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Message from the President

FOR STARTERS, REMEMBER THAT OUR MEETING THIS JULY HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO THE 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, JULY 11. THIS WAS DONE SO YOU ALL CAN CELEBRATE THE FOURTH WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, ON THE RIVER OR WHERE EVER.

The Summer is well on its way. There are many things happening the rest of the Summer and into the Fall that should appeal to your desires and needs. Some of the events are the "Non-Outing" to Colorado in July, the meeting on July 11 with Danny Scarborough who will talk about "Urban Carp Fishing" and Keira Quam presenting a Quick Clinic on "what bugs that fish like to eat", the August meeting that will be formatted like the Quick Clinics" but will be a Quick Clinic on steroids. Our September meeting will be a "Tying Club" tying event hosted by Barry Webster. COME ON OUR AND EXPERIENCE WHAT OUR "GREAT" CLUB HAS TO OFFER.

As a reminder, the "Unofficial; non-outing" is scheduled for July 15th thru 22nd. It's not too late, please contact me or Russell Husted for details. This trip always taken in July is to Southfork, Colorado, allows us to get out of the Texas heat and into some great times and fun. The trip has a great following by our club members and many other area fly fishers from our regions fly fishing clubs and friends.

Our club has continued to grow, with that we have the need to continue with our great education program, go on our outing's, support our "cause" groups and offer our expertise and services to our community. We all know that these events and responsibilities don't just happen. A lot of planning, coordination and execution has to take place before and during the event. This means there are club members behind the scenes making

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Message from the President

this happen, they are called volunteers. The more we do the more volunteers we need. We as a Board are trying to make the volunteer process one that is rewarding to you the members, not only does a volunteer enjoy the work produce they now can reap the harvest. We are rolling out the "Volunteer Incentive Program". This program is a system to log, keep track of time volunteered and reward with opportunities to win prizes at the end of the year. Please refer to the Newsletter and attend our next meeting to get more detail. Kay Jackson and Bryce Bezant are spearheading the program. Please contact them to get on the list and/or get more information. Your involvement will go a LONG way to make the overall Club experience a success.

Thanks to your help and participation our "Fund Raising Festival" was a huge success. With this success, we think we have some funds to spend in areas that will improve our club experience. If you have any ideas for a "Special Project" please contact me or one of our Board Members in the next 2 weeks and offer up your ideas.

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held July 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM, the location this Month will be announced later. If you wish to attend, please let me know. 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!

HAVE A GREAT AND ENJOYABLE REST OF THE SUMMER!

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

Take Note:

July Meeting Is July 11 *Speaker Danny Scarborough from Houston Fly Fishing Guide Service*



Most people only think of Houston as a city you drive through to get to fly fishing locations on the Texas coast. Fly fishing guide, Danny Scarborough with Houston Fly Fishing, will be our July speaker and discussing **Urban Carp Fishing** and how to catch Bowfin on the fly.

Danny specializes in wade and paddle trips in the Houston area. He specializes in getting his clients on Largemouth bass, spotted bass, Bluegill, Common carp, Grass carp, Bowfin and Gar on Houston's urban bayous, Lake Houston, Lake Conroe and a private lake.

He'll be not only opening our eyes to Urban fishing, but also sharing techniques on how to catch carp, which is not an easy thing to do. But if you've ever caught one on a fly rod, you will never forget the fight!



Quick Clinics

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

July Quick Clinic:

Keira Quam, FWFF member and staffer with Texas Parks & Wildlife, will give a quick study on the invertebrate insects in our Texas waters. You'll learn about these bugs that the fish love to eat.

Upcoming Speakers

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.

Make Plans to Attend the Saltwater Outing

Trip Date: Oct 20th and 21st

Where: Rockport (Texas Coast)

Guide: Captain Jeff Johnson

Method: Kayak Fishing. Captain Johnson will shuttle our Kayaks to a suitable location and leave us there for the day. He will also spend the time with us, moving around to see how each one is doing.

Cost: \$650 per day – to be split among each fisherman. We suspect that the Friday trip (20th) will have less people registered. If we can get 6 for Friday it will be \$110 per person. Our goal is to have 12 for Saturday (21st), reducing the cost to \$55 per person.

NOTE: Each registered person will be required to pay a small deposit

Accommodation: Not included. Based on interest, and attendees wanting us to arrange accommodation – we may arrange as long as there is a deposit for accommodation.

