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FUNDRAISING FESTIVAL *DON'T MISS IT!*

Our annual Fundraising Festival Auction that will take place Saturday, April 29th at 6:30 PM @ Martin House Brewing - 220 S Sylvania Ave. in Fort Worth. The tickets are \$15 at the door which include coupons for your beer and all sorts of goodies. If you pre-registered for early-bird tickets, you can pay for your tickets at the door.

Here's the schedule:

- 6:30 Doors Open
- 6:45 - 7:30 Casting Competition; 7:15 Flies Submitted for Contest
- 6:30 - 8:00 Silent Auction and Raffles - Will be picked up at 8 PM sharp.
- 7:30 - 8:30 LIVE Auction
- 8:30 - 9:00 Announce Silent Auction, Raffle, Casting, Tying, and Door Prize Winners
- 8:00 - 9:30 Check out

We have some AMAZING Live Auction items. Here's a complete list for you to review and share with friends:

<http://fortworthflyfishers.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/2017-FWF4-Live-Auction-List.pdf>

Anna Wadsworth and her committee are planning some fun activities in addition to the auction and some great beer. We are also setting up some competitions: fly casting and fly tying. Fly casting will include "Longest Cast" and "Accuracy" and Fly Tying.

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You will not want to miss all 2017 FWFF Annual Fundraising Festival has in store! If you any questions, please contact Anna Wadsworth @ (210) 288-2885 or fortworthflyfishers@gmail.com.

Message from the President

As I write this message I can't help but think of our next "Annual Fund Raiser and Auction" to be held at Martin House Brewery. Your Board Members and I are very proud of the efforts being made in anticipation of this event. I hope you all share in our enthusiasm and join us at 6:30 PM Saturday April 29. I don't think you will be disappointed. We all need to thank **Anna Wadsworth and Adam Tate** up front for their HARD work in putting this event together, not to mention MANY of you and our supporters who donate their time and goods. I hope to see each one of you at the event and trust you will show your support of our club through your active involvement.

Your Board and I continue to work hard for you by arranging our outings, speaker programs, community volunteer programs and finding new and innovative ways to help you get involved. Your involvement benefits us all, you first and then the club as well as the community. Please join in the activities, you will find your participation is a great satisfaction, as it is with many of us.

Summer is coming fast. I know many of you have already planned your fishing excursions, if you haven't please consider some of the activities planned, such as attending our June meeting that is traditionally designed to assist you in casting related skills and activities. We will have another Fly Fish 101 at a local pond and as a reminder, these events are for the entire club. You don't have to participate in the instruction portion of the outing but merely come out and go fishing. We will have a cookout around Noon that ALL are invited to. The only thing we ask is that you give us a heads up if you are attending so we have enough food and drink.

Something else you should consider this summer is going on the "unofficial" trip to Southfork, Colorado. This trip gets you out of the Texas heat and into some great times and fun, the trip will take place in July and has a great following by our club members and area fly fishers.

As reminder don't forget our "Quick" Clinic program that begins 20 minutes before the meeting, along with our "Tyer of the Month", these activities continue to be a great hit, come

early and LEARN. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE THE "QUICK CLINIC AND TYER OF THE MONTH" AT THE CASTING MEETING IN JUNE.

As you all know our membership has grown by leaps and bounds, we are over 230 members, along with this growth we have over 50 new members to the club. I would like to ask you to look around and if you see someone you don't know introduce yourself, you never know, you may meet a friend for life.

The fishing report this spring seems to be very "hit and miss", I am not sure what caused this, but I know one thing, you can't catch fish if you don't "GO FISHING". Keep planning trips, attend our outings and enjoy the sport you embraced. I hope to see you on the waters soon.

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held May 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM, the location this Month will be at Blue Mesa Southwest Grill at 612 Carroll St. Fort Worth. If you wish to attend, please let me know as accommodations are a little tight. 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 Hanness
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 ADVENTURE.

YOUR REPORT COULD SPELL SUCCESS FOR YOUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS NEXT FISHING TRIP.

