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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

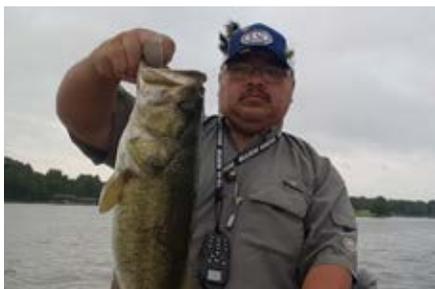
I begin my message to you as WOW, what a year we had last year! We had great speakers, great meetings and great outings. I don’t see how it can get any better!! BUT it can so stick around. We have several of our outing venues already on our lists, some we haven’t been in a long time. Our speaker program has several speakers lined up and our 101 program is poised to expand into a few more segments of our sport.

I want to take this time to thank all of you who have helped make this past year what it was. Without you guys, I know we would not have had such a great year. The WORK of the club behind the scenes takes a lot of time all done in the interest of “your” club. I hope you guys can still help and for you guys that are on the sidelines JUMP in the water is great. Volunteering can give you the feeling of great satisfaction and accomplishment.

We began the month with our annual Christmas party held at Riglea Country Club (This was our December meeting), many of you attended and had a great time. We were treated to a great meal, fellowship, conversation and a great slide show of many of our fishing photos. The slide show was again well prepared by Suresh, THANKS Suresh well done. It is always good to see that there are fish (and big ones) caught and released on our states water’s, as well as our surrounding states. They are there, all you have to do is “wet” your fly! Come out this year you may surprise yourself.

I would like to take this time to repeat my appeal to all of you to get more involved next year. This involvement includes not only volunteering at some of our events BUT also going fishing with the club on its monthly outings which includes attending our Fly Fish 101 events. You can find enjoyment in helping us introduce our guest and members to the sport we love so much. In addition, if you don’t wish to assist in the 101 event you ALL are welcome to join the event to JUST fish. We usually cook hotdogs or serve sandwiches at these events. It’s your club, come on out and enjoy.

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Net’s Be Friends
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You elected a new slate of Board of Directors who are eager to help govern our club, coordinate our fishing experiences and educate us all on the many nuances of our sport. Please thank them when you see them they are here to help you. There is a list in this newsletter. I also want to thank the following past Board members who have served our club last year. Thanks, Bill Hodges, Bob Garber, Suresh Venugopal, David Lord and Joe Ashcraft! Job well done.

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held January 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM, the location has not been determined yet! I will keep you posted. Please Email me if you would like to attend. As always, our Board of Directors meetings are always open to our members. Come join the fun, you may get a chance to be on a "committee" to better our club.

Let's continue to be a GREAT club, have FUN and catch FISH!

Rick Hanes
President

NEW FISHING REPORT PROCEDURE (IF YOU WANT TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS)! Please hand me your WRITTEN fishing report. I will read it. You will remain anonymous!

PS! We encourage you to submit articles to be posted on our web site, as well published in our Newsletter. SEND PICTURES (where & when caught)!! SEND THEM TO ME, I WILL GET THEM IN!

2017 DUES ARE DUE

A new year means a new year of membership in the Fort Worth Fly Fishers. January is when club dues are due for the year:

Single Member: \$35.00

Family: \$40.00

Student: \$12.00

Anybody can join throughout the year, but if you are an existing members, we need to collect your dues. Remember that as a Charter Club of the IFFF, your dues also provide you membership in IFFF and the Texas Council of IFFF.

You can pay your dues at any FWFF meeting with cash or check. Or, you can send in your check to us directly at:

Fort Worth Fly Fishers
PO Box 1133
Fort Worth, Texas, 76101

January Speaker:

Johnny Martinez Shares Experiences About Fishing Lake Athens



Johnny Martinez is known to many in the club, as he is an active member of the Dallas Fly Fishers and runs the guide service, Johnny on the Fly Sport Fly Fishing at Lake Athens, Texas.

He will be sharing information about how and where to fish at Lake Athens, a beautiful lake located less than two hours southeast of Fort Worth. It is near the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, the site of the annual FlyFest Texas. This lake is known for largemouth bass in the 3- to 8-pound range but has produced a lake record of 13.81 pounds.

