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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Even though we are still wearing face masks and social distancing, there is good news on the horizon. Oktoberfisch, founded and presented by Fredericksburg Fly Fishers Club with assistance and

support from Texas Fly Fishers of Houston, Hill Country Fly Fishers, Fort Worth Fly Fishers and the Texas Council of FFI is scheduled for Oct 16 - 18, 2020. Review plans and register [here](#).

Oktoberfisch 2020 may be the only in-person event of the year in Texas for all things fly fishing since Troutfest in February.

The FFI Virtual Leadership Conference is still in planning stages for presentation during October 2020. The presenters for this conference will be individuals from clubs and councils around the organization that are offering details about very successful programs that have served them well in a wide array of activities. Watch for publication of the date and program details.

The Council is participating in an effort to protect the Clear Fork of the Trinity River in Fort Worth from discharge of waste water that will impact a

very popular fishing resource. Please see comments from Russell Husted about Mary's Creek.

Just a reminder, but our organization is Fly Fishers International. IFFF and FFF no longer exist. Some of our club and council leaders and Certified Casting Instructors continue to mention the Federation and expired names. Please help get the correct name recognition for the only organization in the world that works to preserve the legacy for fly fishing, all fish all waters.

I will be making an effort over the next few weeks to make direct contact with all of the Presidents of clubs served by the Texas Council of FFI. Working together, FFI, the Council and all of our clubs can have a larger and more effective impact on our sport, our natural environment and our community.

Maybe I will even go fishing!

Andy Payne
President, Texas Council FFI

TCEQ ANNOUNCED PUBLIC MEETING ON MARY'S CREEK WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY DUE TO PUBLIC CONCERNS



Council, we want to make you all aware of a potential environmental issue that is being proposed here in Fort Worth, in regards to the future of the Trinity River. TCEQ is planning on opening a sewage treatment facility that will return treated water back into Mary's Creek, which runs on into the Trinity River. We as a Council greatly oppose this plan, as it will altar the ecology of the river forever. Pumping large amounts of treated water will effect fish, wildlife, human life and more. The Fort Worth community depends on this river so much, and we do s well. It's not so much about the plant, but where the water is released. Studies show this will harm the environment, and has in other locations where this has been done. TRWD has come up with alternate solutions for this waste water, and we believe this is a much better solution, than just dumping this water into Mary's Creek.

There are many groups, that also oppose this plan, and many more will join in on the opposition. Groups included are the Fort Worth Fly Fishers, TRWD, Texas Streams Coalition, Trinity Coalition. These groups, along with the Texas Council, are making themselves heard, to preserve the river, many of us have worked so hard to improve, and keep it in good condition for the future.

WE can make a difference, and it is not too late. Comments can be made in regards to this issue, and should be. If you would like to do that, and join us in this effort, simply follow the information below. Our ask is to educate yourself on the issue, and do just that. Comments need to be in before the 5th of October, which is the actual date of the public hearing of which we will be present.

To read more about the issue before you decide, please review the information provided by TRWD.

[TCEQ announced public meeting on Mary's Creek Water Reclamation Facility due to public concerns | Tarrant Regional Water District](#)

Below is a document that explains the process of making a public comment. Please support our efforts by doing so:

If you oppose allowing this plant, follow the steps below to file your comment before Oct. 4.

1. Go to: <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/index.cfm?fuseaction=per.p3>
2. In the first box enter the permit number that would allow this:
3. WQ0015668001 (hint: after the WQ, those are zeros, not the letter 'O')
4. You must enter your name, etc. in the requested fields.
5. In the comment section, one must state:

"I (live/fish/tube/kayak) within (estimate rough distance) downstream of the City of Fort Worth's proposed Mary's Creek

discharge point. (FYI – Mary's Creek enters the Clear Fork 7 miles downstream. It is 13 miles downstream to Trinity Park. 14 miles to Panther Island Pavilion)

"I **oppose** this permit to discharge into Mary's Creek and **request a contested hearing**."

"It will create (*choose one of the following*):"

- hazardous, unsightly, smelly, or otherwise undesirable conditions in the Clear Fork that will hurt the value (*and use of my property/of my business*)."
- a strong potential for poisonous bloom conditions in the Clear Fork which is the source of water for my livestock. A hazardous bloom, just like what killed several dogs in Town Lake, Austin, the past two years could kill my livestock. Or, if a dangerous bloom was known to be occurring, TRWD may have to deny everyone contact or use of the water during those times which deny me water for my livestock."
- a strong potential for poisonous bloom conditions in the Clear Fork which is where I take my dog to play, cool off and get a drink. A hazardous bloom, just like what killed several dogs in Town Lake, Austin, the past two years could kill my dog. Or, if a dangerous bloom were known to be occurring, TRWD may have to deny everyone contact or use of the water during those times which would take away my ability to play with my dog in this area."
- a strong potential for poisonous bloom conditions in the Clear Fork which is where I (*fish/kayak/paddleboard*). I am concerned the discharge will create harmful conditions that will cause skin rashes when I am in contact with the water. Or, if a dangerous bloom were known to be occurring, TRWD may have to deny everyone contact or use of the water during those times which would prevent me from being able to (*fish/kayak/paddleboard*)."
- a strong potential for poisonous bloom conditions in the Clear Fork which is where I (*swim/tube*). (*Swimming/Tubing*) inherently involves being completely inundated in the water at times and ingesting the water. A poisonous bloom will create risk of skin rashes. At worst, due to ingestion, it could be lethal. Or, if TRWD knew that a dangerous bloom condition was occurring, I, along with the rest of the public, may be completely denied access and use of the river during such times."

