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Message From the President

Spring is a great time to be a member of Fort Worth Fly Fishers! We've got a lot of things happening and a lot of great opportunities for our members.

On Feb. 2 at 7 p.m., FWFF will host fly-fishing instructor, guide, author and speaker Landon Mayer from Florissant, Colo. Those of you who have heard Landon speak in the past know this is one not to be missed. Further information and a Zoom link will be sent to FWFF members prior to the event. Learn more about Landon [here](#) and in this newsletter.

On Feb. 20, FWFF will host its annual FlyFish101 on the Brazos River at the Possum Kingdom tailrace Texas 16 bridge (GPS coordinates: 32.858747, -98.411307). This is a great opportunity for beginners to get some actual time on the water in pursuit of rainbow trout while receiving individual instruction and guidance. In accordance with our COVID-19 precautions, we will not be serving our traditional cookout lunch this year. Food will not be provided, so please plan accordingly. We will be following recommended COVID-19 protocols. For specific details, look for the article in this newsletter.

The club has been invited to participate in this year's Cowtown Great American Cleanup by adopting a section of the Clear Fork of the Trinity River. This event is scheduled for March 20 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. This project is sponsored by Keep Fort Worth Beautiful, and KFVB-AM radio, who will provide work gloves to participants. For more information, see the article in this newsletter.

Last month, we initiated a member survey which was sent to the FWFF via email. The purpose of the survey is to assist the Board of Directors in future planning to ensure we are meeting the needs of our members. Your voice is important, and your input is valued. If you have not already taken the 10-minute survey, please do so. The survey can be found at <https://s.surveypal.com/867VMG9vi>. If you have completed the survey, thank you!

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February Speaker: Landon Mayer
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Possum Kingdom Tailrace
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A reminder that it's time for 2021 dues. Dues renewal is easy and can be conveniently accessed at fortworthflyfishers.org. Simply click the "Become a Member" tab or the "Member Login" tab in the top right corner of the page and see your options. Remember, your FWFF dues automatically provide you with a membership in Fly Fishers International.

Stay safe,

David Hooper, President
Fort Worth Fly Fishers

Feb. 2 Guest Speaker Landon R. Mayer presents Mastering the Short Game



Landon Mayer, one of FWFF's favorite guest speakers, joins us once again on Feb. 2 for our monthly membership meeting via Zoom. Landon'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. This time, he focuses on "Mastering the Short Game," noting that 80 percent of trout are taken on casts of 20 feet or less.

Landon has shared his tips and secrets in his books *The Hunt for Giant Trout: 25 Top Locations in the US to Catch a Trophy* (2019), *Trout Tips: A Guide's Secrets, Tactics and Techniques*, *Colorado's Best Fly Fishing*, *Sight Fishing for Trout*, and *How to Catch the Biggest Trout of Your Life*, in addition to his new film with Headwater Media: "Mastering the Short Game."

Landon's passion for fly-fishing has allowed him to make several noteworthy contributions to the sport on and off the water. This includes travels to fly-fishing related organizations across the U.S., as well as teaching through guided trips, fly-fishing classes, presentations, and demonstrations of his unique techniques.

Landon is a contributing writer for *Fly Fisherman* and *High Country Angler* magazines. His contributions also have been featured in publications such as *Fly Rod and Reel*, *American Angler*, *Southwest Fly Fishing*, *Field and Stream*, and *Fish and Fly* magazines.

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. Winston, Bauer, Scientific Angler, Smith Optics, Fishpond Fly Fishing, Yeti Coolers, Regal Vise, Riversmith, and Casio Pro Trek watches.

Landon has been guiding in Colorado full time on the South Platte River for the last 23 years, and one full season on the Nak Nek River in Alaska. He resides with his wife, Michelle, and their four children in Florissant, Colo. For additional information on his services and presentations, contact him at: 719-210-0619, or check out his online resources: www.landonmayer.com; Landon Mayer Fly Fishing on Facebook; Landon Mayer Fly Fishing YouTube; and @landonmayerflyfishing on Instagram

A Quick Look at Upcoming Speakers

Month	Speaker	Topic
April	Chris Johnson	Fly Fishing the Texas Hill Country
May	Chris Taylor	New Mexico's San Juan River

