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Fly Fishers

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Message From the President

Greetings,

With the holidays behind us, January and February are great times to get out on the water and enjoy our mostly mild Texas winters. Your club has a lot of activities planned over the winter, and we are looking forward to a great lineup of meeting speakers, outings and festivals.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, Fort Worth Fly Fishers will host the annual Flyfishing 101 event at the Texas 16 bridge below Possum Kingdom Dam. Both FWFF members and non-members are welcome. Participants are encouraged to bring a guest interested in learning about fly fishing using nymph or streamer techniques in hopes of landing one of many species below the dam, including stocked Rainbow Trout. Please plan on meeting off the roadway on the east side of the bridge (2112 Texas 16 in Graford) at 8 a.m. From noon to 12:45 p.m. the club will provide a streamside lunch using a designated pavilion near the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's hatchery nearby. After lunch all are encouraged to attend the hatchery tour that will begin at 1 p.m. For more information, see the article in this issue. Or, contact Chris Patnode, Outings Director, at chrispatnode@benekeith.com , or Jacob Sherwood, Education Director, at jacobs7@outlook.com.

Save the date! The Tarrant Regional Water District Flyfest 2020 will be held on March 14 on the banks of the Trinity River in Fort Worth. Whether you are an experienced angler or have never touched a fly rod, this fun day in and along the Trinity River has something to hook everyone in the whole family. FWFF is seeking volunteers to assist in this event and will have sign-up sheets available at the January meeting. There's an article in this issue, and additional information will be posted on the FWFF website and Facebook page as it becomes available.

Mark your calendar for the February outing to be held at Lower Mountain Fork River (Beavers Bend) on Feb 21-23. This is always a fun event and a great opportunity to fish

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some nice waters with fellow club members. Updates on costs and logistics will be made available soon.

If you have not already paid your 2020 Membership dues, please get those in as soon as possible. Dues can be accepted in person at the January meeting, mailed in or paid by credit card on the FWFF website using the instructions in this newsletter. If you have already paid, thank you.

In closing, I would like to recognize the outgoing board members who are rotating off the board Jan. 1: Harold Hilley, Treasurer; Kay Jackson, Director-at-Large; and Vince Turley, Education Director. Their contributions of time and talent have been an integral part of the growth of our association. I would also like to express my personal appreciation to Bryce Bezzant, who has served as president over the past two years. Bryce's many contributions to the programs and services provided to the membership have been instrumental in making the Fort Worth Fly Fishers one of the largest fly-fishing associations in the U.S. His leadership and commitment to continuous improvement of the member experience will leave a lasting legacy. If you see these individuals, please take a moment to thank them for their dedication and service.

Happy New Year,
David Hooper
President

Fly Fishing 101: Chasing Rainbows below Possum Kingdom Dam

Please join Fort Worth Fly Fishers on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 8 a.m. at the Texas 16 bridge over the Brazos River below Possum Kingdom Dam near Graford for our annual Fly Fishing 101 education event. Both FWFF members and non-members are encouraged to attend. If you need equipment, we will provide rods, reels, line and flies, along with help from experienced fly fishers, for free. If you have equipment, we recommend:

- Waders, wading boots and a warm jacket
- A nine-foot, 5-weight rod with floating line
- A leader of 4x to 6x and tippet and strike indicators
- Flies – an assortment of nymphs and streamers

Feel free to bring along a guest interested in learning about fly fishing using nymph or streamer techniques in hopes of landing one of many species below the dam, including stocked rainbow trout. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is stocking an estimated 9,000 rainbows between November and February below Possum Kingdom Dam. The first stocking took place on Nov. 27. The 2019-2020 trout stocking schedule link is here: https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/management/stocking/trout_stocking.phtml. You can also find more information regarding additional winter stocking locations on the Texas Parks and Wildlife website.

After a morning of fishing, from 12 noon. to 12:45 p.m. the club will provide a streamside lunch consisting of hot dogs, chips and soft drinks using a designated pavilion near the Texas Parks and Wildlife hatchery, which is nearby. After lunch all are encouraged to attend a hatchery tour that will begin at 1 p.m.