NOTE: TCEQ does not care if people say the exact thing (boiler plate submittals.) TCEQ just cares about: your name, address, phone number, the applicant's name (City of Fort Worth), permit number (WQ0015668001), location and approximate distance of your activity/property from the discharge point, whether you "support"/"oppose and want a contested hearing", and how you are SPECIFICALLY harmed.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S FLY FISHING DAY



So how did you spend your time on the first annual International Women's Fly Fishing Day? The Texas Council would like to hear from you. Simply send us a photo and comment on our Facebook page, for us all to enjoy. I really enjoyed seeing the friends and families enjoying the day fly fishing, and having a great time. So much so, I wanted to find out how it came about, and who originated the idea. And after some research, I found out it is a really cool story. Two women from different parts of the world joined together through social media, on a site a woman created for others to share their fly fishing experiences. Their goal was to bring women together from all over the world, virtually, for one day to celebrate their fly fishing experiences, and be role models to support other women that are new to fly fishing. What a powerful goal, and they made it happen!!!! September the 12th will be a day that will be remembered for a very long time!!

I've asked several of my friends to share what they experienced on this day, and again I was touched by their comments and feelings they shared.

Keira Quam from Texas Parks and Wildlife and Winner of the State's Employee Recognition Award

I truly enjoyed the First International Women's FF Day. I posted not only on the page but also on the Sisters on the Fly page. Last year In Gonzales I taught about 80 women from all over the United States to Tenkara fish over 6 days during the 10 year Anniversary celebration of Sisters on the Fly. I shared the International Women's Day and pictures I had taken of everyone on the water holding a Tenkara rod. It was so much fun to see them react so positively to being connected with other women fly fishers all over the world. That one event got a lot of women involved in fly fishing as well as Tenkara fishing. Many went out and bought rods and fishing licenses. It was the most success I have had teaching women to fish and after they saw that connection on International Women's Day, others posted that they wanted to learn too! Plus, seeing so many women I know across the US just feels like we are in this thing together. There are a lot more men in fly fishing than women. But International Women's Fly Fishing Day brought a lot more visibility to the fact that a lot of women are out there fly fishing too!

Julia Bell and Fly Fishers International Board Member

Encouraging others to have fun. What a grand theme and the motivation behind the first International Women's Fly Fishing Day held on 12 September 2020 at 11:00 a.m. locally. The IWFFD was a virtual event designed to bring female anglers together globally to celebrate their pursuit of fly fishing, while encouraging others to explore fly fishing. I tried my hand at tying some of Fishy Fullum's Tenkara fly patterns, since I'm still dealing with a broken arm (sustained while fly fishing!). While I can't quite manipulate fingers, hand, and arm, I have enjoyed tackling

the Tenkara style of fly fishing, and it was good, mental exercise to focus on trying to encourage healing to my body.

Once the fishing ended, Fly Fishers International – Women Connect Facebook group and social media exploded with posts of female fly anglers sharing their casts, catches, and ebullient joy at being outdoors with fish. Posts from all time zones, all hemispheres, revealed the day's catch, and what a haul it was—freshwater and saltwater species, exotics and common species, warm water and cold water species, just pure, glorious fishing from very excited female anglers from all over this gorgeous planet of ours with the underlying current being, conservation for the health of global wildlife fisheries just gained some significant friends and ground.

Please share with us what you did?

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL CASTING PROGRAM

Texas Council members and more. In this issue, we want to highlight the FFI Casting Program, as this is one of the foundations of our great organization. If you have not been to the website in a while, you should go back, and get a refresher on the amazing aspects of the casting program. From how to become a certified casting instructor. To where to find an instructor.

Want to go to a casting event? Check out the calendar. Want to learn a new cast / application before going on the next fly fishing trip? Go there as well. There is so much talent in the organization, and yes you can reach out to that talent, by simply going to the website. Want to read about casting experiences? Check out the Loop. A newsletter designed specifically for the fly fishing casting enthusiast.

So again, go back to the website, and use it for what it's there for. Reach out if you need anything. And keep up with the Texas Council FFI's Facebook page for recent events and news.

<https://flyfishersinternational.org/Casting/Casting-Certification-Overview>

TWELVE HOT SPOTS TO FISH FOR CRAPPIE IN TEXAS

News Release | Media Contact: TPWD Press Office | Sept. 15, 2020

AUSTIN –Texas is renowned for world class bass fishing and offers some of the best destinations in the country to reel in the catch of a lifetime. However, Texas also provides anglers with excellent opportunities to reel in a sometimes-overlooked species: crappie. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s Inland Fisheries Division set out to determine some of the best hot spots for crappie fishing in the state.