The
Fort Worth Fly Fishers
Annual
Fundraising
Festival

April 29th, 6:30pm

Martin House Brewery
220 S Sylvania Ave
Fort Worth 76111

LIVE AUCTION

RAFFLE ITEMS

SILENT AUCTION

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



INCLUDES:

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

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

May Speaker: Matt Bennett



Matt Bennett is a full-time commercial fly tyer and the owner of Fly Geek Custom Flies. While having a varied interest in many different types of fly fishing, Matt most enjoys both tying flies and fishing

for the native bass species of the Texas Hill Country, and most of his flies were created to fool these specific quarry. However, most of Matt's patterns have a broad universal appeal to fish species all over, and he very much enjoys sharing his tying and fishing knowledge with others.

Matt is a member of the Umpqua Feather Merchants Signature Fly Designer program, and his initial pattern, Bennett's Lunch \$, is available in fly shops all over the country. Matt currently serves as the President of the Austin Fly Fishers, the Vice President of the Texas Council IFFF and was awarded the 2015 Charles E. Brooks Memorial Award by the International Federation of Fly Fishers. Matt resides in Austin, TX with his wife, Amanda, and Welsh Corgi, Winston. You can view more of his work at his website, flygeek.net or on Instagram @flygeekmatt.

Don't miss your chance to learn from Matt! He is hosting a tying session May 2nd before club at 1pm @ Backwoods. If you would like to attend please email Adam at Fortworthflyfishers@gmail.com. All materials to tie are included. Bring your vise, tools, and thread. \$80 for a 4 hour class breaking down Matt's most successful Texas patterns. **ONLY FOUR SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!**

Quick Clinics

Each month, we're having a 20 minute Quick Clinic prior to each meeting. Arrive at 6:40 some great tips.

May Quick Clinic: Stephen Woodcock will be sharing how to tie the most essential knots you need to know for fly fishing.

Upcoming Speakers

June: Club Annual Casting Clinic: Led by Jim Bass and FFFF casting volunteers. Capp Smith Park, 5800 Robin Drive, Watauga.

July: Danny Scarborough with "Houston Fly Fishing" to speak on Urban Carp fishing and how to catch Bowfin on the fly.

August: "Clinic Club" - Brett Delk from Orvis Southlake will present on (Fly Fishing Essentials) before we break out into smaller groups to learn various fly fishing tips.

September: "Tying Club"- Bring your vise and come learn through our meeting full of tying events.

October: Dakus Geeslin to speak about Hill Country Fly Fishing.

Fly Fishing Education Update

We had really fun time at our first Kayak 101 on Saturday, March 18 by the banks of the Trinity River near downtown Fort Worth. Although we only had 11 in attendance, the attendees appreciated the paddling lessons given by Liz Davis. Stephen Woodcock was helpful in showing people how to fish from the kayak and how locate destinations for fish.

In June, we will be having a Fly Fish 101 coming up soon in the Fort Worth area on a section of a creek or river. Details to follow. This will be an opportunity to learn how to fish small water in and locate good bass and sunfish-this is what it's all about fishing locally.

And also of interest is our **Annual Casting Clinic** coming up, which will be our June member meeting. The event will be at the Capp Smith Park, 5800 Robin Drive, in Watauga. We will have instruction for all levels. Please come for instruction for beginners as well as those more advanced casters seeking refinements. FFI Certified Casting Instructors, as well as club volunteers, will be there to help with basic casting skills, and we are hopefully to have two handed Spey technique casting lessons on the nearby pond. So come hungry as we will have hot dogs, snacks, and beverages.

If you'd like to volunteer to help with Fly Fishing 101 or Casting Clinic, let me know. You can contact me at 817-253-0943 or keebranch@sbcglobal.net.

Les Jackson
Education Chairperson

May 2nd @ 1pm

Tuesday

Backwoods

Cost \$80

FWFF Presents

**Predator Flies:
Tying for Texas
and Beyond**

Fly Tying Session with
Matt Bennett
"Fly Geek"

Sign Up to learn from the best!

**All Materials provided, 4 hr class
Bring your vise, tools, and thread**

**Lunch Money, Lunchtime Jig, Crafty
Baitfish, Bandito Minnow, Carp-It Bomb**

**To Register contact Adam:
fortworthflyfishers@gmail.com**

May Outing: Caddo Lake, May 19-21

The Caddo Lake trip is almost here and there are only a few open spots. Frank Hunycutt (214-796-7479) is the outing coordinator for this trip, so contact him soon if interested in joining the group.

