



In This Issue:

Club Dues Due
 Bass on the Fly
 March Speaker: Johnny Walker
 March Quick Clinic
 2017 Presentation Line Up
 Woman's Only Kayak Bass Tournament
 Trinity River FlyFest
 Free Kayak Clinic
 March Fishing Report
 April Outing-Bill Ward's Ranch
 Caddo Lake
 Pickerel Hunting at Lake Dangerfield
 Club Fundraising Festival
 March 11- Major Fly Fishing Events Happening
 Fly of the Month- "The Spruce Moth"
 Casting for Recovery
 Reel Recovery
 FWFF Donors and Supporters
 FWFF Membership Form
 Calendar- At a Glance
 Local Fly Tying
 2017 Board of Directors

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I guess I don't have to remind you but March is here. This is the month we really look forward to. Sand Bass are running, spring is "springing" maybe a little early but welcome and we are making plans to go fishing. This is also the time we have a couple of BIG commitments, one is Flyfish Texas in Athens the other although only in its second year, promises to be a BIG event for years to come. This event is Flyfest, held on the banks of the Trinity River near Acme Brick headquarters, exhibited great interest in its first year. Check out both events in the body of this newsletter. We support both events with our sweat equity as these events give us an opportunity to tell our story to our community and the region. In years past, we have generously supported the efforts our club puts forth to represent our community, present the joys of fly fishing and educated the merits and skills of our sport, fly fishing. These events are both worthy of your attendance and support. Please choose and dedicate your Saturday to one of these events, believe me you will get a lot out of each and be well rewarded. I might add if you have time to volunteer for either of these events, please call or Email me.

Our first "Quick" Clinic was held last month and was presented by Russell Husted. Russell did a fantastic job, thanks Russell. Bill Hoot will conduct the next "Quick" Clinic and will discuss the methods required to remove HOOKS that didn't hook fish, but hooked you. This is a very important subject, please plan to attend. These sessions begin about 20 minutes before the scheduled meeting and will cease promptly at the beginning of our meeting.

I can't go any deeper into my message without mentioning our annual auction. This year we are trying something completely new, we are getting with the times. Our Auction will be held on April 29, 2017 at "Martin House Brewing Company". I now will make the same appeal you hear year after year. PLEASE support your club by donating goods and

Cont. on Pg 2



March Speaker
Read more on page 4.



Fly of the Month
Read more on page 10.

Message- Contd.

services, calling your friends for support, buying raffle tickets for the kayak, donating your time to market the Auction when called upon and most important coming to the AUCTION.

I don't know why I feel compelled to say the following but I must. The Auction is our largest source of funds. These funds allow us to continue to have great speakers, produce an award-winning Newsletter (in my opinion), conduct our meetings in a great arena, support our conservation efforts, AND support our designated "Cause Groups". SO, where I am going with this, this is not a flea market, we go to great lengths to get quality donations in merchandise, prizes, trips and many other items of interest to us all. COME TO THE AUCTION (ALL OF YOU), BRING MONEY, SPEND IT, ENJOY AND BENEFIT FROM YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS EFFORTS TO BRING YOU A QUALITY AUCTION.

I might add the kayak this year it is a "Jackson Mayfly". The Mayfly is a brand-new kayak designed by Jackson for FLY FISHING. This kayak belongs in your fly fishing arsenal.

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held March 21, 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.

Let's continue to be a GREAT club, have FUN, SUPPORT our events AND catch FISH!

Rick Haness
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, our social media outlets and in our Newsletter.

SEND PICTURES (where & when caught)!! SEND THEM TO ME. I WILL MAKE SURE WE ALL SHARE IN YOUR SUCCESS.

2017 Dues Are Due Now

If you haven't paid your 2017 dues, the time is NOW. We're cleaning up our database and any members not current as of March will be deleted which also means access to the club emails and Web site. But don't worry, once you are current with your dues, you will be reinstated.

Single Member: \$35.00

Family: \$40.00

Student: \$12.00

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 March 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

Bass on the Fly

All, coming soon. May in fact. Please put on your calendar, and let's really support this tournament. Will be a lot of fun seeing you all again. Ted Warren is a great host and gives back to our council each year. www.bassonthefly.org

LAKE FORK, TEXAS - MAY 6, 2017 - 6:00AM- 2:00PM

March Speaker:

Spring Spawn Bass Fishing at Lake Fork with Johnny Walker



Long-time club member Johnny Walker, will be our March speaker and sharing his vast knowledge of bass fishing and Lake Fork, the bass capital of Texas. His presentation is entitled “Fly Fishing the Largemouth Bass Spawn at Lake Fork.” Bass fishing on Lake Fork is an amazing experience year round, but the spring spawn? It can be epic! Johnny will share techniques on how to catch the bass of a lifetime on a fly rod.

