

# SPRING EDITION



# TEXAS COUNCIL



Educating,  
Conserving,  
and Fly Fishing  
the Waters of the  
Great State of Texas

## The Texas Line & Leader

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### BREAKING NEWS

As we go to press with this edition of our newsletter we are faced with the cancellation of many events and gatherings within the Texas Council, across the United States and the world due to the spread of COVID-19.

Although we are disappointed to miss the many opportunities to directly share our love of the natural world through the sport of fly fishing, the overarching priority is the protection of the lives and health of those who might find themselves or their families in the path of this dangerous virus.

It is our hope that the actions taken to reduce large gatherings as well as the necessity to travel by air will save many lives, and our future opportunities to celebrate the community of fly fishers around the world will be strengthened.

### A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It is a brand new year for the Texas Council with one new face on the board and some position shuffling. The duties of membership director have been included in the responsibilities of the Community Outreach Chair (Rick Haness), Russell Husted has been appointed Communications Coordinator and this position has been added

to the Board, Barry Webster has moved from Membership Director to Vice President, and Stacy Lynn has taken the position of Casting Director.

Jerry Hamon, our Past President, gets to sit back and see if I can steer this ship for a while. Thanks to Jerry for keeping me in the loop regarding activities of the President during 2019 which hopefully will smooth out some bumps in the road.

In late 2019 the FFI Board redefined the roles of the Councils of FFI with the goal of promoting the achievement of the mission pillars of FFI; Conservation, Education, and Community. Two of the key roles assigned to the Councils are **1) "Establish and maintain communications within the council to assure mutual sharing of all FFI and council information among clubs, members and community", and 2) "Lead activities that deliver value to all members which will grow and retain membership and expand FFI relevance to industry, other organizations and the community as a whole"**. I, along with our other Directors, will be asking all club members to work with us in achieving these objectives.

We are looking forward to an exciting and evolving period in the life of FFI and the Texas Council.

**Andy Payne**  
President, Texas Council FFI

## FFI EXPO POSTPONED

Dear Fly Fishers International Community,

As all of us strive to navigate the challenges presented to our communities in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, Fly Fishers International recognizes we are facing some important decisions. The Executive Committee of the FFI Board of Directors convened a special meeting on March 16th to determine appropriate action regard to the 2020 FFI International Fly Fishing Expo scheduled to take place in Bozeman, MT in July of 2020, as well as review additional guidance for members, clubs, and councils.

Regarding the Expo, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to postpone the event until next year, a decision made using guidance from the CDC and other health experts. FFI values the health and well-being of our members and broader fly fishing community, and we simply do not want to add risks associated with convening hundreds of people from around the world until we have a better understanding of the challenges ahead. This decision does provide us with a great opportunity to focus our planning efforts on a new regional model for the Expo to begin taking place in 2021. The goal is to bring the FFI Expo experience to you!

In your own community, we encourage our members, clubs, and councils to evaluate planned meetings and events, and any risk posed to attendees. When making decisions, we recommend using the following guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>

Unless absolutely necessary, and due to the stringent nature of the current CDC guidance, we would nevertheless recommend that you to postpone, reschedule, or cancel upcoming events, including all Casting Instructor Certification Program events worldwide. We will continue to re-evaluate future scheduling and provide updates on CDC guidelines as they evolve.

One thing we would strongly encourage: go fishing. There aren't many better ways to exercise the practice of "social distancing," and it will take your mind away from the turmoil we are currently facing. In the meantime, take the right precautions to keep you and your family healthy, and let's hope the crisis subsides in the months to come.

Sincerely,

Patrick H. Berry  
President and CEO

## CONSERVATION EFFORTS/ PROBLEMS IN TEXAS

There are a number of river cleanup this Spring:  
18th Annual Brazos River Cleanup/Ed Lowe Memorial Paddle Day  
Tres Rios Campground, Glen Rose  
[info@friendsofthebrazos.org](mailto:info@friendsofthebrazos.org)

May 2, 2020 - 20th Annual Medina River Cleanup  
Bandera  
Bob Brischetto 210-413-7264. [rbrischetto@gmail.com](mailto:rbrischetto@gmail.com)

May 16, 2020 - Colorado River Clean Up  
Austin to Bastrop  
John Erskine 512-571-3073 [johne@txrivers.org](mailto:johne@txrivers.org)  
Sponsored by All Water Guides - [allwaterguides.com](http://allwaterguides.com)

July 25, 2020 - UGRA Guadalupe River Cleanup  
Upper Quad - Meet at Flat Rock Park in Kerrville.  
Tara Bushnoe at (830) 896-5445. [tbushnoe@ugra.org](mailto:tbushnoe@ugra.org)  
<http://www.ugra.org/major-initiatives/river-clean-up/>

FFI Conservation Grants are available. If you have a conservation project you are working on, these grants are a big help. The application is simple and on line. Contact David Reichert if you have questions.