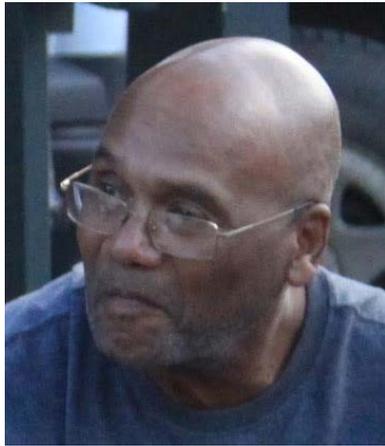
March Speaker: Anthony Carruesco of California



Anthony Carruesco, owner of AC Fly Fishing in Redding, Calif., found a passion for fly fishing at a young age. He followed that passion to the foothills of gold country and beyond, to the vast tundra of Alaska, and finally back home to Northern California, where he turned his passion into a career. A natural leader, Anthony brings together a group of like-minded guides who want nothing more than to see their clients have a great time on the water. His confidence and positive demeanor

are infectious, and a trip with Anthony is certain to make for a memorable vacation. When he isn't guiding, you can find him chasing the white ball on manicured fairways or chasing anadromous fish on the coastline.

In Memorium



Al Hillman

Al Hillman, who was beginning his second year as Dallas Fly Fishers president, died Jan. 8 after entering the hospital for an internal blockage. The club's directors, in a tribute, said that "while COVID-19 affected some of the goals Al desired for our club, he was delighted with the DFF's efforts during this pandemic. Al had a personal goal to visit with each of Texas' fly fishing club presidents with the desire to strengthen the Texas fly fishing community through familiarity and cooperative activities.

"Al often brought his daughter Taylor to our club meetings, where she would assist with the meeting raffles. Within the past year, Al combined his love of watching Taylor play club volleyball and fly fishing. As he took Taylor to her volleyball matches, Al took the time between matches to do reconnaissance for future club fly fishing outings."

"Al's graciousness, kindness, and leadership will be missed."



Chris Villator

Longtime Fort Worth Fly Fishers member Chris Villator died recently, reports his good friend, FWFF member John Healey, who wrote this tribute:

Chris and I met while fishing for striped bass below Texoma in 2008. I've never met anyone who enjoyed fly fishing more than Chris. And what an angler he was! His fishing prowess and passion for stripers were legendary, as he inevitably caught the most fish no matter who he was with. Chris was always polite and gracious about it though, being careful not to make anyone feel bad. The typical scenario would be Chris in his usual spot out in the middle of the rock pile, catching one after another, while the rest of us shook our heads and laughed in amazement. Those who fished with Chris know this is not an exaggeration.

Chris and I made dozens of trips together to Texoma, usually meeting at my place at 6 a.m. so we could be on the water by 8. We took turns driving and had lots of time to talk. Chris had boundless enthusiasm and reverence for stripers. After doing this for about eight years Chris mentioned that he had a lifelong goal of wanting to catch a 20-pounder. He had been close many times, and I personally saw him catch a number of fish in the high teens (bigger than any I had ever caught), but a 20-pound fish had proven to be elusive.

We discussed making a trip to Montauk, N.Y., to fish the Atlantic and made arrangements months in advance for the fall blitz. Unfortunately, 2017 was the busiest Atlantic hurricane season in years and there were no striped bass anywhere to be found when we were there, as their migration had been disrupted. We had to content ourselves with false albacore and bluefish. Fun to be sure, but not what we were after. Chris suggested we try again the following year, this time at Cape Cod. We flew into Boston, rented a car and drove to Chatham. The guide he selected was excellent and the first day out Chris accomplished his goal, landing not just one, but five stripers between 20-24 pounds. Mission accomplished! There was a lot of laughing and smiles at dinner that night, ha ha! We made a return trip to Cape Cod in 2019, and had an equally enjoyable and productive trip, with Chris catching the biggest fish as usual. I didn't know it at the time but that would be the last fishing trip we would make together. We had reservations to go back again in 2020 but had to cancel due to the pandemic.

I'm grateful for all the time Chris and I spent together. I'm going to miss my dear friend very much. I would like to offer his family my deepest and most sincere condolences.



James Parker

James Parker, a good friend and longtime Fort Worth Fly Fishers member, passed away in January after a battle with Covid-19. Nobody could outfish him for bass. But more importantly, he was a fine human being and always willing to help others.

James had so many friends, many which he met as a result of his two main hobbies: fishing and radio controlled aviation models. As a fisherman he was second to none. In a group of friends, many fellow members of the Fort Worth Fly Fishers Club, said he had no equal in terms of the number of bass caught and the biggest landed. He often entertained his friends with his expertise at the controls of his many airplane models and drones. At the Bill Ward ranch near Mexia, he finally satisfied the requests of many to buzz hapless fishermen in their kayaks. What fun for the spectators. Prankster that he was, we all knew he loved it.

