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Message From the President

Hello fellow Fly Fishers.

Last year we sent a survey to the membership asking them what their interests were in the club. The highest interest was education. Frankly that is not surprising, as people who want to start fly fishing or want to enhance their skill level seek out a club like ours that can help them accomplish their goal. We have taken this seriously and have and will provide you with opportunities to learn more about the art of fly fishing.

To that point, we have multiple opportunities coming up this summer for you. First, there will be a Kayak 101 on July 7 at the Panther Pavilion (see details in this newsletter). Second, we will have a series of learning sessions that will be on fly tying, general fly fishing techniques and casting. These will be available to you at our July, August and September monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month.

As a charter club with the Fly Fishers International (FFI), we are closely affiliated with the resources that they have available. Our own Dutch Baughman is developing the [FFI Learning Center](#), which is currently and will be a great resource for you to use. Take the time to check out what there is available on this website.

Finally, the best way to enhance your skills is to get on the water and fish. Seems obvious, but many of us don't find the time to do this. Our monthly outings are a good time to commit to getting on the water. We also have a number of very skilled fly fishers who are willing to spend a morning with you on the water giving you some tips. It is usually a good experience if you have learned the basics and can then concentrate on how to catch fish.

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Here is another deal. Volunteering! You might say that you don't have the skills to be an instructor. But getting involved in helping out with just the logistics of various programs (cooking, setting up, taking down etc.) will help you get to know some really awesome folks who can teach you some of the skills you want to obtain.

We have a great club. Thanks for being a member!

Fish on!

Bryce Bezant
President

Add to Your Fly-tying Skills in July *By Barry Webster*

As we move into summer, we're moving into our skills-focused monthly meetings. The July 3 meeting will be all about tying and tying skills. The August meeting will be focused on many aspects of fly fishing knowledge, with a wide variety of topics in the form of focused educational sessions (more details in a later newsletter). And the September session will be our widely anticipated casting clinic.

For the July meeting, we'll have a variety of things to participate in or watch and learn. Some of the plans include the ability for new tyers to sit at one of the club vises and learn to tie a beginner fly. All the tools, materials and instructions will be provided. We'll also have several of the club's talented tyers showing off a more advanced pattern that you can watch them tie. We'll also have a mystery fly contest for those of you that want to show off your skills.

For that project, we'll provide a bag of materials, and you use your creativity to create a masterpiece using just the provided materials. You can bring your own vise and tools or borrow a set from the club. And, to test everyone's fly tying knowledge, we'll have a fly tying materials identification challenge.

We hope to have something for everyone, either hands-on or in a more casual fashion. Please join us for an informative session on the other half of fly fishing. Here's a quick recap of some of the planned events:

- Beginner's hands-on session -- tools, materials and instruction provided

- Demonstration tyers showing more advanced fly patterns
- A mystery fly contest where you create a fly from provided materials
- A Fly Tying Materials Identification challenge (Name that Fly-Tying Material)

We'll see you July 3rd!

Summer Learning Series *July/Aug/Sept Meeting* *Presentations*

Our club is starting its three part series of "hands on" club meetings this July. It is important for us to teach and give members a platform to learn what fly fishing is all about.

1) July 3rd Tying Club-

We will start our "hands on" series with our annual "Tying Club" - Bring your vise or use one of clubs! This night is designed to teach those wanting to learn the basics of fly tying, as well as those looking to improve their own skills. There is something for everyone: showcase your own flies and tie for all to see, walk around and gander at the flies being tied, sit down and learn the beginner 101 skills of fly tying, or be a part of the fly tying contest that will take place during our club meeting. It will be a great time for all! Come learn through our meeting full of tying events. Barry Webster our Tying Director and heading up this wonderful meeting.

2) August 7th Clinic Club-

We will continue our learning quarter and have break-out sessions to learn tangible fly fishing take aways. If you are new or just getting in to the sport or just want to learn new tips, this meeting is for you. You'll learn things such as the one knot you need to know, proper setup for your rod and reel, or how to connect leader to your fly line. The presenters will be there to answer more technical questions. Les Jackson our Education Director is heading up this great meeting.

