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Message From the President

As the year comes to a close, it's time to recognize those board members whose terms expire and will conclude their board service. This past year has been anything but "conventional." These individuals have shown tremendous creativity, flexibility, and patience as they worked to bring our members programs and services during a time that seemed to offer weekly disruptions.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to outgoing board members Donna O'Toole, Glenn Guminski, Jacob Sherwood, Amanda Sherwood, Carlos Crespo, and Kevin Marlow. Your passion for your board roles has been incredible and I appreciate the opportunity we have had to work with each of you. Even in these difficult times, you rose to the challenges and your contributions will be felt for years to come.

To that end, I would also like to welcome new board members Brett Morehead, Jack Gillis, Brad Dodson and Reid Winger. We appreciate your willingness to serve and take part in the leadership of our association. If club members are interested in serving on the board, we still have opportunities available. I would be pleased to speak with anyone interested to discuss roles and responsibilities available and to address any questions you may have.

For many of us, 2020 has pulled at our hearts and minds in ways we may have never thought imaginable. While personal losses and economic hardships have impacted so many, it also provided a fertile ground to grow new opportunities. The events of 2020 mandated we explore new ways to connect and exercise creativity in our approach to traditional activities. As we begin the new year, we are excited about our pursuits to offer new services and activities and look forward to making announcements about some of those in the very near future.



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In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to each of you who engaged in club activities on any level this past year. Our membership is at an all-time high and continues to grow. I will always believe this is the result of a strong membership community and the valuable connections made through the club. On behalf of your entire board, I want to thank you for your participation and wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

Stay well,
David Hooper



No Membership Meeting in December

One final reminder that we will not hold our usual Holiday Party this year, due to pandemic restrictions. Everyone stay safe.



A Brief Look at 2021's Speakers

The pandemic has played havoc with many things this year, but it hasn't slowed down FWFF Director Glenn Guminski's work to line up another excellent lineup of speakers for 2021. Here is a quick preview on what we've got planned for the first few months, with the understanding that changes may be unavoidable. **Note that until further notice, all monthly membership meetings and speaker presentations will be held online via Zoom.**

Month	Speaker	Topic
January	Jeff Currier	<i>Fly fishing for bass, pike, carp and more in warm waters</i>
February	Landon Mayer	<i>A look at Colorado from one of FWFF's favorite guests</i>
March	Hilary Hutcheson	<i>Turning fly-fishing passion into purpose (TENTATIVE)</i>
April	Chris Johnson	<i>Fly fishing the Texas Hill Country</i>
May	Chris Taylor	<i>A first-hand tour of New Mexico's famed San Juan River</i>

Return to New Mexico's San Juan River

I was around Albuquerque on Oct. 30, and I could not resist the turn to the north. Two hours later I found myself at the San Juan River. The pandemic restrictions at Navajo Lake State Park had not been lifted, so my wife and I decided to do a little wading from the Bureau of Land Management access point and also a few float trips with Fisheads San Juan River Lodge in the town of Navajo Dam, N.M.



We could not ask for better weather for late October going into November. The mornings started out around 30 degrees and the highs ended up around 75 degrees. Winds were light. We did miss about 10 inches of snow the prior week and some of the accumulation could still be seen in the shaded areas. It was important to dress in layers that could be removed over the first few hours of the day.

The river flows were around 450 cubic feet per second (cfs), down from 750 cfs a month earlier when 16 members of Fort Worth Fly Fishers, including us, were at the river. The river flows were slowly declining and expected to slow even more due to the low water levels in Navaho Lake. The river was very clear, but not quite the visibility in late September. We had a full moon. Some people believe a full moon has a negative impact on all fishing. Some say the moon phase only impacts lakes and ocean fishing and it does not make a difference in rivers. Our guides had mixed views.

