women with breast cancer.**

# Casting for Recovery

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Casting for Recovery is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.  
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Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts **free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from all forms of cancer.** Combining expert fly-fishing instruction with directed “courageous conversations”, the organization offers a unique experience for men coping with cancer, a time to share their stories; learn a new skill, form friendships and gain renewed hope as they confront the challenges of their recovery.

*“This was the best time of my life! It’s by far the best thing out there for men with cancer.”*

Retreat Participant

Retreats are conducted over a two-and-a-half day period at a fly-fishing facility/lodge with onsite or nearby fishing access.

**All meals, lodging and fly-fishing equipment are provided at no cost to the participants.** Retreats are led by professional facilitators and expert fly-fishing instructors. A maximum of 12-14 men are invited to participate, to ensure the quality of the instruction and to create a powerful small-group dynamic.



*“I discovered that while fly-fishing, I was in another place. In this place there was no cancer, no pain and no fear.”*

Retreat Participant

*“This retreat was so much more than fishing; this was a life-changing experience.”*

Retreat Participant

*“Reel Recovery is a gift. Being here has given me the strength and courage to move forward with my life.”*

Retreat Participant

## GOALS

- **Provide a safe, reflective environment** for the participants to discuss their disease and recovery with other men with shared experiences, thereby providing support and information to help them in their recovery.
- **Provide expert fly-fishing instruction** that enables the participants to learn a new skill, form a healing connection with nature, and participate in a sport they can continue throughout their recovery and lifetime.
- **Provide participants information about cancer-related resources**, both in the local community and nationally to facilitate networking and enhanced management of their recovery.

*If you would like to be a participant, volunteer, or make a donation please contact us.*

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## 2015 TEXAS and OKLAHOMA SCHEDULED RETREATS :

2015 Spring: Glen Rose, TX (April 10-12); Boerne, TX (April 24-26); Broken Bow, OK (May 3-5)

2015 Fall: Broken Bow, OK (Sept. 27-29); Navasota, TX (Oct. 9-11) ; Glen Rose, TX (Oct. 23-25)



## Casting Tip- Accuracy Made Easy!

In previous articles we have talked about loops, false casting and distance but have not mentioned an important aspect of our casting. As in almost all sports there is one thing that we strive for and it can determine success or failure. It doesn't matter whether we are shooting a three pointer from downtown in basketball or picking a single out of a flushing covey of quail or trying to make that twenty foot putt. Our success or failure is determined by how accurately we perform our given sport. In fly fishing, your first cast often is the one a fish will take, with each successive cast the chances of a fish taking the fly go down.

It is best to practice your casting when you are not fishing. Your, at least mine, concentration on casting goes out the window or downstream when you see that big head come out of water to gulp down a drifting caddis or mayfly. Your pulse and breathing quickens and you can think only of getting your fly in the water. See what I mean? So practice when you are free of "distractions" and let your practice "take over" when you are fishing. In fly fishing or casting we need to always cast to a target. It doesn't matter if we are blind casting when we do not see a fish to cast to. It is better to pick a target even if it is only a rock in the stream or a tuft of grass near an undercut bank. It is also more efficient to make an accurate cast first rather than making several attempts.

So how do we make an accurate cast or improve our accuracy? There are several things to consider in making accurate casts. I have found that, in my case, a more vertical casting plane is the most accurate for short to medium distances or any distance up to around fifty feet. This is because when the loop, rod, forearm and upper arm and target are in the vertical plane, the loop will unroll inline with the target with little horizontal deviation even if the fly kicks over. While an off vertical casting plane at times will result in the fly hooking to the left or right. In a vertical casting plane with all our casting "parts" inline with our target we will need to consider distance and how to judge that distance. We can judge distance by hovering the fly at the end of the cast. At the end of the cast there is a split second where the fly seems to stop in mid-air. This is when you can judge your distance. This can be done casting in a vertical or off vertical rod plane. In an off vertical rod plane you have the benefit of triangulating your sight line and line path and is useful when casting longer distances. Just be sure to bring your rod back to a more vertical position when you have the desired distance in order to maintain your horizontal accuracy.