Johnny started guiding on Lake Fork part time back in the late 90s as an extra when Brian Gamble needed an extra boat to help with one or two too many clients. He has ‘unofficially’ guided many friends and family members since then. Johnny says he has always enjoyed teaching people how to fish and watching their face light up when they catch that first fish or, what they consider a fish of a lifetime.

After he retired from 35 years in the aerospace industry, Johnny officially started a guide service, Red’s Lake Fork Fly Fishing Adventures, on Lake Fork, a lake he has been fishing since 1996. He holds the lake’s record for catching bass on a fly rod—a 9.25 lb. beauty. The overall lake record, which is also the state record, is 18.18 pounds, so the state record bass could be there!

“So, what’s different about me that the other 500 bass fishing guides at lake fork? The main thing is I fly fish and my guide service will be based on fly fishing for bass, teaching people how to use a fly rod and bass flies to catch large bass and, to take experienced fly fishers out for the chance to catch a bass of a lifetime,” says Johnny.

He grew up in Oklahoma and learned to fish following my dad & uncle up and down the streams, creeks, and rivers of southeastern

Oklahoma around Broken Bow. One of them would carry a casting rod with conventional lures, like the old Lucky 13. The other would carry a fly rod with all kinds of strange looking artificial bugs (flies). They would wade through a long hole, each casting their own specific gear. When they got to the end of the hole they would trade off gear and fish the next hole. They would repeat this all day long. At the end of the day, they would tally up how many fish were caught on the different fishing gear. He says that surprisingly, the fly rod won the day as many times as the conventional gear.

March Quick Clinic: Streamside First Aid

Arrive early to the meeting to attend the Quick Clinic, a twenty minute clinic on a variety of topics such as like fly choice, photo tips, first aid, and so on.

Beginning at 6:40 p.m. at our March meeting, join Dr. Bill Hoot, M.D. and Certified Casting Instructor, who will be discuss some first aid tips including hook removal. This will be a very informative clinic with info we all need to learn to be prepared for whatever may happen on the water.

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.

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.



Entry fee is \$50

A portion of each entry fee will be donated to:

Casting for Recovery Texas

Big Bass Pot is \$10

100% of Big Bass will be paid to the contestant with the biggest fish.

Registration and complete set of rules at: <http://ianglertournament.com/>

Trinity River Fly Fest – Saturday March 11 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.

This is THE Fly Fishing event for Fort Worth, and our club will be very involved in many aspects of this event including our club booth, running the fishing derby, helping out with the casting games and filling in for any area that may be needed. Last year, more than 1500 people attended. They expect even more this year. Contact Rick Haness for volunteer opportunities.

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.

Want to Learn to Fly Fish from a Kayak?

Come to Our Free Kayak Clinic

As part of our club's Fly Fishing 101 educational series, we're doing a special clinic in March called Kayak 101 that will incorporate learning skills for fishing from a kayak. This event will take place beginning at 9:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday, March 18 at the Panther Pavilion boathouse that is operated by Backwoods. It is located on the banks of the Trinity River at 480 North Taylor. The clinic is free and will be in lieu of our March outing. Members are encouraged to come and bring friends.

There will be kayaks available for those who don't own one, and instructors will be on the river bank teaching basic paddling techniques, getting in and out of the kayak. Our club volunteers will also teach basic casting skills for those who need entry level casting help, as well as folks to teach warm water techniques for sunfish and largemouth bass. If you have your own equipment and waders/boots, please bring them. If you are new to the sport or a beginner, the club has some rods and reels to use for the clinic.

Due to warm weather, the fish have been turning on as of late, with some bass on the beds, so we expect the potential good catch for beginners. Everyone who plans to fish will need a valid

Texas fishing license.

A special thanks to Backwoods for helping the club with this event.

