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Message From the President

As you are aware, recent events surround the pandemic have made in-person activities difficult for Fort Worth Fly Fishers. Whether dealing with physical distancing, group size restrictions or even finding an accommodating meeting space, what we once consider routine activities have presented challenges for our club. Over the next few months, we will be identifying opportunities to combine in-person events with best practices for safety in an effort to maintain our sense of community and share our passion of fly fishing.

On Aug. 7, we will be offering the second of our three-part summer education series, this one on fly tying. Guest tyers will be demonstrating skills to tie practical and effective flies almost guaranteed to catch fish. This event will have opportunities to participate in person as well as online. In the coming days, you will receive further information regarding the venue and access to the online broadcast.

The Aug. 15 monthly outing will be moved from Brazos Point (think no shade) to the Nolan River (think shade) for the comfort of our participants. We will meet at the Blum Athletic Complex at 6:30 a.m. for those interested in participating. Additional information can be found in this newsletter. We do ask that all interested in participants contact Chris Patnode at chrispatnode@benekeith.com prior to the event date so that we can get a roster of those attending. This will allow us to properly plan for distribution in the river to allow for social distancing and meet safety guidelines. We do ask that when in close proximity of other participants all attendees wear a buff or mask to minimize contact.

We hope you can participate in the August events and look forward to seeing you soon.

Stay well,
David Hooper

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August Outing: Nolan River
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Upcoming Speakers

Month	Speaker	Presentation Title
August	Summer Learning Series	Fly Tying
September	Summer Learning Series	Casting
October	Craig Hayes, Belize	Turneffe Atoll
November	Ed Tamson, Florida	Fly Fishing in the Florida Everglades

August Membership Meeting Moves to Backwoods Fort Worth on Aug. 4



The August membership meeting, typically our annual fly-tying workshop, will be relocated to Backwoods Fort Worth this year and will have limited seating. Come and learn from two of the best fly tiers in the country, Dutch Baughman and Kyle Hand.

Here are the details:

- Place: Backwoods store in Montgomery Plaza - 441 Carroll St., Fort Worth
- Date: Aug 4 at 7 p.m.
- Zoom meeting link: to be sent a day or two before the meeting - look for David Hooper's email



Because of health safety regulations, Backwoods cannot have more than 25 people at the store, which means we only have 18 spots available for members. Store staff, fly tyers, and other personnel take up the other 7 spots. **Attendance will be controlled by reservation only.**

If you are interested in attending the workshop in person, **please contact FWFF Fly Tying Director Carlos Crespo at 817-908-9274 or email at carlos.alfredo.crespo@gmail.com.** Please make sure you receive a reply to your email or a text to confirm your spot. There will be a waiting list if more than 18 people are interested in attending in person.

Please do NOT show up at the store that evening if you have not received a confirmation from Carlos. If we are at capacity, it is likely we cannot let you in (and that is something we really don't want to do). If you prefer not to attend in person, you can join us via Zoom as in previous meetings. David Hooper will send the link before the meeting.

The workshop will not be a tie-along event, and the flies Dutch and Kyle will tie are not for beginners. We will try to record the event and upload it to the web afterwards so you can tie along, if you so wish.

Please follow state and city health safety regulations: wear a mask while indoors and maintain social distancing.

Many thanks to Backwoods for hosting the event and to our remarkable fly tiers, Dutch and Kyle, for sharing their knowledge with the club.

How to Join the July 7 Membership Meeting on Zoom

All you need is a computer, monitor and internet connection to participate. You'll need to download the Zoom app, but you don't have to create an account. Just watch for an email from FWFF President David Hooper with the necessary link to the meeting. Click on the link, enter the meeting number, and you'll be in like Flint.

NOTE: To make sure you get David's email, add president@fortworthflyfishers.org to your Contacts list or to your list of safe email senders. If you are a current, paid member, you should receive the email.

Colorado Trip Salvages 2020

Well, with all we are having to deal with it, the Colorado 2020 Trip did go down, and as expected, it was not the same.

Social distancing and worrying about the virus hindered the excitement of the trip. With initial lodging plans falling through, and the reality of not being able to stay together as a group, we played the hand we were dealt. Add in not being able to stay over in New Mexico, and with our nightly entertainment from musician Bruce Sublett not going to happen, the fishing and food with friends was the hope for a great week.

That's exactly what happened.

