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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Well, 2019 is coming to an end as is my term as President of the Texas Council. It has been a great two years and I have really enjoyed spending time with many of you.

The Texas Council continues to be the largest of all the FFI councils and that is a reflection of a lot of hard work since 2012 by a lot of folks. The Officers and Board of the Council have worked diligently to preserve the mission of both the Council and the FFI.

Through those efforts many folks have decided to begin fly fishing. Our prayer is to continue to preserve those resources for many generations to come.

The new President and Board will take office on January 1st, 2020 and there is still a lot of work to be done. I hope that each of you will support them as you did me and the current Board.

We have a lot of activities coming up in 2020 throughout the State. You can read about quite a few of them in this newsletter and I hope that you make plans to attend and be a part of them.

Please welcome your 2020 Texas Council Officers and Board.

President – Andy Payne
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Conservation Director – David Reichert
Youth Director – Austin Orr
TPWD Liaison – Keira Quam

Here's wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Jerry Hamon
President, Texas Council FFI



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CI BOOT CAMP COMING TO TEXAS

For those of you who are interested in becoming an FFI Certified Casting Instructor we have some good news. A CI “Boot Camp” will be held in New Braunfels, Texas on March 27-29, 2020. This is an early announcement of this event to give Texas based FFI members an opportunity to be first in line for this learning event. It will be posted soon on the FFI website for registration.

The Texas Council Board and many of our Club Presidents have expressed a desire to see more CI’s certified in our state. Additionally, FFI and the Casting Instructor Certification Program want to help candidates prepare for the exam. The CI Boot Camp is designed to give participants hands on preparation and a clear understanding of the expectations of the exam. In turn, this may lead to an increased number of MCI’s, THCI’s and validated examiners.

Dave Barron, an MCI/L2 examiner and member of the Casting Board of Governors (“CBOG”), developed a Boot Camp program over the past 10 years. (John Breslin, MCI, worked with Dave in the early stages.) Dave and his instructors have helped many candidates begin successful preparation for the CI exam. As this program is done at different locations, new Boot Camp instructors can be oriented and encouraged to offer the Boot Camp again in their own areas. Dave Barron’s description follows.

This “Boot Camp” provides an intensive, consolidated approach to beginning preparation for becoming an FFI Certified Casting Instructor. The goals are: intensively review fly casting mechanics; discuss principles of teaching and mentoring at the CI level; clearly define the performance expectations of the exam, and outline what is required for successful preparation. The program is by no means a complete preparation for the exam, and candidates will require follow up practice, study and mentoring before expecting to pass the exam.

Optimal value comes from: 1) the Boot Camp occurring on consecutive days (Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, for example) 2) participants being sequestered at a facility (hotel, etc.) Friday and Saturday nights as there is work to be done outside of class time 3) a student: teacher ratio of 3:1; and 4) adjustments on the part of the instructors relative to the skill level(s) of the participants.

The Texas Boot Camp will be placed on the casting Calendar on the FFI website in December 2019. To express interest and to register you should go to www.flyfishersinternational.org. > CASTING > CALENDAR OF EVENTS. Once there, you will see instructions about registration. The estimate of the tuition is \$350 which includes lunch Saturday and Sunday. Participants are

responsible for their own lodging at the host facility. A minimum of 4 and maximum of 10 students will be accommodated. Tuition fees are used for administrative costs and travel reimbursement of instructors. The instructors are Dave Barron and Jonathan Walter, both MCI’s and L2 examiners.

The Texas Council appreciates the commitment by FFI CICP to produce a program in Texas to promote growth of our CI community.

FFI BRAND AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Fly Fishers International (FFI) began a significant rebrand in 2016, the purpose of which was to bring more relevance to the FFI mission to preserve fly fishing opportunities around the world by promoting conservation, education and community among fly fishers. FFI is looking to partner with a very select few individuals who would be ideal representatives of FFI’s core values and overall brand.

The goals of the program are to expand and enhance FFI’s presence on social media, reflect a more accurate representation of the evolving demographics in the sport and reach a younger, more diverse constituency. Ambassadors should be reflective of diversity in gender, age and fly fishing interests.