Johnny has been fishing since he was age 7 and fishing local lakes for bass, crappie and catfish most of his life. In 2009 was an eventful year as he caught his personal best bass, a 10 lb Bass on a bait caster, and later that year he was introduced to Fly Fishing. He says with laugh, "From there it has been all downhill." Johnny was first introduced to fly fishing by the Dallas Fly Fishers at a class that they offered at Richland College. There were 6 students and 4 instructors.

"They opened the class by informing us that the number one question asked is" where do you Fly Fish around here?" After teaching us about the fly rod system and showing us how to assemble and rig up they took us outside to try and cast," he said. After whipping the rod around a bit, Richard Johnson talked to him about timing and make the stop. After a few tries I made a decent cast and heard that sound. "The sound that the line makes as it shoots through the eyelets. That did it for me, I was hooked," he said.

Since then he has joined several clubs, built some of my own fly rods, learned fly tying, have become a TPWD angler education Instructor, I am a register volunteer at the Texas State Fishery in Athens. He has help in the DFF angler education programs, have plan several fishing outings for the club and have served on the DFF board.

"Since I started Fly fishing I have caught more fish than ever before and found a deep love and respect for the sport. In 2015 organized and presented the first Lake Athens Fly Fishing Festival and we are currently planning and working on the third festival scheduled for April 2017

On April 17, 2014 I caught my biggest Bass on the Fly Rod "Talula" pushing 11 lbs and she changed my life," Johnny said.

In 2015, he and his wife moved to Lake Athens to live, fish and start his guide service. He has spent hundreds of days on Lake Athens learning the topography and patterns of various species and have enjoyed guiding many guest and clients on beautiful Lake Athens.

2017 Presentation Line Up

We already have a great line-up of speakers and presentations in the coming year. As always, we meet the first Tuesday of the month.

Jan: Johnny Martinez Bass fishing at Lake Athens

Feb: Landon Mayer, speaker from Colorado, to speak about trout fishing

March: Johnny Walker, Red's Lake Fork Fly Fishing Adventures, to speak about how and where to fish at Lake Fork

April: Jeff Johnson to speak about saltwater fishing around Rockport

May: Matt Bennet, nationally known fly tyer, will discuss effective Texas flies as well as possibly host a tying session earlier in the day (TBD)

June: Club annual casting class: Led by Jim Bass and FWFF casting volunteers. Place TBD.

January Outing

Hunting Trout at Possum Kingdom

The club's January outing will be Saturday, January 21 at one of our favorite locations this time of year: the Possum Kingdom Tailrace, located between Highway 16 bridge and below the PK dam.

Texas Parks and Wildlife stocks the Possum Kingdom Tailrace with Rainbow trout and the latest stocking schedule shows it will occur on 12/27 and 1/17. The stocking happens approximately ¾ mile below the Possum Kingdom dam where Texas Highway 16 crosses the Brazos River.

Recommended rods are 4-6 weight, floating line with 9 ft. trout leaders. However, Stripers, carp and other warm water species can be caught in the river, especially the stripers below the dam. For this species, the heavier weigh rod with leaders and tippet is recommended

A Word from the New Education Chair Les Jackson

Greetings and tight lines! I consider it an honor and privilege to lead our club's education efforts for the 2017.

First and foremost, we plan on continuing the Fly Fish 101 efforts. Refer the calendar in the newsletter for the 2017 dates. The first one of the year, we hope to make it a Kayak Fishing 101. I'm working on the date and details, so stay tuned.

I want and need your input to keep the educational activities fresh, relevant, and fun. So with this in mind, I am reaching out to you. I need your help in hosting future 101 events. No worries, you won't be thrown to the wolves, in fact, I'll have a prepared worksheet with the necessary details to help make the event successful, and you'll have help. Secondly I need your ideas on where you think a good local body of water is and if it has public access, a must for showing new members where when and how to fly fish local waters.

You want to learn more? I will be soon introducing a new concept before each meeting – twenty minute clinic on a variety of topics. Beginning at 6:40pm before each stated club meeting (February 7, 2017 will be the inaugural start) we will be introducing a quick clinic involving topics of interest, like fly choice, photo tips, first aid, and so on. My hope is to bring in club members with areas of expertise to briefly discuss some helpful hints and ideas.

If you want to help or host a 101 event, let me know. If you want to lead a clinic on a topic or have topic ideas you'd like to see us do, let me know. My cell phone is 817-253-0943 and my email is keebranch@sbcglobal.net.

I look forward to seeing you January 3 at our first club meeting.