His loss has been monumental to his many friends. Most all of us have lost dear ones to this horrible virus curse. Though James was but one of many, his passing was particularly hard to bear. His friends are preparing a plaque to be posted at the Ward Ranch lake that he loved, in his honor. – *Bill Hodges*

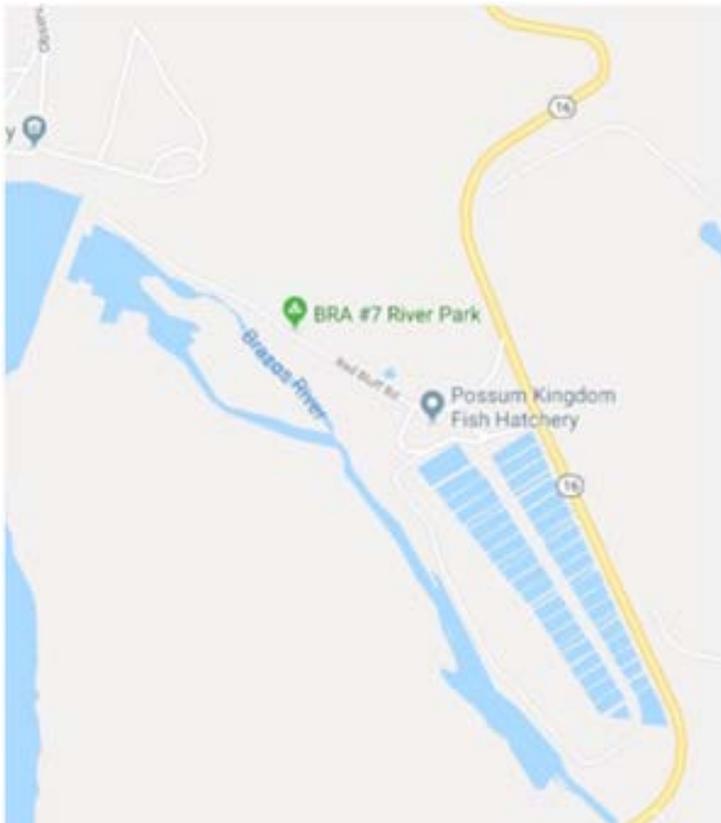
FlyFish 101: Feb. 20 at Texas 16 bridge below Possum Kingdom dam

Please join Fort Worth Fly Fishers on Saturday, Feb. 20, 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

NOTE: Face masks are required when meeting in a group. We will practice social distancing on the water and after.

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 thousands of rainbows between November and February below Possum Kingdom dam. The first stocking took place on Nov. 27. The 2020-21 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, participants may choose to gather for lunch, but the club will NOT provide food and drinks as in past years due to health concerns. There may be available space at the state park facility shown on the map, left.

The FF101 event will be hosted by Education Director Brad Dodson at dodson97@sbcglobal.net, and Outings Director Christopher Patnode, at (817)-819-5519. Please contact them with any questions. Please RSVP for FF101 by emailing Brad, or visit our Facebook page and mark as “Going” on our Event” Please do it by Feb. 11 so we can plan to have sufficient food and drinks.

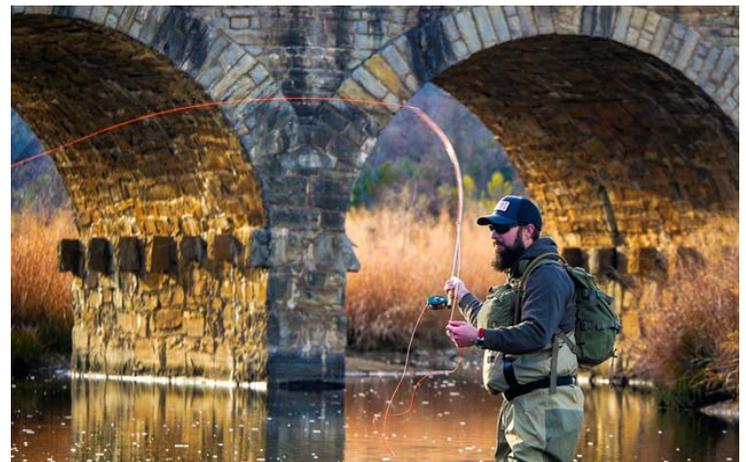
If you haven't been to the bridge location, the hatchery address is 600 Texas 16 in Graford, Texas, and the bridge is just west of the hatchery. This map shows where Texas 16 crosses the Brazos and the location of the hatchery. See you there Feb. 20!