Expectation of Ambassadors

- Be familiar with FFI’s mission, vision and goals so ambassadors can convey them in a clear and compelling manner
- Help introduce your community/followers to FFI’s mission, vision, goals, and how to get involved
- Tag Fly Fishers International in all fly fishing photos and hashtag #FlyFishersInternational *(for FFI tagged post, remember that the intent of “Keep ‘Em Wet” policies should be followed)*
- Include on social profiles that you are a member of Fly Fishers International *(membership included with ambassador contract)*
- Specifically feature FFI once a month in a post either by sharing FFI content or providing your own content that highlights the organization and its mission
- Include links to flyfishersinternational.org on your website or blog wherever appropriate
- Support FFI through social media in promotion of events or coordinate directly with FFI in the instance of personal appearances at FFI related events
- Allow FFI to use your content for promotional and communications purposes (membership and donations, primarily) on our website, social and blog
- Include FFI sponsor logo in any productions where possible
- Maintain a positive image of the FFI brand at all times
- Be yourself



San Gabriel Fly Fishers Raffle!

Living Waters Fly Fishing in Round Rock has provided us a full day guided float trip to raffle off for one lucky winner and a guest!

- All Day (8 Hour) Guided Float Trip
- 2 Person Float (Winner and a guest)
- \$500 Value
- Winner is responsible for paying guide gratuity
- 1 ticket for \$10 or 3 for \$25

Drawing will be held at the January 21st Club Meeting.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

The San Gabriel Fly Fishers are putting on this raffle in an effort to raise club funds to help support our mission. We are a 501(c)(3) Non Profit that focuses on enjoying and teaching the sport of fly fishing through conservation, friendship, and good sportsmanship. We use funds to help further our mission by supporting other groups committed to helping others through fly fishing or conservation. These groups include but are not limited to, Project Healing Waters, Casting for Recovery, Reel Recovery, The Mayfly Project, Boy Scouts, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and City of Georgetown.

Thank you for helping support our mission,

If you have questions, or need more information, please send us an email at sgflyfishers@gmail.com

NEWS FROM FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

Women Connect Goals and Objectives document

For the past four years, the Women Connect program has developed an outstanding array of educational and instructional workshops held during the annual FFI Expo. These workshops provide instruction in a comprehensive curriculum of all aspects of fly fishing: fly fishing skills, casting, fly tying, and conservation, both in the classroom and on the water. The workshops are facilitated by women, and are intended for women participants. In addition, the Women Connect workshops provide various skill levels of fly tying instruction.

The Women Connect program established a committee, led by Patty Lueken, to develop a document outlining and defining the Goals and Objectives of the Women Connect program. The Goals and Objectives are available in the FFI Learning Center, on the FFI website.

FFI Learning Center Curriculum

The FFI Learning Center continues to develop new educational and instructional materials for the online Learning Center in the FFI website. The Education Committee is eagerly looking for a very good Entomology class to add to Learning Center curriculum. Suggestions for a good Entomology program should be directed to Rhonda Sellers or Dutch Baughman.

Soon to be uploaded to the FFI Learning Center are the following new educational materials:

1. Bronze Award Fly Tying Manual
2. Fly Fishing Etiquette (updated)
3. Fly Fishing Safety (updated)
4. Knots and Rigging
5. Facilitators Manual: A Comprehensive Introduction to Fly Fishing

Soon to be completed, then ready for the editorial and quality assurance process:

1. Fly Fishing Skills II; a continuation of the Comprehensive Introduction to Fly Fishing focusing on fly fishing skills such as Line Management, Maintaining Line Tension, Nymphing Techniques and Rigging, and much more
2. Salt Water Fly Tying

Leadership Development Workshop

The first Leadership Development Workshop was held during the 2019 Expo in Bozeman, Montana. The workshop was well attended with 30 participants, who represented leadership positions in

FFI Councils and Clubs, and participants who are interested in pursuing FFI leadership positions. The workshop included 17 presentations from the FFI BOD Executive Committee and standing Committee Chairs. Each presenter provided a power point presentation to support their comments, then all of the slide presentations were combined into one slide presentation loop. Each participant received a notebook including a copy of the entire slide presentation loop. The slide presentation loop will be available in the Learning Center on the FFI website. Plans are already underway for the Leadership Development Workshop at the 2020 FFI Expo in Bozeman, Montana.

Youth Fly Fishing Education Program

The Education Committee is developing a tab for the Learning Center featuring Youth Fly Fishing Education. This tab will include a profile of the FFI Youth Camp, guidelines and tips to develop a Youth Fly Fishing Program, and examples of Youth Fly Fishing Education programs among FFI member Councils and Clubs. Suggestions and comments should be directed to Rhonda, Dutch Baughman, or Dave Boyer.