“We are excited to feature these 12 destination lakes for our anglers to check out on their next fishing excursion,” said Brian Van Zee, TPWD Inland Fisheries Regional Director. “These lakes, which are located across the state, stood out as providing consistently strong crappie fishing right now. We hope anglers take advantage of all the excellent fisheries that the state has to offer.”

Here are the lakes selected by TPWD staff:

1. Abilene’s Daniel Reservoir landed on the list as one of the top crappie lakes in Texas and is one of the area’s best producers of large crappie. In multiple population surveys, many legal-sized (10 inches and larger) crappie upwards to about 15 inches were sampled. This reservoir does not typically get a lot of angling pressure but may produce good harvest rates.
2. Population surveys at Granger Lake near Austin have consistently shown a high abundance of white crappie. TPWD has installed brush piles throughout this reservoir, which enhance angling opportunities for both boat and bank anglers. Crappie fishing from the bank is very popular on Granger Lake and is at its best in the spring with solid fishing in the fall as well.
3. Recent data has shown that angler harvest rates on Lake Conroe are strong, so anglers have the potential for great success on this lake. Lake Conroe, close to Houston, is a large reservoir, but many anglers do well fishing under the major bridges or on artificial habitat structures that have been placed by local fishing groups. Some anglers have also had success fishing piers located on points into the main body of the lake.
4. Coletto Creek Reservoir provides some big-time crappie angling opportunity near Victoria. The reservoir often supports a robust crappie population providing fast and furious action. Angler harvest rates over time have been solid. In the spring, crappie can be caught in shallow water near submerged brush while summertime anglers focus in on the main creek channels near submerged timber.
5. White Rock Lake in the heart of Dallas is not a large reservoir but has an excellent crappie population. Catch rates of crappie in population surveys are some of the highest of any Texas reservoir. The lake has a boat engine horsepower limit (9.9), which might discourage some boat anglers from fishing it, but it certainly makes it kayak and canoe angler friendly. The lake features fishing piers for anglers without boats or kayaks, and reed beds provide cover for fish.
6. Lake Lavon is located northeast of Dallas and is the

childhood stomping grounds of professional crappie angler, Wally Marshall (Mr. Crappie). The lake, which is noted for crappie fishing, boasts high harvest rates of quality fish. In the winter, crappie are usually found around deep structures, especially on south-facing shorelines. The fish migrate to shallow water in the spring to spawn, providing anglers with ample opportunities to reel in quality crappie.

7. Sam Rayburn Reservoir near Jasper draws a lot of anglers, but anglers have plenty of room to spread out on “Big Sam” as it’s the largest reservoir completely within Texas. Crappie spawning is relatively stable and tends to reduce the “boom-and-bust” crappie fishing that can occur at some smaller reservoirs. Although crappie fishing can be good year-round, most anglers target crappie from May – October when many of the fish can be found on main-lake brush piles in 15- to 30-foot depths.
8. Data from recent angler surveys at Lake O’ the Pines, which is near Marshall, indicated that 25-35 percent of the fishing pressure was by anglers targeting crappie throughout the year. Anglers have harvested fish ranging up to 16 inches long. There is a special harvest regulation on the reservoir from Dec. 1 through the end of February that requires anglers to keep the first 25 crappie they catch regardless of size.
9. For anglers near San Angelo, crappie fishing at Twin Buttes Reservoir has been exceptional this year. Anglers are consistently catching limits, including many fish that measure around 14 inches. Recent population surveys indicated that an excellent crappie population was present. With solid numbers of 5- to 6-inch crappie found in the lake, the next generation is strong and good fishing should continue for several years to come.
10. Crappie Masters visited Quitman’s Lake Fork in 2019 and helped showcase the crappie fishing in this renowned water body. The first-place team weighed in a bag of 30.72 lbs. (14 fish), the 10th place team checked in at 28.69 pounds, and then 50th place was still an impressive 23.61 pounds. Beyond tournament results, the lake has consistently been ranked in the top five best crappie lakes in the country the last few years.
11. In the vicinity of Waco, Lake Limestone is off the beaten path a bit, but it provides more solitude for anglers who want to avoid the crowds. Crappie fishing can be great in the spring when fish are in shallow water for spawning. Most spawn in shallow coves and in the back of creeks. During the summer, fishing can be good as crappie gather around large solitary trees in the mouths of creeks and on main lake points, suspending 10 to 20 feet deep.
12. Near Wichita Falls, Lake Arrowhead has historically been considered the area’s best crappie fishery. Crappie can be found throughout the reservoir, but some of the most popular shoreline angling locations are Lake Arrowhead State Park and the four bridges. The bridges are also popular with boat anglers seeking crappie.



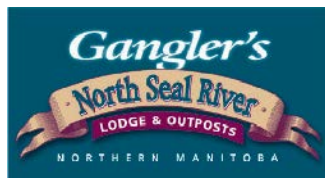
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4TH ANNUAL MASON COUNTY WINTERFISCH SPONSORSHIP

What a nice weather treat we have received as we arrive at mid-September! It is a very welcome change from our long, hot, and very dry summer. Of course Covid-19 has created an extremely challenging year for all of us as we have had to adapt many aspects of our lives.