Tate's Tips, Tricks, and Tales - "Net's Be Friends" *Report from December Outing*

For the FWF December outing, we went to LLELA, the Lewisville dam, to try our hand during a cold month. We thought maybe a hybrid if they're there, white bass, buffalo (the herds of them), and whatever else we could get our fly in the mouth of. It was chilly, very chilly, and windy to start off the morning. But once arrived, you could spot all the fly fishermen and women up toward the dam giving their go, using whatever flies they had to entice a LLELA river fish.

I remember seeing Frank Hunycutt catch a smallmouth buffalo or two while Les Jackson broke off with a big fish in the swift water. Jan Bates started getting into the white bass one after another near the corner rocks. This is where the swift water dives into a small pool that's met with a large flat rock bottom spanning the river not but a few feet below the surface. I myself was not too fortunate up by the water release. I used some big flies, big weighted flies, thinking a hybrid would be hanging out somewhere in the quick release water to give me a run for my money.

Having no luck there, I moved down to thinner water below Jan and saw a man hook a really nice buffalo. I kept hearing Les Jackson encouraging him to let 'em run, let 'em run, play the fish. When the fish was wrestled close, I realized there is no way to hand land that fish. It needed a net. I was lucky enough to have my new large net with me and made my way across the slick rocks and helped net the fish. The man had a big grin on his face, while everyone cheered. He rearranged his gear, and we snapped a photo to capture the moment. He let the fish go, and then he introduced himself, Art. He happens to be one of our newest members.

I never knew with a net you'd make a friendship, but on the

Tate's Tips, Tricks, and Tales - "Net's Be Friends"

Report from December Outing- Contd.

water that's what it's about. It's about being able to help others, encourage, and give pointers. It's not all about being someone who just catches fish. It is about landing and being able to get a quick picture before you let the beast go, and a net helps. A net also helps make a friend.

Art, Jan, Sharon Leissner, and I made our way down river at different paces to explore new water to fish. I might have struck out up by the dam, but I did have my go at some buffalo. Walking the riverbank with the sun behind me, I was able to get a good look in the water. Being high up, I was able to spot big tailing fish under the light reflecting off the shallows. The fish were congregated on the inside of the river bend out of the current. I gave my cast 50+ feet across the river and dropped my woolly buggie up in front of a fish. This was like sight fishing; it was incredible. I gave enough room to drift with a couple small strips to entice the fish. It worked like it was supposed to, and I ended up hooking two fish.