The week started off with a trip to see my father's plaque, realizing it had been 20 years since his passing. It was really great to have my son Ryan with me at that somber moment. That mood changed that afternoon, with a great start to the fishing at Park Creek. Small to medium-size browns were very active that afternoon, taking parachute Adams flies. A short drive back to the lodge, with a pot roast and veggies ready for us, was a nice way to end the first day.

For the next five days, we hit the local streams and the Rio Grande, with varying levels of success. Although the numbers may have been down, the quality of trout was very impressive. Hearing of low water, high water temps, and high potential for rain, I was very pleased how the week turned out. We stuck to our plans of big hoppers and small dries throughout the week, and caught some amazing trout! Add in some amazing food, very pleasant temps, and a relaxing week away, the time flew by and it was a great trip.

There were many bright spots throughout the week, but two really stick out to me.

First was when Rick Haness and I stalked a very large trout that was finning like a redfish in a pool that was at the top of a big bend. We spotted the big trout, and spent the next 30 minutes trying to get this great specimen to take our offerings. It did not happen on this day, but it did happen two days later, when Cody was fishing with me. Having Cody with me was special and unexpected. Cody's wife, Julia, had broken her arm earlier in the week, and went back home to Dallas to get taken care of. Cody asked if he could hang out with me and take some pics of the day, which was super cool, as he was able to be with me when the biggest trout I have ever landed went down.

It was a special moment for me, and his moment was to come. After following me for quite some time, I said why don't you fish some, so he did. We approached another bend in the river, and I said hit this one, and it wasn't long till Cody had a big brown on, which was landed and photographed. After a few more large trout were caught, Cody pulled out a very large pink and brown hopper to fish. He said this was fly was given to Julia by Ted Warren, and Julia told Cody to catch a trout on it. and boy did he do that. Five casts later, and he was into a very large cut bow, which was finally landed by me. (FYI, you do not want me netting your fish, as was evident here!) But we got it done, and we were both so excited.

After returning home and settling back into the crazy routines I

deal with daily, I took some time, reviewed the photos of the trip, and reflected back on the week. I am very grateful, and glad we moved forward on the trip, as it will be a trip to remember, in so many good, and different ways. I missed the time with the group, but I thoroughly enjoyed the time with my son and friends, in the place that is so special to me. Until next year.



Yes, as a matter of fact this building is meant to represent the year 2020.



Hooking into a nice trout.



North Clear Creek Falls near Creede, Colo.

Colorado Trip Salvages 2020- Contd.



Here, brookie brookie, you little jewel.

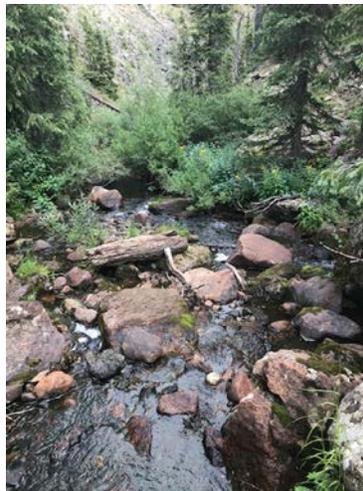


Rick Hanes toasts a good day and a fine fish dinner.



Comet Covid-19 - no, make that Comet Neowise - over North Clear Creek Falls.

Whaddayathink? Any fish in there?



Russell Husted and The Big One.



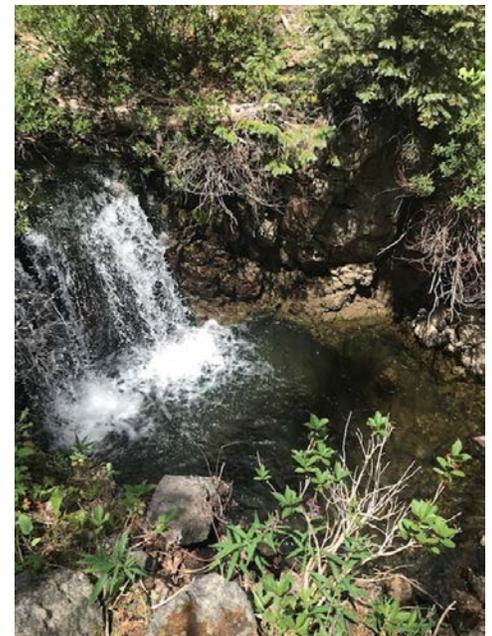
Russell cradles a nice trout.