For those staying at the Shady Glade Resort (449 Cypress Drive, Uncertain, TX), check in time is 2:00pm on Friday, May 19th. Directions from Fort Worth area are as follows: Take I-20 east to Marshall. Take Exit 617, U.S. Hwy. 59 North. In Marshall turn right (east) on TX Hwy. 43. About 14.5 miles turn right on FM 2198. You will go about 5 miles (past State Park) and turn left on Cypress Drive. Shady Glade in on the right. It is approximately a three-hour trip.

For dinner on Saturday, the group is going to Big Pines Lodge for dinner, which is only four miles from Shady Glade. Let Frank know if you plan to join the group. For those interested in a tour of Caddo Lake, there are couple of Swamp Tours: Johnson Ranch, 5131 East Cypress Drive, Uncertain, TX, www.johnsonsranch.net, 903-789-3213; and Caddo Outback Backwater Tours, 1869 Pine Island Road, Karnack, TX, info@caddolaketours.com, 903-789-3384. Early scheduling is required.

July Colorado “Non” Outing

The dates for the annual Colorado trip are set for July 15-22.

UPDATE FROM RUSSELL: There is still time to commit to the trip. Lodging at Foothills lodge is full. There is plenty of other options as far as lodging goes. We will help you line up your plans for the days, but lodging is up to you. A late snowfall in spring will ensure that we have plenty of water to fish when we arrive in July. I will be available at the May, and July meetings of you wish to speak about the trip.

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.

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.

Bass on the Fly – Fly Fishing Tournament on Lake Fork

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

Trinity River Spring Trash Bash

Spring into some good, clean fun on May 20th.

The Trinity River Spring Trash Bash event takes place Saturday, May 20th, 8:30am – 10:00am.

Two After Parties from 10:00am – 12:00pm at both Panther Island Pavilion, 395 Purcey Street and Cobb Park, 2700 Cobb Park Drive.

Early curbside packet pick-up in the TRWD Building at 307 W. 7th Street on Thursday, May 18th and Friday, May 19th from 8:00 am–6:00 pm, or event day, May 20th, at your clean-up location. See the Helpful Info section for complete details.

Rain or shine! We will only cancel in the case of severe weather.

After you register, you will receive an email with instructions for the day of the event, or visit the Helpful Info section for details.

To register, visit <http://trwdtrashbash.com/spring/>

Fly of the Month- "Lunch Money"

The May 2017 Fly of the Month comes to us from our planned May guest speaker, Matt Bennett. Here's what Matt has to share with us:

The Lunch Money was created out of need for a bite-sized baitfish streamer for the Texas Hill Country. Most of our baitfish are in the 2-3" range and due to our normally ultra-clear water, our bass can be fairly finicky, which meant it needed to both look realistic and have the right amount of movement. The original iteration was named the "Llano Critter" after the Llano River west of here, where it produced very well. The original variation was based off of Charlie Craven's Gonga streamer and tied hook-down with larger legs, a spun craft fur head, and just a tail (no wrapping for a profile transition) on a TMC 8089. After coming across Laser Dub a few years back thanks to Mike Schmidt's patterns, I incorporated that to give it a nice, translucent profile in the water with just the right amount of sheen. I also flipped the fly to ride hook up at that time, as I'd often get fish following the fly and wanted to be able to retrieve slower without hanging up on the bottom. Originally I trimmed the head to shape but after brushing the Laser Dub back instead, I ended up with a similar shape with more water-pushing bulk. After the TMC 8089 was discontinued in the smaller sizes, I moved to a Gamakatsu B10S, which has allowed me to tie it in a few more sizes.

I continue to refine it a bit as new materials are released, like Hareline's new Double Pupil Eyes, and Senyo's Fusion Dub and Fusion Legs. Many of the available colors listed on my website incorporate special colors of Fusion and Laser dub that I blend myself. Umqua Feather Merchants picked up the rights to this fly early in early 2014, and certain colors are available through them at this time. The full lineup is available through my website, flygeek.net.