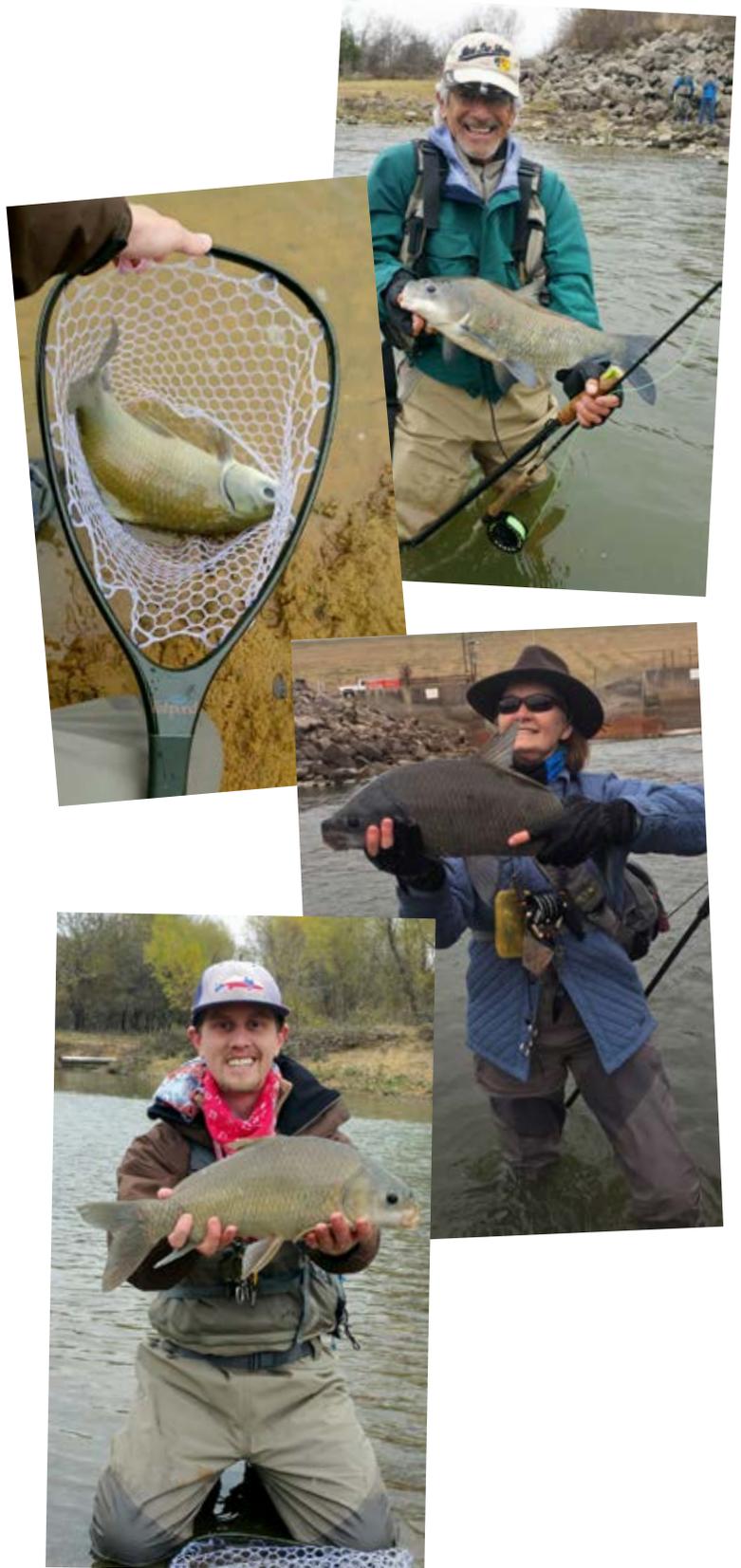
The first one I landed on my own but the second I needed some help. Little did I know the second fish would turn and head down river. It caught the current and ran, ran, and ran some more. The buffalo ended up going across the river, and there was no way I was going to land this fish timely. But Art, my new friend, just happened to be over there. I took my net and threw it across the river like a frisbee. My Fishpond net is very light, durable, and buoyant, so I did not have a worry tossing it across to Art. Art was able to land my fish, and he returned an act of kindness to me. Neither "net's be friends" nor "let's be friends" was spoken; regardless, we knew age doesn't hinder, and a passion for fly fishing can create a bond that's special and unique.

My tip this month is simple. Beyond giving yourself an opportunity to help land someone else's fish and become friends, I am a firm believer if you want good fish photos it starts with having a net. A net allows you to safely keep the fish in the water while you grab your electronic device to snap a photo. More fish pic tips to come next month. See you at our next outing!

Thanks for the read,

Adam Tate

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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.**

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Fly of the Month- Ray Bergman "POTTER"

The January fly of the month comes from the classic Ray Bergman book "Trout". My copy, which I got used thru Amazon, is one of my most favorite Fly Fishing/Tying books. It's the Third printing and is dated January, 1939. I found it thru the used section of Amazon and it turned out to be a treasure. First of all it had part of the original dust jacket. It also turned out to be an autographed copy, signed by Ray Bergman. Lastly, and maybe the most special part, it had an inscription in the dust jacket from someone who obviously gave the book as a Christmas present in 1939. The inscription includes a poem and reads like this:

Floyd A. Pearce

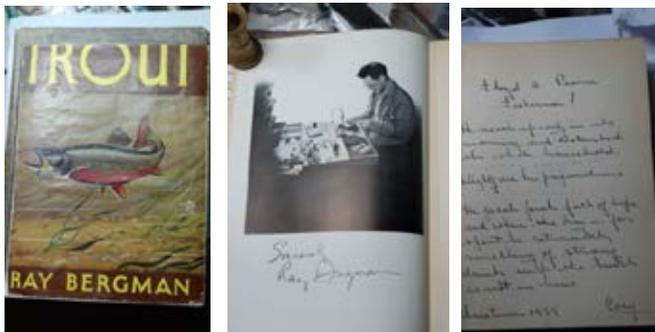
Fisherman?

He riseth up early in the morning and disturbeth the whole household.

Mighty are his preparations.

He goeth forth full of hope and when the day is far spent he returneth, smelling of strong drink and the truth is not in him.