We decided to go on three float trips with three different guides. All of our guides had from 10 to 20-plus years on the San Juan. Most guides like to share their knowledge and techniques for fishing the river. We were happy to listen and learn. We also decided to start all the trips at Texas Hole and work downriver from there. We were targeting larger fish. As far as I know, the chances of hooking up with larger fish are better in the upper float. **(Refer to the map, on the following page, which comes from the Fisheads San Juan Lodge website.)**

Sunday was the first float trip. We launched at Texas Hole but quickly rowed downstream. We used the guide's equipment and we enjoyed trying out the 10-foot, 5-weight rods. Most of the

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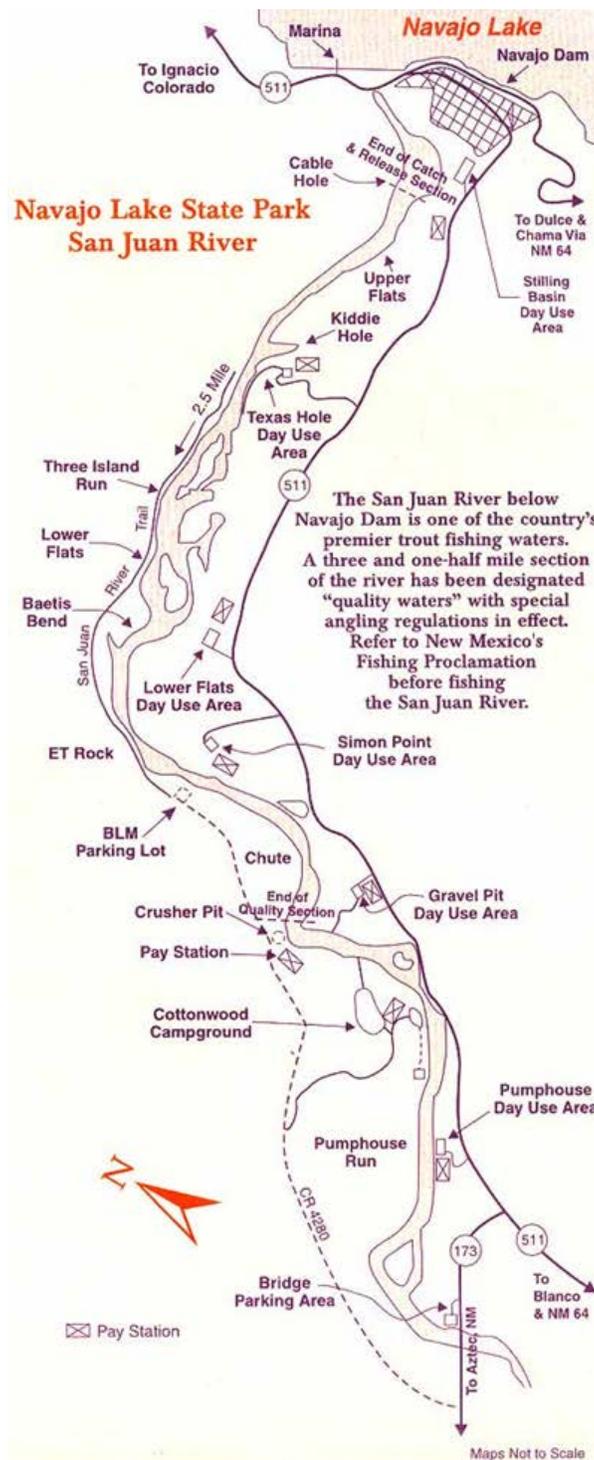
day we fished with a cork bobber/strike indicator appropriate for the depth and speed of water, with tippet of 4x to the top fly (a dark leech pattern) and 5x to the bottom fly (size-24 midge or baetis patterns). The leech pattern would draw the trout from quite a long distance. I watched several trout move six feet or more to eat the leech. Bigger fish seem to like this pattern. The leech might resemble the weeds or moss that the trout target, given that the vegetation can be filled with worms.

Given the lower flows, our guide wanted us to work on different presentations in several areas of the river. He told us, "I am going to tell you to do things that totally contradict what you have been told about trout fishing." He instructed us to "Mend the hell out of the flies," and in some cases twitch the flies. The thinking was that insects don't just float down the river. They move up and down. The technique worked very well, and I enjoyed the more active technique.

The weeds go in one end of the trout and out the other. The guides call them "salad shooters." You know you had a good day when the bottom of the boat is covered. We had a good day.