We are pleased to announce the 4th Annual Mason County WinterFisch. We are excited that WinterFisch will be moving into its 4th season of providing an outdoor, family-oriented fishing opportunity on the banks of the beautiful Llano River in Mason County. We are fortunate that WinterFisch fits in very well with current pandemic management strategies.

WinterFisch will run from December 5th, 2020 through March 14th, 2021. Our goal this year is to stock a total of 2500 Rainbow Trout. Our WinterFisch Celebration, which kicks off the season, will be held on Saturday, December 5th at James River Crossing and Dos Rios RV Park & Campground. We will again feature a variety of prizes for the catching of tagged fish.

It is our hope that you will support Mason County WinterFisch, which is designed to engage families in the outdoors, provide a local inexpensive activity for all, and support businesses in Mason County during our slowest season. If you already know that you would like to sponsor WinterFisch please let us know and we will confirm you as a sponsor.

This year a "Stringer of Fish" is \$140 and is equal to 100 fish. Sponsorships can be in full or partial "stringers." All donations of any amount will be most helpful and greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to "Mason County WinterFisch" and mailed to WinterFisch, c/o Tony Plutino, P.O. Box 1161, Mason, TX, 76856-1161. Funds may also be deposited directly to the WinterFisch account at The Commercial Bank in Mason.

Thank you again for your support and sponsorship and for your consideration of being a sponsor of the 4th Annual Mason County WinterFisch. The success of WinterFisch is only possible thanks to your continued enthusiastic support and generous funding. WinterFisch has continued to gain in popularity and we have secured our place on the calendar as a signature event for Mason County and the Texas Hill Country.

We know everyone is very busy, so have kept this email brief. For questions or additional information please contact Tony Plutino at 512-496-2020 or tonyplutino@gmail.com.

Best regards,

Tony Plutino & the WinterFisch Team

OKTOBERFISCH IS A PREMIER TEXAS HILL COUNTRY FISHING EVENT

Enjoy professional fly casting and fly tying lessons at Oktoberfisch

In 2020 Oktoberfisch will be held this October 16-18, at the new 140 acre Edgewater Springs Resort in Fredericksburg which is located in the heart of the Texas Wine Country. The resort and event headquarters offers over a mile of private fishing access to the Pedernales River.

Located just 3 miles away from the event waters is the City of Fredericksburg Texas. Fredericksburg has been described by Texas Monthly as the "Aspen of Texas". Named as one of the top 10 resort destinations in Texas, Fredericksburg offers: more than 100 restaurants with a wide range of cuisines. Shoppers will love the boutique shops and museum buffs will delight in the National Museum of the War in the Pacific and the Pioneer Museum. Lodging choices include include tent sites & RV sites at the event. If you are staying in town there are motels, hundreds of unique Bed & Breakfast options, as well as numerous RV Parks.

Participants will enjoy fine event details such as access maps and shuttle service to fish local waters. Other amenities include access to the all of the classes, fishing on site, Saturday night cookout, RV hookups, campsites, and parking for those not staying onsite.

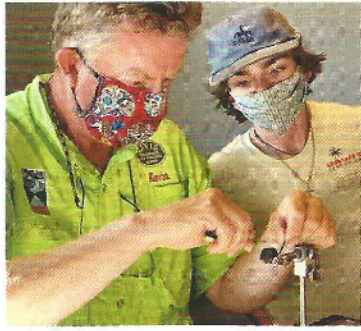
There are several thousand lodging options available in Fredericksburg. However October begins one of the most energy packed resort seasons of the year in Fredericksburg. Even if you have not yet registered for the Oktoberfisch Event, NOW is not too early to make lodging reservations. Limited RV hook-ups and tent sites are available at the event site.

To register online and for more info visit:

<https://www.fredericksburgflyfishers.com/oktoberfisch>

Check out the following article featured in a publication local to the event.

Oktoberfisch 2020



Nearly twenty years ago, Martin Pursch opened a small fly fishing shop on Gochman Lane. As Mark Cole, a fly fisher in the area, inadvertently passed The Country Fly Fisher Shop on a bicycle ride, he stopped by. That initial introduction was the beginning of casual

meetings at the shop, which grew in size, and was the foundation of the Fredericksburg Fly Fishers Club. Today the club is a nonprofit 501c3 organization, made up entirely of volunteers.

After a few years, and growth in membership, the Fredericksburg Fly Fishers decided to host a Fly Fishing Festival, which they aptly named Oktoberfisch. For that reason, they selected a weekend in October, and had the first Oktoberfisch on the banks of the Llano, on primitive property near Mason. Needless to say, the event has grown greatly over the past sixteen years.

Fly fishing has become a popular pastime in our State, with over 20 clubs within the Texas Council of Fly Fishers International comprising thousands of members. For those who have never tried the sport, there are two myths we must dispel: first, you don't have to cast like Brad Pitt in the movie "A River Runs Through It." Nearly no one can. Secondly, it is not an expensive sport. For the price of a pair of high quality, big name athletic shoes, you can buy a very serviceable fly rod, reel, and fly line.