Christmas 1939 Cory



I had no idea the book had these hidden treasures (and I'm sure the folks at Amazon didn't either or it would have cost a lot more). The book is a treasure chest of 1930's vintage fly fishing techniques and most important to us tiers, fifteen full color plates with 20 to 50 flies per plate and full descriptions of the recipe's. If you haven't tried fishing by swinging a wet fly, look up the technique and try it, it is deadly effective.

Ray Bergman "Potter"

Recipe (per Bergman)

Body - Blue Green floss

Ribbing - Black Silk

Hackle - Dark Brown

Wing - Slate

Recipe (as tied)

Body - DMC Satin embroidery thread, color 501 (Slate Green)

Ribbing - DMC Satin embroidery thread, color 310 (Black)

Hackle - Ring necked pheasant rump feather

Wing - slip of Widgeon primary feather

Thread - Danville 6/0 flat waxed white (underbody) and black (wing tie in and head)



1). Start the white thread so that your bobbin hangs at the back of the hook barb.

2). Tie in a six inch long piece of black floss (ribbing) so that the tag is toward the hook eye and the long end is back toward the vice (put it up in a material clip if you use one). Traditionally, this is tied in on the back side of the hook (i.e. 3 o'clock if you were looking at the hook with the eye in front and the hook in back). Clip the tag end off.



3). Wind the white thread up to the front of the hook and stop one hook eye diameter back from the hook eye, using touching, and adjacent wraps. Your thread will tend to cord up as you wrap the body, so occasionally twirl your bobbin to unwind the thread and allow it to go onto the hook as flat as possible. You may choose to wrap several layers and create a slight taper (really a cigar shape) on the hook. The white thread is used to help the floss color when wet (the floss is slightly translucent when wet and the white underbody won't darken the floss like a dark color underbody would). When you have the underbody shape you want, go ahead and attach a piece (about 18 inches long) of the body floss (DMC 501). The embroidery floss comes with six strands. I select one of the six and then if you twist the floss, you'll notice that each of the six strands really are made up of two smaller strands. I further separate the two strands and I am left with a small diameter piece of floss that really winds on flat and mimics silk pretty well. It's not silk floss (silk is more vibrantly colored), but it's a pretty good cheaper alternative while you're learning or for tying fishing flies (vs display flies).

4). Wind the body floss to the rear of the hook (to a point above the back of the barb) and then wind forward back to the tie in



Fly of the Month- Ray Bergman "POTTER" Contd.

point. Keep the floss flat and use adjacent touching wraps to create a very flat, smooth body. Switch to black thread and clip off the white thread.



5). Now wrap the black floss around the body to create a nicely spaced rib. Traditionally there are five wraps that are used. The rib is wrapped under the hook and then over the top (i.e. clockwise if you were looking at

the front of the hook to the back). Tie off the rib and clip the excess.

6). I have the luxury of also being a bird hunter and so I have access to lots of bird feathers. I happened to have a pair of Widgeon duck wings from last season and thought the primaries would make nice "slate" colored wings. I picked feathers from both the right and left wings to get a nice pair. I then clipped a slip from each feather and matched the tips to prepare them for tying in the wing.



7). Here's the matching (right and left) wing slips tied on to the hook. The techniques for tying in the wings takes some practice and are probably beyond the limits of what I can explain in a short tying tutorial. There are excellent reference materials available, but my best recommendation is come join one of the tying groups mentioned later in the newsletter and ask some of the experienced tiers to show you how to mount wings on flies. The excess wing material will be carefully removed with sharp, fine scissors at this point.



8). The Bergman recipe called for dark brown hackle (more of a throat based on the picture in Bergman's book). I choose to use a ring necked pheasant rump feather (picture below). The throat is tied in by holding the feather under the wing tie in point (may be easier to invert the fly at this point) and putting one or two loose wraps around the feather. Pull the feather forward until the length of the throat is such that the tips of the throat are near (but not past) the hook point. Mine are maybe

slightly long on the example. You may need to manipulate the feather to get the throat to angle the way you want. Classic Salmon fly tiers will consider this method of attaching the throat to be cheating. Traditionally, the throat feather would be palmered (i.e. wrapped) around the hook and then all of the barbs carefully pulled down into the throat position and held in place with thread wraps. Your choice on how to tie it.