There are a number of developments that want to dump large amounts of raw or poorly treated sewage into small creeks that empty into larger streams that are used for fishing and paddling. Rivers like the Nueces, Onion Creek, The San Marcos. Most of the are under consideration for TCEQ contested case hearings. Several organizations are involved: SOS and TRPA are both involved and some point are going to need money for lawyers to continue the fight. Preparing for a contested case hearing costs around costs around \$6,000. And there are several of these under way. At some point I will ask for donations. There are cheaper, no discharge solutions that protect our rivers from pollution and algal mats.

There are also numerous proposals that threaten the Texas coastal areas: several gas storage tank farms on Harbor Island. Massive dredging of the channels to permit docking of super tankers at harbor island and the Port of Corpus Christi.a. And a steel plant dumping waste that will wind up in Aransas Bay. This area is the nursing ground many fish and shrimp. Mess up the Aransas Channel and we have lost fishing for hundreds of miles in both directions.

David Reichert  
Conservation Director, TXCOUNCIL FFI





# BLUE VALLEY FLY FISHING CAMP

## GETTING KIDS OUTDOORS

### AUSTIN

June 1-4 (2nd-5th)  
June 8-11 (6th-8th)  
June 15-18 (2nd-5th)  
June 22-25 (6th-8th)



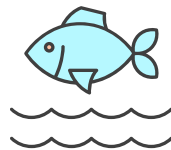
### Relationships

There will be a 2 to 1 camper to counselor ratio to ensure campers are best prepared to succeed.

### Locations

9AM-1PM  
M/T: Sportsman's  
Finest  
W/Th: Onion Creek  
(512) 971-6730

Our youth day camps combine guiding, lessons, and fun, making us the premiere fly fishing camp in Texas.



### Fly Fishing

Our youth fly fishing curriculum is unparalleled. We will make sure that your camper, no matter what level of experience, will be confident on the water with a fly rod in hand.

## SIGN UP

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### DALLAS

June 1-4 (2nd-5th)  
June 8-11 (6th-8th)  
June 15-18 (2nd-5th)  
June 22-25 (6th-8th)



### Fun

We mix in fun games like slip n' slides and water balloon fights to balance the work.

### Locations

9AM-1PM  
M/T: TBD  
W/Th: TBD  
512) 422-1086

## GRTU TROUTFEST 2020

TROUTFEST 2020 was well attended with estimated crowd of 3,100 on Saturday and approximately 1,000 on Sunday. Forty-five exhibitors filled the tent and another twenty-two exhibitors braved the windy outdoor area, including the Texas Council of FFI, New Braunfels Fly Fishers, Texas Women's Fly Fishers, and Central Texas Fly Fishers. GRTU sold out of logo T shirt stock by midafternoon on Saturday.

The Council sold raffle tickets for the Diablo Amigo kayak donated by Diablo and had many visitors to the booth. Ron Mayfield was tying in the booth which generated lots of attention and discussion as did the kayak on display. David Reichert helped with our booth on Saturday. Keira Quam and Matt Bennett were both present for other activities.

Texas Parks and Wildlife supported Troutfest by hosting a booth on river access points found across the state and holding activities for youth including archery, the Toyota sponsored Take Me Fishing trailer and a macroinvertebrate stream study. Dozens of TPWD certified Fly Fishing instructors helped in these areas, demonstrated fly tying, helped with casting lessons and gave presentations.

Fishing's Future sponsored a Kid's Fishing Tank stocked with mature trout and the excitement ran high. Every time I happened to pass by, the noise resembled a football game with your team winning. Moms and Dads were at least as excited as the kids.