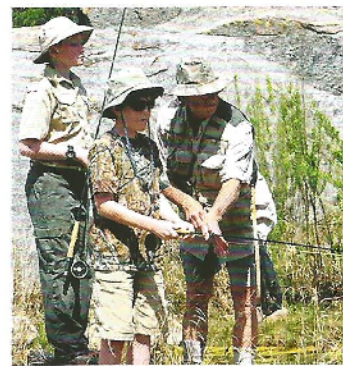
At Oktoberfisch you can learn how to cast, learn how to tie flies, and match them to local aquatic life. You can also learn how to fish from a canoe or drift boat, or take your kayak or canoe on our shuttle to fish for the day. You can learn about proper safety and conservation. On that Saturday night, enjoy a great dinner under the big tent, where you have the chance to win a great raffle prize, or bid on an amazing auction item. In 2017, a first time participant and novice fly fisher bought \$5 of raffle tickets and won a



By Tim Lafferty, President of the Fredericksburg Fly Fishers

high-end kayak, worth over \$1000. He has been back every year since, with his friends and family.

This year, Oktoberfisch has finally come home, to Fredericksburg, along the Pedernales River. The newly developed Edgewater Springs Resort, on 140 beautifully wooded acres, provides areas for classroom activity and events in public space that is the great outdoors. With over a mile of private river access, and instruction outside, or under the big top tent, participants can practice social distancing and other prudent health practices. Fly fishing sun buffs make the perfect mask.



For most, who have never visited the property, you will be astounded by the beauty of the resort, just off Highway 290, minutes from downtown Fredericksburg. There is even a mini-tradeshow, with local and regional outfitters, including the local Country Fly Shop in Fredericksburg, and Los Cazadores, with shops in Fredericksburg and Stonewall. Texas Parks & Wildlife Department leaders, cancer support groups such as Reel Recovery and Casting for Recovery, and representatives from Fly Fishers International, who have come from Ft. Worth, Dallas, Houston and Kerrville to support the Fredericksburg clubs efforts, will be there to provide answers to your questions, and will gladly share their knowledge and expertise from around the State.

Nearly all of the proceeds from Oktoberfisch go to worthwhile local and regional nonprofit groups, and defenders of our natural habitat and beautiful waters. The focus of this event is to maintain those opportunities for future generations to enjoy and also to connect and support our community-minded service organizations. Last year the club donated over \$7,000 to a number of organizations, including Reel Recovery, Casting for Recovery, Fredericksburg's Living Well Learning Center, Fredericksburg's Meals on Wheels, and Fredericksburg's Food Pantry.

Come learn about fly fishing, sharpen your skills with the experts, and meet some of the nicest fishing folks in Texas. There is something for everyone, for all ages and levels of skill, from beginner to expert. And at the same time, you will be supporting our natural landscape, fishing waters, and the great community of the Hill Country. In short, Oktoberfisch is a fundraising event, with an emphasis on fun. The entire family will have a great time!

Visit our webpage at fredericksburgflyfishers.com/oktoberfisch for more information. ■

NEWS FROM FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

YEAR IN REVIEW UPDATE - WOMEN CONNECT

The Women Connect Program established six Goals and Objectives for 2020. The following report is an update of the remarkable progress being made by the Women Connect Program

1. Goal one was Outreach. WC worked hard on outreach this year, despite the COVID 19 issues. The Virus issues caused programming to be postponed/cancelled, but also provided us an opportunity to reach out in alternate ways. To reach this goal, WC has begun or completed the following:

a. We are currently working to appoint Council level Liaisons for each council.

b. Guidelines for the Liaisons were developed.

c. This year we have begun working with local women fly fishing clubs, whether FFI affiliated or not, to offer programming through zoom and webinars as well as through the Liaison program. We currently have a joint week-long program scheduled for September 2021 and a March 2021 one day program in Arizona. We will continue the zoom and webinar programs with different clubs.

d. Through the Liaison program, we are now a resource for Councils. When a club reaches out to us, a Board member is assigned to the club to be sure that the club receives the information requested.

e. We started having a presence at multiple FFI educational and other sports events, but COVID placed a hold on this aspect of the program.

2. The second goal was Education – Skills Building. This year we offered fly tying, fly casting, entomology and fly fishing travel.

a. In February 2020 a week long Fly Tying Awards Workshop was held in Mountain Home, Arkansas. 14 individuals participated. Gretchen Beatty lead the instruction for the Bronze Award. Peggy Brenner helped, especially with the Silver Award instruction. Over ½ of the Bronze students earned their Bronze Award to date. At least one of the Silver Awards has been received.

b. A Casting Skill Challenge Workshop was scheduled for November 2020, but has been postponed because of the virus. WC individuals are working with a club in Minnesota that is offering instruction and testing now.

Several individuals have earned the Bronze Casting Skills Award.

c. Mary Ann Dozer did some zoom programming on the Bronze Casting Challenge Award.

d. Women are being motivated to earn the tying and casting awards. Several women earned tying awards and multiple women are working on the casting instruction certifications. These are multi-year goals for the individuals participating.

e. Through the tying program, new instructors are being developed. Zoom moderator development is also occurring.

f. WC regularly participated in the FFI Online sessions in Spring 2020.

g. Webinars presented by WC are now available in the Learning Center.

3. Goal number three involved promoting conservation awareness. Of all of the goals, this received the least amount of support from WC. The Tying Workshop in February promoted conservation awareness, but there has been no programming specifically on conservation.