If you are interested, please contact Roshan Ali at RAli@sidrich.com

July Colorado “Non” Outing

Believe it or not, there is still time to go on the trip to Colorado with the club. We will leave on the 15th of July, and drive to Raton, New Mexico. On Sunday, we drive on in to Southfork That will give us 11 potential fishing trips for the week, going both in the morning and afternoon. Wade fishing will be good by then, as the creeks and rivers are settling down and clearing up. That means good dry fly fishing!! Small dry flies will be the ticket, along with some early season hopper patterns. The more adventurous you get, the better the fishing will be. Small mountain lake fishing should also be good, and the same patterns will work there.

Wade fishing will also be good outside of the Southfork area. For additional choices, try going over to Pagosa Springs, Creede, Durango, Lake City or head to New Mexico. Many, many places are within a short drive.

If wade fishing is not your thing, there are many float trips available. Rivers targeted could be the Rio Grande, the Arkansas, the Animas, San Juan, and more. all within 2-3 hours of driving.

A good tip on what to bring is to go light. You don't need a whole lot of equipment for this style of fishing. I prefer wet wading, and leaving those heavy boots / waders at home, unless you plan on fishing the big river, but even then it's not that cold. Daytime temps will get up into the 80's and possibly low 90's. Good foot wear is a must, with wool socks, to keep warm. Really don't need more than a 5 weight rod, a good vest, and sun protection.

Lodging, meals, and getting up there are all up to you. I will provide information daily on conditions, offer up advise, and will assist in any way I can. Feel free to contact me at 972-567-4155 for anything.

Thanks, be safe, and see you there!!!!

Russell Husted

Bill Hodges' Checklist for Colorado Trip

Bill Hodges has been on the Colorado trip several times and has developed his own checklist of items to pack for the trip. This is a handy list for other fishing trips you may have planned this year. Thanks, Bill!

Rain jacket	Sun Block
Hat or cap	Lip Balm
Fishing bag	Bug spray
Two air pumps*	Toilet paper for vest
Waders and boots	Camera or iPhone
Wading Belt	Electronic chargers
Hip waders	Magazines/ books/ eReader
Fishing vest	Stringer (for fish fry night)
Wind jacket	Camp stool for donning waders*
Colorado topo map*	Small cooler*
Fly rods and reels	Car roof straps and bungee cords*
Fly Boxes	Coffee sweeteners*_
Leaders and tippets	Fishing license (at Rainbow Grocery or online)
Nippers and forceps	Cash or Card to pay Lodge
Pocket knife	Binoculars if wanted
Wading staff	Ear plugs
Dopp kit (Shampoo, razor, soap, first aid, etc.)	Float tube
Medications	Extra pair of glasses
Sleeping bag and inflatable mattress*	Zip lock bags and garbage bag*
Three shirts and three pants/ belts, underwear	Nail clippers
Socks	Batteries if needed
Soft duffels for clothes and fishing gear	Pen/ pencil
Camp chair	Water bottle or river water filter
Flashlight	Smokes/ liquor if needed
Polarized sun glasses	Towel
Snacks and water when fishing	Trail Mix

Tate's Tips, Tricks, & Tales - "How to... the Valle Vidal" Part 2



Thank you to every one of you who reached out to me regarding my Tate's June article! With all the encouragement and questions I decided to add another piece to get you started on your very own trip to the Valle Vidal.

If you haven't read the June FWFF newsletter I'd ask that you refer to the "Valle Vidal... or Valle Muerte" article on page 7. Here is a heads up! I'm going to try and give a starting point, and a platform so you know more now than you did yesterday about the Valle Vidal. You get to take this and make your own adventure. I will not be spelling out a step by step, and for the sake of time this will be more facts than stories. Here we go!

Why: Last we spoke I encouraged you to get out to the Valle Vidal this summer. The NM State's plan is to remove all the trout come October 2017. This incredible river will never be the same. But... there is hope in a new a different future. Bryan Bakevich was kind enough to send me more specifics on the sterilization of the Valle Vidal, and I wanted to leave it here to give you a little bit more of a nudge to go fish it.