Casting instruction was provided by eight instructors including six CI's and two MCI's. Teaching included beginner through advanced and Spey casting, and served over 500 students over the two days. An amazing performance by Dayle Mazzarella, Jeff Ferguson, Jim Bass, Gary Davison, Jim Hund, Ted Warren, Ron Mayfield and John Slocumb.

Our Council Casting Director Stacy Lynn, with help from Ted Warren, presented the Casting Skills Challenge to 15 participants including my grandson Hank Payne who qualified for Bronze award. Stacy also conducted women's beginner instruction for 24 ladies on Saturday and 10 on Sunday.

The banquet on Friday evening had a large turnout and appeared to be very successful from the financial standpoint. No doubt GRTU was happy to see that the very cool and windy weather did not drive the crowd away.

Overall, the event was energetic, lively, and interactive with lots of young families in attendance. I think I sold more raffle tickets to moms than dads.

Andy Payne, President, Texas Council FFI

## TEXAS FLY FISHERS 28TH ANNUAL DR. ED RIZZOLO FLY TYING FESTIVAL

The Texas Fly Fisher held their 28th annual fly tying festival on Feb. 8th in Houston. The fly tying festival honors the late Dr. Ed Rizzolo who started the fly tying festival and mentored many fly tiers in the Houston area including myself. Dr. Ed has had a lasting impact on many of us and the fly tying community in Houston as a whole.

This year's featured tier was the dynamic Gunnar Brammar from Duluth, Minnesota. Gunnar specializes in large flies for pike and muskies. His presentation showed not only his designs but the reasons why he creates these patterns and how he came up with the designs.

You can see Gunnar's fly patterns at <http://streamersbygunnar.com> and on several youtube videos where he shows his diverse patterns and fly tying techniques.



Along with Gunnar, there were over 30 different tiers showing their expertise in fly patterns that ranged from size 22 nymphs to large tarpon flies to beautiful classic salmon flies. This year's winner of the Iron Fly tying contest was 14-year old Braden Sherwood. Twelve tiers started the competition with thirteen materials and fifteen minutes to tie a fly. Of the original twelve, three were chosen to compete in the final tie off. Braden tied an amazing Dahlberg Diver variation to win the Iron Fly champion award.

Free fly casting lessons were provided by MCI Jeff Ferguson and CI Stacy Lynn.

Next year's fly tying festival will be on Feb. 13th, 2021. Later in the year, visit the Texas Fly Fishers website for details - <https://texasflyfishers.org>. We hope to see you all then.



# 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](http://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](mailto:tedwarren@peoplescom.net) or [jerrywalker@dbaresults.com](mailto:jerrywalker@dbaresults.com)



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FFI Certified Instructor  
Fly Fishing Industry Professional**

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# NEWS FROM FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

## FEBRUARY 2020

Many of you within the broader community of Fly Fishers International have been expressing curiosity about the latest happenings since I came on board in 2019.

One thing I can promise you: the inner engines of FFI may seem quiet for some of you from the outside, but the wheels are very much in motion as we drive toward what we believe will be a transformative new direction for the organization.

So, in addition to [Flyfisher Magazine](#) and our various [other communications](#) related to conservation, education, and community, members will be receiving The Dispatch every month to keep you apprised of exciting projects that are in the works here at FFI HQ.

Tight lines,  
Patrick H. Berry  
President & CEO

## THE MEMBER BENEFITS & SERVICES PROJECT

When you sign up to become an FFI member, you do so for a variety of reasons— to support conservation, learn from our education programs, or just want to be part of the fly fishing community. Still, you want to know that you will receive benefits and services as an FFI member that appeals to you individually. And this is where we need your help.

## TAKE THE SURVEY WIN A \$250 ORVIS GIFT CARD

Coming soon, you will see a survey put together in partnership with national leading expert Mark Duda at Responsive Management, who has worked with countless national fish, wildlife, and conservation organizations to improve the overall member experience. We want to help answer the question “what is FFI doing for me?”

We know you're busy, but this is important: so as thanks for your time, we are planning to hold a random drawing for THREE \$250 Orvis Gift Cards, eligible to all of you who fill out the survey.

At the same time, there are also a number of additional elements of the membership project designed to improve the FFI member experience — most notably integrating a new membership management and communications platform, within the FFI member portal. The platform will provide members a better way of managing their own profile, including membership renewals. It will also provide new ways for our members to connect with one another through enhanced directories and established community groups. If you're a club or council officer, this will greatly enhance the ease with which you manage reports and membership.