One more item to consider in accuracy is loop or line trajectory. To have the most accurate cast, a loop that unrolls and straightens a foot or two above the water is necessary. This keeps the wind, from any direction, from blowing your fly off target too far. Imagine what would happen to your accuracy with a loop straightening six, seven or eight feet above the water in a breeze or stiff wind. Your fly would likely land in an unintended location.

Lastly I am reminded of hint or suggestion that I have heard often in shooting and it applies to casting as well. That hint is to "Aim

small. Miss small". Always have a small target to cast to and that target is not the entire river.

Bob Garber

## Texoma on the Fly 2015

The Red River Fly Fishers started on event they called Texoma on the Fly eleven years ago. It began as a venue for fly fishers and people interested in fly fishing to get together for fly tying demonstrations and lessons, casting practice and tips, and presentations on fishing Lake Texoma. From the beginning the emphasis was on teaching and sharing ideas on using a fly rod on Lake Texoma. Conservation has played a prominent role in the presentations at Texoma on the Fly as the group tried to educate as many as possible on the danger of spreading Zebra mussels to other lakes in the north Texas area.

Five years ago the Red River Fly Fishers took on the Go Fish program of TPWD angler education classes at Eisenhower State Park on Lake Texoma. Texoma on the Fly was a natural fit for the beginning fly fishing class. The event has evolved into a combination of angler education with the TPWD and a fly fishing expo for people interested in fly fishing on Lake Texoma and the area waters. We plan to continue this forum to introduce fly fishing to youth in the area and to provide an event where area fly fishers can compare fly tying designs and techniques, get feedback on casting, as well as talk with are fishermen on best ways to target the excellent bass fishing on Lake Texoma.

Saturday - Sept. 19

8:30 Begin Registration

9 - 12 Beginning Fly Fish Class

9 - 12 Participants move through stations listed below

Beginner fly tying

Knots

Fly rod rigging & equipment

Fish habitat & entomology

Beginning fly casting

(participants will receive a certificate and pin upon turning in a completed check sheet)

1 - 5 Fly Fish 101

Fly casting classes

Fly tying demonstrations

Conservation presentation - Zebra mussels

???????

7:30 Fly Fishing Movie

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## Texas Council Expo 2015

May of 2015 will be remembered by Texans for a long, long time. Rain, flash flooding, more rain, more flooding, and more rain. Many of us wondered if we would ever get to fish again? And during this time, we had an expo. Yes the 2015 Texas Council Expo is in the books. If you missed this year's expo, you missed a great time. Attendance and numbers were lower than expected, due to the conditions and concerns about the out lying communities. Tragedy in Wimberly was still fresh on our minds, and our hearts and prayers still go out to all who were impacted and lost loved ones during the tragedy.

First off I want to Thank all of the volunteers who worked so hard to put on this years expo. From the casters, tiers, presenters, the volunteers, and the special guests we brought in to support the show. Speaking of bringing in guests, special Thanks to Hank Patterson, and Molly Semenik for coming down to Texas. Both of you were a BIG hit, in your own separate ways of course. Hank highlighted the Friday and Saturday night activities, and Molly hosted the women's programs and helped solidify the casting program.

Special Thanks also goes out to Steve Hollensed, Jim Gray, and Rick Hanes for putting together a great group of programs for all to enjoy. Again this year, the casting program lead by Steve, was one of the best programs in the country. Certified Instructors came from all over, and joined up with the great group from Texas to put on four great days of instructions. Texas continues to build a great program, and it was evident during the expo. The fly tying demonstrations and classes were also well attended. Fly tiers were busy instructing eager learners, and the classes were better this year with many more patterns shared with the participants. Jim Gray brought his local expertise in and organized an amazing group of presenters for the group to see.

Other activities included an auction, kayak raffle, banquet dinner, youth activities, and so much more. Vendors again came and supported the expo, with their many booths and displays. Thanks to all who came to the expo and shared with us the many new items, trends, and techniques for fly fishing.

This year's expo was a success in many ways. Yes numbers were down, but our team showed we again can put on a great show, and we will continue to do so. Plans for next year will begin. No commitments as of yet on where the expo will be. A last special thanks to Vernon Bewley, our expo chairman, and to the New Braunfels Fly Fishers for being such great hosts. Could not have done it without you.