NM Department of Game and Fish's Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Biologist, Bryan Bakevich:

"The Rio Costilla Project has been going on since 2007, demonstrating success as we get closer to finishing up in the next two years. This project will restore about 120 miles of stream, 16 mountain lakes, and a 300 acre reservoir to Rio Grande cutthroat trout which is the native trout of this area. This includes water on Vermejo Park Ranch as well as the Valle Vidal and is the largest cutthroat trout restoration project in the country. Since the primary threat to cutthroat are non-native fishes such as brown

and brook trout, we use rotenone, a fish pesticide or "piscicide", to remove nonnative fish before stocking cutthroat. It is projects like this that helped to prevent the listing of the species under the Endangered Species Act back in 2014.

If all goes as planned over the next two years, we'll be stocking fish either in the Fall of 18 or Spring 2019. The Costilla and lower Comanche will remain fishless from Sept 25 of this year through 2018. Once we have confirmed the absence of non natives, we'll stock cutthroat in similar numbers and sizes that the non natives currently have to ensure the same quality and size of fish that our anglers expect. Our goal is to have this fishery in top shape for the summer of 2019."

What you want to know: The Valle Vidal I am referring to is the land that holds the Rio Costilla River (the Costilla Creek) that is released out of the Rio Costilla Reservoir. It lies in the Carson National Forest and opens up July 1st to visitors. To reach the Valle Vidal you head north on 522 from Questa and then take 196 southeast out of Costilla heading to Amalia. Folks, this is your last gas station in Costilla. FILL UP! You'll find the road starts to narrow outside of Amalia and in 5 miles it becomes caliche the rest of the way. This is where you better get your eyes and heart ready because in 2 miles you will go from low country trees and hills to the valley. You'll cross a cattle guard and see the river directly to the right. There is the road, the river, you, and not much room for anything else with the mountain range building. From here on out the river is always by your side. You'll look up at the cliffs and over hangs and think how did I get here!? This truly is the most beautiful place in New Mexico, and your journey has just begun. This cattle guard is



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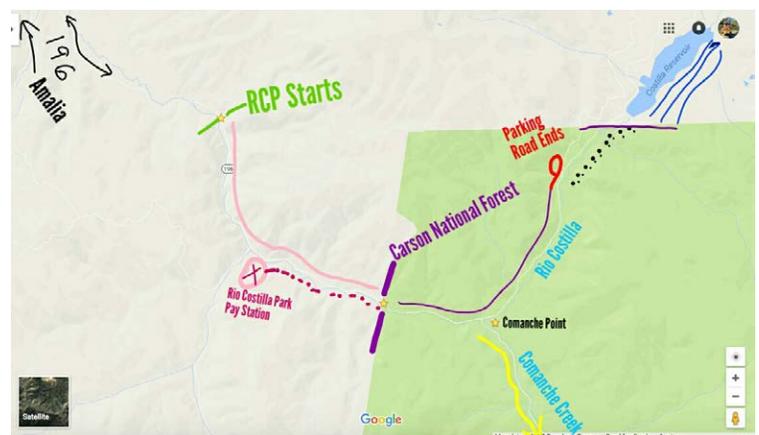
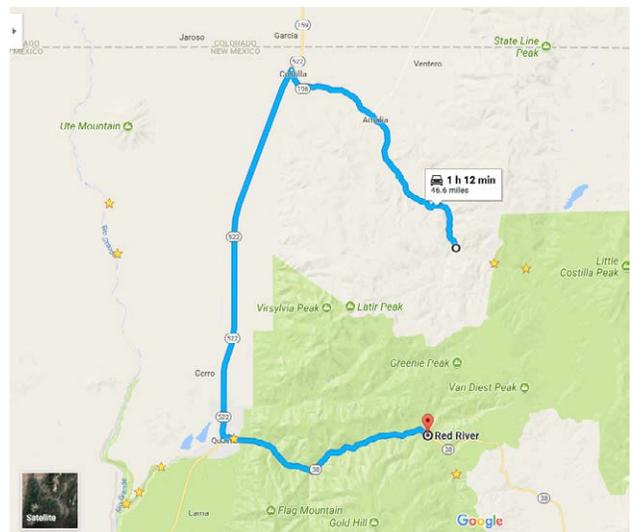
nearly 2 miles from the Rio Costilla Park pay station, but you have now entered into the Rio Costilla Park (RCP). From the Pay Station you have 2.7 miles of road before entering into the Carson Nation Forest "Valle Vidal". This road continues into the Valle and in 1.6 miles you'll see Comanche Point. This cliff splits the Comanche Creek flowing into the Rio Costilla. Stay left! From the point you can drive another 2.6 miles. The driving road ends but you have another 1 mile of road to hike and fish.

