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Message From the President

Happy New Year 2024!

January is one of those months where we find ourselves thinking about the year ahead. Do you make resolutions? Resolutions seem to focus more on stopping a habit versus focusing on what you want to achieve. Instead of resolutions, I like to set goals for the coming year, both personally and in business.

Have you thought about setting goals for your fly-fishing hobby? Maybe you want to improve your casting ability. A good place to start is with some casting lessons or coaching. Even golf professionals have coaches who tune them up for tournaments. Why not do the same for the next big trip? Or maybe your goal is to go chase some new species you've never caught before. That might make you think of places you want to fish to find these species. Last year, Les and I went to Pittsburgh in March to exhibit at a trade show for our business. I decided to call a local fly shop to discuss a trout guide trip. They told me about steelhead that run out of Lake Erie into the river tributaries in nearby Ohio. We booked a trip and were successful in hitting the steelhead run. Another species in the books. This year, we're looking into Canada for our next adventure. Maybe I can add pike or muskie to my list?

Speaking of goals, as your new club president, I've been thinking of goals for our club. My overarching goal for this club is to increase member engagement within the club and with our activities. Did you know we have one of the largest fly-fishing clubs in the country? However, our attendance numbers at meetings and outings don't quite reflect those numbers. I want to dig into this more to find out more from members about how our club leadership can serve all our members in better and more exciting ways.

I'd love to hear from you as to how we can improve our programs, education, and events. What will entice more members to join us in person to learn more about our sport and about each other?
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How can we find better ways to connect with one another? Feel free to email me at president@fortworthflyfishers.org or catch me at one of the meetings.

I hope you make it a goal to attend most of our monthly meetings and at least a few outings. Volunteer for one of our events to get to know people better. I've been lucky to meet and make wonderful friends in fly fishing, and its in large part due to being an involved member of Fort Worth Fly Fishers.

Kay Jackson

2024 Speakers Starting Lineup

In 2024, FWFF members will once again benefit from a lineup of knowledgeable speakers to boost their fly fishing experiences and success. As always, the roster is still being finalized, but here are the first two of our monthly guest speakers.

January

Our own Stephen Woodcock, fly fishing manager at the Orvis Fort Worth store, kicks off the new year. Stephen has been fly fishing for almost 30 years. His passion in fly fishing has taken him to Australia, Caribbean, Europe, North America and Canada.

well as other positions with club leadership.

Last year Stephen told us how to have a successful Texas Gulf Coast fly fishing trip, and he's presented topics on just about everything that fly fishers need to enjoy their on-the-water experiences. He is sure to get us off to a good start.



Stephen Woodcock and friend



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2024 speakers starting lineup- Contd.

February

Greg Welander returns as speaker of the month with a presentation on Texas' popular white bass run, which generally commences in early spring. Greg is a lifelong angler who started fishing at the early age of four. He first picked up a fly rod in 1998 while living in North Texas and hasn't looked back. In 2004, he took up the art of fly tying. Greg has been a fly tying instructor since 2010.

In Texas, he has fly fished everything from stripers on the Red River below Lake Texoma to redfish of the Lower Laguna Madre. The Texas Hill Country streams and lakes are where he first started guiding clients back in 2012.

Greg was the fly fishing manager for seven of the nine years he worked at an Austin premier fly fishing/firearms specialty store. He currently is an Independent manufacturing sales rep for a variety of companies in fly fishing and outdoor activities.

Greg resides in North Texas. You will find him guiding fly fishers on North Texas waters, including the Brazos River and smaller tributaries such as the Paluxy River. He also offers trips on various area lakes north, west and south of Fort Worth.

You can follow Greg's fly fishing journey through @upstreamonthefly on Facebook, Instagram and his website: www.upstreamonthefly.com.



Greg Welander and friend

March

Nick Streit of Taos, N.M., presents a session titled "Where are the fish? Reading water, finding trout and strategies to catch them." Given the variety of waters large and small in his native New Mexico, it should be just the topic for our club.