Hook: Gamakatsu B10S, Size 2

Eyes: Hareline Double Pupil Lead Eyes, Black/Yellow w/ Black Pupil

Thread: Danville Flat Waxed Nylon, White

Tail: Hareline Black Barred Zonker Strip, Gold Variant

Legs: Hareline Grizzly Flutter Legs, Black Barred Root Beer

Body: Senyo's Laser Dub, Brown, Yellow, Sculpin Olive

Marker: Prismacolor/Copic Red, Black, Back, Yellow

Glue: Loon UV Flow



Step 1: Attach your thread to the hook and create a bump of thread about 2 hook-eye lengths back from the eye of the hook. Figure-eight on your eyes. I used the medium size for a #2, small for a #4, and x-small for a #6.

Step 2: Wrap back on the hook shank until you're above somewhere between the barb and hook point. Measure out your rabbit strip tail – I typically do 1.25 – 1.5 shank lengths. Invert your vise and poke the hook point through the skin-side of the zonker strip at the point you measured out.



Step 3: Remove the hook from the vise. Slide the zonker up the hook shank to where your thread base ends, then flip it 180 degrees back towards the hook bend. Tie in your tail and move your thread in front of the remaining piece of zonker facing towards the hook eye.

Step 4: Wrap your thread to the midpoint between where the tail and lead eyes are tied in. Grab the remaining zonker piece and wrap a collar with 2-3 wraps, depending on the thickness and length of the



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zonker. I did 2 here. Tie down and cut the remainder of the zonker strip off.



Step 5: Tie in two Grizzly Flutter Legs at their midpoint on the side of the hook directly in front of your collar.

Step 6: Pull the two front-facing legs over the top of the fly, stretching them to opposite side of the hook. Wrap backwards with your thread, binding them down securely. Do not stretch them too much as they can break fairly easily.



Step 7: Take two clumps of Yellow Laser Dub. Find the midpoints of each and tie them on the top and bottom of the hook shank.

Step 8: Use your non-bobbin hand to hold these clumps back towards the tail and build a small thread dam in front to keep them laid back.



Step 9: Repeat steps 7 & 8 with a clump of Brown on top, and Yellow on bottom. Remember that the fly rides hook-up.

Step 10: Move your thread in front of the eyes. Repeat steps 7 & 8 with Sculpin Olive on top, and Yellow on bottom. Whip finish.



Step 11: Brush the fly very well with a dubbing brush. I am partial to Hareline's Ultimate Dubbing Brush for this. I'll brush it forward over the hook eye and then back towards the tail.

Step 12: Finish the fly. I add marker spots and color the thread to match the top and bottom of the fly before coating with Loon Flow and curing.



Tate's Tips, Tricks, & Tales. - "My Backyard... the Trinity"



It was many years ago when I was able to go out the back door of my house, and walk down to the fishing hole. Diamond Lake to be exact in Abilene Texas. I did as many do, and took for granted the ease of having water just walking distance from my home. I appreciated it greatly then, but rather I didn't understand this is not "life" for the majority of people. I'd grab a long cane pole with mono tied from the base up and out the tip. It'd have just enough line to toss it out passed the grown up moss bank with a cork, small weight, and hook. You could say I "tenkara" fished before it was a big deal. I'd sneak a hotdog out of the fridge, stick it in my pocket, and out the door I would go. The perch were no match for my rod setting skills. Haha, I was very thankful for the tempting pieces of hot dog that they couldn't resist. You see I had the ability and freedom to fish because the lake was so close, but what I didn't know is this was going to change. We moved and the pond on the back part of our 5-acre property just never held water through the West Texas droughts. It's what we would all call a big hole.

I look back to that time because in this month's write up I want to share what I've discovered. The only difference is I'm just a big kid now. I've found what I once had. I found a place to throw a line out the backdoor of my apartment in downtown Fort Worth. I found the Trinity River.

When I talk about the Trinity most folks first reaction is, "gross", "seriously", "do not eat the fish out of there", "do you catch two headed fish", and so forth. First off, I'm a catch and release dude. Next, I understand there was an alert because of E. coli last year due to high water, dead bodies found (mostly Dallas side), an alligator two years ago, and much more caution from people who probably have never fished before.