A handsome cutbow poses for a portrait.

Trout live in the prettiest places.

Russell Husted
FWFF Member



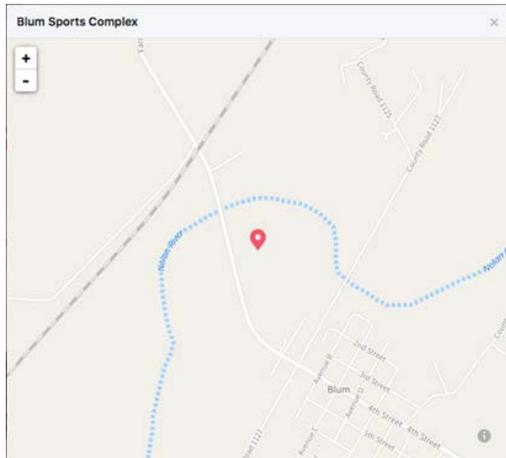
August 15 Outing Moves to Nolan River



FWFF Outings Director Chris Patnode landed this personal best freshwater drum in July on the Nolan River. The fish is also known as a gasper goo, or, according to Wikipedia, a whole slew of other names that include: shepherd's pie, gray bass, Gaspergou, gou, grunt, grunter, grinder, wuss fish, gooble gobble and croaker.

With the arrival of triple-digit heat in Texas, our August outing will move from the gravel banks of Brazos Point on the Brazos River to the shadier Nolan River near Blum. Blum is located on FM 933 just outside Cleburne, about 45 minutes from downtown Fort Worth. The Nolan River, with its stretches of water, abundant species and tall shade trees, is perfect for a morning of tight lines, reconnecting with fellow fishermen and protection from the sun. Few anglers traverse the banks of the Nolan River outside of the spring White Bass run, allowing us free rein on several quality fishing holes and the ability to social distance from one another.

The Nolan River is home to largemouth bass, numerous panfish, shad, white bass, freshwater drum, catfish, buffalo carp, common carp and spotted gar, to name a few. A 6-weight to 8-weight fly rod with floating line should cover all the species listed above and suffice for nearly all stretches of the river. Flies recommended for the Nolan River are crawfish patterns such as the ball peen craw, freshwater Clousers and small nymphs for carp.



Plan to meet Saturday, Aug. 15 at 6:30 a.m. at the Blum Sports Complex in Blum, just off FM 933 after the first river bridge crossing.

Please bring your favorite fishing gear, a cold beverage for yourself to stay hydrated, a healthy snack for yourself,

an assortment of lucky flies and a mask or buff for social distancing. At the meeting point we will briefly discuss different access points, member safety and have copies of our club pandemic disclaimer for all members to sign.

This outing is hosted by longtime member Les Jackson who can be contacted at (817)-253-0943 or via email at keebranch@sbcglobal.net. If you plan on attending, please contact Les or Outings Director Christopher Patnode at (817)-819-5519 or chrispatnode@benekeith.com so we can get an accurate head count. If you would like an emailed copy of the new club Covid waiver prior to the outing, please email Chris at chrispatnode@benekeith.com. This should be a great day in beautiful Blum, and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

It's All About the Fishing!

This is where we highlight recent fishing experiences of our members. If you have a story or photos to share, please send them to newsletter editor Jim Fuquay at jimfuquay@gmail.com.



FWFF members Christina and Chris Patnode enjoyed themselves on a summer trip to Lake Texoma aboard the boat of guide Steve Hollensed. Chris reports that "topwater striper fishing using double barrel poppers is hard to beat." Looks like it.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

2020 OUTINGS CALENDAR

DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	HOST
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, 2020	Loughridge Lake - Fort Worth, Texas	Crappie, Bass, Catfish	
Sept. 19th	Hill Country joint club outing - TBD	Carp, catfish, bass, gar	
Sept. 28-Oct. 1	Fisheads of the San Juan River in New Mexico	Trout	
Oct. 16-18	Oktoberfish - Llano River, South Llano River RV Park	Bass and perch	Fredricksburg 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](#).

FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS – FUNDRAISING

Well, the first two of a series of our online auctions are over, and I might add that they were a huge success. For those of you who didn't get the "memo", FWF4 has had to resort to a more innovative format to help raise funds for our club and its commitments to our community. We appreciate ALL who submitted their bids, sorry all couldn't win!