Nick was born into somewhat of a fly-fishing dynasty. His father, Taylor, started guiding anglers in northern New Mexico in the late 70s and has literally wrote the book on fly fishing

New Mexico. His uncle, Jackson, likewise owns and operates The Mountain Angler in Breckenridge, Colo., and authored the book *Fly Fishing Colorado*.

Getting into the family business at an early age, Nick was guiding fisherman before he was old enough to drive them to the river, and by the age of 17 was a member of the U.S. fly fishing team that took second place in the World Championships in Wales. After college, Nick followed his father's footsteps to such fly fishing destinations as the Bahamas and Argentina. He also ventured out on his own for a brief stint guiding in Alaska.

But the call of his home waters could not be denied, and in 2004 Nick, along with his wife Chrissy, re-opened the Taos Fly Shop (in the same location his father had the store in the 80s). The shop has grown from its humble beginnings and is now northern New Mexico's premier fly shop. In 2012, Nick and longtime friend and fellow guide Ivan Valdez purchased The Reel Life, a fly shop and guide service in Santa Fe.

Nick now spends the majority of his time running his two businesses, guiding and leading classes. In the winter, he hosts group trips to Argentina, Cuba and beyond. Nick also enjoys photography and his work has been featured in publications such as *Southwest Fly Fishing* and *New Mexico Magazine*.

Nick is also a passionate conservationist, volunteering his efforts over the years to organizations like Trout Unlimited. He is also the director of Friends of the Rio Grande del Norte national monument, an organization focused on conservation and community outreach.

If not at work, Nick is usually camping, hunting or fishing in the woods somewhere with Chrissy and their two children, Taylor and Christian.



Nick Streit and friend

In Memory

Normand Francis Tremblay

Your presence is missed, your memory treasured

David and Suzanne Hooper

FWFF Advertising

Fort Worth Fly Fishers, which with about 250 active members counts itself among the largest local fly fishing clubs in the nation, is now accepting advertising in its monthly newsletter. The electronic publication is emailed to members the first week of each month and also posted on the club's website. Prices start as low as \$25 for an eighth-page, and discounts are offered for running in three consecutive issues.

Please note that we do not accept political, religious or endorsement ads, and all ads must meet club content standards. For information regarding submission of ads, please contact Jim Fuquay, Communication Director, Fort Worth Fly Fishers at jimfuquay@gmail.com.

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Membership Signups: Pay Dues to FWFF Rather Than FFI

Each year the Board faces the dilemma of club members receiving a reminder from FFI to pay their dues directly to FFI. **THIS DOES NOT GIVE YOU MEMBERSHIP IN FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS.**

FWFF collects your membership dues for FWFF and then, as a Charter FFI Club, pays your membership dues to FFI, thus giving you membership in both organizations. Unfortunately, this is not a two-way street: If you pay membership dues directly to FFI there is no reciprocity giving you membership in FWFF.

We have members, probably not fully understanding this, who attend FWFF meetings and activities believing they are a member in good-standing with FWFF. This is not the case. In order to minimize the liability of FWFF, the Board was required to implement a new policy.

A Membership Desk will be at the front entrance to our meetings, and we ask that you stop by and sign in. There will be a list at the Membership Desk for your ease and convenience of signing in. This will take place at FWFF activities and events as well. In addition, those with unpaid dues on March 31 of each year will be removed from our membership list.

The Board regrets the need to make this new policy but in fairness to those that pay their FWFF membership dues it is the correct thing to do.

Announcing the FWFF Loaner Program for equipment

Over the years your club has accumulated a number of rods, reels and lines that we have used for our Fly Fishing 101 program. We also own fly tying vises used in our tying programs. Your board has decided to create a FWFF Loaner Program for these items that will be available to current members.

Anyone interested in borrowing a rod and reel can arrange this through the club's Education Director (currently Russell Husted, contact: russellhusted@sbcglobal.net). If you are interested in borrowing a fly tying vise, contact the Fly Tying Director (currently Frank Huneycutt, contact: frankhuneycutt@att.net) for arrangements. For information on the process to borrow Club equipment, please read the rules and check-out on the following page.