Really folks? I am not pulling out my travel cup and taking a big swig of river water when I'm thirsty. Lastly, I have never caught a fish with multiple heads. I have caught this crazy looking thing and then with further research and simple common knowledge I explained turtles eat baitfish too. I call it the clouser effect, Aka if you fish with it you never know what you're going to get, maybe a turtle or two. Here is what I've learned, and what I want to share with you.

In Fort Worth we have two forks of the Trinity River that meet together at Panther Island Pavilion. The West Fork that flows from Lake Worth, and the Clear Fork coming out of Benbrook Lake. Where I live and walk down to fish the two forks have already come together. If you are familiar with the Trinity you know in Fort Worth there are a lot of small dams, low water crossings, and concrete kayak chutes that help pool the water and create more than a tiny flowing stream. These structures help the river maintain depth and allow for some great fishing opportunities. They add oxygen to the water and also "land lock" some fish. The West Fork has three of these structures, the Clear Fork has 11, and after they meet there are four downstream. What I'm saying is there are 17 opportunities for you! Choose carefully some are a lot more productive than others.

Here's the Tate scoop, I like to fish down river of these structures in the current. I fish primarily two of these dams because they are close to me and they are productive right now. The water is warming up and the baitfish are spawning. The minnows have been schooling so thick that I'm hooking them on my flies while stripping back in. We know the white bass and hybrids have also been running... but they can only run so far, wink wink. I measured the water temperature on March 20th and it was 71.6°. My latest discovery after catching a 24-inch hybrid or striper was the amount of crappie in the Trinity. On the 19th I was fishing until 9 p.m. with a fly rod catching crappie and white bass, and there were zero lights on or around the water. I'd encourage you to explore a little urban fly fishing here in Fort Worth.

What to use? Clouser patterns: white and gray with flash, red or yellow eyes. Wooly buggers: black or white. The best knowledge I could give you is that I haven't had any success until around sunset. If you plan on exploring and trying some new water,



Tate's Tips, Tricks, & Tales. - Contd.

take a flashlight and fish the evening through sunset. Look for the minnows rippling across the water. Don't be afraid to move around! Unless your hooking fish, do not stand in one spot. These fish are moving around chasing food, so remember spotting bait in the water will be your ticket. The wind has been incredibly challenging the past few days; I'm using a 6 wt. to rip it. Be courteous on the Trinity Trails and watch out for bikers, they are ruthless.

It's been fun being able to go out the back door of my apartment, and walk down to the fishing hole!

Don't forget to send your fishing pictures to fortworthflyfishers@gmail.com

Thanks for the read,

"He founded it on the seas and established it on the waters"
Adam Tate - @reeltatetales #onthewaters



Heard and Seen: Fishing Report Around the Area

Here are some fishing report nuggets from Stephen Woodcock at Backwoods:

- Hearing great reports from Lake Whitney for stripers now through May.
- Brazos River below Possum Kingdom Dam has also been mixed with some good sand bass days and a few stripers with most trout gone.
- Bass on the Clear Fork of the Trinity River has been very good, but not when the rain has muddied up the water.
 - Nolan River has been slow and sporadic.
- Good reports from the Coast. Bigger redfish have turned up in the back bays and are ready to eat.

The Spring Spawn at Lake Fork: Going for a Trophy Bass

The week of April 3, several FWFF members booked trips each day that week with member Johnny Walker of Red's Lake Fork Fly Fishing Adventures. Johnny was our March speaker, and shared information about the spring bass spawn on Lake Fork that happens during April. According to Johnny, the spring spawn gives fly fishers the best opportunity to catch a trophy-sized bass. Collectively, the group caught bass from two pounds to 4.7 pounds.

On Monday, Mike Emmerson and Suresh fished the day after a major rain event. While the water was stirred up, it didn't deter them or the fish opportunities. Suresh's best fish of the day was this 4.7 lb. bass. Mike wasn't far behind either.



Suresh said, "This has been a remarkable trip for both for us. Johnny was excellent and very educational in teaching us how to locate bedding fish and understand the characteristics of spawning Bass. He is very patient and motivated highly to help us catch these fish. I highly recommended Johnny's guide services to all our club members and will definitely be a blast and entertaining!"