3) September 4th Casting Clinic-

Our annual "Casting Clinic" will cap off this great three-part learning program. This will be a hands-on clinic for the beginner to advanced fly fisher. Come hone your skills with our instructors.

Learn to Fish from a Kayak at the FWFF's Kayak 101 Clinic

As part of our club's Fly Fishing 101 educational series, we're doing a special clinic in July called Kayak 101 that will incorporate learning skills for fishing from a kayak. This event will take place beginning at 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 7, at the Panther Pavilion boathouse that is operated by Backwoods. It is located on the banks of the Trinity River at 480 North Taylor St. Click [here](#) for an online Google map.

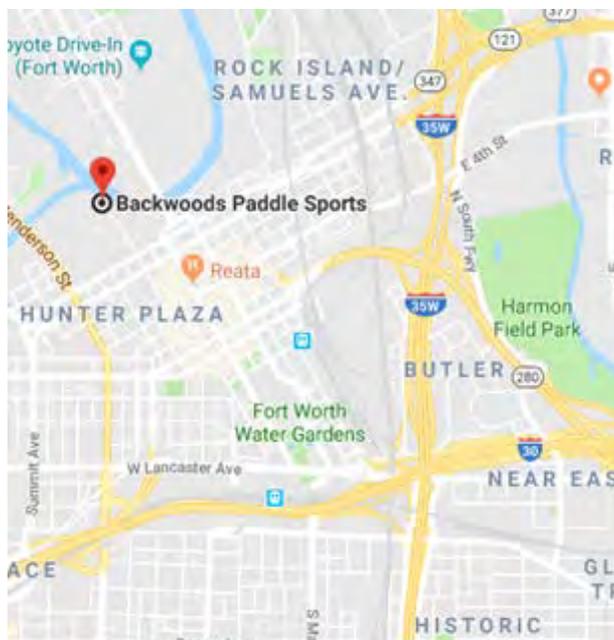
The instruction will be on the water and taught by kayak instructors certified by the American Canoe Association. They will teach basic paddling techniques and getting in and out of the kayak. There will be kayaks available for those who don't own one.

You must contact Les Jackson, keebranch@sbcglobal.net, to reserve a kayak. First come, first served.

Our club volunteers will also be hand to 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.

Everyone who plans to fish will need a valid Texas fishing license. A special thanks to Backwoods for helping the club with this event.

Les Jackson
Education Director



Outing to the Paluxy on June 16



Approaching the Paluxy River on a cloudy June morning.

The Paluxy River is a place to go that is reasonably close to home and easy to fish. The Paluxy lived up to its billing as a mercurial bit of water == fast to rise, even faster to fall. The hope, inspired by frequent roadside warnings to use caution for high water, did not last past the morning meeting when we gathered in the parking lot of Big Rock Park. There was no water coming over the spillway, just puddles below the dam.

After a filling breakfast at Debbie's Restaurant, our grease levels were high enough to fully comprehend that we needed to go upstream. The Paluxy has a solid limestone rock bottom, and wading is easy. The water is usually clear and not overly swift. Access is easy at numerous points along its course. It is made up of the North Paluxy and the South Paluxy rivers at its confluence near Bluff Dale in Erath County. It then flows 29 miles through Somervell County to ultimately join the Brazos near Glen Rose.



Dave Tatum with an eager bluegill.

Over a stretch of about six miles there were numerous promising areas to explore. With 20 or so fishers, we needed a lot of space. Jan Bates and friends skipped the Dinosaur State Park spots to try their luck at the first low-water crossing, then headed up to Baker's Crossing. Bill Stewart led the charge at the

Outing to the Paluxy on June 16- Contd.



Joy Summers teaches a young large-mouth what not to eat.

a bass and several bluegills. Greg Ramirez offered assistance in the effort. Congrats!