FWFF Loaner Program for equipment - Contd.

Rules for Lending Fly Rods and Fly Tying Vises/Fly Tying Tools

- Lending of Club fly rods is the responsibility of the Education Director. Lending of Club fly tying vises/fly tying tools is the responsibility of the Fly Tying Director. From here on out fly rods and fly tying vises/fly tying tools will be referred to as "club equipment" unless specifically mentioned.
- "Club equipment" will only be loaned out to Club Members who are up-to-date with their Club dues and are not overdue with returning any "club equipment".
- "Club Equipment" will be loaned to Club Members without fee. Club members will provide their physical address, email address, and phone number.
- "Club Equipment" will be loaned out for a 30 day period beginning when the Club Member physically picks up the "Club Equipment".
- A limit of one fly rod and/or fly tying vise/fly tying tools may be loaned out to a Club Member during the loan period.
- "Club Equipment" borrowed by a Club Member becomes overdue the day after the last day of the 30 day loan period. A \$25.00 fine will be assessed to the borrowing Club Member and is to be collected by the corresponding Director. \$10.00 per month will be assessed for each additional overdue month.
- Each type of "Club Equipment" has its own replacement cost. No Club Member shall be exempt from payment of fees for the replacement of lost or damaged "Club Equipment".

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

JAN 20TH, 2024 | 10AM - 1PM

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2024 Membership Renewals

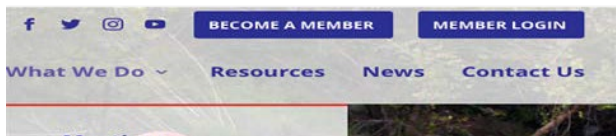
Our Fort Worth Fly Fishing memberships run for a calendar year. November marks the beginning of our renewal season. This will assure members continue, without delay, to receive all the benefits of our local club plus the many educational benefits we earn from being a charter club to Fly Fishers International.

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.

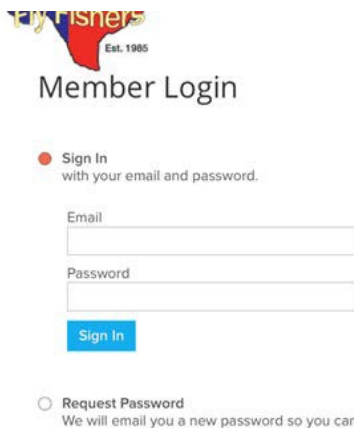
The easiest way to sign up or renew membership is online . A step-by-step guide to using our website is below. A printable form is also in this newsletter.

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.



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

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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

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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

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Billing address

City, state/province, postal code

Credit/debit card number

Card number

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

Fly of the Month: The Cluck'n Baetis



Written by: Dylan Gonzales Photographed By: Dylan Gonzales
Creator: Dylan Gonzales

The Cluck'n Baetis is a Cluck'n great Baetis pattern. I developed this pattern on the San Juan River and it has proven to be a staple in a tailwater scenery. As a Turkey hunter I wished to use more of the bird so I developed this pattern. Traditionally I still tie it with feathers from what I harvest. Its name also stems from a technique of calling in turkey which is "Clucking and Purring". It can be tied from Size 18 - 24 depending on your home waters. It is a modern Semi-Realistic Baetis pattern that incorporates life-like gills and just enough flash to catch the attention of picky trout. If you have any further questions DM me on Instagram @TheAmericanFlyTyer or search TheAmericanFlyTyer.com. If you tie this pattern, tag me and use #TheClucknBaetis ! Hope you give it a shot!