4. Goal four involved the social aspect of women programming. Even though COVID placed a restriction on in person meetings, WC worked hard to achieve this goal.

a. WC established a Facebook presence. Currently we have close to 600 women members in our Facebook network. 42 percent are ages 25-54 and another 23 percent are 55 to 64 years old. This past week we reached 5,300 individuals and had 467 engagements.

b. Established Facebook standards for our site.

c. Set up an Instagram account and email.

d. FFI provided WC with its own Zoom account that is used multiple times per week.

e. Offered weekly fly-tying events on Zoom or as Webinars.

f. Offered monthly Webinars.

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g. Offered monthly Zappy Hour, which is a zoom social hour for women only.

h. In December 2020 WC is working with Mary Ann Dozer and Corie Berrigan to present a virtual all-day workshop.

i. In November 2020, WC will offer a zoom tying workshop on how to design a dry fly.

5. Goal five was Leadership.

a. Multiple women, including the Women Program Board, will participate in the Learning Center Leadership Program when it is offered.

b. The Women Program Committee Board met weekly to establish the programming and structure for the Committee.

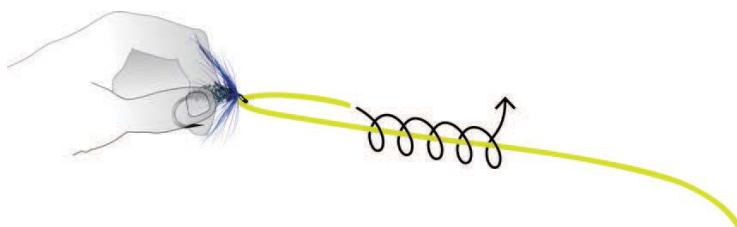
c. Women Connect became a Standing Committee of the FFI Board and the Chair has been nominated to become a voting board member.

d. Educational and social programs are planned through the end of the year, with 3 week long programs scheduled for 2021 that will involve lots of fishing, some educational programming and social events. A weeklong fly-tying workshop is also scheduled.

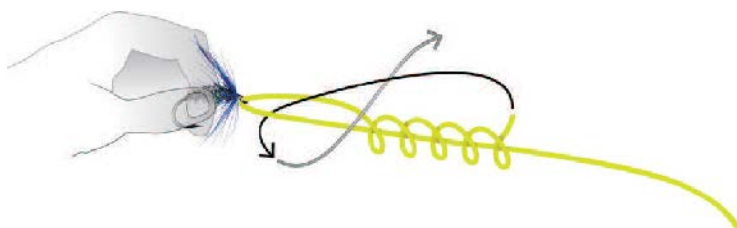
6. Goal six was inclusiveness.

a. This year WC offered female, male and co-ed teaching at Webinars and Zoom events. Men were invited to attend the on-line educational programming.

1. Pass tag end of line through eye of hook. Place standing line parallel to tag end, then wrap tag end 5 or more turns around standing line.



2. Bring the tag end of the line back through the first loop formed behind the eye. If you pull the tag end tight (close the knot) at this point, you have tied the Clinch Knot. However, if you do not close the knot, but instead pass the tag through the big loop as illustrated below, wet the knot, then pull the tag end tight and close the knot, you just tied the Improved Clinch Knot. Seat the knot by pulling on the standing line, and by pulling the tag end.



3. Pull standing line to close knot and cut the tag end close.



Dutch Baughman

The following knot tying instruction is an excerpt from the Knots and Rigging Manual found in the FFI Learning Center.

IMPROVED CLINCH KNOT

The Improved Clinch is a time-tested and very popular choice for tying a monofilament line to a fly. It is reliable and easy to tie. It can be difficult to tie in lines testing greater than 25 pounds breaking strength. It is not recommended for braided line.



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THE FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL **GUIDES & OUTFITTERS ASSOCIATION** IS A COMMUNITY OF MEN AND WOMEN DEDICATED TO PROMOTING AND ENHANCING AN ANGLER'S FLY FISHING EXPERIENCE.

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

VISIT FLYFISHERSINTERNATIONAL.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

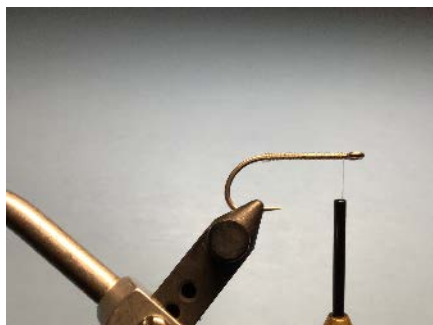


BOB POPOVICS'S SURF CANDY

In late summer, the bay anchovies start to migrate from the Texas bays out to deeper water to spawn. Many times, predator fish such as speckled trout, redfish, skip jacks and jack crevalles will force anchovies up against the beach in a feeding frenzy. For those of us that fly fish the surf, this is a scene that gets our hearts pumping - the fishing can be hectic, fast and productive. The fly of choice for mimicking anchovies is Bob Popovic's surf candy that was introduced in Bob Popovic and Ed Jaworowski's book 'Pop Fleyes'. The fly tying techniques in this book were a revolutionary way of tying saltwater baitfish patterns when it was released in 2001. Bob utilizes synthetics and epoxies in ways that are still being studied and mimicked today. The surf candy fly is still one of the most popular flies from this book. Below I follow Bob's tying instructions with minor modifications - e.g. the use of UV resin instead of 5-minute epoxy.