The Rio Costilla Reservoir is an easy landmark to find on Google Maps, which you then can trace the river flowing southwest from the dam to Comanche Point. This is where the Comanche Creek meets the Rio Costilla and starts flowing back northwest. I have attached two screenshots of this area to help you get an idea where to find this river and the Valle Vidal in NM.

RECAP – You have around 4.5 miles of the Rio Costilla Park road to fish, and 5+ miles of the Rio Costilla in the National Forest to fish. Remember 4.3 miles of Rio Costilla has road access next to the river in the National Forest, and the last 1 mile of river can only be accessed by hiking the road toward the dam. Note-to-self! The reason I love this river so much is because it is constantly snaking and bending. So... remember the road miles are not giving the Valle Vidal all its glory, and quite honestly it is selling the river miles short.

Let's go over the map: I gave you a wide view of the drive from Red River to the Rio Costilla Park pay station to get a general idea where the Valle Vidal is located. Use the zoomed in map to compare for more detail. The star with green lines is the cattle guard I mentioned at the beginning of the Rio Costilla Park. The light pink line follows the 4.5 miles of RCP road. The pink circle with an X marks the RCP Pay Station, and all the pink dots mark open camping. You enter into the Carson National Forest crossing a cattle guard at the star with purple lines. The purple line traces the 4.3 miles of road you can fish before red circle parking where the road ends near the dam. The black footstep dots show you the river you can hike. Comanche point is noted with a star and the Comanche Creek goes upriver with the yellow line. Lastly, the national forest is shaded green on Google Maps.

Camping: It is \$20 per vehicle for overnight camping. No fishing fee is required if you fish the rivers only. The camping can be as primitive as you'd like, or you can drive a trailer or camper in to the park. You'll find plenty of pull offs with port-a-potty's spread through out the private park. Pick your spot, and set up camp or step out of your RV. There are no hook ups. There is no electricity. There is no cell service. There are no light poles. This isn't for everyone, but it is definitely my kind of fishing. We have always set up camp with tents and a pavilion. There are a few options toward Amalia if you are looking for lodging.



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Fishing: The Valle Vidal has open meadows, thick tree coverage, cliffs, fast water, slow water, deep holes, wide shallow ripples, bends, and more bends just to name a few options. Starting from the RCP Park entrance you have plenty of water to fish. I wear convertible chest waders that I leave at my waist. I used to wear just hipers before I own a pair of nice wading boots and waders. All the above are great. You will rarely be in water above your knees, and if you are it's because your crossing the river or wading to get unhung.

Okay, I know some of you scrolled straight past everything else only to read this section. I fish my 8ft 2wt TFO BVK with 2wt float line, 9ft leader 5x, and have plenty of 6x to tie on with. You can use whatever setup you have. I also love my 10ft 4wt setup. The only thing I will add is you are casting every 2 to 10 seconds, so possibly 20 casts in a minute. These are super short drifts, and no need to rip it 40 feet. You will miss more fish if you try to fish far. It is important to have zero slack in your fly line while making a drift. These trout do not take a dry fly and then turn down with it. No, you literally have a split second between them kissing your fly and then they are gone. What I'm trying to get at is fish short over and over. A simple roll cast is all you need. My right bicep and forearm was completely spent and sore when I took my 6wt the first time. There aren't any fish I've caught longer than 14" and you'll mostly catch 7" to 11" trout. No need for a big rod or a drag if you are experienced. I like to keep my rod high and the fly line off the water. It is crucial that when you dry fly or nymph fish that there is absolutely zero water tension pulling your fly or indicator.

If you high stick all day your arm is going to get worn out, hence why I now use my 2wt. You can park your car anywhere off the road that is safe for other cars to pass. Your water choices are endless. Ok, back to what you want to know. I love nymph fishing and I'm notorious for fishing 4 deep here in the Valle. Yes, 4 nymphs under an indicator.

Do some research and it won't take long to realize what flies you need. BUT this place is notorious for the dry dropper combo. Get yourself some elk hare caddis flies and drop you a midge 16-24" below. Again! These fish are fast! Set your hook down river and always be aware of your surroundings. You are going

to miss 4 fish to every 1 you catch... if you are good and lucky. I see folks get the most frustrated not because they threw their fly into an evergreen, but because they set the hook and missed a fish and now their flies are stuck in the evergreen behind them. Yes, there is plenty of river without heavy tree coverage, and a lot without any trees at all to worry about. These open meadows are an awesome place to teach someone new to the sport of fly fishing. I have fished tandem dry flies. I have fished a hopper dropper and dry dropper. I have fished nymphs under and indicator anywhere from 2 to 5 flies. I have also tight lined nymphed. The Valle Vidal is incredible because you can use whatever style of fly fishing you are comfortable with. It also has the vast terrain to learn new techniques.