See you in 2016 at a location near you, maybe.

Russell Husted  
President, Texas Council

## Oktoberfisch



12TH ANNUAL

OKTOBERFISCH  
FLY FISHING FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 16-18, 2015  
(RAIN OR SHINE!)

**S. Llano River  
Junction, Texas**

For the 12th year the Fredericksburg Fly Fishers will host a 3 day gathering to focus on education, conservation and fellowship. This year we celebrate the beauty of the Llano River at Morgan Shady Park and Campground. There will also be a Texas Council Regional leadership meeting on Friday night.

Many lodging and dining options may be found at the Junction, TX website: [www.junctiontexas.com](http://www.junctiontexas.com)

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Fly Casting Instruction
- River Conservation Activities
- Fly Fishing Vendors
- TPWD Angler Certification Programs
- Fly Tying Demonstrations
- Live Music
- Movie Nights
- Fly Fishing Tournament
- Special Gear Auctions and Drawings

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## Beavers Bend State Park Update

Here is an article for the Council newsletter describing the most current information pertaining to Beavers Bend State Park, and the Lower Mountain Fork River.

Lower Mountain Fork Foundation Board Minutes and summary notes: The June 27 public meeting of the LMFRF Board was held at the Forest Heritage Center in Beavers Bend State Park. In attendance were 10 out of 12 board members as well as representatives from U.S. Forestry, Oklahoma Game Wardens, and Beavers Bend State Park.

The Park Rangers started meeting presentations with an update: The aquarium in the Nature Center is fixed and up and running again. The green boxes in the upper and lower spillway parking lots have finally been resupplied with trash bags (use them, please). Frank Griffith is getting ready to mark spillway creek with GPS tags so that people can let the park know where they are in case of emergency. When other things from the flood are taken care of, they have agreed to install benches in the parking lots so we have somewhere to sit and put on or take off our waders. It will be years before the cold hole bridge is redone.

Addendum: Many people have expressed desire to volunteer to come clean up the Park in some way. The Beavers Bend Park Manager appreciates all the expressed help but says that that type of work is a long way down the road. He will let us know when we can coordinate something along those lines. In the meantime, if you really feel the need to be clean – next time you are up there, grab a bag from the parking lot and feel free to pick up any debris you see.

Addendum II: The Park has hired a new Ranger. They are now up to 5. This will go a long way in them being able to patrol the Park more efficiently.

Then Mike Carter, representing the Park Rangers, came and asked for some new belt radios. This came out of a discussion that law enforcement had on how they could better respond to calls from the river. It turns out that all the agencies have different systems and cannot contact anyone outside their own agency. Cell phones are spotty, at best. So there was no good way for them to talk to each other to find out who was closest and best suited to respond if we called in a complaint. This was true for everywhere.

Mike came prepared and showed us some radios that are both digital and analog, work on all systems, and will allow all the agencies working McCurtain County to talk with one another over the awesome tower repeater we bought them. With one phone call from us, they can decide who is better able to respond; Ranger, Warden, Forestry. And all can write tickets!

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to purchase 8 new radios and chest mikes for Law Enforcement

(No, the agencies could not afford them).

Dru Polk, Game Warden, was up next to give us a demo and speech on the use of a drone to observe activity in the Park. Mike Love had made some great drone videos of the flooding and posted them, showing by example, the excellent use of drone video. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to purchase a drone for the Game Wardens.

The ODWC was not in attendance but Don Groom sent me an update email explaining the best he could, at this time, where the State stands on river repairs. Below is the email in its entirety:

*Thank you for your patience as we continue to evaluate recent impacts to the trout stream. I know there are a few rumors floating around, and I hope that the following will ease concerns.*

*After the releases our main priority was to resume stocking as soon as possible. In the recent weeks we have conducted maintenance at existing stocking locations to facilitate continued stocking, and we have replaced sections of pipe on the stocking tube above the cold hole area. This pipe is temporarily supported by rock, and we will be going through the appropriate compliance channels to secure the pipe long term as well as any other improvement or repair activity. We had temporarily suspended stocking during the flood releases, but have since resumed stocking on June 18th and again on June 26th to make up for the postponed stocking. Stocking will now resume as usual (every two weeks). We begin our new three year contract period July 1, 2015, and Crystal Lake Fisheries is once again our vendor for the Lower Mountain Fork.*