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/'/'/@32.759079,-97.4077553,12z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m8!4m7!1m0!1m5!1m1!1s0x864e71445c4c9965:0x343dbc44a4763dfc!2m2!1d-97.3377151!2d32.7590985>

March Fishing Report

Spring is a great time for bass, crappie and sand bass, as their annual spawn happens. And this year's early Spring and warmer-than-normal temperatures look to provide a longer Spring fishing season this year. Stephen Woodcock, Fishing Manager at Backwoods in Fort Worth, has provided some "intel" on where the fishing is happening right now and expected to be in March.

Sand Bass Run

The blooming of the red buds and March bring the Sand Bass run as they move up into the creeks that feed major lakes to spawn. Given our early Spring temperatures, an earlier run as begun. Reports are coming on Nolan River near Blum with some good days, with lots of fish caught, to other days where it is tougher fishing as the temperatures have go up and down. Same is true for Marshall Creek off Hwy. 377. Also reports of good sand bass fishing is coming in for the Brazos below DeCordova Dam (Granbury). And, if you want to make a trip southeast to the Sabine River, there are some monster sand bass being caught there.



Crane flies as indicators are working well as well as Clauser patterns in white/gray or white/chartreuse.

Bass Spawn in Warm Water Lakes

Reports are coming in from East Texas that the bass spawn

is starting earlier on the warm water lakes (those that have electricity power plants). The warm water combined with the warm temps are triggering the spawn. Lakes that are reporting good bass fishing are Monticello and Fairfield.

Brazos River below Possum Kingdom

After a spectacular January, February fishing was spotty even with some water releases. Fishing there seems to be slowing a bit.

Blue River, OK

The Blue River seems to be fishing good, with trout still to be caught.

White River, near Cotter, AR

If you want to hunt for monster-sized brown trout, fish as night! Yes, people do night fish the White with mice patterns, and the White is on fire, according to reports.

April Outing: Bill Ward's Ranch

This is one of our club's favorite place to fish, and what a special place it is: Bill Ward's beautiful gravel quarry lakes west of Mexia. The outing is April 21-23.

This is a camping trip for those who want to come for the weekend. There will be a place for RV's, but limited hook-ups. Otherwise it will be tent camping. There will be a porta-potty. For those who don't want to camp, there is a Best Western and a Comfort inn in Mexia.

Reasons to go: It is an easy drive from Fort Worth or Dallas. These gravel quarry lakes are filled with fish (big bass and perch). The water is amazingly clear and clean. More details at the March meeting.

Make Plans to Attend May Outing Weekend at Caddo Lake

The Club's May outing will be a trip out to East Texas to the fabled Caddo Lake, May 19-21. Frank Huneycutt will be the outing coordinator and contact.

Known for its Spanish Moss draped cypress trees, Caddo Lake sits on the Texas/Louisiana border north of Marshall and is the only natural lake in Texas. This will be a kayak/canoe outing as bank and wade fishing is difficult. Species to target are largemouth bass, yellow bass, crappie, and bream.

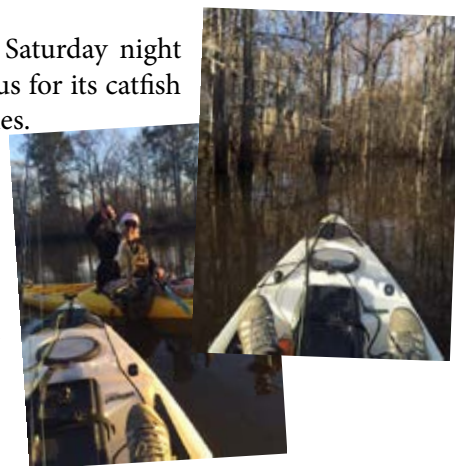
We are staying at the Shady Glade Resort, which sits on the

lake in Uncertain, Texas. The Shady Glade Resort has a 5-unit motel, 3 mobile homes, and a three small cabins. At this time, the Club has reserved 2 mobile homes and have already filled them. Shady Glade also has a cafe and marina. If there are more people interested in the trip, please let Frank know soon, and he will see if we reserve another facility at Shady Glade. Lodging will cost approximately \$85/person.

The RV Park at Shady Glade has year around tenants and does not have any spots available, but if you are looking at the RV option, Backwater Jacks RV Park is nearby as is Caddo Lake State Park which has a variety of cabins, tent sites, and RV hookups.