The FF101 event will be hosted by Education Director Jacob Sherwood, at (806)-620-2443, and Outings Director Christopher Patnode, at (817)-819-5519. Please contact them with any questions. Please RSVP for FF101 by emailing Jacob, or visit our Facebook page and mark as "Going" on our Event [pst. Please do it by Jan. 11 so we can plan to have sufficient food and drinks.

If you haven't been to the bridge location, the hatchery address is 600 Texas 16 in Graford, Texas, and is just east of the bridge. This map shows where Texas 16 crosses the Brazos and the location of the hatchery. See you there, Jan. 18!



Volunteers Needed to help at FF 101 on Jan. 18

If you're an experienced fly fisher, please volunteer to help a couple of new fly fishers at this event. Please email Education Director Jacob Sherwood at jacobrs7@outlook.com. This typically entails helping one or two people on the Brazos River with rigging, casting and fly fishing techniques. We'll provide them with flies and a rod/reel should they need them.

And remember, you'll earn **Volunteer Incentive Program** points that qualify you for a shot at hundreds of dollars worth of fly-fishing equipment in the VIP drawings held annually.

An Evening of Amazing Feathers and Flies at Holiday Party



What a great presentation by New Mexico guide [Spencer Seim](#), our guest speaker at the 2019 FWFF Holiday Party at Fort Worth Botanic Garden. More than 90 folks were there for Spencer's discussion of the book he helped research, "The Feather Thief," and the history of Salmon Flies. It was so fascinating!

We had a huge turnout tonight with great food, fun, fellowship and prizes. Over 90 people signed up to attend with some additional folks joining the good time! The crowning touch: Members generously helped raise \$1,045 for charity through raffles! Now that's a successful occasion.



2020 FWFF Speaker Preview

Here's the speaker line up for the first three months of 2020. Glenn Guminski, the club's Speakers Director, has done an outstanding job finding interesting, knowledgeable speakers to share their experiences with club members, and that continues in the coming year. Check out these upcoming presentations.

JANUARY- Stephen Woodcock *Fort Worth, Texas* Everything You Wanted to Know About Fly Fishing Equipment But Were Afraid to Ask



Stephen Woodcock has fly fished for over 20 years and fly fished most of North America as well as the Bahamas, Belize, Mexico, and parts of Europe and Australia. He is an avid fly tyer and has taught fly tying and fly casting for many years. Stephen has been the fly fishing manager at three different fly shops in Fort Worth and is currently at the recently opened Orvis store.

FEBRUARY- Pat Dorsey *Evergreen, Colorado* Fly Fishing Western Tailwaters



Pat Dorsey has worked as head guide and co-owner of the Blue Quill Angler, a full-service fly shop and guide service in Evergreen, Colorado since 1992. His unique niche has been teaching people the love of fly fishing and improving their abilities by tapping into his experience and know-how.

For more than 25 years, master fly fishing guide Pat Dorsey has been helping anglers of all ages and skill levels discover the joy of fly fishing Colorado's legendary tailwaters. His professional fishing experience and knowledge of the local water set him apart from other guides. He's proud to be sponsored by many fine fly fishing equipment and apparel companies, including Simms, Sage, Whiting, Orvis and more. He's also a signature fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants. As a fishing guide, Dorsey not only knows the waters of Colorado better than almost anyone, he's an expert when it comes to the equipment you'll need. Beginners will get the right tackle and flies to get them off to a running start, while seasoned anglers will have their skills and abilities pushed to the next level by Dorsey's talent and passion.

Pat, his wife Kim and their five children make their home in Denver, Colorado, just a short drive from Evergreen.

MARCH- Landon Mayer *Florissant, Colorado* Presentation in Process



Landon Mayer's angling success is fueled by an addiction to pursuing large trout with small flies and lightweight fly-fishing equipment. Mayer enthusiastically teaches and demonstrates his techniques and on-river knowledge to fellow anglers and has developed innovative strategies for sighting, hooking, and landing selective trout.