Volunteers Needed to help at FF 101 on Feb. 20

If you're an experienced fly fisher, please volunteer to help a couple of new fly fishers at this event. Please email Education Director Brad Dodson at dodson97@sbcglobal.net. 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.

How to Fish for Stocked Trout in the Possum Kingdom Tailrace



Fishing the Brazos River at the Texas 16 bridge below Possum Kingdom dam.

Each winter, from the beginning of December through the end of February, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department stocks rainbow trout into the Brazos River just below Possum Kingdom Lake. The stockings occur roughly every two weeks and during the course of a stocking season, the TPWD will stock approximately 9,000 rainbow trout into a small section of the river known as the Possum Kingdom Tailrace.

How to Fish the Possum Kingdom Tailrace: *Continued*

This section of river is primarily just above and below Texas 16 where it crosses the river. If you have never seen this bridge constructed from native stone into a series of arches, you are missing a true North Texas treasure. It is one of the most photogenic bridges in our state – especially in the warm light of early morning or late afternoon.

The trout will establish themselves above and below the bridge. The section above the bridge extends approximately 200 yards up to a large, shallow pool. The trout will be in the main channel from just below that pool down to the bridge. Below the bridge, you can find trout spread out over a mile downstream.

Located less than two hours from Fort Worth, this seasonal fishery is one that every local fly fisher should enjoy at least once. Many of us find ourselves going back several times each year. The fish are stocked and you won't find any giants among them, but the beauty of the Brazos River and the surrounding land brings a special quality to the area that cannot be substituted elsewhere. In fact, you will be fishing at the beginning point of John Graves' canoe trip that he wrote about in *Goodbye to a River*. This Texas classic changed the public's mind about damming the Brazos extensively. Today, as an acknowledgement of his role in protecting and preserving this section of river, it is now known as the John Graves Scenic Riverway. For the fans of Larry McMurtry's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *Lonesome Dove*, you will be fishing along a stretch of land that was once part of the Oliver Loving Ranch. Oliver Loving is largely considered to be McMurtry's model for the character Augustus "Gus" McCrae. You are fishing alongside both true Texas history and literary history. Look for the historical marker on the lookout above the ranch on Texas 16 just before you get to the river from the east.

Now, on to fishing! The maps below show sections of river that historically have been successful for fly fishing during the trout stockings. Of course, this is Texas and weather can affect things, but these sections usually work year to year. I fished each of them in December 2020, so the information is current.

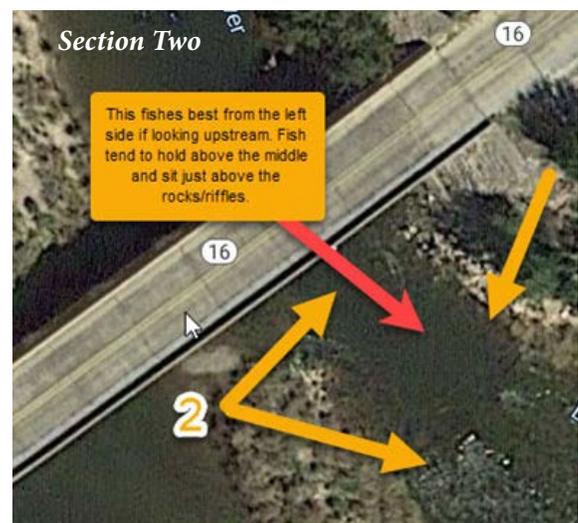
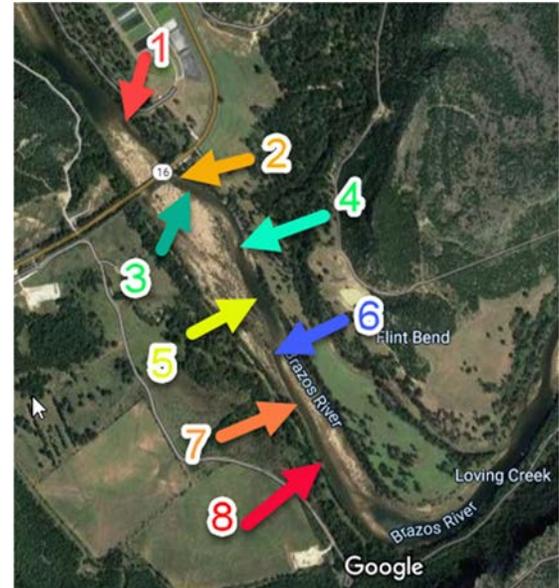
Flies that typically produce include:

- soft hackles sizes 16-20
- RS2s sizes 20-26
- Egg patterns
- San Juan worm patterns sizes 8-12
- Woolly Buggers (Thin Mints and olive w/flash and legs tend to do well)
- Pat's Rubber Legs sizes 8-14
- Dry flies to match the hatch. Blue Wing Olives (BWO) and Griffith's Gnats match hatches frequently. Of course, you can always find fish with a great presentation on just about anything with stocked fish. Smaller does tend to pay off here, though.

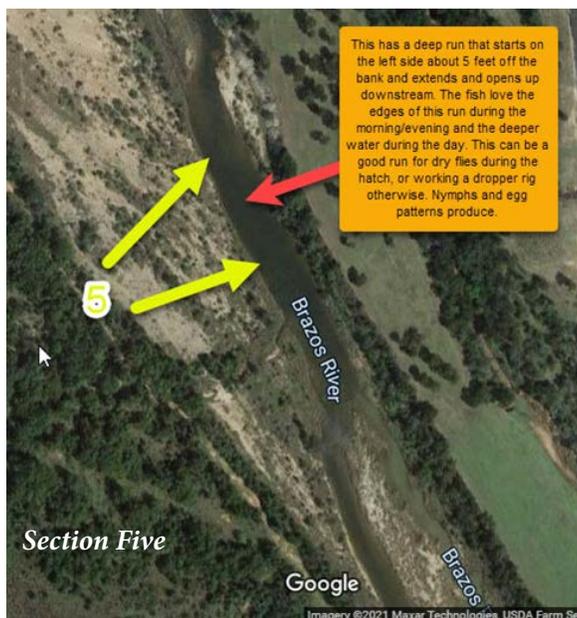
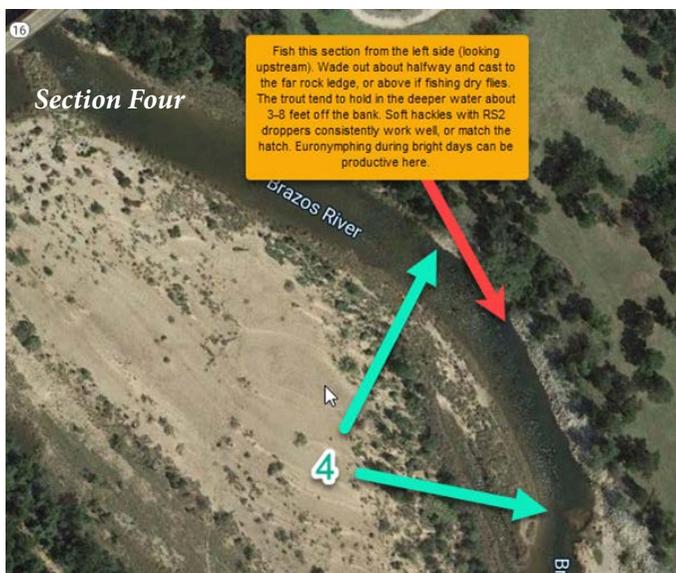
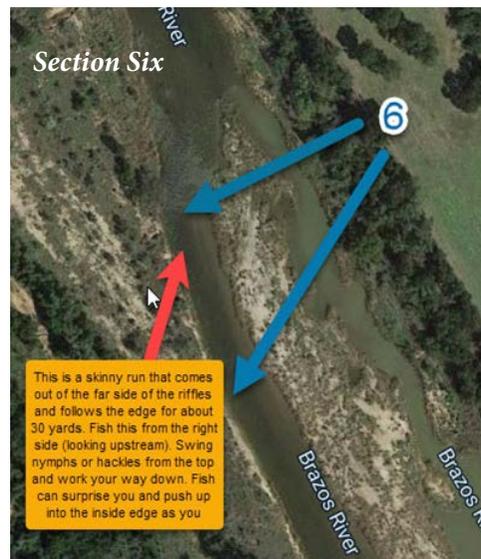
Tight lines!