*In the past week, I have toured the trout stream with our new Commissioner, Assistant Director of Operations, Law Enforcement Division Chief and Fish Division Chief to discuss the recent impacts and future management options. Discussions were positive and supportive in regards to: increasing and improving stocking locations, improving fishing access in the cold hole area, improving flows in the evening hole and the respective bridge area, and dealing with the Lost Creek diversion structure. In the immediate future, I will be working closely with USACE Project Managers, the State Park, and my leadership to further explore these options. As you are aware, Lost Creek is buried under a mound of sediment. I can confirm that this section of the stream will not be rebuilt.*

*Any regulation changes that are necessary surrounding the loss of Lost Creek will go through our normal rule change procedures. I know there are many rumors surrounding regulation changes, but we have not started working on any regulation changes as internal discussions continue. Again, any rule changes pertaining to the trout stream will be going through the normal rule change process and public input will be sought before any changes are made. I do not foresee any emergency rules at this time. I will update the group with more information as it becomes available.*

## Beavers Bend State Park Update- Contd.

*We are also monitoring the water temperatures closely. The wider channel, exposed bedrock and loss of canopy all contribute to warmer water. The remote temperature monitoring station at the swim beach bridge is intact and operational, and we are still able to remotely monitor water temperatures. We manually checked water quality from the spillway down to the powerhouse this past week to better understand the heating. It appears that some of the heating is coming from lake conditions as a result from the recent flood event. I have requested that 150cfs be released through the spillway to maintain flows and water quality in response to new channel properties. The 150cfs request appears adequate; therefore, there are no plans to alter the flows at this time. Actually flow will vary slightly from the request depending on lake levels. We will continue to watch it closely.*

*Other notes of interest- We are tentatively scheduled to remove the bubble diffuser project week of July 27th. Also, our hatchery staff is currently working out a trade for brown trout this fall from Wyoming in return for hybrid bluegill. I will provide the group more information as it become available.*

*We are not considering any new projects such as low flow pipe extensions at this time. Please continue to be patient as we systematically work through the challenges the flood releases have presented. I appreciate your continued support, and will communicate our intentions, progress, and any help that we could use from the Foundation as things become more final.*

Summary update on the state of the Beavers Bend Park, and the Lower Mountain Fork River:

### Infrastructure:

- The Park is up and running with almost everything back to normal.
- The Spillway Dam parking lot and the Cold Hole bridge were washed away and the State is trying to determine their next steps in getting them replaced. This could take years as no one is stepping up. And after meeting with a State Representative, the best reply from the head of OK Tourism is that "a committee has been formed to study the problem". We all know that that means it may be years, if ever, that anything is done.
- We only lost one of the new bear-proof trash cans that we purchased for the Park and have ordered two new ones as replacements.
- Beavers Bend Fly Shop was flooded out. Eddie and Roberta Brister have since cleaned and remodeled the shop and are rocking business once again.

### The River:

- First and foremost: the RED ZONE signs were lost in the flood and the regulations were suspended until the new signs were put up. As of yesterday, 7/20/15, new RED ZONE signs are up and regulations are back to normal. There has been

a change. The NEW RED ZONE goes from COLD HOLE BRIDGE (or where it should be) TO EVENING HOLE BRIDGE. This is going to make it very easy for both people to understand and law enforcement to regulate.