As an ambassador in the fly-fishing industry, Mayer represents several lines including Simms Fly Fishing apparel and is a royalty fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants. He is also an advisory team member of Simms, R.L. Winton, Bauer, Scientific Angler, Smith Optics, Fish Pond, Yeti Coolers, Regal Vise, and Casio Pro Trek watches.

Mayer has been guiding in Colorado full time on the South Platte River for the last 22 years, and one full season on the Nak Nek River in AK. He resides with his wife, Michelle, and their four children in Florissant, Colorado.

Meet and Tie Flies with Pat Dorsey and Landon Mayer

FWFF members have two opportunities to meet and tie some flies with two of the club's favorite all-time speakers, Pat Dorsey and Landon Mayer.

Pat Dorsey, a World Class Fly Fishing Guide in Evergreen, Colo. will host a special gathering on Feb. 2 at Backwoods in Fort Worth. For more than 25 years, Pat has been assisting anglers of all ages. Then, on March. 1 at Backwoods, Colorado guide **Landon Mayer** will also lead participants in tying a selection of his proven "Guide Flies." Landon also will have a special gift from Umpqua for each participant.

For each class, all you need to bring is your vise, tying tools and a selection of threads. Other materials will be provided. **Attendance for each class is limited to 12.** Cost is \$45 for each class.

Here are the details:

Location: Backwoods Fort Worth, 441 Carroll St., Fort Worth

Dates: Feb. 2 for Pat Dorsey; March 1 for Landon Mayer

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for both classes

Registration: Online at fortworthflyfishers.org – sign in and click on the Calendar, then "Pat Dorsey Event" or "Landon Mayer Event"; or contact Glenn Guminski at Sailmoore94@verizon.net or 817-403-0526.

TRWD and Fort Worth Fly Fishers Partner Again on FlyFest 2020



The Tarrant Regional Water District's 2020 Flyfest returns March 14 to the Clear Fork of the Trinity River in Fort Worth. The festival is a family-friendly day of fly fishing, food trucks, wine, craft beer and kids' activities. Whether you are an experienced angler or have never touched a fly rod, this fun day will have something to hook everyone in the whole family.

The festival will include expert presentations from top anglers that will cover a range of topics as well as various fly-tying lessons. Fly-fishing experts will host numerous demonstrations, including multiple casting techniques for every level. Three contests will also be held at TRWD Flyfest, one being the Big Trout Contest, where anglers will compete to catch the biggest trout or the most fish in the time allotted.

Between delicious craft beer and wine, live music, cooking demonstrations, face painting, a kids' fish tank, rock climbing wall and open fishing for both conventional and fly anglers, the whole family will enjoy TRWD Flyfest.

The festival will be held at the Acme Brick Headquarters located at 3100 Bryant Irvin Road, Fort Worth.

IMPORTANT AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR VIP HOURS: Fort Worth Fly Fishers is partnered with TRWD for this event. We supply volunteers who are members of the club to help on the different contests that are so much fun. Please consider helping out.

We will have **sign-up sheets at the meeting**. Or, you can reach out to Joy Summers (msummers123@aol.com), Rick Hanes (rohdevelopment@aol.com) or Bryce Bezant (rbbezant@outlook.com).

For a look at the current lineup, visit the TRWD's FLYFEST page on their website at trwdflyfest.com.



FWFF member Adam Tate at a Flyfest fishing competition.

Plan Now to Attend FWFF Auction!

Fort Worth Fly Fishers Fundraising Festival, now known as "FWF4" is set for April 4, 2020. This event is a huge success because of devoted support of our club, our generous donors and the community. For the third straight year, it will held at Wild Acres Brewing Co. in Fort Worth, an excellent venue that has attracted many people from outside of our club, providing added excitement and energy to the event.