We discussed our day of fishing on the drive back to the lodge. The summary was a very busy morning, a slowdown after lunch, and a strong finish. Several double rainbows, a bunch between 15 and 20 inches, a few over 20 inches, and two at 25 inches. Only a couple were brown trout, even though the mix of browns to rainbows in the San Juan is reported to be 50-50.

On Monday we headed to the BLM access point with a plan to wade fish a few hours and then head to Aztec for a late lunch or early dinner. I have been to the San Juan several times but never spent much time wading below Texas Hole. When we waded on the group trip at the end of September, we accessed the river at the BLM parking lot and we fished upstream between ET rock and the island pretty close to the BLM parking lot. We had a few bites around ET rock but the water was very slow and deep. I have some learning to do in this type of water.



We had better luck in the faster water around the island by the BLM parking lot toward the end of the day. Moving downstream, we did not see much until we walked for about 10 minutes. The river narrowed a bit, shallow water on the near side, deep trough on the far side, with some rocks here and there. The river had just been stocked, so trout McNuggets were everywhere. Some quality fish could be found in the trough. We caught a few very small rainbows and some medium rainbows, and then we headed to Aztec for a gourmet dinner.

After about a 30-minute drive you can be in the town of Aztec. Our plan was to go to Rubia's Fine Mexican Dining, but they were closed due to COVID. Plan B was developed on the fly, so we ended up at the Wendy's drive-thru, where I had an apple-pecan chicken salad and my wife, Candy, had a chicken sandwich. For desert we drove a short distance to a nearby A&W and I had an A&W root beer float and my wife had a vanilla ice cream cone. Good stuff.

Note that the Aztec National Monument is also nearby and is worth a visit.

Tuesday was the second float trip. We launched at Texas Hole and fished most areas beginning at Texas Hole down to the takeout area. We used more of the typical San Juan stuff, which consisted of size-24 midges, baetis nymphs and baetis foam-back emergers. The flies were set up with a strike indicator appropriate for the depth and speed of water, and tippet of 4x or 5x to the top fly, then 5x to the bottom fly. The guide wanted us to drift with minimal mending. We caught good numbers of fish throughout the day and the fishing was consistent over the entire float. The average size was smaller than Sunday, but there were still a couple just over 20 inches. Almost all of the fish were rainbows.

Wednesday was our last float trip and the most interesting day. We launched at Texas Hole. The first pass down Texas Hole was a short one. We did not catch anything, but we did see the "Troutnado" -- a whole bunch of rainbow trout swimming in a

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circle. The guide said they were grubbin' – tearing up the weeds and then eating the worms in the water. He quickly changed to this setup: indicator, weight, a single strand of rubber worm material tied to the tippet, a red, size-16 hook two inches below, a length of tippet with a weight, then an egg/bead, then another red, size-16 hook two inches below. He called it the junk setup. Incidentally, our guides preferred cork bobbers for the best drift.

On our first casts with the junk, both my wife and I hooked up. The trout loved this setup on this day. We spent quite a bit of time around the Texas Hole ramp. We had several doubles and a good number of brown trout. The browns made some very nice runs. I prefer browns to rainbows, but both are fun. The biggest were in the upper teens.

It was time to move downstream, not because fishing slowed down but because we had a lot of river left to cover. As we started downstream, our guide, Marcus, saw his guide buddy "JB." Marcus said, "I have not seen JB that excited in a while." JB said "We have one hooked up bigger than Barbara but smaller than The Kracken." Marcus told us, "You are gonna want to see this. They are going to need a bigger boat." So we hung out fishing in the general area until the fish could be landed. The guy doing the work had a 10-foot 4-weight in his hands and neither angler nor fish was making much progress. After about an hour and 20 minutes, Troutzilla was successfully netted. JB's knees were knocking and his hands were shaking. A beautiful brown on a size-24 midge. The guides were wondering if this was the biggest fish landed on a size-24 hook. The hook gap was slightly opened, but the Lightning Strike hook held up well. The guy that caught the fish looked at me and said, "This is one of my better trout." I told him, "Very nice fish." I think the length was 32 inches and the

girth was 24 inches. It turned the angler and his companion were two Texans whose high school class reunion was canceled and they decided to go to the San Juan to do some fishing. What a day!