Fly Tyer Resources

The FlyFishersInternational website (www.flyfishersinternational.org) is a source for fly fishing information, educational, and instructional materials. If you are a Fly Tyer, a visit to the FFI website will provide you an unparalleled resource. Click on the Tying tab on the website homepage and among the array of choice you will see a Fly of the Month, but you will also see the Fly Tying Video Library. The Library contains 565 videos of fly tying recipes and tying instructions. Of particular note, is the sorting feature this library offers. For example, you can select a Category (Cold Water, Salt Water, Techniques, The Masters, Warm Water), then you can select a Sub Category. Then you can enter the Fly Name, if you know it. Click on Search, and the Fly you are looking for will appear. This is the only fly tying data base that offers you the chance to find this information even if you don't know the name of the fly. All of the videos go through a specific quality assurance review before they are included in this Library.

New Saltwater Fly Committee

During the 2019 Expo in Bozeman, Montana, the first Leadership Development Workshop was held. The Workshop was very well attended. The Workshop participants had the opportunity to offer feedback and questions during the Workshop. Ron Mayfield, representing the Texas Fly Fishers in Houston, asked a very good question to Jerry Coviello, Chair of the Fly Tying Group. Ron's question asked why Salt Water flies were not more

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prominent in the FFI Fly Tying Award program. As a result of Ron's question, Jerry established a Salt Water Fly Committee, of which Ron is participating.

72% of the earth's surface is water. 97% of that (nearly 70% total) is salt water. Quite a number of the 6-10 million fly fishers in North America enjoy all types of fly fishing and fly tying. The group will aim to enhance our comprehensive fly tying curriculum and the Fly Tying Skills Award program. This new committee will continue to integrate more and better saltwater fly tying. This effort is not to establish a standalone new program. The Fly Tying Group believes a wider understanding of fly tying for saltwater leads to and accelerates skill, improves techniques, while enhancing fun and enjoyment of our art.

Tying flies for tarpon, billfish, snook, permit, redfish and bonefish is just another facet of the fly tying art, which obviously includes cold and warm water tying for salmon, trout and steelhead, bass and panfish and many others. Tying the salmon fly sent into a pool with a 12 foot spey rod somewhere in Scotland may indeed be historic, maybe even iconic. But salmon fly tying holds no greater or lesser importance than tying the fly that snookered a four pound smallmouth or tying the fly that sailed beneath the rhododendron with a seven foot two weight seeking native brook trout in North America. No denying there are many more fly fishers that enjoy tying flies for cold water, but THE NUMBER OF FLY FISHERS ENJOYING SALTWATER VENUES CONTINUES TO RAPIDLY INCREASE world-wide. With that in mind the Fly Tying Group is moving to include more attention to a vast number of saltwater flies, and techniques, procedures and materials for tying them. We expect this will broaden the scope for all who tie flies for the salt and for those who might wish to start.

Future FFI Expo

The FFI Expo will be held in Bozeman, Montana, July 21-25, 2020. Once again, the Expo will be held on the Montana State University campus. However, we will see dramatic changes to the Expo in future years. The FFI Board of Directors recently completed a study and analysis of the Expo event, and have approved recommendations pertaining to the future Expo. The future Expo will be a regionally based event in close alignment with current FFI Council events. The future Expo format will change as a result of new protocol for the selection of specific workshop topics and instructors. More details on this exciting development will be announced very soon.

Flyfisher Magazine

The Fall/Winter 2019 edition of Flyfisher magazine is now available on the FFI website and for those who receive the printed copy, it will be arriving in mailboxes soon.

The edition features articles about casting bass bugs, clean water, "Dragonflies That Slay", and more. Contributing authors include Chad Miller, Jeff Wagner, Dave McCoy, David Paul Williams, Jerry Coviello, Dave Peterson, Jen Ripple, and others.

Read about FFI's Conservation Scholarship recipients Emily Dean and Nicole Watson. Learn about Washington Council's efforts to keep a popular fishing access area along the Grand Ronde River open to the public, and Texas Council's restoration efforts of the Llano River after a 100-year flood.

First Certified Casting Instructor Program held in China



At the end of October the first CICP in Mainland China occurred. The event was held in Guangzhou Province, a southern province in Mainland China. Nine candidates passed the Casting Instructor (CI) exam during the event.



SAVE THE DATE – TRWD FLYFEST IN FORT WORTH

Mark your calendars now! The Tarrant Regional Water District Flyfest 2020 will be held on March 14, 2020 on the banks of the Trinity River in Fort Worth. Whether you are an experienced angler or have never touched a fly rod, this fun day in and along the Trinity River has something to hook everyone in the whole family. Additional information will be posted on the FWFF Facebook page as it becomes available.



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Fly fishing guides and outfitters provide valuable services to members of the fly fishing community around the world each year. Many Fly Fishers International (FFI) members are guides who provide fresh or salt water fishing experiences to their clients. However, many fly fishing guides are not members of the current Guides & Outfitters Association or FFI.