FWF4 is the club's primary source for funds. Proceeds go toward our educational programs, community service activities, conservation efforts and charitable contributions, as well as assisting in club operations. Among the programs we generously support are not-for-profit organizations, including Casting for Recovery and Reel Recovery, which both work with cancer patients, Project Healing Waters North Texas, which helps disabled veterans, and North Texas Patriot Anglers, another organization that supports our veterans.

Last year, FWF4 proceeds went to activities like Fly Fishing 101, which assists new and longtime fly fishers in the basics of fly fishing, and conservation projects that protect and enhance our waterways. Another activity the club supports in a HUGE way is "Flyfest, the Tarrant Regional Water District-sponsored event held on the banks of the Clear Fork of the Trinity River. This year's fifth annual Flyfest takes place Saturday, March 14, and promises to be another very successful event. Fort Worth Fly Fishers provides volunteer expertise for the fly-fishing activities of the event, which benefits area residents.

Please make plans to come out March 14 for TRWD's Flyfest and then on April 4 for your club's auction and fundraiser. You will not regret it.

SEE YOU THERE!

Auction Donations Invited

TO ALL MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND INTERESTED PARTIES.

We are now accepting your donations for our annual fundraiser.

Please bring your donations to our membership meeting on Jan. 7. Rick Hanes or Kevin Marlow will be available to accept anything you can think of (but please, no "garage sale" stuff).

We are expanding the selection of our Raffle offering, so almost anything is game, NEW items you or family members received as a gift and don't need or want (we won't tell), household items, games, fishing equipment, hunting equipment, tickets to ANY sports events; anything will work (almost).

Please email Kevin Marlow at kevin.l.marlow@gmail.com or Rick Hanes at rohdevelopment@aol.com to make arrangements for pick-up if you can't bring an item to the meeting.

FWF4
Fort Worth
Fly Fishers Fundraising Festival

Sat. April 4, 2020

Time TBD

Wild Acre Brewing Company

BIGGER



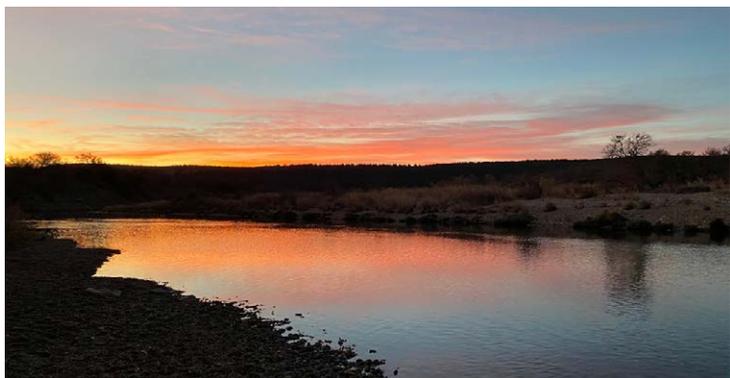
Prizes, Larger Variety of Live Auction Items and Expanded Raffle area. More chances to win prizes in the “KAYAK” raffle. Even more fun than before. Open to ALL.

Beer and Wine, Dinner,
more variety in Raffle

BETTER

It's (not just) All About the Fishing!

We changed the usual title of this section a bit because, as FWFF member Russell Husted likes to say, it's also about the adventure! And about being out in the great outdoors. Remember, feel free to send in your photos and stories from your own adventures to share with fellow club members. Email them to Jim Fuquay at jimfuquay@gmail.com or any other FWFF director.



FWFF member Cody Weaver sent us this photo from a recent fishing trip below the Possum Kingdom dam. Cody camped out just a few days after the November TPWD trout stocking. "A lot of people told me they limited out on Friday, but I talked to about 10 people that got nothing but some small bass, a couple catfish, and mostly sunfish all day Saturday. That was basically the case for me," he writes. A Saturday night hookup with a "decent size carp: on a 5-weight ("What a fight!" was a highlight. He arose early the following Sunday morning to snag this fine photo, along with "some very fun, decent sized sunfish, but no trout." That's fishing.