Brad Dodson
FWFF Education Director

Main Map of Trout Sections: Possum Kingdom Tailrace



How to Fish the Possum Kingdom Tailrace: *Continued*



FlyFest 2021 is March 13!



In just a few short years the Tarrant Regional Water District's annual Flyfest has grown into an event attracting hundreds to the banks of the Trinity River in Fort Worth to enjoy and learn about fly fishing. The 2021 Flyfest promises to continue the success, with contests, speakers and demonstrations. Fort Worth Fly Fishers is one of the sponsors and provides many of

the volunteers that are so critical to making Flyfest the hit it has become.

NOTE: Due to the ongoing pandemic, prevailing public health rules will apply regarding the use of face masks and social distancing.

This year Texas Parks and Wildlife will stock 1,800 pounds of rainbow trout in the Trinity River at the Flyfest site near the Acme Brick headquarters complex, providing plenty of targets for the fishing competitions, including the Orvis Big Trout Contest.

Additionally, TRWD Flyfest promises to appeal to the whole family with live music and a host of children's activities, including a mini stocked tank for fishing. There is a rock-climbing wall, face painting. Food, craft beer and shopping vendors will make it fun for everyone!

Fort Worth Fly Fishers is a sponsor of FlyFest and helps staff our booth and help with various events. We need volunteers, and this activity earns VIP credits! To volunteer, please contact FWFF director Joy Summers at msummers123@aol.com.

And check out the list of speakers and presenters below:

9 - 9:50 a.m.	Chris Johnson	Fly Fishing the Republic of Texas
10 - 10:50 a.m.	Russell Husted and Steven Woodcock	Fly Fishing the Trinity
11 - 11:50 a.m.	Brett Delk	12 Places to Fish each Month
12 - 12:50 p.m.	Frank Smethurst	DIY Fly Fishing in Texas
1 - 1:50 p.m.	Johnny Walker	Catching Spawning Bass on Lake Fork
2 - 2:50 p.m.	Stacy Lynn	Fly Fishing the Texas Coast
Fly Tying		
9 - 9:50 a.m.	Dutch Baughman	The Chironomid
10 - 10:50 a.m.	Mike Morpew	Fly Patterns for Show Cases and English Patterns
11 - 11:50 a.m.	Chris Johnson	Hill Country Essentials
12 - 12:50 p.m.	Russell Husted	Tying Simple Patterns/Instructional
1 - 1:50 p.m.	Barry Webster	The Stimulator
2 - 2:50 p.m.	Kyle Hand	The Mickey Finn
Casting Classes		
10 - 10:30 a.m.	Stacy Lynn	Women's Casting
10 - 10:50 a.m.	CCI	Casting Faults and Fixes
11 - 11:50 a.m.	CCI	Casting Analysis
12 - 12:50 p.m.	Stacy Lynn	Women's Casting
1 - 1:50 p.m.	CCI	Casting Faults and Fixes
2 - 2:50 p.m.	CCI	Casting Analysis

For more information on TRWD Flyfest, visit www.trwdflyfest.com

March 20 Outing : Annual White Bass Run on the Nolan River



FWFF member Anna Wadsworth with a Nolan River white bass.

The time is near for my favorite season of the year: Springtime and white bass fishing. Every spring, white bass run up creeks and rivers for their annual spawn. Large numbers of white bass, AKA sand bass, can be concentrated in small sections of water, exposing themselves to be caught on a variety of flies and tactics. My favorite fly to use on sand bass are simple: the jig fly, Clouser minnow, bent-back minnow and a few other simple patterns.

Gear recommendations:

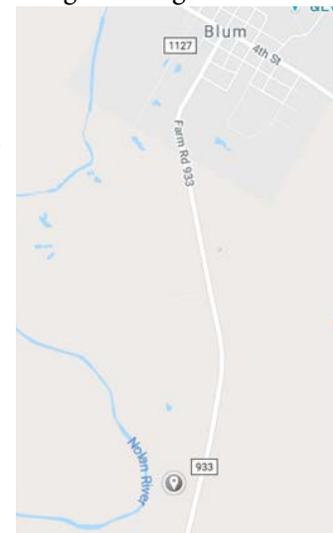
- 9-foot, 5-weight or 6-weight rod with floating line
- Intermediate sink tip line always works well for getting flies deeper
- 7-foot to 9-foot, 3x or 4x mono leader
- Flies: Minnow imitations like Clouser Minnow, Cypert Minnow, Murdich minnow, The Moreau Fly

Please join the club's March 20 outing on the Nolan River near Blum off Texas 933. A short distance from Cleburne, the Nolan River is one of my favorite white bass locations. With clear water, limestone bluffs and cedar trees, the Nolan is a beautiful place to go. We will meet in Blum for a briefing, then head on down to the parking area off Texas 933 to gear up and chase some sandies (as white bass are called in Texas).