Informed by ongoing in-depth research and analysis, we have a goal to roll out a new plan for our membership services and support by mid 2020.

## THE FFI LEARNING CENTER CONTINUES TO GROW!

You can access the FFI Learning Center by going to the FFI website, [www.flyfishersinternational.org](http://www.flyfishersinternational.org), then slide your cursor over the “Education” tab on the homepage. A drop-down menu will appear, then slide your cursor over the “Learning Center” tab. A drop-down menu will appear with menu choices:

- Learning Center Overview
- Casting
- Conservation
- Fly Fishing Skills
- Fly Tying

Then explore the sections of most interest to you. The Fly Tying tab will display the Fly Tying Video Library where you will find instructional videos for over 565 flies. You can sort the data base by: Cold Water, Salt Water, Technique, The Masters, Warm Water. Then you can further sort your selection by species. Then click “ search” and all the flies will appear according to your sort. The Fly Tying Video Library continues to grow.

The Casting Instruction section includes the Casting Skills Challenge as well as Casting Instruction. The Casting Instruction section includes video and instructional material for:

- Fundamentals of Casting
- Change of Direction
- Distance Casting
- Pick Up/Lay Down Cast
- False Casting
- Roll Casting

In addition to the videos already included in the casting instruction, the Education Committee just budgeted funds to add an additional 10 videos to the curriculum. These videos are created by Bruce Richards and Jeff Wagner.

The following four documents have completed the editorial and quality assurance process, and will be uploaded to the Learning Center very soon:

- Beginning Fly Tying, created by Jerry Coviello, Chair, Fly Tying Board of Governors
- Knots and Rigging
- Fly Fishing Etiquette
- Fly Fishing Safety

Remember: all of the educational and instructional material in the Learning Center is available to download, free of charge.





**FLY FISHERS**  
INTERNATIONAL

## GUIDES & OUTFITTERS ASSOCIATION

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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](http://FLYFISHERSINTERNATIONAL.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



# **INSTA WALK-THRU**

If you have heard about Instagram, there's a good reason - this photo-sharing app has over a billion users worldwide. The Insta fly fishing community is vibrant and creative, with informative and interesting posts uploaded by the thousands every day by normal people.

It's also a phenomenal platform for investigating what the movers and shakers are doing; for instance, Trout Unlimited, Sage and Fly Fishers International use the Instagram Stories feature to promote inspirational fly fishing community stories you won't find anywhere else. More about Stories later on.

If you've wanted to try Instagram but weren't sure it was worth the hassle, I can honestly say that I much prefer Instagram to Facebook. With a little practice, you can set things up where you really only see the content that you want to see.

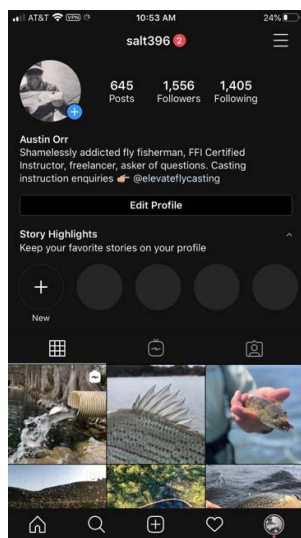
If that sounds interesting, let's get you started. First, you'll need a smartphone, either an Android or Apple device. Although Instagram is owned by Facebook, the photo-sharing app doesn't share Facebook's web browser capability. Search for Instagram in your app store, download it - preferably using WiFi - and you're set to get started.

## **SETTING UP YOUR PROFILE**

If you're new to Instagram, and need to create an account, there are a few ways to do it:

- Facebook: When you open the app, you can login via your Facebook account.
- Phone number or email: If you prefer not to connect your Instagram account to Facebook, you can also sign up for an account with your phone number or email.

## **PICK AN INSTAGRAM USERNAME**



Next, you need to pick your Instagram username. This name represents the identity you're trying to convey. If the username you'd like is taken, don't despair - friends and family will be able to find you later by searching your real name as well as your username. Common tricks to get your username set up include adding a number or allowed punctuation - such as @fly\_fisher1 or @TxFly.Slinger

At this point, you should have been able to create an account. If you have no interest in posting pictures and instead plan on using the platform to

search for interesting content, this is all you need to do. Instagram will ask you about what kinds of things you want to see, and you can use the search function to look for activities, like fly casting, or to set up the results for certain hashtags, like #flyfishersinternational, to pop up on your 'home feed', which is a never-ending stream of pictures, videos and ads designed to cater to your interests.