February Outing: Return to Club Favorite Beavers Bend in Oklahoma for Winter Trout Fishing

From your outing host, Greg Kohn:

Join the club this February on Friday, Feb. 21 through Sunday, Feb. 23, at the Beavers Bend Nature Cabins for another great outing to Beavers Bend State Park and the Lower Mountain Fork River near Broken Bow, Okla. We have reserved the same cabins as usual, Possum Landing, Whitetail, Spotted Fox and Eagle Nest. The cabin assignments will be made once the sign-up sheet is complete.

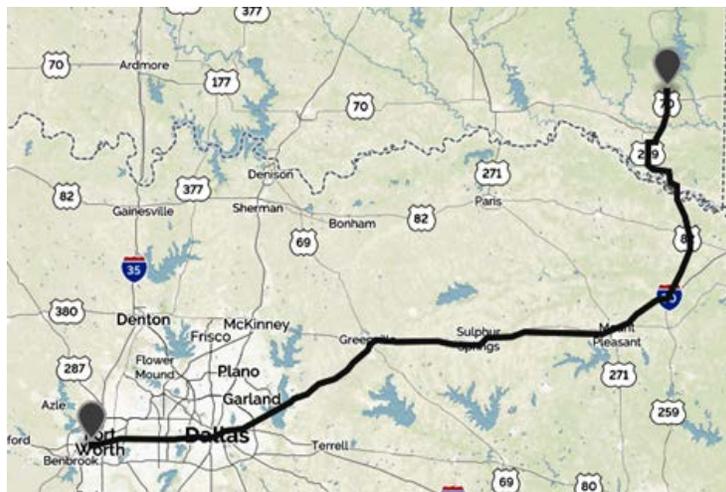
Friday evening, I will be leading an informal discussion about techniques, flies, hatches and locations to fish on the LMF in the park. If there is interest, I will lead an entomology gathering expedition on Saturday morning. We will be able to determine

what insects are present in the area and discuss patterns to match. The exact location on the river is not yet certain. This time of year, one would hope to find March Brown mayflies, Blue Wing Olive mayflies and midges as the most prominent species. Soft hackle nymphs or dry patterns imitating the March Browns work great when these insects are present.

The main course for dinner Saturday evening will be provided by the club. Please bring a salad or a desert to share. We will gather in the Possum Landing cabin at 7 p.m. for dinner.

A sign-up list will be available at the January membership meeting, or you can contact me and I will add you to the list. The cost for two nights in the cabins is determined by the number of anglers attending, the cost is usually about \$60 to \$70 a person. Club policy requires a \$50 nonrefundable deposit upon signing up for the outing. Checks are preferred for the deposit.

If you have questions about the outing, contact Greg at: gregkohn87@yahoo.com



FWFF member Abby Zimmerman with a rainbow on the November trip.



FWFF member Cole Summers shows off a rainbow.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

2020 OUTINGS CALENDAR			
DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	HOST
Jan. 18	Brazos River below Possum Kingdom Dam, Hwy 16, FF101	Trout, stripers, sand bass	
Feb. 14-16	Lower Mountain Fork, Beavers Bend State Park, near Broken Bow, Okla.	Trout	Greg Kohn
March 21	Nolan River near Blum, Texas	White bass	Russell Husted
April 17-19	Bill Ward Ranch near Mexia, Texas	Bass and perch	
May 16	Eagle Mountain Lake kayak outing	Bass	Donna O'Toole
June 19-21	Texas Coast, kayaking and wading, near Sargent	Speckled trout, redfish, black drum	Bryce Bezant
July	South Fork, Colorado	Trout	Russell Husted
August 15	Loughridge Lake - Fort Worth, Texas	Crappie, Bass, Catfish	
Sept. 19	Hill Country joint club outing - TBD	Carp, catfish, bass, gar	
Oct. 16-18	Oktoberfish - Llano River, South Llano River RV Park	Bass and perch	Fredericksburg Fly Fishers
Nov. 20-22	Lower Illinois River near Gore, Oklahoma	Trout, bass, catfish, carp	

EVENTS AROUND TEXAS AND THE NATION

For many more events and detailed information, visit the [Events page at Fly Fishers International](#) and the Facebook page of the [FFI Texas Council](#).