The outing is a day trip and we will spread out on the river to avoid crowding. The Burger Bar (109 N. Anglin St. in Cleburne; 817/645-9031) is just off US 67, has great burgers and fries, and orders can be called in ahead of time. To sign up or if you have any questions, feel free to contact Outings host Russell Husted at russellhusted@sbcglobal.net, (972)-567-4155 or Outings Director Chris Patnode at chrispatnode@benekeith.com, (817)819-5519.

NOTE: We have a new Covid-19 waiver form that is printed nearby. Please either print one and sign it (next page) or be prepared to sign one at the outing.

Thanks, and see you there.
Russell Husted



Release and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

Fort Worth Fly Fishers, Inc. (“FWFFI”) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Club **cannot guarantee** that you will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, **attending FWFFI outings could increase** your risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I agree to comply with preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. I further acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending a FWFFI outing and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at a FWFFI outing may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, FWFFI members, volunteers, agents, contractors, and outing participants.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my attendance or participation in an FWFFI outing (“Claims”). On my behalf, and on behalf of anyone claiming by or through me, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless FWFFI, its members, agents, volunteers, contractors, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, demands, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating to COVID-19. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of FWFFI, its members, agents, contractors, volunteers, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in a FWFFI outing.

Signature of Participant	Date
Print Name of Participant	

It's All About the Fishing

This is where we feature recent activities by club members. To submit photos, contact Communications Director Jim Fuquay at jimfuquay@gmail.com.

FWFF member Ken Bowers made a trip in mid-January to the Florida Keys, and it was a good one. He's pictured with his first-ever tarpon, taken, of course, on a fly!



Conservation Opportunity for VIP hours!

Fort Worth Fly Fishers have been invited to participate in this year's Cowtown Great American Cleanup by adopting a section of the Clear Fork of the Trinity River. This event is scheduled for March 20 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., and they have asked us to concentrate our efforts on the stretch of river between the Press Café and Lower Dam #2, which is where the river flows under the Hulen Street Bridge.

This section was chosen because some parts are quite shallow and could be cleaned by people in waders. There is also a section that is deeper that could be cleaned up by people in kayaks. There is a back-up date of March 21 for us "river rats" in case the weather is rainy or extremely windy.

This event is sponsored by Keep Fort Worth Beautiful, and KFVB-AM radio provides gloves and trash bags to all registered

participants. Event t-shirts are also provided to the first 5,000 registrants! An overwhelming percentage of FWFF members indicated that they would like to see more conservation activities, so now is your chance to volunteer and earn VIP bucks, too.

Emily Craig, FWFF Conservation Director, will be registering club volunteers for this event on Feb. 15, so if you are interested, please contact her at eachonedoc@bellsouth.net or 859-396-6389. You can also contact club President David Hooper at hoopertx@sbcglobal.net.

Here is a link to the event if you'd like more information: <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/code-compliance/kfwb/initiatives/cowtowncleanup>.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

2021 OUTINGS CALENDAR

DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	HOST
Feb. 20	Fly Fish 101 - Brazos River below Possum Kingdom Dam	Trout, smallmouth	Education Director
March 20	Nolan River near Blum, Texas	White bass	Russell Husted
April 23-25	Bill Ward Ranch near Mexia, Texas	Bass and perch	Bill Hodges
May TBD	San Marcos River with Greg Welander	Bass	
June 18-20	Texas Coast on the Fly	Speckled trout, redfish, black drum	Bryce Bezant and Brett Morehead
July	South Fork, Colorado	Trout	Russell Husted
August			
Sept. 18	Spivey Crossing near Aquilla	Bass, striper, drum, carp	
Oct. 15-17	Oktoberfisch - Edgewater Resort Complex on the Pedernales River	Bass	Fredericksburg Fly Fishers
Nov. 19-21	Lower Illinois River near Gore, Okla.	Trout, bass, catfish, drum	

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.

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.