Tying Video: <https://youtu.be/14VJfH6BH4w>

MATERIALS:

Hook: Firehole 718 Size 18-24

Thread: Semperfli Nanosilk 18/0 (Copper)

UV Resin: Deer Creek Diamond Fine

Tails: 2 Microfibets (Black)

Rib: Hairline Ice Thread (Brown)

Gills: Turkey Wing Feather Wingcase: Fluoro Fibre (Black)

Legs: Fluoro Fibre (Black)

Flash: UTC Pearl Medium Tinsel (Ice Blue)



1. Attach your thread near the eye (18/0 Semperfli Nanosilk, Copper)



2. Tie on two Microfibets at the top of the hook and take them rearward towards the bend of the hook



3. Tie in a piece of brown Ice Thread monofilament on the side of the shank closest to you with a few tight wraps then advance your thread towards the eye of the

hook making touching turns of thread. This will help keep the slim profile of the fly.



4. Tie in a single plume of Turkey Primary Wing Feather on each side of the shank.



5. Carefully while continuing to keep them on opposite sides of the hook and with touching wraps secure them down the shank towards the rear of the

hook and then advance your thread towards the eye of the hook.

Fly of the Month: The Cluck'n Baetis - Contd.



6. Begin with one single wrap underneath both fibers before making open spiral wraps of Mono towards the eye, trapping the turkey fibers on either side of the hook. Take your time on this step

as the turkey can become brittle. Tie off your mono behind the eye of the hook with a few wraps and carefully remove the excess material. At this point you can add a whip finish to secure your work. Make sure to take a few breaths or enjoy a cold drink, at this point the hard part is done!



7. Tie on UTC pearl Medium Tinsel (IceBlue) on top of hook shank and advance your thread towards the 2/3 point of the hook just before the hook point while maintaining the Tinsel on top of the shank.



8. Tie in 12 strands of Fluoro Fibre on top of hook shank at the 2/3 point of the hook just before the hook point



9. With the materials tied in begin the process of building the thorax, this is done with repetitive wraps of thread in the thorax area until the shape of a football is achieved.



10. With your thread at the eye of the hook pull over the fluoro fibre and capture it with two securing wraps of thread.



11. Separate the strands of 12 into 6 and latch the closest 6 to the side of the hook closest to you with 2 firm wraps. Repeat this process on the opposite side.



12. Pull the Tinsel over the back and tie it in close to the eye. This will be used as the wingcase of this pattern. At this point you can whip finish and remove your thread. With a drop of Deer Creek Diamond

Fine Resin applied to a needle, coat the wingcase and cure the resin with the legs pulled down underneath the fly. Trim the legs while being pulled down at the point of the hook and your Cluck'n Baetis is ready to fish.

Editors Notes: Comments from the editor.

Fly of the Month: Do you know someone who you think should be featured in the Fly of the Month? If so, feel free to refer them. If you have a camera and computer, you can write a Fly of the Month article to honor your favorite tier tying their best creation. For details contact the Fly Tying Group at ftg@flyfishersinternational.org.

Please Credit FFI Website or FFI Fly Tying Group Fly of the Month with any use of the pattern. You can direct any questions or comments to ftg@flyfishersinternational.org.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

2024 Outings Calendar

DATE	EVENT/DESTINATION
Jan. 27	Trout 101 at HGWY 16 Bridge below Possum Kingdom Lake
Feb. 24	Trout at the Blue River in Oklahoma
March 23	White Bass on the Nolan River
April 6-8	Bill Ward Ranch and total solar eclipse

Fort Worth Fly Fishers Outings and Events in 2024

By Russell Husted
Education Director

Hello club members! Welcome to 2024!

The FWFF calendar of events is already filling up fast! Not only with club activities, but also including events across the state. So, let's start filling the dates in.

The club will start the year with a Trout 101 in January. Located at the Texas 16 bridge below Possum Kingdom Lake, this will be a fun filled day. There will be trout fishing, a hatchery tour, assistance for any level of fishing, and a picnic lunch to top off the day. We will meet up and discuss the day at 7:30 a.m., and go from there.