- The general consensus is that Spillway Creek is incredible. The pictures don't do it justice and you just have to go see it to understand. The amount of fishable water has increased many times over. It's a whole new stream.
- The bluff area has changed but is very good.
- Lost Creek is gone and shall remain so. No plans to redo it. It was a good idea at inception but did not pan out and has been more of a headache to maintain than it was worth.
- Evening Hole has some moderate damage but can be repaired, and will be. The trash under the EH bridge has been removed and we already see a good increase of water flow through EH.
- There is a concern over the loss of trees and the increased width of Spillway will increase water temps in the summer so the new flow level has been increased from 90cfs to 140cfs. This seems to be really good so far but the situation is being closely monitored by the ODWC and changes can be still be made to make things good.
- There has been a loss of the stocking road and most stocking areas. This is being addressed. The upper stocking road has been cleared and Power Line stocking tube has been repaired. Anew stocking road has been made back into the bluff area and has already been used to stock the Red Zone.
- Also lost were the signs stating Entry Into Water by Anglers Only. The new creek has seen much frolicking and swimming. The ODWC has found some of those signs and has put them up. They are also ordering more to be installed at all access points.
- Per Don Groom of the ODWC (by text yesterday): The ODWC has collected the needed data and is in the process of preparing the required compliance documentation for the Corp. to fix the Evening Hole and Bluff area. They also want to clear a new stocking road behind the State Park Admin buildings to allow the installation of stocking tubes.
- Zone II is the same – except for the broken canoes and life vests in trees. The fishing was phenomenal for two days. Have not had times like that in Zone II since the rearing pen days.

Dutch Baughman

## IFFF Launches Water Bottle Program

Bend, Oregon ----- The International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) will be launching their newest conservation program “Use the Bottle; Save the Fish”, aimed at reducing the use of single-use bottled water during their 50-year celebration in Bend Oregon this week. The organization, that created the well-known Catch and Release program back in the early ‘70s, is once again launching a program to encourage its members to conserve fishery resources.

“The Federation has always been about conservation”, said Phillip Greenlee, president of the IFFF. “This program fits in with our mission statement of Conservation, Education and Restoration. The IFFF and its 17 National Councils have pledged to reduce the use of these bottles at their many events held around the country.”

“Our motto is All fish; All waters” stated Glenn Erikson, Director of Conservation for the IFFF, “and it effects everything in a straight line from our rivers uppermost watersheds all the way to the ocean. When you see the damage caused by these disposable bottles, it is hard to imagine any conscious angler using them. Water to fill these bottles, instead of coming from filtered but locally water sources, is either imported from great distances with a high hydrocarbon load, or from fragile fisheries in some of our favorite watersheds and is completely unnecessary.

Many local water supplies in the US are extremely robust in terms of availability and purity. Plus these disposable water bottles use the equivalent of three bottles of water for their manufacture. Add to that the waste caused by abandoned bottles that end up floating downstream into the ocean, where they are broken down by currents and sunlight only to be harmfully ingested by our ocean’s creatures, from fish to sea birds to sea turtles to the seas’ smallest organisms.”

The Federation is encouraging its members to use only reusable water containers and to fill them from local sources. Thanks to a generous donation from Coleman, the launch at the 50th anniversary Fair will start off with ten donated 5 gallon jugs.

In many places, extensive recycling programs also allow the use of paper or plastic cups to be used and then placed in provided recycling bins. This program is novel in its recognition that not every venue allows for 100% reduction and any reduction helps in the long run.

In conjunction with the launch of this new initiative, the Federation has designed a commemorative aluminum bottle, with the slogan “Use the Bottle; Save the Fish” and original fish artwork by Robert “Bob” Newhall of Livingston, Montana. These bottles will be available at the 50th Anniversary of the

International Federation of Fly Fishers at Bend, Oregon in August.

The bottles will also be for sale on the IFFF online store later in August. Purchase can be made at: [www.fedflyfishers.org/store.aspx](http://www.fedflyfishers.org/store.aspx).

**Rhonda Sellers**  
Operation Manager



## IFFF National Awards

Well it is time for another trip to the IFFF National Fair. This year, it will be in Bend, Oregon. So looking forward to the trip with a good group from Texas going along. There will be the fair and all of it's activities, enjoying the local micro breweries, fishing, and the awards banquet.

This year, as like last year, Texas will have many winners of awards presented by the IFFF.

So proud of the men, women, clubs, and retail establishments that put Texas Fly Fishing on the map!!!

### **Congratulations to the following for winning awards at the National level:**

- Mckenzie Cup goes to the club that made a significant contribution to the IFFF and sport. The winner is the Austin Fly Fishers. Great job Jim Gray, officers, and club!!!

- Charles E. Brooks Memorial Award goes to the individual who is an excellent fly tier and a genuine character. Someone passionate about fly tying. The winners is Matt Bennet. Congrats Matt!!