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

Password

Sign In

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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Club Business



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
[Change](#)

Single Member

Membership expires on Jan 01 2020

[Renew, Upgrade or Update Billing](#)

Save & Continue

[Skip](#)

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

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Fly of the Month: *Soft Hackle McGinty*



The February 2021 Fly of the Month comes to us from the creative tying desk of **Dave Etgen**. Dave is a true mentor to many of us and has a wealth of knowledge about fly fishing in general and fly tying especially. With roots from Ray Bergman's classic book *Trout*, Dave's version of the Bergman "Bucktail McGinty" has a few modifications that make the pattern a great one for local ponds and streams. First published in 1938, *Trout* is a classic tome and a must have for all serious fly tyers.

Here are Dave's instructions for tying the Soft Hackle McGinty, including his great original artwork. Dave will also be tying this pattern at the April meeting, so be sure to stop by and watch.

Materials:

Hook: 3X Long Streamer/Nymph, size 10-12, Mustad 9672, Tiemco 5263, Eagle Claw LO58

Wire (optional): Lead 0.20

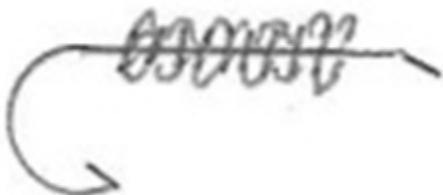
Thread: Danville 6/0 Flat waxed black

Tail: Red neck hackle barbs

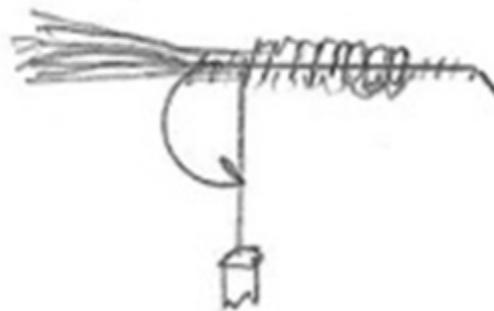
Body: Chenille - yellow and black in medium

Collar: Yellow or black-laced yellow soft hackle

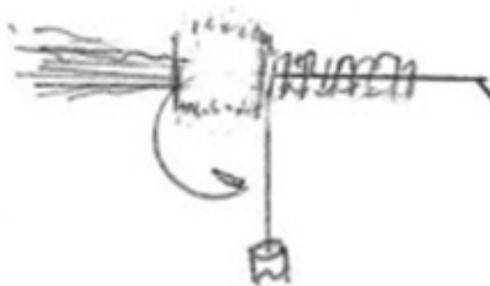
Step 1: Wrap the mid-section with lead wire, if desired.



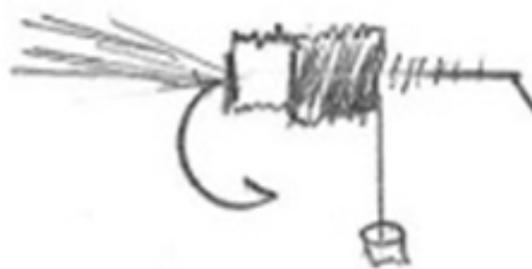
Step 2: Cover the hook shank and lead wire with thread and tie in a group of stripped red hackle barbs for the tail. Tail length should equal the hook gap.



Step 3: Tie in and wrap a band of yellow chenille equal to 1/4 the hook shank length (one or two wraps are all that are needed).



Step 4: Tie in and wrap a band of black chenille equal to 1/4 the hook shank length.

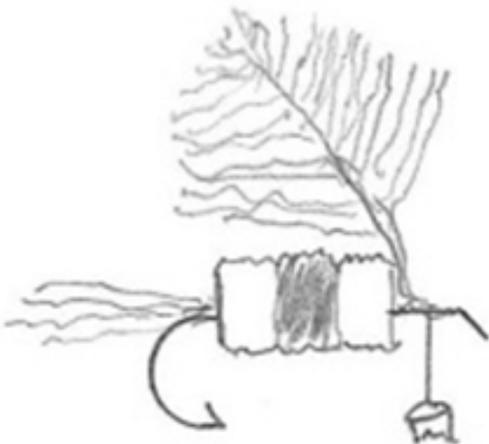


Step 5: Tie in and wrap a band of yellow chenille equal to 1/4 of the hook shank length



Fly of the Month: *Contd.*

Step 6: Prepare a soft hackle feather for the collar and palmer it into the remaining 1/4 hook shank length (hackle should be 1-1/2 the hook gap in length). Whip finish, creating a small thread head.



And you're done!



Jack Gillis
Fly 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 rbbezzant@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!

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