The expanded Guides & Outfitters Association is an effective way to establish a program that provides its members substantial benefits that include the best industry liability insurance and assist them in developing new clients.

It is the mission of FFI to support and protect fly fishing opportunities around the world for "all fish – all waters." It further is our intent to support members of the Guides & Outfitters Association as ambassadors who assist in the achievement of the FFI mission.

BENEFITS:

- » Insurance (United States only)
- » Travel and business programs
- » Access to FFI Learning Center materials
- » Promotion of services through FFI social media and publications

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TROUTFEST TEXAS 2020

This annual grassroots event is volunteer-run by members of the Guadalupe River Trout Unlimited. The festivities take place on the banks of the Guadalupe River at Lazy L&L Campground. There will be speakers, classes, gear, a banquet, movies, food, beer and fun for the whole family! See you there!

BANQUET FRIDAY ([tickets required](#))

FEBRUARY 21st, 6 pm-10 pm

- KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Tom Rosenbauer, Brand Manager for Rod & Tackle for Orvis in Manchester, VT
- BAND – Little Outfit
- RAFFLE – Buy tickets online
- SILENT AUCTION – Bid on silent auction online
- LIVE AUCTION – Come prepared to bid and raise money!
- MEAL – Beef & Chicken with vegetable sides DRINKS- Beer and Wine (Tickets come with 2 drinks)

F3T MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY ([tickets required](#))

FEBRUARY 22nd, 5:30 pm-10 pm – Fly Fishing Film Tour

EXPO SATURDAY & SUNDAY (FREE)

FEBRUARY 22nd, 9 am-5p m & FEBRUARY 23rd, 10 am-4 pm

EXPO FEATURED SPEAKERS

- Tom Rosenbauer, Brand Manager for Rod & Tackle for Orvis in Vermont
- Pat Dorsey, Head Guide and Co-Owner of the Blue Quill Angler fly shop in Evergreen, Colorado
- Alvin Dedeaux, Captain, Owner and Head Guide of All Water Guides in Austin, Texas
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11TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BASS ON THE FLY

Lake Fork, Texas at Lake Fork Marina

Saturday - May 2, 2020 - 6:00AM-2:00PM

Rods, reels and flies must be exclusively for fly fishing. This is a catch-photo-release tournament.

CATEGORIES:

Boaters: 1-2 person team, 5-fish photos, total length; Big bass.

Kayak: individual, 5-fish photos, total length; big bass. (Kayak, float tube, pontoon, or bank. No power.)

Club trophy: 3 big fish, total length/club-organization

COST: \$70/person, incl. \$5 big bass pot.

PAYOUT: 1-\$1200, 2nd-\$800, 3-\$500, 4-\$300, 5-\$200, 6-10 \$100. Big Bass - \$300, \$200. (Based on 100 entries in division.)

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

Friday - 10am-4pm Free casting clinics, 6PM Guide report, Product booths & Kayak demos, Casting Contests;

Friday 3-6 pm optional BIG SUNFISH TOURNEY, \$10 cash.

Saturday - 9am-Noon Free casting clinics, Kayak demos, casting contests, drawing for prizes after weigh in.

REGISTRATION:

You MUST now register ONLINE at ianglertournament.com. Then download the app so you can send in your pictures as you catch fish. Two person teams should register at one time and pay \$140 fee. BY MAIL- To Bass on the Fly, P.O.Box 173, Yantis, TX 75497.

If registered by April 15 you'll BE ELIGIBLE FOR A DRAWING FOR A SAGE BASS II FLY ROD. You must still register online.

ON-SITE Registration- Noon-9:00PM Friday or 5-6:00AM Saturday, cash only. You must still register online.

Questions or suggestions: Contact tedwarren@peoplescom.net or jerrywalker@dbaresults.com

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FWFF ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISER

Fort Worth Fly Fishers annual fund raiser, now known as “FWF4”, Fort Worth Fly Fishers Fundraising Festival, will be held on April 4, 2020. The event is a huge success because of devoted support of our club, the community and interested parties. The success of our Fundraiser is a direct result of the donations and contributions of our supporters and the hard work of our volunteers. This year’s event will be held for the 3rd year Wild Acres Brewing Company in Fort Worth. This venue attracted many people outside of our club which provides added excitement and energy to the success of the event.

The club auction and fund raiser is Fort Worth Fly Fishers primary source for funds. Proceeds go toward our efforts in educational programs, community support, environmental related efforts, as well as assisting in our club operations. With these funds we contribute generously to various non-profit organizations such-as Casting for Recovery and Reel Recovery who work with cancer patients, Project Healing Waters North Texas helping our disabled veterans along with North Texas Patriot Anglers, another organization that supports our veterans.