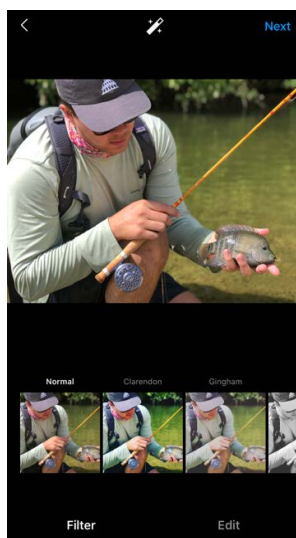
You reach the home feed by tapping the house-shaped icon, as shown below on the lower left. Just to the right of that is the Search icon, and then the Post button there in the middle. The Heart icon shows you who 'likes' your post and any comments, as well as people who might tag you in pictures.

## **POSTING AN IMAGE TO INSTAGRAM**



Once you're in the app, click on the icon at the bottom and in the middle of your screen, then select which image you want from the gallery and select 'next' at the top of your screen. Next up you can add a filter by scrolling through the options. Once you're satisfied with your image, you can select 'next' once again. On this final screen you can include a caption, location, tag others in the image & you can share your post on Facebook, Twitter or Tumblr if you so wish and those accounts are already connected. If you do not want any comments on a specific post, by selecting the 'advanced options' you can disable them. All that's left to do is then to select 'Share' in the top right corner of your screen.

## **FILTERS**

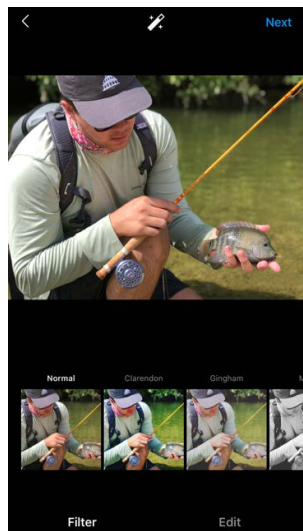


These are pre-set changes that are made to your image. They can be used to attain a certain 'look' to all your posts or just to make them pop. You do not need to use a filter though, in fact, most Instagram images are without a filter. If you do choose to use one, you can adjust the intensity of the filter by double-tapping on it. This is useful if you like the effect, but it's a little too strong. At the bottom of your screen, there will also be an 'edit' option. These are more advanced editing tools that can alter the look of your image on Instagram.



# INSTA WALK-THRU- CONTD.

## CAPTIONS



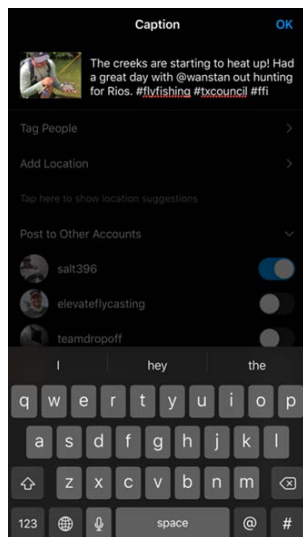
The description of your image. You can include text, emoticons, links to other profiles & hashtags. Any URL links you post here will not be hyperlinked. This means someone will have to manually copy it into their web browser.

You can include up to 30 Hashtags in your caption to increase the possibility of your posts being found.

If you link to another profile by using their @username, they will get a notification of you mentioning them in the post. This is different from

tagging someone as discussed below.

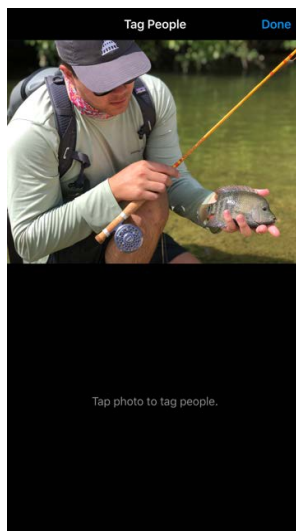
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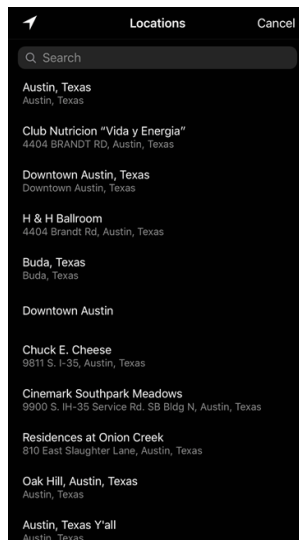
A geographical location, generally where the image was taken. You'll notice that fishermen, in particular, often tag their location as some absurd place that they obviously couldn't be. Protect that honey hole! Tagging your location is totally optional, and I usually ignore it for my posts.