But all is not lost! Stay tuned to our newsletter and social media outlets for exciting news in the near future.

Until then, Fort Worth Fly Fishers would like to extend its gratitude to the following guides and donors for contributing to our first virtual auctions:

- Action Angler: www.actionangler.net, 830-708-FISH
- Up Stream on the Fly: Greg Welander, guide; www.upstreamonthefly.com 512-348-8359
- Houston Fly Fishing: Danny Scarborough, guide; www.houstonflyfishing.com 832-257-9578
- Donavan Clary, www.oklahomaflyfishing.net 405-558-1874
- Fly Fish Rockport: Capt. Jeff Johnson, guide; www.flyfishrockport.com
- Levi Hutchinson, guide; L16films@yahoo.com 254- 485-1781
- Russell Husted, guide; FWFF member and supporter
- Les Jackson, guide, FWFF member and supporter
- Pirate's Cove Condominiums, Port O'Conner, Paul Bonner, 940-642-2568
- Cecil J. Hash, bamboo rod builder; ceciljacksonhash@gmail.com

Please, if you plan a fishing trip, need a place to stay or need a quality custom fly rod, call these donors. They supported us. Let's support them.

FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS

KAYAK/PONTOON RAFFLE 2020

*3 Chances to Win

CONTACT BILL HODGES FOR TICKETS: bcolphodges@aol.com

1ST PRIZE

JACKSON "MAYFLY" 2019

Color: Wicked



The 2019 MayFly is a fly fishing oriented sit-on-top, loaded with features to make kayak fly fishing more fun and user friendly. The MayFly has a versatile hull optimized for tracking, stability, and speed in popular fly fishing conditions and destinations, including tropical flats, slow-moving rivers, lakes and ponds. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by fly fisherman, particularly fly line management, the MayFly includes a myriad of design aspects to address the needs of fly fisherman creating the ultimate kayak fly fishing platform. Snag-free footrests and features, protected fly box storage, unique fly rod storage options, rod butt props for dealing with tangles, integrated and protected fly patches, and more cater to the high-performance features expert fly fisherman need while being versatile and stable enough to bring new anglers to the sport.



- NEW Elite Seating System
- Snag free wide open standing area
- Snag free one-piece foot brace system with line anchor to secure fly line while paddling
- Large stern well designed for JKooler or Orion 25 Cooler
- Snag free bungee flip down fly box holders lined with foam
- Storage for fly gear like nippers, forceps and tippet
- Bow hatch storage bin for fly vests, hip packs, or others items for easy access when wade fishing
- Hi-Lo, trimmable seating
- Aluminum accessory tracks
- Raymarine transducer scupper
- Standing pad
- Specialized fly rod storage with molded in reel pockets
- Rod butt props to help with line tangles

2ND PRIZE

JACKSON "Cruise 12" 2019

Color: Lime



When your angling lifestyle takes you everywhere from ponds to saltwater lagoons, the Jackson Kayak Cruise 12 Sit-On-Top Kayak is your ticket to seared salmon at your next

meal. The twelve foot length provides enough speed for large lakes and rivers, without sacrificing maneuverability and simple storage solutions when the fishing season ends. The wide hull is user friendly, offering the stability to reach for rods or tackle, handle small rapids, or even stand up. Hull storage provides room for warmer clothing and a lunch, while the day hatch is an easy-to-reach home for your phone or keys. If you're feeling ambitious, two flush mount rod holders can be used for trolling, and an included rod mount can be attached at your convenience. With breathable mesh fabric and improved lumbar support on the Ergo seat, you can get after it all day, and there's no need to worry about space for your catch—bungee straps across the tank well offer a secure spot for your cooler full of fish, eager for the fry.

1 TICKET \$ 20

3 TICKETS \$ 50

6 TICKETS \$ 100

3RD PRIZE

CLASSIC ACCESSORIES

9' Inflatable Pontoon

Color: Blue

The Classic Accessories 9-foot pontoon features 6 mesh, and 6 zippered pockets, this boat has room for all your gear.

With oars and a padded swivel seat, this boat includes everything you need to get out to the lake in comfort.