Time to Renew Your FWFF Membership

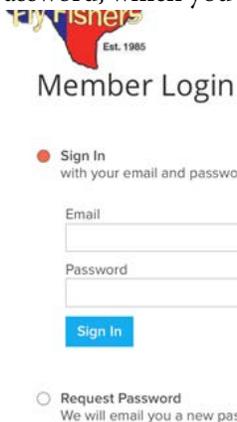
Our Fort Worth Fly Fishing memberships run for a calendar year. October marked the beginning of our renewal season. This year our goal is to have all members renewed by Jan. 1, 2020. This will assure members continue, without delay, to receive all the benefits of our local club plus the many educational benefits we earn from being a charter club to Fly Fishers International. The club's new, improved website is the easiest way for you to renew. Below is a step-by-step process for renewing online using a credit card in a secure transaction. It's especially convenient because all your membership information is entered by yourself and is updated in the club's membership database. You can still renew the old way, by writing a check at the monthly membership meeting or by mailing a check to FWFF, P.O. Box 1133, Fort Worth, TX 76101. But we encourage you to use the online system.

How to renew online:

1. Go to the website at www.fortworthflyfishers.org, and click on Member Login.



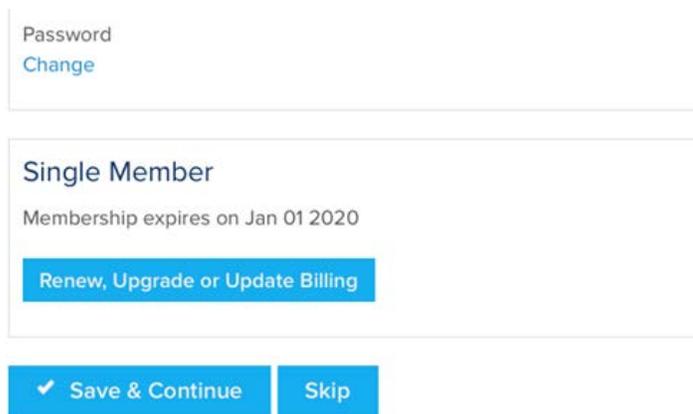
2. Log in with the email address you used when you last renewed. If you haven't logged in to the new website, click "Request Password." Your email address will receive a randomly generated password, which you can later change.



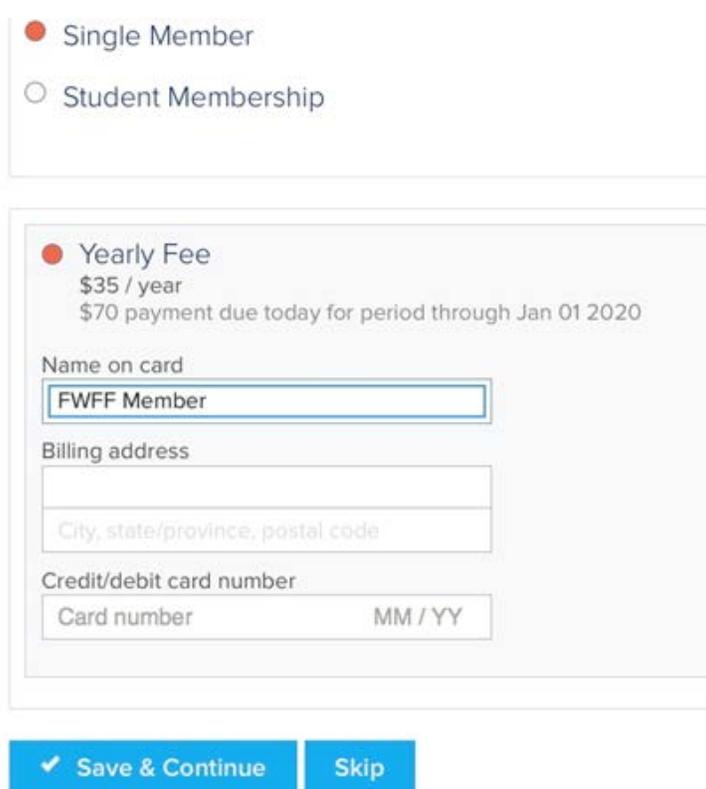
3. Click on "My Account" button on the Membership Welcome! page.