- Silver King Award goes to the individual who made a significant contribution to the sport of saltwater fly fishing. And no one does that better than Rick Pope. Congrats Rick for all you do with the sport, and with us, the fly fishers!!

- Dick Nelson Fly Tying Teaching Award goes to the individual who specializes and is passionate about teaching fly tying. Very excited to announce that Fred DuPre' is the winner of this years award. Fred spends countless hours teaching others how to fly, and is in the Fly Tying Group of the IFFF.

- Lee Wulff Award goes to the retail business or manufacturer that truly supports fly fishing and it's innovation through their products and stewardship. Congrats to Tailwaters Fly Fishing. Great job Travis and company on supporting the IFFF and our missions.

- Mel Krieger Fly Casting Instructor Award goes to the individual who truly supported the IFFF's Board Of Governor's Casting Program. Can't think of anyone who did it better last year than Steve Hollensed. Steve is thee organizer of the casting programs in the Texas Council, and put on an awesome casting program at the expo for the last two years.

- Arnold Gingrich Memorial Life Award goes to an individual who contributes at a high level in regards to conservation and education. This award goes to Richard Johnson from the Dallas Fly Fishers. Richard is seen generally at every event that has an opportunity to teach about fly fishing. Scouts, youth groups, colleges, wherever. If teaching is needed, Richard will be there.

- Special Texas Council Recognition Award goes to Lee Yeager, of the Red River Fly Fishers. Lee was instrumental in turning their club into a charter club, oversees many, many events the club puts on throughout the year, supported the council and it's youth activities, and so much more. Thanks Lee for your leadership and help in the council.

Again, special recognition to these winners and the impact they have had on our sport. Especially here in Texas. Thank You all for what you do and have done.

Russell Husted  
President, Texas Council

## September Speaker- Blane Chocklett

*Please join us at 7PM on September 1st for a very special guest speaker. This should be a great presentation from one of the most innovative fly tyers in the country. Blane will also be at Backwoods on 7th Street for a tying demo from 2-5PM before the meeting. There is no cost to attend the demo. Contact Stephen Woodcock for additional details.*

Blane grew up fishing the small mountain streams near his home in Blue Ridge, Va. As a youngster he started a guiding service and in the late 90s, opened Blue Ridge Fly Fishers in Richmond, Virginia— one of the most respected full service fly shops in the region. He quickly gained huge following with his creative and extremely effective fly patterns. Blane has worked for years to create patterns that have all the intricate nuances of flies, with the strike-generating action of conventional lures. These new patterns serve to not only inspire fly fishermen but compel new and conventional anglers to try fly fishing.



About a decade ago, Blane returned to the river where he now owns and operates the New Angle Fishing Company, which specializes in float trips for everything from musky and smallmouth bass to stripers. Blane has served on the board of the American Fly Tackle Trade Association (AFFTA) and has worked as a consultant to several fly fishing companies. Many of Blane's highly innovative fly patterns are produced through UMPQUA Feather Merchants.

Blane Chocklett reveals his secret fly tying ingredient: Chocklett's Body Tubing- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2vof0sCar8>

## Local Fly Tying Events

One of the best ways to improve and learn new tying skills as well as make new friends is to attend one of the tying events held in our area on a weekly basis. If you are a seasoned and experienced tyer, many of us would be glad to learn a new pattern or technique from you. If you are new to the whole mystifying ordeal of putting thread and feathers on a hook, do not be intimidated. Come and watch, enjoy a cold one, and catch up on recent fishing reports. If you would like to try your hands at fly tying, no investment is needed, plenty of our club members have an extra vise and necessary tools to get you started. Try before you buy....

### Fort Worth

Backwoods:  
2727 W. 7th St.  
Fort Worth TX 76107  
817-332-2423

Wednesday nights @ 6:30pm  
Call ahead for details and information.

Stephen Woodcock is the Backwoods fly fishing manager and go to guy for all your fly fishing needs. Stephen was instrumental in getting my fly tying off to a good start a few years ago. He was kind enough to loan me a vise and tools at a Wednesday night tie session. He didn't laugh or loud when I put my dumbbell eyes on the wrong side of the hook and then had to show me how to whip finish at least a dozen times! Backwoods fly tie nights are well attended with lots of knowledgeable tyers that are willing to help and share.