Jan Bates caught a nice little bass in one of the dinosaur tracks. Not much evidence of the creation of a Share-a-Lunker candidate was readily apparent. Keep your eye on the water flow reports. If they get up a bit, plan another adventure down to Somervell county.

Ken Bowers



Jan Bates with the twin of Joy Summers' bass.



Jeff Mitchell looks for just the right fly to entice a Paluxy fish.

Cemetery low-water crossing. How many times can you tell your kids or friends that you fished a cemetery? Of course, this was in the daylight.

Next was the Siren Hole, which Al Crise named for a warning siren on a pole across the road from a once-promising spot.

Les and Kay Jackson and other Intrepid anglers went straight up to Baker's Crossing, about five miles upstream, where Les brought in a nice largemouth.

Michael Parteneau, a new member and new to fly fishing, was on his first venture with the long, skinny rod and took



Kay Jackson finds a quiet bend in the Paluxy to try.



Rookie Michael Parteneau shows that he's learning fast.



Les Jackson admires a healthy Paluxy largemouth.

Thank You, 2018 FWF4 – Fundraiser Festival Donors!

Here are the merchants, guide and travel services, artists, fly tyers, members and other contributors who gave so generously to help make our latest auction such a success. Please help support these sponsors and remember to thank the parties that pitched in. If you need help locating anyone on the list, contact Rick Hanes, Anna Wadsworth or Adam Tate.

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Fly of the Month: *Steve's Grass Shrimp* by Steve Setian



This pattern is a new version of a shrimp fly that was successful this spring with Black Drum, Redfish, Ladyfish and other species in the Gulf Coast of Texas. It closely emulates the translucent grass shrimp that are one of the main food sources for most salt water species in the Texas Gulf. It can be tied with or without the weighted dumbbell eyes depending on the depth of water you fish. With the weed guard, it will not get caught up very often so that you can maximize your fishing time. Vary your stripping pattern, since fish will take it with both a fast and a slow retrieve.

Hook: Mustad Salt Water size 2 or 4

Thread: Gray 12/0 Orvis Thread

Body: Orvis Pearl Braid; color, Root Beer

Legs: Palmered grizzly hackle (soft fibers)

Rear Eyes: Micro Eyes; size, large

Forward Eyes: Dumbbell eyes; color, charcoal

Weed Guard: Orvis 25-lb. fluorocarbon

Back and Tail: Orvis grizzly hair; color, translucent white

Glass back: Loon UV Knot Sense and Wapsi Z-Ment



A look at the materials used for the Grass Shrimp.

Step 1: Tie in the Mono eyes at the very back of the hook and the dumbbell eyes at the front, leaving enough room to secure the shrimp's back material between the dumbbell eyes and the eye of the hook. Be sure to use an X-wrap and then helicopter under and around the eyes with the thread.



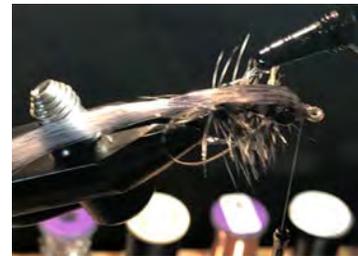
Step 2: Tie in the 25-lb. monofilament from the front eye to the back eye for use as the weed guard. Then tie in the base of the grizzly hackle and a strand of pearl braid at the rear.



Step 3: Wrap the pearl braid forward with overlapping wraps and tie off just behind the dumbbell eyes. Then palmer wrap the hackle forward and tie off just in front of the dumbbell eyes. Finally, to make the weed guard, create a loop with the monofilament just larger than

the hook gap and tie it off at the eye, near side first, then bend it back toward the rear of the fly on the opposite side and continue to wrap. Cut off on the opposite side and secure with more wraps.

Step 4: Trim off the top hackles so that there are hackle feathers pointing only to the sides and bottom of the fly. After building a base of thread from wrapping the weed guard, tie in the Orvis grizzly hair in front of the dumbbell eyes as shown.