- Supports up to 400 lbs. (person and gear)
- Suitable for Class 1 river use
- 108 in. Long x 57 in. Wide x 28.5 in. High (to top of seat)
- Motor mount for trolling



Drawing WILL occur on Sept. 12, 2020 parking lot of Wild Acre Brewing Company Ft. Worth, TX at 5 pm
Attendance not required to WIN

<http://jacksonkayak.com>

www.fortworthflyfishers.org

Water Safety Reminder:

Two teens drown in Brazos River Below Possum Kingdom Dam

In July two Fort Worth teens who were fishing in the tailwater of the Possum Kingdom Dam drowned. This is a location often fished by club members and others, and the deaths are a reminder to always respect the power of moving water. According to an online report by KRLD radio, a fisherman dropped a cell phone into the Brazos and his two companions moved to help him. Two of the young people drowned in the attempt.

Just a year earlier, two men drowned in the same area after their boat capsized, according to other news reports. Think about that: They had a boat to hang on to, and they still drowned. We don't know this for sure, but chances are all these victims were near the dam's discharge area – on the wrong side of the overhead cable that warns of a danger zone.

In these days of social distancing, more people may be fishing alone or widely separated from others. That puts a premium on water safety. Think about the last time you tried to wade a river that was flowing swiftly and your foot came down a foot or more farther downstream than you expected. The faster the current, the more weight it pushes against you. The deeper you wade, the more water hits you. Anything knee-deep and more should have your complete attention.

We thought this would be a good time to publish some guidance on keeping safe on the water. For that we've turned to FWFF's own Liz Davis for some tips. Liz is not only our current finance director, but she's also a scuba diver who is a credentialed Dive Master through the Professional Association of Diving Instructors as well as a Certified Kayak Instructor. So pay attention, she knows what she's talking about.

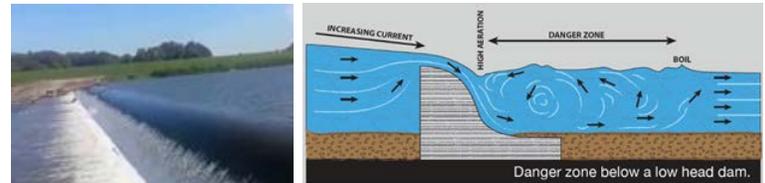
Take it away, Liz.

The key to having a safe experience on the river, whether you are fishing from the shore or from your kayak, is being aware of your surroundings, knowing the characteristics of the river and how to read the water flow.

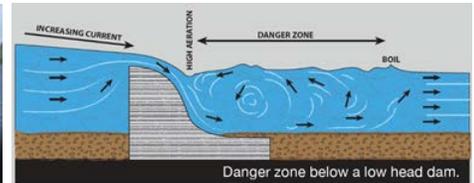
I have reviewed safety guidelines from both Texas Parks and Wildlife and Fly Fishing International. Though both sources are very informative and detailed, I would like to focus on reading the river and avoiding potential hazards such as low head dams.

"River reading" is a helpful skill that can be acquired with diligent practice. This skill can be used whether in a kayak or wading. Understanding the line and characteristics of the flow can help you avoid dangers.

Low head dams have been called the "deceptive drowning machine" because you can't be sure of the water's true depth. On the surface, they can appear to be shallow and relatively calm. But below the surface are circular currents that can present a deadly trap that would take literally a miracle to escape. One rule is to avoid all structures that are built perpendicular to the current or flow of the river.



<https://www.hannonlaw.com/blog/low-head-dams/>



<https://coyotegulch.blog/2017/06/24/runoff-news-low-head-dam-hazards/>

Deceptive Drowning Machine



TRAPPED Low-head dams don't appear dangerous. Because the structure is hidden underwater, boaters, kayakers, and other floaters can't judge how deep the water is above and below the dam—or how fast it moves over the top. Also hidden is the deadly hydraulic, caused by the large volume of water flowing over the structure. Victims are usually trapped between the two current forces.

<http://fwpp.mt.gov/mtoutdoors/HTML/articles/2019/lowheaddams.htm>

Now that you know how it works, here are some helpful tips.

1. Before going on your fishing excursion, check with local authorities about the river conditions in area you will be fishing. Here are helpful links.
 - a. <https://www.climate.gov/maps-data/dataset/river-levels-graphs>
 - b. <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/rt>
2. HEED ALL WARNING SIGNS - they are posted for a reason.
3. Belt up your waders. This will prevent water from filling your waders if you happen to take a dunk. Water-logged waders are very heavy. One cubic foot of water weighs approximately 62 pounds.
4. Constantly be aware of your surroundings. Use all of your senses. Look for a disrupted horizon line. Listen for rushing water.
5. Also, use your wading staff. In murky waters or an area with low light, it's hard to determine the depth or a dropoff.
6. If you feel uncomfortable about any situation while in the river, then exit the water and portage (walk) to the next spot.
7. Possessions can be replaced. Do not dive in after them near a questionable area.