Proceeds from this event support the many activities Fort Worth Fly Fishers sponsor during the year, from Fly Fishing 101 designed to assist new and old in the basics of fly fishing, to conservation related projects that protect and enhance our waterways these activities among many others are the mission of our club. Another activity the club supports in a HUGE way is “FLYFEST”, Flyfest is held on the banks of the Clear Fork of the Trinity River. This event, in its 5th year will take place on Saturday March 14, 2020 and promises to be another very successful event. Fort Worth Fly Fishers provides the volunteer expertise for the “Fly Fishing” themed activities of the event. Flyfest is hosted by TRWD “Trinity Regional Water District” and is focused on community involvement for the residents the City of Fort Worth and surrounding communities.

Please make plans to come out this Spring and support the Fort Worth Fly Fishers Fundraiser “FWF4” and TRWD’s FLYFEST, you will not regret it.

FWFF TO HOST ANNUAL FLYFISHING 101 EVENT

On Saturday, January 18, 2020, Fort Worth Fly Fishers (FWFF) will host their annual Flyfishing 101 event on Hwy 16 below Possum Kingdom Dam. Both FWFF members and non-members are encouraged to attend. Participants are encouraged to bring

a guest interested in learning about fly fishing using nymph or streamer techniques in hopes of landing one of many species below the dam including stocked Rainbow Trout.

From 12:00pm to 12:45pm the club will provide a streamside lunch using a designated pavilion near the hatchery. After lunch all are encouraged to attend the Texas Parks and Wildlife hatchery tour that will begin at 1pm.

Please plan on meeting off the roadway before the Brazos River bridge (2112 Texas Hwy16 in Grafard, Texas) at 8 am.

Recommended fishing equipment for the event is:

Waders, wading boots and jacket

9 ft 5 wt rod with floating line

Indicator with 4x-6x leader

Flies – assortment of nymphs and streamers

FWFF AWARDED CONSERVATION GRANT TO DEPLOY FISH HABITATS AT LAKE MINERAL WELLS

Fort Worth Fly Fishers (FWFF) was recently awarded a grant from the Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership (RFHP), Friends of Reservoirs Foundation (FOR) and King Enterprises (www.mossbackfishhabitat.com), makers of Mossback artificial fish habitat products. The grant is providing \$1500 (retail value) in Mossback products which will be deployed in Lake Mineral Wells as part of the FWFF conservation program. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) fisheries biologists will partner with FWFF by providing technical expertise, boats and equipment to deploy the habitats. The project will be completed in early 2020.

FWFF VOLUNTEERS TO PARTICIPATE IN TPWD CONSERVATION PROJECT

On January 4, 2020, volunteers from the Fort Worth Fly Fishers (FWFF) will join biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and other local organizations to participate in the construction of a floating wetland for Lake Arlington in Arlington, Texas. The project sponsored and funded by TPWD will involve the construction of 60 habitat structures including 40 PVC fish habitat cubes and 20 bamboo buckets.

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Sat. April 4, 2020

Time TBD

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28TH ANNUAL DR. ED RIZZOLO FLY TYING FESTIVAL

I hope you are making plans to attend the 28th Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival. This year's festival will take place on Saturday, February 8th, 2020 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Bethany Christian Church, 3223 Westheimer Road in Houston, Texas. As always, this event is open to the public.

Coming from all areas of Texas and the surrounding states, tyers of all skill levels and all disciplines will be on hand to demonstrate their particular talents, patterns or styles of tying. This great event usually draws upwards of 50 tyers demonstrating cold water, warm water and saltwater flies.

The featured tyer for the Festival will be Gunnar Brammer of Duluth, Minnesota. If you're not familiar with Gunnar, he is one of fly tying's most amazing young tyers. Gunnar specializes in designing and tying predator flies for all big game species, with bait fish patterns ranging from 3-inch Smallmouth patterns all the way to 14-inch BEAST Styled Musky, to Offshore Flies and everything in between. If you would like to learn more about Gunnar along with his patterns and impressive style of tying,

visit his website at <https://www.streamersbygunnar.com/> or Brammer's Custom Flies on YouTube. I can assure you, you won't be disappointed.

From its humble beginnings in April, 1993, the Festival has grown into one of the top fly tying events in Texas, consistently attracting the top fly tiers from all over the country. This event could not have reached the level of notoriety it has without the support of tyers like you. With your continued support, it is our hope that the Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival will continue to grow. I hope you will make plans to be at this great event

Regards,

Chris Summers
Festival Chairman

For additional information or inquiries about the Festival, please email me at csumers@comcast.net

The Texas FlyFishers Presents The 28th Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival

Saturday, February 8, 2020

8:30 am 'til 4:30 pm

Bethany Christian Church

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Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from all forms of cancer. Combining expert fly-fishing instruction with directed “courageous conversations”, the organization offers a unique experience for men coping with cancer, a time to share their stories; learn a new skill, form friendships and gain renewed hope as they confront the challenges of their recovery.