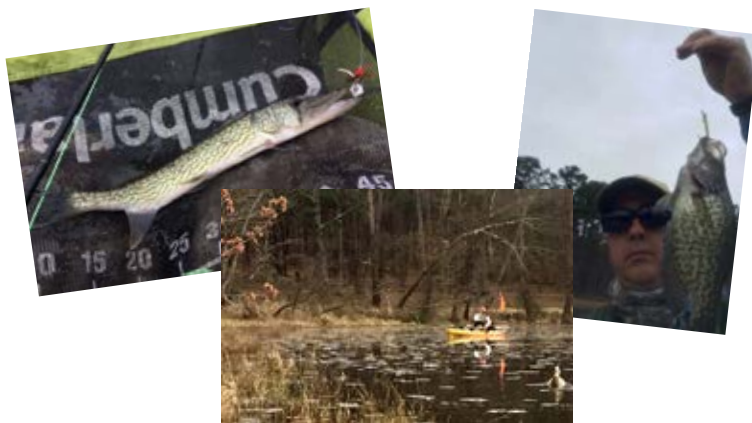
There are also plans to Saturday night at Big Pine Lodge, famous for its catfish and jalapeno hush puppies.

We will provide more details in the future, but feel free to contact Frank with any questions. Frank can be reached at 214-796-7479



Pickrel Hunting at Lake Dangerfield

There was a small, but tenacious group that attended the club's February outing at Lake Dangerfield. Steve Pio, Frank Huneycutt and Les and Kay Jackson spent the day hunting for pickerel—actually anything with fins and could swim. It was a tough day for the angler, who spent more time catching lilly pads and hydrilia. The warm temps that week pushed the pickerel back to the deep part of the lake. Only Frank emerged as the victor, catching a one pickerel and one crappie. But it was a beautiful day and a beautiful lake. Thanks for Frank for leading this one.



FROM BEGINNERS TO PROS THERE'S SOMETHING TO HOOK EVERYONE

SATURDAY, MARCH 11 • 10am – 5pm



ON THE CLEAR FORK OF THE TRINITY RIVER IN FORT WORTH
NEAR THE ACME BRICK HEADQUARTERS ON BRYANT IRVIN ROAD



**FREE
ADMISSION**

**FOR ALL SKILL
LEVELS
& SPECTATORS**



**KEYNOTE
PRESENTER
FRANK
SMETHURST**

EXPERT PRESENTATIONS

CASTING DEMOS

WOMEN'S CASTING

FLY TYING LESSONS

BIG TROUT CONTEST

COOKING DEMOS

**WINE AND
CRAFT BEER**

FOOD TRUCKS

LIVE MUSIC

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

OPEN BAIT FISHING

THANK YOU TO OUR 2017 SUPPORTING SPONSORS



Star-Telegram



FOR FULL DETAILS AND SCHEDULE, VISIT TRWDFLYFEST.COM

Club Fundraising Festival Event Set For April 29

This year will bring a new and exciting year for our club's fundraising event. The Fort Worth Fly Fishers Annual Fundraising Festival will be on Saturday, April 29th at Martin House Brewery located at 220 S. Sylvania Ave. in Fort Worth. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Preregistration is \$10 and will be \$15 at the door on the night of the event. The registration fee will include auction bid number, custom pint glass, food ticket, beer tickets and a door prize raffle ticket.

Anna Wadsworth and her committee are planning some fun activities in addition to the auction and some great beer. They are setting up two competitions: fly casting and fly tying. Fly Casting will include "Longest Cast" and "Accuracy" while Fly Tying will be divided by "Streamers," "Nymphs" and "Dry Fly." Each entry is \$5 and for fly tying it will be 3 entries for \$10. Participants must arrive before 6:45 PM to be entered.

This event will be open to the public and we would like to encourage you all to invite friends, family, fishers and non-fishers. There will be something for everyone in the auction and raffles.

As of now we have guided trips in Ontario, Colorado, Louisiana, Texas - Hill Country, Rockport, Port O'Connor, Port Aransas, a stay at the Sundancer on the Brazos as well as local rivers and streams which will be available for bidding in our Live Auction. We will also have rods, bags, fly tying gear, fly art, photography and 2018 Rodeo box seats tickets. This list is only getting started!

Here's a peek at the Sundancer on the Brazos weekend. And, if you're not the lucky bidder, Bill Fuller, owner, is also offering 10% off to any club member who wants to come out in 2017.