Remember, the river does not care if you are a "Master Swimmer," PADI Dive Master, or an ACA certified kayak instructor. It is a powerful force that has to be observed and respected. Ignore it, disregard it, at your risk.

Liz Davis

CONSERVATION CORNER

Common Causes of Fish Kills

There's nothing appealing about a bunch of dead fish floating past your favorite swimming spot. And it's not comforting to see fish belly up where you planned to cast a line to catch your supper or have your family swim.

Recent fish kills in the upper reaches of the Brazos River have left many people concerned about the cause and potential fallout from these kills. It's important to understand there are many different reasons a fish kill can occur. A fish kill refers to a localized die-off of one species or multiple species of fish.

So, what causes fish kills? There are actually a number of reasons large numbers of fish might die, but let's look at a few:

- **Dissolved oxygen**
- **Water temperature**
- **Harmful algal blooms**
- **Toxins, pesticides, fertilizers and chemicals**
- **Diseases, virus, bacteria and parasites**

If you see a fish kill on the Brazos River or anywhere in the state, call the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's 24-hour communication center at (512) 389-4848 or email le.communications@tpwd.texas.gov. Prompt notification is key to successfully determining the cause of a fish kill.

It is helpful to the TPWD Kills and Spills Team to provide as much information as possible such as the location, date, and time you noticed the fish kill. If possible, also note if there is an obvious change in the water's color, clarity or if there is any odor.

If you're familiar with fish, try to estimate the number, size and species you see, or if they are all simply very small or large. You might also provide observations on recent weather conditions and behavior of the fish. Are they all dead or are some still alive? You might also note changes, if any, to plants or other animals you may see that are affected.

When there is a report of dead fish in Brazos basin reservoirs or rivers, the BRA's environmental team will assist the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Kills and Spills Team, document the event and investigate the cause.

Most of the time, dead fish will not be removed from waterways. As part of the natural life cycle, the fish will usually be consumed by other wildlife or will decay through natural processes.

No matter the cause, there are also good standard practices any time dead fish are in your area. Good practices include not swimming near dead or dying fish and not eating dead or dying fish. Only eat fish that appear healthy at the time they are caught.

This article is based on a longer online report by the Brazos River Authority. You can read the entire report here: <https://brazos.org/Newsletter/Summer-2020/Fish-Kills>

Emily Craig
FWFF Conservation Director

Another Take on Alaska Fishing



Photo courtesy of Bob Waldrop Photography/Bristol Bay Regional Development Corp.

Sure, we're fly fishers, but that doesn't mean we aren't interested in other forms of fishing. For a really different look at fishing, take a look at how the commercial fishers catch salmon offshore Alaska.

I know many FWFF members have taken wonderful fishing trips to the beautiful waters of Alaska. I haven't yet fished there, but I visited this amazing state when I attended the wedding of a niece to a genuine Alaska salmon fisherman. Today, Mike and Maddie O'Laire operate the F/V Courageous in Bristol Bay and run [Smart Source Seafood](#) in Homer, Alaska, where they live.

Maddie sends regular updates when Mike and his crew are out fishing, which they are right now, and I thought it would be fun to pass along her observations on their lifestyle. Here's what her email from mid-July had to say:



"The fishing is great in Bristol Bay! To date, over 25 million fish have been harvested in the entire fishery, which is roughly 125 millions pounds of sockeye salmon.

"Processors have put limits on the fishermen at times, so they can keep up with all the fish coming into the plant. Instead of compromising quality, they'll give the fishermen a limit of how much they can catch during the opener. We had several days of 4,000 lb. limits, and two days of no fishing at all. It's super frustrating to see fish jumping all around you and not be able to catch them! The silver lining is that it gives you an excuse to get caught up on sleep and boat projects. From talking to Mike, I don't think he caught up on sleep, but he got a lot of other things done ;-). He always says 'I'll sleep in September.' "

The F/V Courageous is a 32-foot gillnetter. Mike, a Washington State native, has lived and fished in Alaska since 2000, while Maddie, believe it or not, is from Dallas.

Jim Fuquay
FWFF Communications Director

Fly Tying article from 2016.