Photo by Glenn Guminski

We continued to fish and finished another great day. Plenty of browns on this day, with a few over 20 inches and the biggest a 24-inch rainbow.

I hope to head back to the San Juan in February.

By Glenn Guminski
FWFF Speakers Director

Exploring new water and new opportunities for tight lines

As a board of directors, we try to supply our members with the best speakers, educational events and outings imaginable. That is why Fort Worth Fly Fishers Outings Director Chris Patnode, in an effort to broaden and improve club outings for 2021 and beyond, is asking you to share new outing fishing destination recommendations and/or general suggestions. Below is a possible lineup for 2021 with several open dates.

FWFF outings in the past have taken place on the Paluxy River in Glen Rose, Nolan River in Blum, Lower Mountain Fork inside Beavers Bend State Park, and LLELA Nature Preserve in Lewisville, to name a few. Candidates for new fishing locations, whether technical or urban, are appreciated and can be emailed directly to FWFF Outings Director at chrispatnode@benekeith.com. Thank you.

Possible 2021 Outings Calendar

January 16 – Flyfish 101 on Brazos River at Texas 16 bridge near Graford

February 19-21 – Lower Mountain Fork in Beavers Bend State Park, Okla.

March 20 – Nolan River near Blum

April 16-18 – Bill Ward's Ranch in Mexia (with permission)

May 15 – San Marcos River with Greg Welander of Upstream on the Fly

June 18-20 – Texas Coast on the fly

July – South Fork, Colo.

August 21 –

September 18 –

October 15-17 – Oktoberfisch at Edgewater Resort Complex on the Pedernales River

November 19-21 –

Please let us hear from you.

2021 Membership Renewals Start Nov. 1

Our Fort Worth Fly Fishing memberships run for a calendar year. November marks the beginning of our renewal season. This year our goal is to have all members renewed by Jan. 1, 2021. 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.

Remember! When you join FWFF the automatically receive membership in FFI. If you go through FFI, you do NOT get a new membership in FWFF. So always go through FWFF for your annual membership renewal.

The easiest way to sign up or renew membership is online . A step-by-step guide to using our website is on Page 7 of this newsletter. A printable form is also in this newsletter.

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.



Sign In
with your email and password.

Email

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Request Password
We will email you a new password so you can access your account.

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

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My Account

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.

Password
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Single Member

Membership expires on Jan 01 2020

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.

Single Member

Student Membership

Yearly Fee

\$35 / year

\$70 payment due today for period through Jan 01 2020

Name on card

Billing address

Credit/debit card number

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

Printable membership form



FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS
Membership Form

Name:

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ (Alternate): _____

Email Address: _____

Membership type (circle one): Current member New member

DUES: Individual \$35; Family \$40; Student \$25

Total Paid: _____ Received By: _____ Date: _____

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Visit our website for more info: www.fortworthflyfishers.org

Fly of the Month: *Lil Kim Streamer*

It's time for another Blast from the Past for this month's Fly of the Month, and it's a dandy – FWFF member Sharon Leissner's Lil Kim streamer pattern.

I will let Sharon describe her success with the Lil Kim:

“Floating down the river and stripping streamers from a drift boat is my favorite pastime. Whether it's hitting the bank and stripping the fly straight back to the boat or letting it run down the bank then swinging into the current, the Lil Kim catches fish! I first used this fly when I found it in a fly shop in southern Colorado and spent a couple days with it on the Conejos. It did a great job of moving and catching big fish. It looks so good in the water and has awesome movement, which, for me, is the most important characteristic of a streamer. I know some people prefer choosing size or color over movement, but I've had more success catching bigger fish with streamers based on their action in the water. I particularly like this fly because when pausing during the strip, it falls over onto its side and flutters like a dying minnow. I've since used it on the White River in Arkansas, the Rio Grande in Colorado and lots of other small creeks and ponds and it never fails to produce. Big browns love it! Hope you enjoy tying and fishing the Lil Kim!”