<http://www.star-telegram.com/living/keller-magazine/article134169029.html>

You will not want to miss all 2017 FWFF Annual Fundraising Festival has in store! If you would like to donate to the festival or have any questions, please contact Anna Wadsworth @ (210) 288-2885 or fortworthflyfishers@gmail.com. All donations are eligible for tax exemption.

July Colorado "Non" Outing

The dates for the annual Colorado trip are set for July 15-22. Once again, we'll be staying at Foothills Lodge in South Fork, Colorado. This is considered a "Non Outing" because members are responsible for their own fishing plans, travel and accommodations, but there are opportunities to fish with other members who attend. The Dallas Fly Fishers will be joining our club for this outing.

This is favorite trip among members and can easily be done for less than \$500 for the week. Some of the best fishing in southern Colorado is around South Fork.

Please make your own lodging arrangements if you want to join the group. More information will be provided at future meetings or contact Russell Husted.

March 11 – Major Fly Fishing Events Happening

Texas will be the epicenter of fly fishing on Saturday, March 11 when THREE major fly fishing events occur in our area. The first one is Trinity River FlyFest in our own backyard of Fort Worth. See earlier in this newsletter for more information.

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 <http://txflyfishingfestival.org> to register for classes, lectures and admission to the Festival.

The
Fort Worth Fly Fishers
Annual
Fundraising
Festival

PRE-REGISTRATION \$10
AT THE DOOR \$15

INCLUDES:

- **ENTRY PACKET**
- **AUCTION BID NUMBER**
- **CUSTOM PINT GLASS**
- **FOOD TICKET**
- **3 BEER TICKETS**
- **DOOR PRIZE**

April 29th, 6:30pm

Martin House Brewery

220 S Sylvania Ave

Fort Worth 76111



LIVE AUCTION

RAFFLE ITEMS

SILENT AUCTION

MUST ARRIVE BEFORE 6:45PM:

• **FLY CASTING COMPETITION**

\$5 Entry

Longest Cast

\$5 Entry

Accuracy

• **FLY TYING COMPETITION**

\$5 Entry / Fly or 3 for \$10

Categories: Dry Fly, Nymph, Streamer



@FortWorthFlyFishers

Fly of the Month- "*The Spruce Moth*" (*Western Moth*) *Choristoneura Occidentalis*



This month's fly of the month comes to us from the tying desk of Dutch Baughman. Most of you know Dutch, but for those of you who do not, he's our Regional Director for the International Fly Fishers Federation (Northern district of the Texas Council) and is an active member of both the FWFF and the Dallas club. He lived in Oregon as part of his coaching career and became an avid steelheader (anadromous rainbow trout, i.e. ocean run rainbows) while living there. He travels often to the Pacific Northwest to pursue his passion and is a great resource for anyone interested in Steelheading and Steelhead flies (as well as Classic Atlantic Salmon flies).

The Spruce Moth (Western Moth) *Choristoneura Occidentalis*

For many years, a very popular hatch in Montana has been the Spruce Moth. This hatch is very limited, being evident only from only mid-August to October, and typically between early morning, and early afternoon. When the Spruce Moth hatch occurs, the fish activity is frenetic!

The experience I personally had turns out to be very typical of so many people who visit Montana, and return home to fish the local fisheries (fresh and warm water). While fishing our local water, I reached in my fly box for an elk hair caddis type of pattern, and saw the Spruce Moth fly from a recent visit to Montana. I tied on the Spruce Moth, and the result was spectacular! So for many years, I have kept a great supply of the Spruce Moth in my fly box (and no Elk Hair Caddis), for use while fishing in Montana, but now locally, to use anytime I would normally be tying on an Elk Hair Caddis or Stimulator.

The reaction of Bass and local trout has proven to be consistent and reliable with this fly.

The Spruce Moth is typically tied on a size 10 to 14 dry fly hook, but they are also very handy on a wet fly hook. The color for this fly is best in cream, white, or pale yellow. The natural Spruce Moth is not an aquatic bug, but instead a parasitic moth, found in Spruce trees*. The Spruce Moth has an attraction to water, and will frequently land on the water, like a terrestrial pattern. There is also a good population of the Spruce Moth throughout the Rocky Mountain States, and particularly in western and southwestern Colorado. Like so many fly patterns, there are variants to the fundamental pattern, and the Spruce Moth version shown here is the fundamental pattern, as used by Bob Jacklin in West Yellowstone, Montana.