Materials

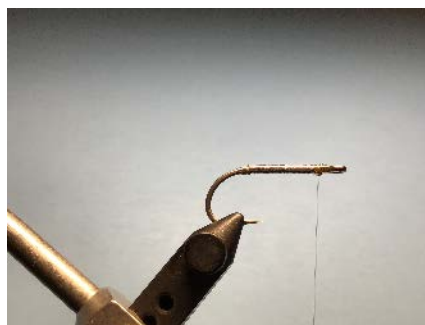
Super Hair or UltraHair (you can also use Craft Fur, Kinky Fiber, another synthetic, or bucktail)
Standard or short shank saltwater hook, commonly #2 through 1/0; Tiemco 800S used in the instructions
Fine monofilament thread
Mylar Tinsel or similar material
Flashabou, Krystal Flash or other preferred flash
Clear UV resin - thin and thick
Self-stick prism eyes
Red Sharie permanent marker or other permanent marker, fine or medium point



Step 1
Wrap the thread on the entire shank and leave it hanging close to the eye.



Step 2
Attach the Mylar Tinsel in front position.



Step 3
Wrap the Mylar Tinsel to the bend and back again to the front before tying off.



Step 4
Tie in a bunch of SuperHair behind the hook eye on the top side of the shank. Before you attach it, trim the butt ends square, behind the eye. Don't fasten securely yet. Note that the length is not critical when using synthetic hair, since this

will be trimmed when the fly is complete. With bucktail or natural hair, you will have to determine the finished length before you tie down the hair.



Step 5
Using your index finger and thumb, spread the hair evenly around the hook shank, and then fasten it securely with tight wraps of the thread.



Step 6
Add some flash on top and tie it down.

BOB POPOVICS'S SURF CANDY -CONTD.



Step 7
Prepare a second bunch of hair as above, and attach it to the top of the fly. This is normally a contrasting color, but needn't be.



Step 12
Red gill slashed can be added with a Sparpie marking pen.



Step 8
Apply UV resin starting from the front of the fly and working back to the bend of the hook. Its best to use the thin UV resin on the first coat so the UV resin can be worked into the fibers easily. This first coat of UV resin will

determine the body shape and thickness.



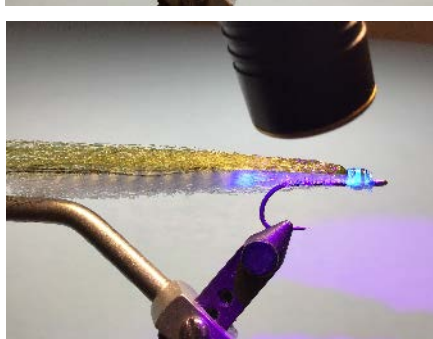
Step 13
Apply more coats of UV resin to build up the head of the fly. Its best to use thick UV resin for the final coats as it is less likely to drip or sag. By using the thick UV resin, you don't have to worry about rotating the fly as it cures.



Step 9
Work the UV Resin into the Super Hair with your bodkin to ensure all the fibers have UV resin on them.



Step 14
Use the curing light to harden the final coats of UV resin. Again, make sure to hold the Super Hair near the tail to keep the fibers straight when curing the UV resin.



Step 10
Hold the Super Hair near the tail with one hand to ensure the fibers are straight. Then use the curing light to harden the UV resin.

Step 15
Using the tips of your scissors (serrated scissors work best), snip small amounts of material to get the shape you desire. Start near the bend of the hook and work to the rear.



Step 11
Apply a small prism eye well forward on the head.





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

Texas: 817-894-7832 Mike Emerson mgemerson44@yahoo.com www.texasreelrecovery.org

TEXAS COUNCIL SUPPORT LETTER



Thank you for your support of the Texas Council and Fly Fishers International. Just as the Texas Council focus is on the member clubs, the larger FFI focus is to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters continues by focusing on conservation, education and a sense of community.

To align ourselves with this national strategy, the Texas Council is focusing on our local clubs. Our goal is to provide a source of community feedback, support, direction and funding to assist local clubs with the grassroots movement and avocation that is fly fishing.

To this end, our council is seeking funding to help. We will always be grateful for donations we receive, but in 2020 we will also focus on raising 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, and through the National FFI website.

The Texas Council newsletter has been in place for many years now, and has successfully promoted both commercial and non-profit activities both across the state and nationally. With our growing group of over 1,000 members throughout the state, our newsletter is uniquely positioned to reach niche market customers for your business.

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
- 1/4 page color ad - \$100 a year
- 1/2 page color ad - \$200 a year
- FULL page color ad - \$300 a year (That's only \$75 a season!)

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

Spring Deadline: **March 1st**

Newsletter sent out **March 20th**

Summer Deadline: **June 1st**

Newsletter sent out **June 21st**

Fall Deadline: **September 1st**

Newsletter sent out **September 22nd**

Winter Deadline: **December 1st**

Newsletter sent out **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.