“This was the best time of my life! It’s by far the best thing out there for men with cancer.”

Retreat Participant

Retreats are conducted over a two-and-a-half day period at a fly-fishing facility/lodge with onsite or nearby fishing access.

All meals, lodging and fly-fishing equipment are provided at no cost to the participants. Retreats are led by professional facilitators and expert fly-fishing instructors. A maximum of 12-14 men are invited to participate, to ensure the quality of the instruction and to create a powerful small-group dynamic.



“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

“This retreat was so much more than fishing; this was a life-changing experience.”

Retreat Participant

“Reel Recovery is a gift. Being here has given me the strength and courage to move forward with my life.”

Retreat Participant

GOALS

- **Provide a safe, reflective environment** for the participants to discuss their disease and recovery with other men with shared experiences, thereby providing support and information to help them in their recovery.
- **Provide expert fly-fishing instruction** that enables the participants to learn a new skill, form a healing connection with nature, and participate in a sport they can continue throughout their recovery and lifetime.
- **Provide participants information about cancer-related resources**, both in the local community and nationally to facilitate networking and enhanced management of their recovery.

If you would like to be a participant or a volunteer, please contact us.

National: Toll Free 800-699-4490 www.reelrecovery.org info@reelrecovery.org

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CRAFT FUR SHRIMP

There are several craft fur shrimp variations developed by tiers such as Tim Borski and Lefty Kreh. This is a flexible pattern that can be modified to mimic different shrimp species in many different situations and ecosystems. During different times of the year and depending on the lifecycle of the shrimp species, different species of shrimp are living in estuaries, bays or the oceans. Predatory fish species very often target shrimp as they migrate from one area to the other. One of the most common species of shrimp in Texas is the White Shrimp (*Litopenaeus setiferus*).

White Shrimp description – from the NOAA website – <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/white-shrimp>

Appearance

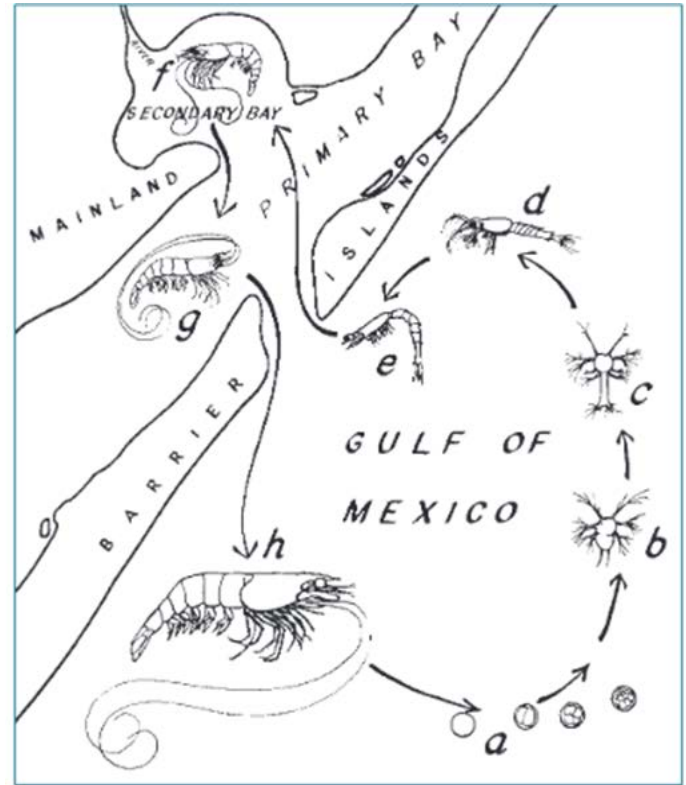
- White shrimp are crustaceans with 10 slender, relatively long walking legs and five pairs of swimming legs located on the front surface of the abdomen.
- Their bodies are light gray, with green coloration on the tail and a yellow band on part of the abdomen.
- Their carapace is not grooved.
- Part of their shell is a well-developed, toothed rostrum that extends to or beyond the outer edge of the eyes.
- They have longer antennae than other shrimp (2.5 to 3 times longer than their body length).