9). Clip off the excess throat feather and wrap a small, neat thread head. I've chosen to add a bit of "Kelson's Formula Head Cement" to make a nice glossy head. This is a tar and turpentine based head cement formula made to Kelson's old recipe, available from John McLain at FeathersMC (<http://feathersmc.com/>). This yields the finished fly - Ray Bergman's "Potter":



Barry Webster
Tying Director

March 11 – Major Fly Fishing Events Happening

Most people equate March with the NCAA's Basketball March Madness. Locally, our sport will have its own version of March Madness on Saturday, March 11 when THREE major fly fishing events occur in our area:

Trinity River FlyFest

This will be the second year for the Trinity River FlyFest, sponsored by the Tarrant Regional Water District. It is a free event, and takes place 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Clear Fork near the Acme Headquarters on Bryant Irving. It is free to public.

Whether you are an experienced angler or have never touched a fly rod, this fun day in and along the Trinity River has something to hook everyone in the whole family. Enjoy casting demos, women's casting, hands-on lessons, expert presentations, cooking demos, food trucks, rock climbing wall, fly tying lessons, wine and craft beer, corn hole, big trout contest and open fishing.

Our club will be very involved in many aspects of this event, and we're looking for volunteers to help Bob Garber, CCI, in the casting clinic areas, the FWFF booth and other opportunities. Contact Rick Haness for volunteer opportunities.

<http://www.trwd.com/event/trwd-flyfest/>

FlyFish Texas

A perennial favorite for many years is FlyFish Texas, sponsored by Texas Parks & Wildlife at the Fresh Water Fisheries Center in Athens, Texas. From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., anglers from novice to expert will gather at TFFC to celebrate the sport of fly-fishing. Learn the basics of fly-tying and casting, then fish for rainbow trout in our on-site ponds and streams. Attend seminars and demonstrations led by fly-fishing professionals. Visit with vendors of fly-fishing services and equipment. The TFFC pond will be freshly stocked with trout so visitors can fish.

Our club will be working with other Fly-fishing clubs from across Texas to help with the event. Specifically, we'll be co-running the casting clinics. Jim Bass, CCI, will be the coordinator, so anyone who wants to volunteer will get free admission. Contact Jim Bass for more info on how to volunteer.

Texas Fly Fishing and Brew Festival

A new event this year is the Texas Fly Fishing and Brew Festival which occurs over two days, March 11-12 at the Plano Center approximately 20 miles north of Dallas, with access from Route 75.

The indoor/outdoor venue means that attendees can have the best of both worlds: Attendees can check out a myriad of fly fishing manufacturers indoors, attend various lectures on techniques and topics interesting to fly anglers of every stripe -and then step out into the Texas sunshine to taste some of the Lone Star States best micro-brewed beer.

The TFFF is your chance to meet nationally known fly fishing authors, professional guides, expert casters, custom bamboo rod makers, and fly tyers from across the country. Featured speakers include Lefty Kreh, Bob Clouser, Ed Jaworowski, David Leake, Wanda Taylor and Stacy Lynn.

Visit the Website to register for classes, lectures and admission to the Festival.

<http://txflyfishingfestival.org/>



Red River Rendezvous 2017



A Fly Tying Extravaganza

January 27-28, 2017



Bonham State Park, Bonham TX

Details

The cost for this year's event is \$5 per person for the weekend. We will not have use of the cabins at Bonham State Park, so attendees will need to plan to stay either as campers in the park, in a motel in Bonham, or make plans to commute.

The Red River Fly Fishers is providing dinner Friday evening for all participants. We ask that you pre-register if possible to help with the head count. Meals on Saturday will be pot luck style.

Campsites, and RV sites are available throughout the park for rental. The park does charge an entry fee for anyone entering the park.

The Rendezvous will run from 12:00 Noon on Friday January 29 till 8:00 PM on Saturday January 28.

Come out and enjoy some great fellowship, fly tying, fishing, casting, and relaxation.



Everyone is Welcome!

For more information go to: <http://rfff.org>

To pre-register email us at: rfflyfishers@gmail.com



Come on up and tie one on!!

TPWD Volunteers

Hey guys,

Part of our purpose is the help introduce and educate the public on our “fly Fishing” sport.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Departments has many programs throughout the State that targets introduction to the States MANY outdoor opportunities to enjoy our great and beautiful State. Several of these programs are tailored to our sport. It takes MANY volunteers throughout the state to help TPWD accomplish their enormous task. When it comes to Fly Fishing TPWD calls on Fly Fishing Clubs and those individuals interested in the sport to HELP. There are many of our club members and friends of the club who volunteer their time and expertise.