## TAGGING

By tagging someone's @username, the user will be notified and the image will be visible in the 'tagged' section of their profile. If you're tagged in an image, you can either remove the tag, select that it doesn't show on your profile or leave it be.



## STORIES



The Stories function on Instagram is an attempt by Facebook to directly compete with Snapchat, which allows users to construct a sort of 'flow of consciousness' chain of pictures and short videos showing their daily activities or interesting things they come across. In Instagram, the Stories function can be used much the same way, but its often used by individuals or businesses to promote other Instagram users without needing to make a post. For instance, if you were attending a fly fishing event and came across a particularly interesting booth, you might take a short video and post it to your Stories, while tagging the

person or company. This would allow you to promote the event and the booth, while also allowing you to show off to your friends that you were in attendance.

To access the Stories function, go to your Profile page, accessed at the bottom right of the app screen (to the right of the Heart icon). Once on your Profile page, tap on your display picture in the upper left and you'll see the option to post to your Story. These posts follow most of the same rules as posting photos or videos on your profile.

I hope that this brief intro to Instagram has been helpful. Once you get in there and start poking around, I think you'll find that it's not difficult to figure out how things work. Pick a couple of accounts to follow – I recommend @TexasCouncilFFI along with @FlyFishersInternational – and do some exploring!

Austin Orr

# BEAVER'S BEND



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## TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

The fun is in the challenge ... the FFI Casting Skills Challenge, that is!

As the new FFI Texas Council Casting Director, I am carrying the banner for this fun skills development program rolled out about a year ago by the Learning Center of the FFI. I attended a training session on the Casting Skills Challenge at the 2019 FFI Expo in Bozeman, MT, and had so much fun reviewing and working on the Skills with casters of varying experience levels that afterwards I knew that I wanted to promote this program wherever and whenever possible: to clubs, at fly fishing shows, and even community events. I am very excited about this program because it has been needed in the fly fishing community for a long time.

I have been approached numerous times over the years by fly anglers who asked about what it takes to become a Certified Instructor ("CI"). I have always responded to these inquiries by asking why the person was interested in starting the rigorous study and practice process to become a CI. Quite often their responses did not include any notion of their desire to teach, but instead indicated that they just wanted to improve their own casting ability, or as one angler said to me, "I just want to know that I'm that good." What I know and have shared is that, yes, studying for the CI exam will make you a better caster and increase your knowledge, but if you are not interested in teaching there is no reason to take the exam. I have been wishing for an alternative for these interested parties for a long time.

Now with the introduction of the Casting Skills Challenge ("CSC") the FFI is providing these fly anglers – and anyone that is seeking fly casting and fishing skills advancement - with a pathway for that improvement that is derived directly from the certification process. The CSC can satisfy those anglers that are driven to advance their skills but, in a fun, (read: less stressful) way: it provides all the glory of success without the agony of failing the CI exam!

The CSC is divided up into three challenge levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each level builds on the previous and progresses the caster to more advanced abilities. The Bronze level is designed for novice anglers, but not first time/beginning casters. This first level is a challenge in itself - something a new fly fisher can aspire to achieve – and is rooted in the fundamental skills that all fly anglers should learn. (I have joked that it might be nice to have a level below Bronze for brand new casters to accomplish but what would we call it? – Zinc? Tin? Iron? Rust?)

At the Bronze level the Evaluator/Facilitator (the person that

judges the CSC and completes the Bronze level Scorecard) can be anyone: a friend, a fly club member, a spouse ... even that nosy neighbor who is always so curious about why you are casting in the yard. For the Silver and Gold levels however, the Evaluator should be a Gold level award recipient or a CI. The Evaluator is also encouraged to offer coaching and learning support to the caster in the process of preparing for the CSC.