4. First, this is a good time to update your personal information, such as address and contact number listed under the "About" tab. You can also add as much or as little as you wish under the "Profile" tab. Now click on the "Renew, Upgrade or Update Billing" button.



5. Click on the type of membership you want: Family, Single or Student. The Yearly Fee will be automatically displayed to match your selection. Then fill in your name, home address and credit card data. Click the "Save & Continue" button.



That's it! You're good for another year of membership in Fort Worth Fly Fishers.



"Fishing can heal the mind. Talking and sharing can ease the pain." Retreat Participant



Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts **FREE** fly-fishing retreats for men living with all forms of cancer. The organization offers a unique experience for these men: introductory fly-fishing instruction to learn a new skill, "Courageous Conversations" a time to share their stories, form friendships, and gain renewed hope as they confront the challenges of their recovery. A maximum of 12-14 men are invited to participate in each retreat to ensure a quality experience and to create a powerful, small group dynamic.

Texas 2020 Retreat Schedule

Waring: April 3-5 (Veterans & Active Military Only). Sept.18-20 All Participants.

Glen Rose: April 17-19. October 9-11.

Navasota: May 1-3. October 30-November 1.

If you would like to be a participant, volunteer, or make a donation contact us at:
Toll Free 800.699.4490 info@reelrecovery.org www.reelrecovery.org

Giving. Learning. Living.

Founded in 1996, Casting for Recovery provides free retreats for women with breast cancer with a focus on improving quality of life through the therapeutic sport of fly fishing.

Supported entirely by donations and a team of over 1600 volunteers nationwide, CfR currently offers 42 retreats across the country, serving nearly 600 women each year. **Your generous help makes it possible to enrich the lives of women with breast cancer.**



Casting for Recovery

802.362.9181

info@castingforrecovery.org



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

Fly of the Month: *Royal Stimulator*

The first fly tier of 2020 is Jack Gillis, who will demonstrate how to tie the Royal Stimulator. The Stimulator is commonly thought of as an attractor, or searching, pattern, because it can resemble many things while imitating nothing particular. It is a great, buoyant pattern on fast water and pretty much defines Western river fishing. It fishes from spring to fall, imitating stoneflies, hoppers, caddis and pretty much every trout's fantasy. You should start with an orange stimulator first and then change flies if necessary.

The Royal Stimulator is recognized as the creation of Randall Kaufmann, a commercial tyer who popularized it in the early 1980s. But many credit the original design to Jim Slattery, who first called it his Fluttering Stonefly and then later renamed it the Stimulator. It is also closely related to another fly, the Sofa Pillow, that Pat Barnes developed in the 1940s.

In large sizes and dressed with a salmon-orange body, it can be used to resemble the large black stonefly, also known as the giant salmon fly. In smaller sizes and colors, it is frequently chosen to suggest yellow stoneflies, small yellow sallies, little brown stoneflies and olive sallies. It can also work as a caddis fly. And if that isn't enough, you can tie it stoutly and even add rubber legs to fish it as a hopper, cicada or beetle.

In his book, *Essential Trout Flies*, Dave Hughes comments: "As a searching dressing, it is hard to beat the Yellow Stimulator. It looks like so many things trout eat that they're almost always glad to get one. Tie and carry it in sizes 8 through 12 and give it a prominent place in your dry-fly box, whether or not you fish stonefly hatches."