Must Do:

- Take a picture of Comanche Point
- Grand Slam the Rio Costilla. Catch a Rio Grande Cutthroat, Cut-Bow, Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout.
- Explore the Comanche Creek, if water flows allow.
- Stop at the Eagle Nest Fly Shack on your way and tell the owner Tim I said hello.

If you need a place to stay during your travel to the Valle Vidal he has a lodge. If you are looking for a guide to teach you the water, he's the one you are looking for. There is this stigma in the fly-fishing community that fly shops are cold, old timers, and honestly straight up rude & arrogant. Tim's shop is a breath of fresh air and none of these!

Go out and make your own Valle Vidal adventure! The clock is ticking... you have from now until September 25th to fish go it. Best of luck! If you have any other questions regarding the Valle Vidal you can reach me at adamtate33@gmail.com or through Instagram @reeltatetales.

Thanks for the read, "He founded it on the seas and established it on the waters"

Adam Tate

Stalking Rio Grande Cichlids



Stalking Rios

June is prime time to hunt Rio Grande Cichlids as they are bedding up and extra aggressive as they guard their babies. These fish are the freshwater fish of the cichlid family and native to Texas. You'll find them throughout the Hill Country and only as far north as Georgetown, primarily because they are susceptible to cold temps.

A couple summers back, Kay and I went with Chris Johnson, owner of Living Waters Fly Shop to fish two locations: San Gabriel River and Brushy Creek near Round Rock, Texas which is north of Austin during the spawning of the Rios.

Our outing began just outside and downstream of the Georgetown, Texas city park where Rio Grande Cichlids were massed up on beds protecting their brood. I have read that there are two species of this little fish, both native to the Texas Hill Country drainage. Some populations have found their way into other waters by way of human transportation- The New Orleans City Park comes to mind.

Kay and Chris spent much of the morning targeting stretches of banks catching everything from Rios, Red breast sunfish, Longears, and Greens. From the beginning Chris first tied on the Rio Getter, a fly developed by Chris and Matt, a buddy who works at the shop. To me, the fly seemed to be a cross between a small cat's whisker and a Briminator tied on a 3X size 16 hook. Size does matter as these small brim and Rios need a small hook to ensure a hook up, fishing the fly is a slow, methodical strip crawling the fly along the bottom. Once contact is made, a simple lifting trout style set is all that's required.

For most of the morning I tossed my TFO glass rod line with SA WF4 and found it worked well with such lightly weighted flies. Kay on the other hand, was armed with a TFO Finesse 7'3"2WT. After many successful catches, Chris changed her to a small black ant pattern. With that fly she got into some serious action throughout the morning. Kay has a Tenkara rod, and was wishing she had brought it because you could site fish and target—perfect for the Tenkara technique.

The San Gabriel is a beautiful small river that run gin clear. You could see fish everywhere. The river bottom changes from limestone flats, to freestone runs, and back to gravel. If you didn't know where you were in Texas, you might think you were in a large spring creek in Montana. Even in mid-July, the water flow was pretty good. The water was cool which was quite welcome on a hot, Texas day.

Many times I have been asked if there are Guadalupe Bass or Rio Grande Cichlids in the Brazos River, and the answer is technically yes and no. No, they won't be found in the Paluxy River or the Brazos near Glen Rose. Those s are too far north



Kay with
a Rio

Stalking Rio Grande Cichlids - Contd.

out of these fishes native range, but in the Brushy, a tributary of the San Gabriel and the two main channels of the San Gabriel which empties into the Brazos, there are lots of the fish. Here in the Hill Country there is a theory that the Guads in Brush might be pure A strain native fish.

Later in the day after an amazing lunch of Ahi Tuna and grilled chicken tacos at Torchy's Tacos, we went to Brushy Creek. For me it was time for a gear change. Chris had been toting his Scott F2 6' 2WT fly rod, and there with only a little over an hour left on our day, I asked if I could use it. Chris smile handed me the rod and said, "Man it's UL , it's glass, it's so sweet and you're gonna love it."