In February, if conditions are still good, we will head back up to the Blue River for one last attempt at some good trout fishing. Located near Tishimongo, Okla., the Blue River will have a lot

of trout for us to go after, including some huge ones. While the location is in Oklahoma, a day trip is still in play. You can easily get there in two and a half hours or less, and make it back home for dinner.

March is time for my favorite outing on the Nolan River near Blum. White bass will start running up into the creeks and rivers here in North Texas. And with a wet forecast from now through spring, this could be one of the best white bass runs in years! Let's hope for that. The Nolan River runs from the Cleburne area into the Brazos River above Lake Whitney, and in the spring is one of the prettiest areas to fish. With the bluebonnets and redbud trees blooming, the river runs through limestone rocks and cliff formations, which really add to the white bass run experience.

The April outing is in the planning stages, and it looks like we will be returning to one of our favorite locations, Bill Ward's Ranch near Mexia. It's a great place for our annual spring outing to chase after black bass and panfish. Several lakes to fish from, great camping, and fellowship with other members are what to expect. This time we are arriving on Saturday, and will stay through Monday afternoon, with the highlight of the trip being the TOTAL Eclipse viewing, which will occur Monday afternoon.

Read about the eclipse and timing here.

<https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/where-when/>

Also, here are some other events happening in the state that you might want to add to your own calendar. A lot of us will be attending and volunteering at these events.

- Jan. 27 Ed Rizzolo tying event hosted by the Texas Fly Fishers, Houston
- Feb. 16-18 Troutfest 2024 on the Guadalupe River
- March 1-2 Red River Rendezvous at Eisenhower State Park, Denison
- March 9 FlyFest in Fort Worth



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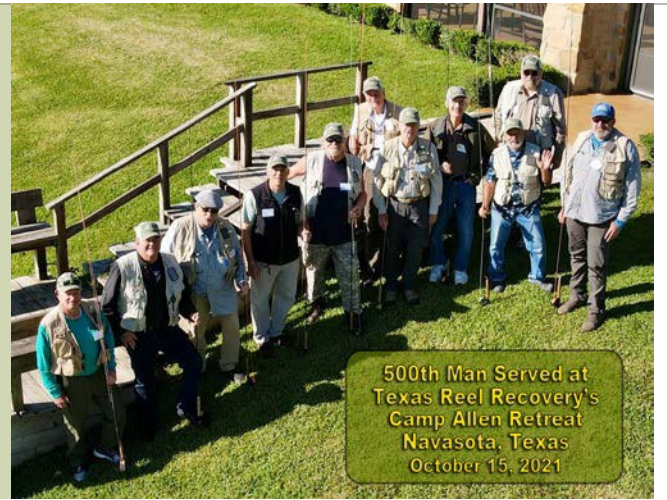
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Contact our fantastic volunteers and join us for Reel Recovery's 2024 Texas Retreats

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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

Orvis Fort Worth, 4601 West Freeway #310; 682-703-7675
Open fly tying at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Bring your own vise and materials. Also, in June only, Fly Fishing 101, Saturdays 9 -11 a.m. Must register online. Free.

Grapevine

Hop & Stink Brewery, 906 Jean Street, Grapevine, TX 76051
The second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. Michael Tulowitski leads a flytying class for all levels. All materials will be supplied.

Arlington

Arlington Vise Squad, El Fenix Mexican Restaurant, 4608 S. Cooper St. Arlington; 817-557-4309
Thursday nights, with dinner and drinks starting at about 5:30 p.m. and tying about 6:30 p.m. This event is usually led by a rotating cast of FWFF members who provide materials, but participants should bring their own vise and tools. It meets in a semi-private room, pictured above.

Online

The Roadkill Roundtable via Zoom

Free ZOOM demonstrations are hosted by Jack Gillis, FWFF president, and include experienced and well-known fly tyers, including Dutch Baughman, Fred DuPre', Dave Boyer, Eric Austin, Al and Gretchen Beatty. Meetings start at 7 p.m. Contact Jack at jackgillis@outlook.com to register without cost.

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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*