With all of its built-in flotation, the "Stimi" rides high and is easy to see. That's a huge plus for those of us who are visually challenged. It works great as an indicator in front of another dry, an emerger or nymph dropper. When I first tied the Stimulator, I found I had a tendency to crowd the eye of the hook by making the abdomen too long and not leaving enough room for the thorax and head. I also made the tail too long and too bushy. Measure your tail approximately to the hook gap and keep it on the sparse side. If you're a beginning tyer, it will probably take some practice to get the proportions correct.

Creator of this trout fly: Randall Kaufmann

Country of origin for this trout flies fly: Oregon, USA

Materials

Hook: Firehole Sticks 718 Size 12

Thread: Veevus 16/0, black

Tail/Wing: Calf tail, white

Body: Peacock herl (rear); red floss (middle); Peacock herl (front)

Rib: Bright silver wire

Hackle: Golden badger

Head: Coated in Z-ment



Step 1: Attach your tying thread at the one-third point of the hook shank from the eye and tie it in as shown.

Step 2: Continue wrapping the thread toward the rear of the hook, stopping just past where the barb would be. Attach the calf tail with the hair ends facing back toward

the hook bend. Open-spiral wrap your thread until you reach the point that you started your thread. Make three tight wraps to lock in your work. Now trim the butt ends at a 45-degree angle. With touching wraps, wrap back to the base of the tail. Attach the peacock herl; attach the wire. Wrap your thread forward until your thread is between the barb and the point of the hook.



Step 3: With touching wraps, wrap the peacock until you reach your thread, and tie off. Wrap the thread to the halfway point of the hook and tie in the floss. Wrap the floss back to the herl and back to the tie-in point and tie off.



Step 4: Tie in another peacock herl where you finished the floss. Wrap the peacock herl forward until you meet the beginning of the calf tail ramp and tie off the peacock herl. Size your hackle feather so it is as long as the hook gap or a little shorter. It should not extend past the hook point. Tie it in with the shiny side facing forward.



Step 5: With open spiral wraps, palmer the hackle back to the silver wire and capture the hackle with the wire. Wrap the wire through the hackle until you get to where you tied in the hackle. Tie off the wire and helicopter it off to remove the waste wire.



Step 6: Measure and cut more calf tail so the wing extends between the peacock herl and the end of your tail. Make sure the butts do not cover the hook eye. Start the tie-in with two gathering wraps followed by increasing pressure to secure the calf tail to the shank.



Step 7: Select a front hackle that is a touch longer than the body hackle and tie it in with the shiny side facing forward. Tie in another peacock herl at the same location as the hackle. Both of these tie-in points should be where the initial gathering wraps were on the calf tail. Wrap the peacock forward to the hook eye and tie off.



Step 8: Wrap your hackle through the peacock herl and tie off at the hook eye. Trim or pull any errant hackle barbs, whip finish, and secure the fly with head cement or UV resin.



Carlos Crespo
FWFF Fly Tying Director

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:

441 Carroll Street

Montgomery Plaza

Fort Worth, TX

817-332-2423

Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.

Call ahead for details and information.

Tim Martin, Backwoods Fort Worth general manager, leads this group along with other store employees.

Backwoods fly tying nights are well attended with lots of knowledgeable tyers that are willing to help and share.

Arlington

El Fenix Mexican Restaurant

4608 S Cooper St.

Arlington TX 76017

817-557-4309

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, which meets in a space in the rear of the restaurant. Mexican cuisine and cold drinks 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.

FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS

Board of Directors

Position	Name	Term
President	David Hooper	2020-2021
Vice-President	Bryce Bezantt	2020-2021
Treasurer	Liz Davis	2020-2021
Secretary	Joy Summers	2018-2020
Membership	Donna O'Toole	2019-2020
Speakers	Glenn Guminski	2019-2020
Outings	Chris Patnode	2019-2020
Fly Tying	Carlos Crespo	2019-2020
Communications	Jim Fuquay	2020-2021
Conservation	Emily Craig	2020-2021
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