Biology

- White shrimp grow fairly fast, depending on factors such as water temperature and salinity, and can reach up to 7 or 8 inches in length.
- They have a short life span, usually less than 2 years, and are often referred to as an “annual crop.”
- They are able to reproduce when they reach about 5 ½ inches long.
- White shrimp spawn when offshore ocean bottom water temperatures increase, generally from May through September in the Carolinas, and from March through September in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Males mate with females and anchor their sperm to the females. Females release about 500,000 to 1 million eggs near the ocean floor, and the eggs are fertilized as they are released.
- Newly hatched shrimp travel to their estuarine nursery habitats in April and early May.
- Shrimp that survive the winter grow rapidly in late winter and early spring before returning to the ocean.
- A wide variety of finfish feed heavily on juvenile and adult shrimp.

Where They Live

- White shrimp are found from Fire Island, New York, to St. Lucie Inlet on the Atlantic Coast of Florida. In the Gulf of Mexico, they are found from the Ochlochonee River, Florida, to Campeche, Mexico.



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| a) shrimp eggs | f) juvenile shrimp |
| b) nauplius larva | g) adolescent shrimp |
| c) protozoa | |
| d) mysis | h) mature adult shrimp |
| e) postmysis | |

The pattern described below mimics adolescent White Shrimp as they migrate in the early fall from the estuaries and bays to the open sea to mature and spawn. Many times when fishermen see the ‘birds working’ along the Texas Coast in the fall, it’s fish ambushing the schools of white shrimp as they migrate across the bays to the Gulf of Mexico. The predatory fish chase the white shrimp to the surface and birds pick off the shrimp as they jump out of the water to avoid being eaten by the predatory fish. Seeing a dozen or more birds hovering and diving into the water over a big school of trout or redfish is a common fall site that will get the pulse racing of even a seasoned saltwater fly fisher.

Materials

- Size 4 saltwater hook – Tiemco 811s or equivalent
- Light brown Danville 3/0 or similar thread
- Light brown craft fur at least 2 ½ inches long
- Dark orange dubbing or yarn
- Shrimp eyes – purchased or made with 30-40 lbs. monofilament line
- Light brown hackle feather
- Crystal chenille – medium or micro – pearl or light brown colored
- Brown marker pen

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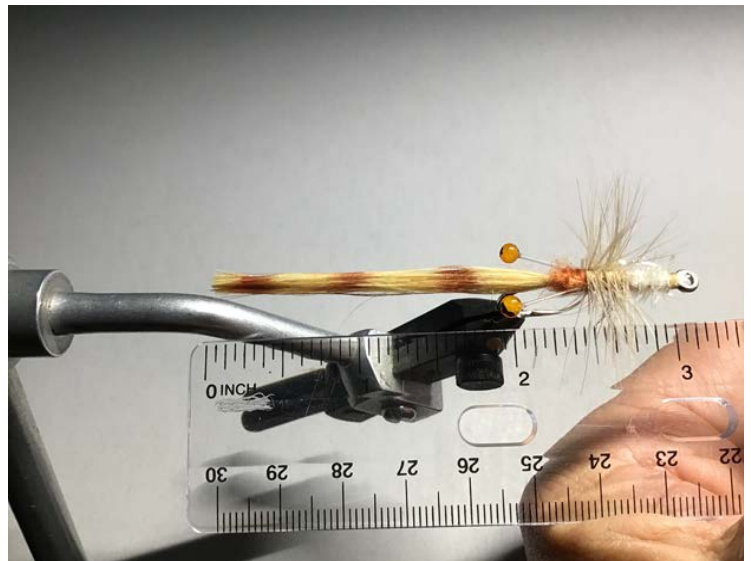


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Steps

1. From the eye to the bend of the hook, wrap the hook with thread.
2. Tie 2 1/2 inches of craft fur right before the bend of the hook and extended to the middle of the shank. The craft fur should extend past the hook bend 2 times the length of the hook.
3. At the bend of the hook, tie on top of the craft fur a thick bundle of dark orange yarn or dubbing about 1/8 of an inch long. This bundle mimics the dull orange color of the digestive parts of a white shrimp under the carapace. This bundle is also used to splay the eyes in the next step.
4. Tie in two shrimp eyes behind the orange bundle using the orange bundle to splay the eye outward at about a 30 degree angle. The eyes should extend to the bend of the hook. Make sure the eyes are even and the same length. Put a drop of head cement on the thread used to tie in the eyes. Hint – scratch the monofilament eyes with sandpaper where they will be tied in. Scratching the monofilament allows the thread and head cement to grab hold of the monofilament and keep it from pulling out. Monofilament is very slick and the eyes will sometimes pull out if the monofilament is not scratched.
5. On top of where the shrimp eyes are tied in and right below the hook point, tie on a single light brown hackle. Palmer it toward the eye of the hook making sure not to get the wraps very close to each other. By not getting the wraps close to each other, the hackle fibers can bend in the water. This results in more motion as the hackle fibers bend then straighten out between retrieves. The palmered hackle should cover from below the hook point to half way to the eye. The length of the hackle fibers should extend just past the hook point. Some variations of this pattern cut the palmered hackle from the top of the hook so the hackle fibers look like the walking and swimming legs of a shrimp. During the fall when the shrimp are in the open bays, I prefer to leave the hackle intact all around the hook so the fly sinks slower and has more action.
6. Tie in the crystal chenille just behind the hackle. Wrap the hook shank with the crystal chenille to just before the hook eye. Tie off the crystal chenille.
7. Whip finish the fly and put a drop of head cement on the whip finish.
8. With the brown marker, mark the craft fur with 3 evenly-spaced and narrow bands.