Whether you are fishing near Spruce trees or Mesquite, try the Spruce Moth at any time you would normally use an Elk Hair Caddis or Stimulator pattern.

Recipe:

Thread: cream, white, or pale yellow

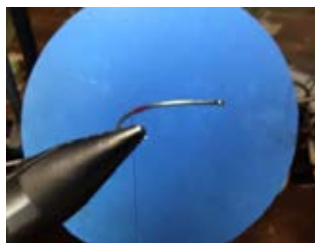
Hook: size 10 (10-14)

Wing: elk hair, cream, white, or pale yellow

Body: dubbing (tan, or cream), hackle (cream, white, pale yellow, or ginger)

*Spruce budworms work on a one-year life cycle. The eggs are deposited in the tops of trees in mid-August. By late September, the immature larvae hatch. They don't feed during winter, they just spend their time in a silken case. In the early spring, just as the buds are developing and expanding, the larvae leave their cases and bore into the buds or feed on foliage. Spruce moths typically feed until the early part of July before they pupate and become adults. This happens over a two-week period. During warm years it may happen earlier, and during cold years it happens later. Typically, they are ready to fly by early August. Once airborne, they mate and then deposit eggs.

Tying Instructions:



1). After de-barbing the hook, this is a size 10, TMC 200R. Begin the thread wrap directly above the hook point, and wrap toward the hook bend with touching wraps. Stop wrapping when your thread hangs directly above where

Fly of the Month- "*The Spruce Moth*" (Cont'd)

the barb would be. (For purpose of this instruction I am using red thread to enhance visibly; red thread can be used for this portion of the fly, but normally, I would begin with white or cream colored thread.)



2). Cut a small bundle of red deer hair. Tie in the bundle directly above where the barb would be. Tightly hold the bundle in your left hand as you begin to wrap thread toward the eye; tightly holding the deer hair bundle reduces the tendency for

the bundle to flair as you wrap the thread, and helps to keep the bundle on top of the hook shank. Continue edge-to-edge wraps of thread toward the eye until the deer hair bundle is covered. Cut the deer hair bundle directly above the bend of the hook. This is the egg sack.

3). Here, I changed the thread to white. Advance the thread to the hook eye, and be sure the thread is as close to the eye as you can get. Cut a bundle of cream (white or yellow) deer hair that is about 3 times as much as the egg sack bundle. Stack the deer



hair, then measure the length of deer hair so the tips are at the hook eye, and the butt ends are directly above where the barb would be (this length of deer hair will be the length of the hook shank). Tie in this bundle of deer hair that is a hook shank length where your thread is hanging at the hook eye. Once tied in, the wing of deer hair will be the length of the hook shank. Tightly hold the deer hair bundle butts and wrap thread back toward the bend of the hook until the deer hair bundle is covered.



4). Continue the thread toward the hook bend to the point above where the barb would be, and tie in a hackle feather. It helps to fold the hackle barbs by hand before tying in the feather. Dub a thread noodle then wrap the dubbing toward the hook eye. Be sure to

dub right up to the base of the deer hair wing.



5). You may notice the dubbing noodle gets becomes a thicker diameter toward the bottom of the noodle. This will create a tapered body

6). Wrap the hackle feather toward the hook eye. Notice the feather is wrapped with space between each wrap. Tie off at the base of the deer hair wing.



7). Position the thread about a width of the hook eye, behind the hook eye. Fold the deer hair wing toward the hook bend, and secure the wing with thread wraps, so the "bullet" head is formed, but the head should only be on top of the hook shank. Clip the hackle

barbs on the bottom of the fly near the hook point, leaving a few of the hackle barbs as a collar or legs. Whip finish.

The instructions below pertain to the You Tube video by Bob Jacklin. Note: Bob does not use a red egg sack, but instead ties in a long bundle of deer hair that becomes the egg sack and the wing. This is also a good/quick fishing fly, but the egg sack and the wing are the same bundle of deer hair, so the egg sack may be too big, and the wing may be too small.