Materials:

Hook: TMC 3995 #10 (any streamer hook will do)
 Weights: Brass conehead sized for hook and .025 lead wire
 Tail: Olive marabou Blood Quill (for even ends)
 Body: Red mylar Flashabou
 Ribbing: Polar chenille silver or clear
 Collar: barred olive Schlappen or saddle hackle
 Crystal flash in any color



Step 1. Mash barb and put the brass cone on hook. Place hook on vise. Wrap lead around hook about 8-9 times and push into the cone. Start the thread behind the lead to secure it.

Step 2. Tie in the marabou tail, about twice the length of the shank. Tie in crystal flash along the marabou tail.



Step 3. Tie in the red mylar flashabou. Then wrap it forward along the shank, tie off and trim excess. Tie in the polar chenille.



Step 4. Palmer the polar chenille forward, tie off and trim excess.

Step 5. Tie in more crystal flash on each side of the body along the entire length of the fly.

Step 6. Tie in more of the marabou behind the brass cone. Optional: you can tie in the red crystal flash to make the throat at this point or at the end (see step 8).



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Step 7. Tie in the barred olive hackle and wrap to make the collar, being sure to pull the barbules back on each side of the stem at the same time you wrap so everything lies angled towards the tail.



Step 8. Flip over the fly and tie in red crystal flash to make the throat. Cut crystal flash as desired and whip finish.



Carlos A. Crespo
FWFF Tying Director

Volunteer Incentive Program Deadline Extended to June 31, 2021

The Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) is now in its third year of recognizing and rewarding members who give time and experience to help others enjoy our great sport. Unfortunately, there have not been a lot of opportunities to jump in and help in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. That being the case, we are extending the 2020 program to June 30, 2021. A new VIP session starts July 1, 2021, and will run through 2022.

Here's a quick reminder of how the program works:

- Encourages and rewards volunteerism on behalf of the club and its programs
- Recognizes volunteers who work at club-sponsored events, help on an outing or host an outing
- Tracks volunteer hours by an initialed square on a VIP card
- Awards a minimum of 12 hours for hosting an outing

Here are the 2020 prizes:

- First Place: 600 VIP Bucks for most volunteer hours
- Second Place: 500 VIP Bucks for second-most volunteer hours
- Third Place: 300 VIP Bucks for third-most volunteer hours
- Three prizes of 150 VIP Bucks to qualifying members whose names are drawn at random
- Only one prize per participant. Only the winners can redeem their VIP Bucks for prizes

There are several things that members participating in VIP need to do:

- Turn in cards as you earn hours or once a card is full (12 hours). Give cards to Bryce Bezzant or place them in the VIP bucket at meetings. Photos or scans of cards can also be emailed to rbbezant@outlook.com or texted to 817-360-6672.
- All VIP cards MUST have the member's name on the card to get credit.
- Members are responsible for their own cards and getting hours signed off.
- The club is not responsible for lost or stolen VIP cards
- Lost cards cannot be "re-created."

To keep up with the club's volunteer opportunities and events, please visit the website at fortworthflyfishers.org. It is a great program. Please participate!

THANK YOU, Donors to the 2019 Fort Worth Fly Fishers Fundraising Festival

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*"I discovered that while fly-fishing, I was in another place.
In this place there was no cancer, no pain and no fear."*

Retreat Participant



Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts **FREE** fly-fishing Retreats for men living with all forms of cancer; combining introductory fly-fishing instruction with directed "Courageous Conversations". The Retreats offer a time for them to share their stories, form lasting friendships and gain renewed hope. A maximum of 12-14 men are invited to participate in each two-and-a-half-day Retreat to ensure a quality experience and to create a powerful, small group dynamic.

Texas & Oklahoma 2020 Fall Retreats are Cancelled

Since the health and safety of our Participants and Volunteers is our number one concern, we have cancelled our 2020 Texas and Oklahoma Fall Retreats. We will continue to carefully monitor the emerging coronavirus pandemic through the CDC, state and local government guidelines and updates from public health institutions. There continues to be significant uncertainty as to when this pandemic will subside to a safe level; therefore, we will continue to post updates regarding our Retreats on both our website and our other social media pages.

For up to date information regarding applying to one of our 2021 Retreats, being a volunteer or to make a donation to Reel Recovery, please visit us at

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Casting for Recovery

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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.

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

Orvis Fort Worth

CURRENTLY SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19

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.

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

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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