Contact us at: president@texascouncilffi.com

or

pastpresident@texascouncilffi.com

Thanks,

Your Texas Council

THANK YOU!

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 2020:

Abilene Fly Fishers	Abilene	Gil DeShazo
Alamo Fly Fishers	San Antonio	Todd Fleming
Austin Fly Fishers	Austin	Dave Bush
Dallas Fly Fishers	Dallas	Al Hillman
Fort Worth Fly Fishers	Fort Worth	David Hooper
Fredericksburg Fly Fishers	Fredricksburg	Tim Lafferty
Hill Country Fly Fishers	Kerrville	Brian Bowers
Lonestar Fly Fishers	Tyler	Mike Maris
Lubbock Fly Fishers	Lubbock	David Crawford
New Braunfels Fly Fishers	New Braunfels	Dan Cone
Pineywoods Fly Fishers	Lufkin	Walter Mclendon
Red River Fly Fishers	Sherman	Gene Brown
San Gabriel Fly Fishers	San Gabriel	James Reese
Texas Fly Fishers	Houston	Don Puckett
Texas Women's Fly Fishers	Austin	Dana Williams
Collin County Fly Fishing Club	Wylie	Kevin Grogan
Collin County Fishers	Plano	Jerry Walker
Kekoa Outdoors	Melissa	Chris Gorman
Rowlett Fishers	Royce City	Derrick Meis
SCTX Fly Fishing Club	Georgetown	Fred Dupre'
Conroe Fly Fishers	Conroe	Tony Saviano
Corpus Christi Fly Fishers	Corpus Christi	Reese Hunt

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.

President – Andy Payne
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Texas Council Clubs

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Austin Fly Fishers	Austin	www.austinflyfishers.com
Collin County Fishers	Plano	jerry.walker@projecthealingwaters.org
Collin County Fly Fishing Club	Wylie	www.collincountyflyfishing.org
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Corpus Christi Fly Fishers Inc	Corpus Christi	www.lmflyfishers.com
Dallas Flyfishers	Dallas	www.dallasflyfishers.org
Fort Worth Fly Fishers	Fort Worth	www.fortworthflyfishers.org
Fredericksburg Fly Fishers	Fredericksburg	www.fredericksburgflyfishers.org
Hill Country Fly Fishers	Kerrville	www.hcff.org
Kekoa Outdoors	Melissa	www.kekoaoutdoors.org
Lone Star Fly Fishers	Tyler	www.lonestarflyfishers.com
Lubbock Fly Fishers Inc	Lubbock	www.lubbockflyfishers.org
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Texas Women Fly Fishers	Fort Worth	www.twff.net



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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Access to exclusive features and content on our website including:

- The New Learning Center
- The *Flyfisher* magazine
- The Tying Times newsletter and Fly of the Month
- The Loop - The Journal of Fly Casting Professionals
- The Fly Tying Video Library (over 300 videos!)
- Exclusive Discounts on Hotels, Car Rentals and Insurance
- Searchable Casting, Fly Tying, Guide and Club Directories
- Fun Fly Tying and Casting Challenges

Discounted entry into FFI events

FFI Decals and Patch

Most importantly, the knowledge that you are helping to preserve fish habitats, the education of our next generation of fly fishers and our on-going conservation efforts.

AT THE FFI HEADQUARTERS IN LIVINGSTON, MONTANA


- 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.

**PLEASE RENEW
TODAY!**



**Please join us in our fight to
preserve and protect our fly
fishing heritage, so future
generations can enjoy it too.**

FFI TEXAS COUNCIL IS AT WORK IN YOUR REGION!



We now have 19 clubs throughout the state!

*Visit www.texascouncilfff.com
to learn all the happenings in your council*

Llano River Flood:

With YOUR help, the Texas Council (TxC) is partnering with Texas Parks and Wildlife to create a strategic plan to help restore the storm ravaged Llano River in Texas. The long-term outlook for fish populations depends on how riverside landowners and communities respond to the aftermath of downed trees and other debris deposited along the river.



Hill Country Youth Ranch:

The TxC awarded Hill Country Fly Fishers (one of its local clubs) an educational grant to purchase fly rods for the Hill Country Youth Ranch of Leakey, Texas. The youth ranch is a non-profit organization that helps abused and orphaned children.

YOUR support helps provide therapy for these kids through fly fishing!



Fairs/Shows/Clinic:

YOUR membership dollars allow the TxC and its clubs to be committed to offering tying, casting demos, and Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badges throughout the year. The council and its clubs are also very involved in Casting for Recovery and Project Healing Waters.



**YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
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AND
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NOTE: -General memberships include spouses, cohabitating partners and children under 18 years of age.
-Lifetime memberships include spouses and cohabitating partners.
-In order to join a specialty group (Guide, Fly Tying, Casting) you must also maintain an FFI membership.

*Membership eligible for up to 3-year purchase (multiply price by number of years)

**Includes custom built TFO rod. Refer to: <http://www.tforods.com/fly-fishing/custom-fly-rods.html>

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If you are a new member, is there an FFI Club or Council that you would like to receive credit for the Rod Credit Program? _____

Total Charge \$ _____ Auto Renew? ☐ Yes, I want to save time & resources!

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