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To align ourselves with this national strategy, the Texas Council is focusing our efforts to increase our support for our local clubs and existing events.

Our Council newsletter has been in place for many years now, and has successfully promoted activities across the state, businesses that wish to align with our council, and kept all informed of what is going on at the State and national level. With aggressive plans in 2019, our council is seeking funding to support these initiatives. We will always be grateful for donations we receive, but our new focus will be to raise funds through our newsletter. We will promote the FFI Texas Council and our newsletter through the Texas Council website, social media, through our clubs across the state reaching the 1000+ FFI members we have, and through the National FFI website.

Please consider advertising in our Council's newsletter. We have a very affordable advertising rate for the reach you will receive with your ad, which includes placement in all four newsletters.

Prices for advertising with the Texas Council newsletter's four issues are:

- Business Card \$50 a year
- ¼ page color ad \$100 a year
- ½ page color ad \$200 a year
- FULL page color ad \$300 a year
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The newsletter will be published four times a year. Each edition will publish at the beginning of each season, as follows:

Deadline for content and advertising	Newsletter sent out
Spring March 1st	March 20th
Summer June 1st	June 21st
Fall September 1st	September 22nd
Winter December 1st	December 21st

Thank you for your support in the past, and we look forward to your future involvement with the Texas Council to promote fly fishing across Texas.

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Presidents

I must praise the many, many great volunteers that make up the Texas Council, and the clubs that are across our great state. Especially the club Presidents that never get the praise they deserve. This year, we have many new faces as club Presidents, and we want to personally Thank them for all they do, and will do this and hopefully many years. The last time we checked, the annual pay rate has not changed, none, and yet these men and women continue to work hard to make their respective clubs the best they can be. One might ask, why they do it? That's a great question. Since I was one, and President of the Council currently, we do it because of the relationships we make, we do it for the love of the sport, we do it to conserve the area we are so passionate about, and we do it because there is the need. So again, Thank You Club Presidents for your commitment and dedication to our communities, our sport, and for our fellow club members. Hat's off!!!

Here is your current list of Presidents for 2019:

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Red River	Reid Winger
Rio Grande	Rey Ramirez
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Houston	Marques Enriquez
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Volunteers

With that being said, we must also say a BIG Thank You to all of the volunteers that make up the Texas Council. These volunteers also do a great job, putting activities together for clubs, focus on conservation across the state, help educate the youth and fly fishers across the state, while also enjoying fly fishing in the many great waters our state has to offer. This is a great group of men and women that are focused in serving Texas in an amazing way. And there is still a need for more men and women to join our efforts. If you are interested in joining our council or any club as a volunteer, please do so. You will enjoy it very much, and make new friends that are committed to making Texas a great place to fly fish. Help us educate and conserve our great waters, and make a difference. To join up as a volunteer, simply contact a club or a Board of Director of the Texas Council. We can be reached at president@texascouncilfff.com.

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- The 2018 FFI Annual Fair held in Boise, ID, was jam packed with hundreds of workshops, seminars, famous authors and over 100 expert tiers and casters sharing their skills.

- FFI just launched the Learning Center with online classes in Fly Casting, Fly Tying, Fly Fishing Skills, and Conservation Education for the benefit of FFI members and the fly fishing community.

- Our ever-growing fly fishing museum includes the 7th fiber-glass rod ever made, the Fritz Gerds collection that includes over 150 fly plates, and an impressive collection of Lee Wulff memorabilia.

- FFI has provided grants and joined our partners in fighting mining proposals on the Menominee River in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, in the pristine Boundary Waters Wilderness in Minnesota, in Alaska's Bristol Bay and the Yellowstone Park watershed in Montana. These efforts will protect thousands of river and stream miles that impact our opportunities to fly fish.

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