### Arlington

Cafe Acapulco :  
4001W. Green Oaks Blvd. Suite 121  
Arlington TX 76016  
817-483-4171

Thursday nights : Dinner and drinks @ 5:15-5:30 pm  
Tying starts @ 6:30 pm

This group is growing in attendance. Usually headed up by FWFF members Les Jackson and Mike McCorkhill . We enjoy the Mexican cuisine and cold drinks served by Lynda before making the fur, feathers and lies fly. If you don't mind a bit of rabbit fur in your salsa or peacock herl in your PBR come join us !

Our Local Cabela's 817-337-2400 and Bass Pro Shops 972-724-2018 have in the past hosted fly tying sessions . Contact their fly fishing departments for details.

## Fly of the Month

### "Tying the Kirk's Algae Crab"

by Tony Kirk

#### Materials:

**Hook** – Tiemco 800 S size 6 or 4

**Eyes** – large or extra-large bead chain

**Thread** – 3/0 chartreuse uni – thread

**Tail** – chartreuse Craft Fur

**Body** – tan EP Fiber

**Legs** – chartreuse barred silicone

**Weed guard** – 12#/16# Hard Mason leader



1. After securing the hook up right in the vice, tie the bead chain eyes on top of the hook, allowing room between the bead chain and the hook eye for a weed guard to be tied in later.



2. Tie the tail on the top of the hook about a 1/8 of an inch down the bend so when the hook is lying point up, (as it will be for the fish) the tail is pointed up at an approximate 30° angle. After attaching the

Craft Fur tail to the hook, tie the chartreuse barred legs laying back along each side of the tail.

3. Reverse the hook position by rotating the vice or re-clamping the hook if you have a stationary vice so that the point of the hook is facing upward. Peel off multiple strands of EP fiber to create a 1/8 to 3/16 inch diameter when the fiber is twisted between thumb and finger. Cut 1 inch long sections of the compressed EP fiber and tie it in front of the tail on the inside of the hook (This would be the side opposite of where you tied the bead chain). Secure the fiber to the hook using two loose wraps across the fiber and then doing two more loose raps in the opposite direction. Having completed this you should have created an X pattern with your thread to retain the EP fiber onto the hook. Pull the fiber back towards the bend of the hook, be sure it is laid out straight and horizontal to the direction of the bead chain eyes. Pull tight on the thread and wrap three secure turns of thread in front of the fiber to maintain its current position. Continue this process tying in 4 to 5 bunches of fiber, leaving room between the last bunch of fiber and the bead chain eyes to tie in a set of legs.



4. At this point, using the scissors of your choice (I prefer to use a curved scissor that will give me a radius for the body of the fiber on each side of the hook), trim

the EP fiber so that its longest point protruding out from the shaft approximately 3/8 of an inch. By using the radius scissors I am able to create a somewhat circular body shape.

5. Between the bead chain eyes and the last wrap of EP fiber tie a single-strand of legs by tying it in a knot and wrapping it with four or five wraps of thread.



6. Using a 6 inch long piece of Hard Mason leader, fold the 6" piece of leader in half creating a U-shape and put the shaft of the hook between the two pieces of leader. Wrap the thread around the leader allowing the leader to lay back on the hook and then tying it with an additional 4 to 5 wraps on the opposite side leader, try to make the leader stand up. At this point I pull the two pieces of leader material up so that the inside of the "U" shape of the leader contacts the hook shank. Wrap it a few more times to get the leader/weed guard in the position you want. Finish off with two half hitches, or a whip finish if you prefer and then apply a light amount of cement around the weed guard, eyes, and the legs on the spline of the hook. After the cement has set up for a few minutes, trim the weed guard so that it protrudes above the point of the hook about a quarter inch.

7. Next step, go catch a redfish.

Food For Thought: Most flies you buy are designed to catch FISHERMEN first and FISH second, the flies you tie only have to catch FISH

Tony Kirk

*Featured Tyer at the FWFF September meeting.*



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#### Our Purpose

"The purpose of our local club is to provide a forum for the meeting and exchange of ideas among members concerning the art of fly fishing."  
*Federation of Fly Fishers, Southern Council 2002 and 2003 Club of the Year, Texas Council 2014 Club of the Year*