Step 5: Trim the grizzly hair so it does not cover the hook eye and secure with more thread wraps. Put some UV glue on the top of the shank of the hook, then hold the grizzly hair with your left hand and pull it back between the Micro Eyes, making contact with the glue on the shank of the hook. Now apply more UV glue to the grizzly hair, starting from the eye of the hook and continuing to between ¼-inch and ½-inch behind the rear of the hook. Use your UV light to cure all the UV glue. Continue building a smooth, long "glass back" on the top.

Step 6: Trim the tail of the fly to be 1 ½ times the length of the hook. Tie off and whip finish the fly. The Loon UV glue dries a little tacky, so coat it with Z-Ment and allow to dry to a smooth, glossy finish.



Now go catch a hog!



Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts **free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from all forms of cancer.** Combining introductory 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. Retreats are conducted over a two-and-a-half-day period at a comfortable facility with onsite or nearby fishing access.



“This retreat was the most uplifting and rewarding experience of my life.” -- retreat participant

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

In 2017 Texas held six retreats serving 70 courageous men living with cancer. We held 2 retreats each in Glen Rose, Navasota and Waring. We hosted our 2nd retreat in partnership with Project Healing Waters to serve only Veterans and Active Military men living with cancer.

2018 SCHEDULED TEXAS RETREATS:

Navasota, TX (Mar 16-18); Waring (April 6-8); Glen Rose (April 13-15) Waring (Sept. 21-23)

Veterans Only: Glen Rose, (Oct 12-14); Navasota (Nov. 2-4)

If you would like to be a Participant please apply on-line or contact us:

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

JULY

July 3

Club meeting

July 7

Kayak 101, Panther Island, 480 N. Taylor St., Fort Worth

July 8-15

Colorado “non-outing” trip, South Fork, Colo.

AUGUST

August 7

Club meeting

August 18

Outing to Lake Texoma

SEPTEMBER

September 4

Club meeting

September 8

Fly Fish 101 at Camp Carter, 6200 Sand Springs Road, Fort Worth

OCTOBER

October 2

Club meeting

Oct. 19-21

Outing to Texas coast

NOVEMBER

November 3

Fly Fish 101 at Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area (LLELA)

November 6

Club meeting

November 17

Outing to area urban fishing sites

OUTINGS 2018

In 2018, our club plans to provide more organized fishing trips that members can take advantage of. Once a quarter we will have an overnight trip that will also serve as an education session for new fishers. On these trips, the Club will pay for guides to explain the area and take the attending members to locations where they can actually catch fish. This was done at our Broken Bow trip in November and was quite a success. It's also a great membership benefit.

We welcome anyone to volunteer as hosts for any of the 2018 outings. This also offers you the opportunity to take part in our VIP Volunteer Program that offers numerous prizes and incentives.

Outings will be set for the 3rd weekend of the month and may be changed in any extraordinary circumstances.

Roshan Ali
Outings Director

DATE (2018)	LOCATION	SPECIES
July 8 th – 15 th	Weeklong Trip: Colorado High Country	Trout
August 18 th	Lake Texoma	Stripers
Sept 15 th	To be determined	
Oct 19 th – 21 st	Overnight: Coast Trip - guide provided; kayak fishing	Redfish, Speckled Trout, Drum
Nov 17 th	Urban Wilderness	Panfish
Dec 15 th	LLELA, Elm Fork of the Trinity	Buffalo, Trout

Fly Tying Groups Around Town

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

Fort Worth TX 76107

817-332-2423

Wednesday nights at 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 tying 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 start at 5:15-5:30 p.m.

Tying starts at 6:30 p.m.

This event is usually headed by FWFF members who rotate in leading the class. The Mexican cuisine and cold drinks served by Lynda get the program rolling before tyers start 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: 10:00 a.m.

Led by "The Roadkill Round Table", this group has been tying for 35 years but welcomes new members.

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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