This rod is the older version, with a bit heavier scrim than the newer models, it feels light in the hand but can power rolls casts like no other. Too bad my Steffen was on loan or I would have loved to compare the two. With that in mind, I stepped in the creek rolled out a short cast with the Rio Getter and tagged up with a nice red breast. As I unhooked the fish I glanced over to see movement, and as that shadow moved I saw THE FISH of the day. I rolled out the cast, and the fish ate but spit the fly. Just a little late.

Again he started moving away, and this time I rolled a cast on top of his head; he turned and inhaled the fly. I set the hook, and the fight as on. This fish weighed about two pounds, and he tried to take command. The rod responded as I turned hard on him, just carefully enough not to break the 5X tippet. Keep in mind, this two-pound bass ate a size16 fly. The bass tried to take me into some tree roots sticking out of the bank, but as Chris moved towards the fish and the bass swam away. Making a few last acrobatic moves and jumps, the bass came to hand. Battle over.



Lester's Bass

Following this fish, I tagged a few more. Kay and Chris had gone further upstream in an area that would have been great for Tenkara. She caught a few more there. We ended the day with some great memories and thoughts of coming back about trying some other spots to fish.

For more information on Brushy Creek or other Hill country streams go to:

<http://livingwatersflyfishing.com/>

Les Jackson



Rio Grande Cichlid

Fly of the Month-*"The Sculpin"*

A sculpin is a type of fish that belongs to the superfamily Cottoidea in the order Scorpaeniformes. Sculpins are elongated, tapered fish, usually with wide, heavy heads. It is exceedingly common in the waters we fish and readily taken by most of the target fish that we pursue. Here's a deeply weighted version with some neat tying techniques.



Materials:

Hook : 3X or 4X Size 2 or 1/0 Streamer hook (Mustad L87-3665A)

Weight: 0.20 Lead or Non-Toxic

Tail and Pectoral Fins: A pair of Pheasant, hen or Grouse body feathers

Body: Your favorite brand of synthetic or natural medium stiff fibers (I used EP fibers for this example.)

Eyes: 3D or equivalent



1). Wrap the lead or non-toxic wire to cover 2/3 of the hook shank (leaving a little room behind the eye and double wrap about 1/4 at the front.

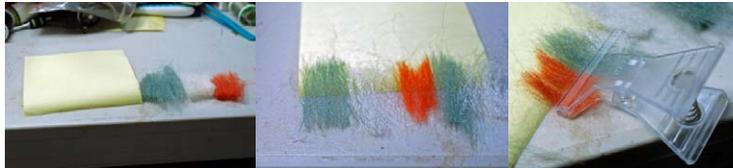


2).Cover the wire wraps with thread to make a more durable body and then wrap back to the bend of the hook.



3). Attach a pair of body feathers, mated so that they form a single tail. Should be proportional to the overall size of the fly.

4). for the body and the head, use a dubbing loop. To add fiber to the dubbing loop, I cut one inch lengths of EP fibers of various colors. I then used a sticky notes page, adhesive side up to lay out the fibers. I then used a materials clip (mines from Orvis, Marc Pettijean makes a great set, or use a stationery "bulldog" clip) to grab the fibers and place them into the dubbing loop. I find some dubbing wax on the dubbing loop helps keep everything from going out of control. Spin the fibers in the dubbing loop to capture them completely. Wrap the dubbing loop, starting at the tail attachment point and wrap the body up to the doubled section of lead wrap (the head will be forward of this point). Use fibers in the dubbing loop that are approximately one inch in length, alternating colors.



Brush out the dubbing loop using a brass brush



5.) Trim the dubbing loop body to form a tapered (back to front) shape. Leave the fibers at the back a little long so they drape over the tail and leave a more sculptured body.

Fly of the Month- "The Sculpin" Contd.



6). Attach two additional body feathers (proportional), one on each side of the body at the point that the body dubbing loop stopped.



7). Create a new dubbing loop for the head. You may want these fibers to be a little longer than the body fibers. Whip finish at the back of the eye. Be careful not to add so much head that you crowd the eye (like I did).



8). Brush out the fibers for the dubbed head and then clip to a head shape.