Mike echoed that sentiment, "Was a super trip with Johnny! He is a very patient guide and knows Lake Fork & his trade very well. I can't wait to book another trip."



Frank Hunycutt and John Jarzabski arrived to fish on Tuesday and Wednesday. The water cleared up for Tuesday for some great conditions. But gale-force winds came in on Wednesday, so the day had to be cut short. However, the duo caught a lot of bass in a day and a half.



"I caught a 4.7 pound bass. I learned you have to have a lot of fricking patience with this type of bass fishing," Frank said. "Patience is definitely the key."

John Jarzabski said, "Johnny's guide trip was just like he described in his presentation to the club. The gear used, the flies, the techniques. The biggest fish was about 5 lbs. caught by Frank Hunycutt. I caught two about 3 lbs." He added, "A key factor to have copper colored polarized sunglasses to be able to see the fish even in shallow water. We had a great time and I look forward to do it again."



The winds were gone when Les Jackson arrived to fish on Thursday. Les had a great day with catching eight bass total, ranging from two pounds to his best at 3.5 pounds.



Kay joined Les on Friday. Even though they fought the tournament bass fishermen for the best coves, she was able to land a three-pound male.

"This kind of fishing gives you a good technical challenge in casting accuracy," said Kay. "You have to be very intentional with your casts to get it in that sweet spot—and then twitch the fly and set the hook exactly when Johnny tells you to. He was a patient coach for sure!"

"I learned even more about bass behavior and what to look for, especially during this time. I've already applied this new knowledge on my local creeks," said Les Jackson.



Lake Fork is always a great place to fish, and there is more time left in Spring. To contact Johnny Walker, visit <http://www.redslakeforkflyfishingadventures.com/>

Bill Ward Ranch Outing

Close to 20 members of the club attended the April outing to the Bill Ward ranch. The weather took a nasty turn late Friday night with some rain and a cold front for Saturday morning. It was overcast with a few spotty showers on Saturday, but that didn't keep people from catching enough bass for the traditional fish fry that night. Thanks to Ali Roshan for coordinating, John Jarzabski for bringing all the supplies, James Parker for filleting the fish and Dan and Nolan Tatum for serving as fry cooks.

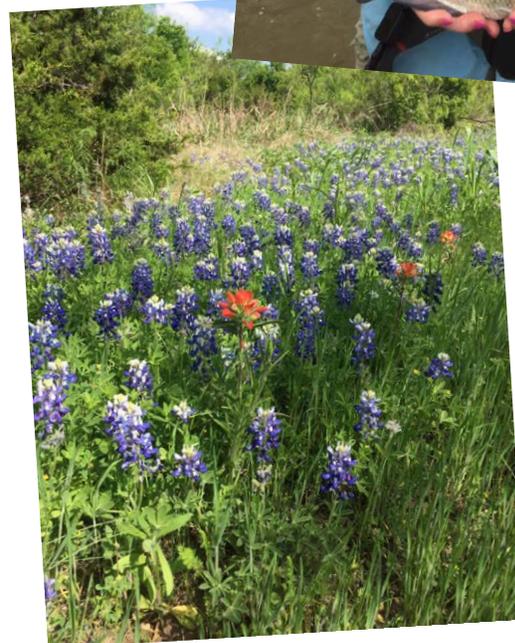
Here's a couple photos from the outing.



Stephen's
Trinity bass



Anna's
Brazos fish



Bluebonnets on
the Nolan

CALENDAR – AT A GLANCE

MAY

May 6

Bass on the Fly Tournament at Lake Fork

www.bassonthefly.org

May 7

Fly Fishing Film Tour

7:00 pm

Modern Museum of Art

Fort Worth

May 19-21

Club Outing: Lake Caddo

Contact: Frank Hunycutt

May 20

Trinity River Trash Bash

JUNE

June 6

Club Casting Clinic

Capp Smith Park

5800 Robin Drive

Watauga

June 10

Club Outing and Fly Fish 101

Trinity River near downtown– place to be announced

JULY

July 11

Club meeting (note: moved due to July 4 holiday)