I would like to recognize the following individuals who helped this past year:

Jim Bass, Bob Garber, Jack Janco, Mary Kay Janco, Diane Blair, Mike McCorkhill, Suresh Venugopal, Jeff Ziehm, Joe Ashcraft, Jan Bates, Richard Blair, Rick Haness, Bill Hoot, Frank Huneycutt, Les Jackson, Kay Jackson, Greg Kohn, Mark Kolanowski, Sharon Leissner, Donnie Roberts. I know there are several more of you, but the list the TPWD sent out didn't have you listed.

The above volunteers gave from 1 hour to 100 hours of their time last year. Michael Scherer gave TPWD 491.5 hours!

Two people you may know in the Dallas FF club, Jere Anderson and Richard Johnson gave over 100 hours.

FYI, the US government gives TPWD \$24 for each hour donated. If you are interested in helping, please contact me and I will get you involved.

Rick Haness
President

Trinity River Section Clean Up Event *February 11*

As part of our club mission, we are having a Trinity River Cleanup Event on Saturday, February 11th starting at 9:00 AM. We will be cleaning up a short section of the Trinity that we sponsor.

It will be at Isbell and White Settlement Rd. just over the Trinity River. There is a parking lot just north of the river, which has a sidewalk down to the river for kayak, canoe launching. North of White Settlement Rd. is an old hamburger joint called Thurber Mingus.

We will be cleaning up along the waterline. And if you come early or stay late we will also throw a few flies around. Bass, Crappie and brim have been caught. Bank fishing is available.

There will be water, trash grabbers, and trash bags available and we are considering a cookout at 1:00 PM. Any other questions just see me at the next meeting.

John Jarzabski

Fort Worth Fly Fishers Fund Raiser Donors and Supporters 2016

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



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.

National: Toll Free 800-699-4490 info@reelrecovery.org www.reelrecovery.org

Texas: 817-894-7832 Mike Emerson mgemerson1944@gmail.com www.texasreelrecovery.org

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[Texas Trout Stocking](#)

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Featured Guest

6
*One hour
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presentations*



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Squimpishflies.com

*One of the largest
gatherings of expert
fly tyers under
one roof at one time*

*Doors Open at 8:30 am
Bethany Christian Church
3223 Westheimer Road
Houston, Texas
Adults - \$10, Seniors (62 &
Up) - \$8, Family - \$14, Under
18 - \$5, Scouts (In Uniform)
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FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS

**Membership Form
2017**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State , Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ **(Alternate)** _____

Email Address: _____

Circle One

Current Member New Member

DUES

INDIVIDUAL \$35 _____

FAMILY \$40 _____

TOTAL PAID _____ **Received By:** _____, **Date** _____

**ALL MEMBERS NEW AND OLD!!
PLEASE FILL THIS FORM OUT, MAIL OR BRING TO THE NEXT MEETING. THIS MUST BE
COMPLETED IN FULL TO BE ENROLLED FOR MEMBERSHIP. THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE TO
ALLOW US TO BRING OUR RECORDS UP TO DATE. PLEASE DO THIS EVEN IF YOU THINK
WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION.**

**Email if questions: president@fortworthflyfishers.org
Mail: Fort Worth Fly Fishers; P.O. Box 1133; Fort Worth, Texas 76101
www.fortworthflyfishers.org**

November 30, 2016

Dear Mr. Rick Hanes and Fort Worth Fly Fisher's Club,

I'm writing to thank you for sponsoring me for a fabulous weekend at Casting for Recovery. I was blessed to be in a setting that was laid back, beautiful, and surrounded in love.

I am a 7-year survivor and November just happens to be my cancer-free anniversary month. My survivor friends had recommended the camp to me several years ago and finally I decided it was time to apply. My life has been quite out of balance the past 7 years and this came just in time to remind me to reconnect with the great outdoors and nurture my soul. I loved the company, the fly tying, and fabulous food. But I really loved getting into the water and catching my first fish. It was a chance to try something entirely new and I felt connected to my two grandfathers- one who made his own fly rod while living in Alaska, and the other who fished Lake Merideth for years. I will definitely go fly fishing again. I thank you for your kindness and dedication to survivors. The people I've met since my diagnosis have touched my life in a very special way. Thank you for making this experience possible.