Fly of the Month- "Sam's One Bug"



Our November Fly of the month, "Sam's One Bug" (S1B) comes to us from Don C. "Puck" Puckett

Recipe:

Hook: Mustad 33903-BR size 6

Thread: Size "A" rod wrapping thread, color to match body

Glue: CA, E6000, or similar. In this example I am using "booger glue"

Tail: Marabou to match body, and silicone bass skirt legs, in this example barred yellow

Body: 3/8" closed cell foam post. In this example, yellow

Legs: Silicone bass skirt leg. Here I used "root beer"

Eyes: Black marker

I can't take credit for this fly as I found the original here: <http://flyangersonline.com/flytying/fotw2/011507fotw.php>

Sam's One Bug: Created by Craig E. "Sam" Blevins

Written up by Warren Patterson

I've tweaked the tying steps and materials to match my tying style (SCE) but the concept is still quite the original. This version makes a lot of noise if you want it to. I actually rip it across the water making pops and splashes that bass and panfish find extremely annoying. They just want to kill it, not eat the fly.

Wrap a good base of thread covering the entire hook shank. This will be what the foam must be glued to. Without this base, the foam will spin on the shaft, and render the fly useless.



Clean and measure a marabou feather. You want this feather to be fairly full, with no hard fibers.



Tie on the marabou to extend a hook shank's length past the bend. Trim and get ready to add the silicone. There really is no need for the silicone in



the tail, but a lot of folks seem to like it. It will make the tail of the fly sit lower in the water, creating a louder "pop" when you use a slow retrieve.



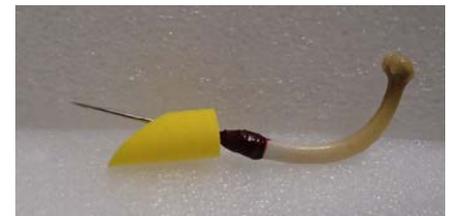
Here you see that I've trimmed the silicone tail to the length of the marabou.

With the 3/8" foam I like to make a 30-45° cut ride

up the middle, creating 2 foam bodies. This angle will allow a gap between the hook and the body, which I think allows more hook-ups than just laying it onto the top of the hook shank.



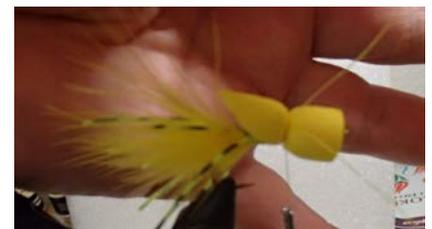
Here is the big difference between the original and my version. I don't slice a groove into my foam. I poke a hole through the foam, centering on the face and coming out close to the bottom of the body towards the rear of the hook. If you totally mess up this step, you can set the body aside and use a slice from the bottom to attach it to another hook shank.



Put some of your glue onto the hook shank. I use quite a bit because it acts a lubricant when you slide the foam body into place. You want the body to sit just at the eye of the hook. In this picture it looks completely

off, but you'll see that the next steps bring it back into line.

Soft wrap the body about 3/8-1/2" behind the head 3 or 4 times. This is where you will start applying pressure, forming the popping head. Once



Fly of the Month- "Sam's One Bug" -Contd.

satisfied that the head is forming, start applying pressure causing the thread to bind the body down.



Now that the head is formed, whip finish the body, glue it and cut the thread. Here you can see the bodkin poked through the body just behind the popping head.

This is the hole that you will use for the legs.



The tool used here is a leg tool, or a "knit picker" from the local fabric shop. Shove it through the same hole you just made behind the head.



Place 3 silicone legs into the leg tool, and pull them half-way through. A drop of glue here is not a bad idea, because the bluegill love to pull the legs out.

Cut the legs, trying to keep them even. Keeping them even has no affect on the fish, but if they are too far off the fly will spin in the air, twisting your tippet beyond repair.

Use a marker and make some eyes on each side. Let dry completely and go fishing.

Barry Webster
Tying Director



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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.

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Orvis Fort Worth

4601 West Freeway, No. 310

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Second Tuesday of the month

682-703-7675

Stephen Woodcock, fly fishing manager of the Fort Worth Orvis store, leads a monthly fly-tying session that starts Feb. 18 and after that continues on the second Tuesday of the month. Materials are provided, but bring your own vice, tools and thread.

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.

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