Tying instructions:

1. Tie in bundle of elk hair very close to the eye;
2. Spiral wrap a "pontoon" body back to the hook barb;
3. Cut elk hair to form an egg sack at the bend of the hook;
4. Tie in hackle in front of egg sack;
5. Dub the body from the egg sack to the wing;
6. Palmer the hackle forward to the wing;
7. Pull the wing backwards toward the bend of the hook, keeping the elk hair wing on the top and sides of the body
8. With secure wraps, form the bullet head;
9. Trim the hackle from the bottom of the fly
10. Whip finish

Dutch Baughman

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

802.362.9181

info@castingforrecovery.org



Casting for Recovery is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
Photo: loriromneyphotography.com





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 www.reelrecovery.org info@reelrecovery.org

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

TEXAS SCHEDULED RETREATS :

SPRING 2017: Navasota, TX (Mar31-Apr2); Waring, TX (Apr7-9); Glen Rose, TX (May 5-7)

FALL 2017: Waring, TX (Sept 24-26)(Veterans Only); Navasota, TX (Oct6-8);

Glen Rose, TX (Oct 13-15)

Fort Worth Fly Fishers Fund Raiser Donors and Supporters

Here are a few of our wonderful donors and sponsors for our annual Auction.

Ivan Valdez; 505 995 8114, www.thereellife.com
Scott Taylor; 970-946-5229, www.highcountrycharters.com/
Ken's Anglers; (303)-501-5247, www.kens-anglers.com/
Mark Kolanowski; 817-821-0370 mkloanowski@hotmail.com, www.imkphotography.com
Bill Hodges
Joe Estes
Danny Scarborough; Houstonflyfishing.com
Russell Husted
Utahproflyfishing.com
Norm Trimblay; ntremblay13@me.com
Dutch Baughman
Texas Rangers
Barry Webster
REXFLY; www.rexfly.com
Red's Lake Fork Fly Fishing Adventures (Johnny Walker - 817-480-0340 or jwred@att.net)
Fred DuPre
Bryce and Micki Bezant
At Home Texas Real Estate: Ashley Hammons; ash.hammons@gmail.com,
903-366-3134, www.brokenbownaturecabins.com
Diane Blair; diane_blair@sbcglobal.net, 214-213-8832
Bob Garber; garberrobt@sbcglobal.net, 817-514-6502
John Geer, Tenkara USA; tenkarausa.com
Temple Fork Outfitters
Jerry Hamon; 214-457-3407, kevtcf@gmail.com, www.ultimateflyfishing.com
Stephen Pio
Bill Fuller; bill2fullercapital.com, 817-233-2825
Mike Nelson; cootpole1@verizon.net, 817-488-1164
Joe Ashcraft; skyscout52@sbcglobal.net, 817-690-5118
Little Bohne; 254-326-8155, aprildhavel@gmail.com
Jenny Mayrell-Wooduff; 903-850-3673, flyfishbeaversbend@gmail.com,
www.flyfishbeaversbend.com
Steve Hollensed
Kay and Les Jackson
Rick Haness
Harold Hilley
Cabelas.com
The David Vanderwerken Family
Feathersmc.com

Your continued support of our Retail and Guide contributors is what motivates their annual support of our Auction. Please show your appreciation by visiting these fine Retailers and Guides often and thank them for their support as well.

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



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

CALENDAR – AT A GLANCE

MARCH

March 11

FlyFest, Fort Worth, TX (Need volunteers, contact Rick Haness)

Fly Fish Texas, Athens, TX (Need volunteers, contact Jim Bass)

March 11 & 12

Texas Fly Fishing Festival, Plano, TX

<http://txflyfishingfestival.org/>

March 17-18

Women's Kayak Tournament benefiting Casting for Recovery
Lake Bonham

Sponsored by Mariner Sales in Dallas

March 18

Club Outing: Lake Lewisville Environmental Learning Area
(LLELA)

APRIL

April 6

FT3 Fly Fishing Film Festival and Brew Event
Benefitting Casting for Recovery
Community Brewery, Dallas

April 6-7

Lake Athens Fly Fishing Extravaganza (tournament)

Contact: Johnny Martinez

April 21-23

Club Outing: Bill Ward Ranch, Mexia

MAY

May 6

Bass on the Fly Tournament at Lake Fork

www.bassonthefly.org

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

JULY

July 15-22

Club outing to Southern Colorado

Contact: Russell Husted

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

Position	Board Member
President	Rick Haness
Vice President	Open
Treasurer	Eric James
Membership	Donnie Roberts
Secretary	Jan Bates
Speaker Director	Adam Tate
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	Jim Bass



FWFF
P.O. Box 1133
Forth Worth, TX 76101
WWW.FORTWORTHFLYFISHERS.ORG

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*