Sincerely,

Karen Britton

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P.S. I already rewatched "A River Run Through It" and am planning a fishing trip to Athens, TX, ^{Eagle,} Colorado, ^{Taos,} New Mexico, & Provo, Utah - Can't wait!

CALENDAR – AT A GLANCE

JANUARY

January 21

Club Outing: Possum Kingdom below Hwy. 16 Bridge

January 27-28

Red River Rendezvous 2017: a Fly Tying Extravaganza
Bonham State Park, Texas

February 11

Club Conservation Project: Trinity River Clean Up and
kayak fishing
Contact: John Jarzabski

FEBRUARY

February 11

Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival, Houston, TX.
Sponsored by the Houston FlyFishers

February 18

Club Outing: Lake Dangerfield

February 17-19

TroutFest, Satler, TX
Sponsored by Guadalupe Chapter of Trout Unlimited
(GRTU)
<http://www.grtu.org/troutfest/>

MARCH

March 11

FlyFest, Fort Worth, TX (Need volunteers, contact Rick
Hanes)
Fly Fish Texas, Athens, TX (Need volunteers, contact Jim
Bass)

March 11 & 12

Texas Fly Fishing Festival, Plano, TX
<http://txflyfishingfestival.org/>

March 18

Club Outing: Lake Lewisville Environmental Learning Area
(LLELA)

APRIL

April 21-23

Club Outing: Bill Ward Ranch, Mexia

MAY

May 19-21

Club Outing: Lake Caddo
Contact: Frank Hunycutt

May TBD

Trinity River Trash Bash

JUNE

June 3

Fly Fish 101

June 6

Club Casting Clinic

SEPTEMBER

September TBD

Trinity River Trash Bash

OCTOBER

October TBD

Oktoberfish
Presented by the Fredricksburg Fly Fishers

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 @ 6:30 p.m.

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 to 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 p.m.

Tying starts @ 6:30 p.m.

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 !

Grapevine

Bass Pro Shop: Fly Fishing Department

2501 Bass Pro Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051

Wednesday Night: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 9:00 a.m.

Led by "The Roadkill Round Table" Tying Group

This group has been tying for 35 years.

Grapevine Roadkill Roundtable Tying group. This is a group of fly tiers of all levels of experience that meets twice a week to share skills and meet in a social environment. The group has been tying together for over 30 years, with new members joining regularly. The sessions are held twice a week. First, every Wednesday night starting at 7:00 PM (this session is a class offered by Bass pro with an instructor and materials, you just need your vise and tools with everyone tying the same pattern). The second session is held every Saturday morning 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon (this session is an open tying session with no instructor, bring your tools, materials and a pattern you want to tie - experienced tiers will be there if you need help).

FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS 2017 Board of Directors

The New Year brings a new roster of board members to serve our club members and the “retiring” of others.

We'd like to thank Bill Hodges, Suresh Venugopal & Bob Garber for serving on our board in recent years. We appreciate these gentlemen sharing their expertise and love of the sport with our members.

Bill served as vice president and was our immediate past president. He has served the club in many ways including hosting outings, sharing his fly tying expertise and storytelling. Suresh has been responsible for booking all the great speakers at our monthly meeting over the past two years, and through June of this year. Bob, served as Education director and is a Master Certified Casting Instructor. He has served our club in teaching and coaching our casting clinics, Fly Fish 101s, author of casting tips for newsletters and representing FWFF at events.

New board members include Adam Tate, Anna Wadsworth and Jan Bates.

Jan will be taking over the Secretary director role from Roshan Ali, who will be the Outings director. Adam will be taking over the Speakers and booking this year and next with great speakers from across the country and Texas. He is also responsible for FWFF's social media channels. Heading up our auction this year will be Anna Wadsworth who will be taking over from Donnie Roberts, who has led this endeavor for several years. Donnie will remain on the board over Membership.

The other board members are remaining, although many have new roles. Be sure to check out the current list to the right.

Board members will be leading committees of members for important events for our club including outings, auction and education. If you are interested in serving on these committees, please let the board members or Rick Haness know, and we'll plug you in!

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President	Rick Haness
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Treasurer	Eric James
Membership	Donnie Roberts
Secretary	Jan Bates
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Outings Director	Roshan Ali
Tying Director	Barry Webster
Communications	Kay Jackson
Conservation	John Jarzabski
Social Relations	Ken Bowers
Education	Les Jackson
Legal	Laura Walters
Auction/Raffles	Anna Wadsworth
Director at Large	Les Jackson



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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*