9). Attach eyes of your choice to complete the head. I used a bead of super glue and just pressed them into the head

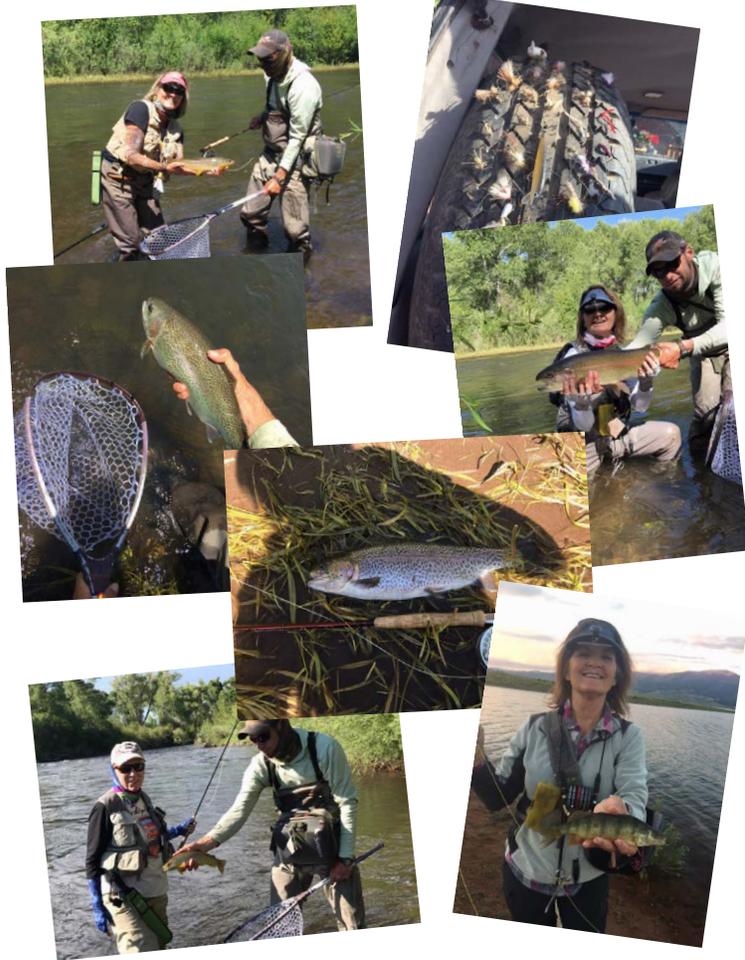
This will sink rapidly and be where the real sculpins live. Fish with a quick stripping motion after the fly has sunk near the bottom.

Barry Webster
Tying Director



WONDER WOMEN Jan Bates, Sharon Leissner, Debbie Williams and Marilyn Evans had a wonderful and memorable day on the Conejos River in southern Colorado on 6/26.

Jan caught a hog of a Rainbow—a 24 inch Rainbow that the guide estimated at around 7 pounds! She also caught a yellow perch on Eagle's Nest Lake in New Mexico.



Eric James' son, Alex, caught two nice reds in June at Brown & Root Flats near Port Aransas.



Angela Darden and Adam Tate catching young striped bass below PK Dam Friday 6.23.17

Steve Setian landed this huge Atlantic Salmon 36 inches 15 lbs. He caught in the Restigouche River in New Brunswick Canada out of Restigouche Lodge on June 1 on a Pompeii fly.



Dutch Baughman caught several impressive fish in the Pacific Northwest. *Winter Steelhead-Hoh River-Olympic Peninsula, Washington*

Chinook Salmon caught on the North Umpqua river in Oregon



Clark Fork River Missoula, Montana- A 28 inch trout, his personal best



Send your fish photos to kayjacks@sbcglobal.net

CALENDAR – AT A GLANCE

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

Heard and Seen: Fishing Report Around the Area

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

- The Texas coast is heating up and all kinds of species are being caught
 - Tarpon are being caught off the port Aransas jetties
- Largemouth have been good in top water especially on the trinity in the early mornings
- Colorado and surrounding states have started slow due to late snows and heavy run off and high colored water. Good fish caught on the clearer edges of the water and the clear water behind numerous dams.
- Broken bow has fished well, lots of fish seen in the evening hole but fish have been picky eaters.

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Reel Recovery Classic Shoot

Sporting Clay Event



Save The Date!

Saturday, August 26, 2017



Benefit for Texas Reel Recovery

Free Retreats for Men with Cancer

Saturday August 26, 2017

Elm Fork Shooting Club

Registration 7:30AM

\$500 / Team of 4 or \$125 Individual

Shoot 9:00AM Lunch Noon

Auction & Raffle

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For Information please contact:

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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