July 15-22

“Non Outing” to Southern Colorado

Contact: Russell Husted

SEPTEMBER

September TBD

Trinity River Trash Bash

OCTOBER

October TBD

Oktoberfish

Presented by the Fredricksburg Fly Fishers

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.
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New Brand for IFFF



For most of us, fly fishing is more than just a sport. It's been central to our lives in many ways, providing a much-needed break from the daily grind, and giving us time on the water we'll never forget, as well as friendships that will last a lifetime. That's why I'm especially excited to announce that our organization is undergoing a significant evolution that I believe will better reflect

the importance fly fishing plays in all our lives. The new name of our organization is Fly Fishers International (FFI), and with it comes a reinvigorated approach to our programs, mission, and purpose.

As president of FFI (formerly known as the International Federation of Fly Fishers, or IFFF), I wanted to give you a little background into this change, which is a tremendously exciting new chapter in our group's storied history, and for the future of the sport. Our core values remain unchanged—to continue to serve as a strong advocate for fly fishing in all waters for all fish, to preserve and promote the arts of fly casting and fly tying, and to help ensure that future generations can enjoy these same one-of-a-kind experiences.

So why the change?

Change can be difficult, and we want you all to know that the process leading up to this evolution involved hundreds if not thousands of hours of in-depth discussions and thoughtful debate among board members and dedicated volunteers. Rebranding and a potential name change was originally identified for consideration by the Strategic Planning Committee when it first met in May of 2015. Why was it being discussed? Certainly, one key issue revolved around the name: based on research, fly anglers do not find the name "International Federation of Fly Fishers" appealing, nor did it sound like a modern organization.

Looking at the average age of IFFF membership, organizational goals for growth, and a perceived lack of relevance among some fly fishing groups, we knew it was time to ask some hard questions. The process of exploring potential rebranding began with the hiring of a marketing and branding agency, which was tasked with evaluating current recognition of the organization within the fly fishing community, and to document and analyze the thoughts and opinions of our members regarding our current brand presence.

Early on, questionnaires were sent to three sample populations: the general fly fishing community, current IFFF members, and members who had allowed their IFFF membership to lapse.

Although the three sample populations were diverse in terms of their demographics and relationship to the Federation (members versus non-members), their comments were consistent. One of the most jarring results was that up to 88% of non-member fly anglers had never even heard of the International Federation of Fly Fishers (and we've been around since 1964). Another result made it clear that, while our core mission was still very relevant, there was a disconnect between what we do in the context of our mission, and what people think we do.

Overall, the survey results were quite clear: our organization needs to do a much better job of informing both members and the general public of what we do, and why that mission is critical to ensuring our opportunity to fly fish doesn't vanish. From protecting public access to passing on the art of fly tying, or teaching two-handed casting to addressing overcrowding and habitat degradation, there is a clear need for the voice of the fly fisher to be heard.

Therefore, leadership agreed a name change was central to this rebranding—and to signal, in no uncertain terms, a fundamental evolution was underway. Through further research and discussion, Fly Fishers International was recommended as the strongest name choice. The name incorporates elements of our current name, but is reconceived in a simple, straightforward way that emphasizes our primary market target—people who fly fish—while embracing the international presence that we continue to nurture and expand.

Finally, Fly Fishers International is also already echoed in the name of our organization's long-time publication, Flyfisher Magazine, offering another level of recognition among our current members, corporate partners, and the fly fishing community as a whole.

As many of you have rightly pointed out, organizational change will not simply occur with the change of our name. A great deal of hard work lies ahead. We recognize the need to do a much better job of increasing public awareness for the great work our organization continues to accomplish, and for taking better advantage of the partnerships, potential projects, and other opportunities that could benefit from FFI's help in making positive impacts.

But these efforts won't be nearly as effective without your help. Please join Fly Fishers International as we work together to cultivate conservation, education, and community within the sport of fly fishing.

Len Zickler
President, Fly Fishers International



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

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2017**

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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.

Fort Worth

Backwoods:

1013 Foch Street (NEW ADDRESS)

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 many club members into fly tying. Backwoods fly tie nights are well attended with lots of knowledgeable tyers that are willing to help and share.

Arlington

Cafe Acapulco :

4001 W. 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 vice 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).

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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