Each levels' tasks are directly applicable to increasingly difficult fishing scenarios and include these skills:

- Pick-up and lay-down cast
- False casting
- Roll casting
- Reach mends, slack line, and curve casts
- Accuracy, from dominant and non-dominant shoulders
- Distance and shooting line
- Hauling
- Casting while seated or kneeling
- Presenting the back cast

And while the skills seemingly are skewed to freshwater/trout fishing skill sets, being able to achieve proficiency enough to meet the CSC requirement for these skills should be acknowledgement to the caster of their ability to cast with skill and control, and be able to adapt to changing environments. I had to review and practice some of the slack line presentations asked for on the Silver and Gold levels and once I did, I found some stealthy tricks to use in my saltwater fishing! (Try a curve cast to present a fly in front of a spooky Redfish/Bonefish/any fish facing away from you. It is a better alternative than lining the fish!)

You might be asking, "But what's in it for me?" If improving your casting and fishing abilities, and advancing your skills is not enough, well ... there's the certificates and the cool Bronze, Silver and Gold level pins that you can wear with pride! Once you have completed a Challenge level and your Evaluator has filled out your Scorecard you can send it in (with a small fee) to the FFI and they will send to you your wall-hanger and wearable bragging-rights!

There are several Texas CIs, CSC Award holders, and club members that have hosted CSC events and training sessions. CI Rex Walker has held a couple of CSC events in North Texas and at the Red River Fly Tying Rendezvous. CI and MCI-candidate Jim Hund has introduced his home club in Lubbock to the CSC on a 29 degree morning after a snowstorm and said he was thankful they had access to a gymnasium in which to conduct the event. CI Austin Orr with the Austin Fly Fishers and CI Jim Richards

## TAKE THE CHALLENGE! - CONTD.

with the Texas Fly Fishers in Houston are both incorporating the CSC to pre-meeting activities on their club meeting days. CI Ted Warren worked all day with Troutfest attendees and had several casters complete their Bronze Scorecard. I have hosted the CSC at a few events so far this year and have been so pleased at how fly fishers of all experience levels are interacting with it and making it a personal goal to “level up”.

An additional benefit of the CSC that we expect to find is that it creates a pathway for advanced casters to discover their enjoyment of coaching others and thus move towards becoming CIs.

If you are seeking more information on the CSC all the details are available on the FFI website under the Education tab > Learning Center > Casting > Casting Skills Challenge. <https://flyfishersinternational.org/Education/Learning-Center/Casting/Casting-Skills-Challenge>

If you or your club would like to learn more about this fun program and how to host CSC event, please contact me. I am available to provide training and/or host a CSC event for your club or community event. I hope to have a section on the Texas Council website that lists where the CSC events will be held. In the meantime, I invite you to contact me or your club's Casting Director/Board Members about upcoming opportunities to TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

Wishing You Tight Loops and On-Target!

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*“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.*

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## WHITE BASS ON TENKARA

April showers bring May's flowers. In Texas, April showers also bring white bass, or as we call sand bass. With the hopeful spring rains, the creeks and rivers get swollen from the fresh runoff, which warms the lakes and triggers ideal spawning conditions for white bass. The bass sense the changes in the water and group up to begin their annual run into the creeks and rivers. They come by the thousands, and can be found in large numbers during these conditions. If you find a large pod of white bass, and use the right technique, catches of over 100 bass a day are very common. And can be done easily if conditions are right.

For as long as I can remember, we would target white bass with a 3 to 5 weight rod, and use small Clousers, or minnow imitations to catch white bass. This technique has always been the combination that works best. Over the years, we discovered that the smaller the fly, or even the sparser fly, they would work so much better. So we started tying smaller flies using less materials.

Then we discovered a pattern that was made famous by the late Andy Moreau. Andy tied simple, small jig flies that white bass could not resist. The flies were just strands of floss tied on a very small jig hook. They only took about 1 minute to tie one up, and we called them fast and ugly flies!!! But boy did they work. The experiment continues.



Then I found some jig head hooks my friend David Crawford made. These jigs were tiny. 1/125th of an ounce. We made some Andy Moreau jig flies with these new hooks, and it totally changed the way we fished for white bass. The jigs were so light, they would never sink to the bottom of the creek or river if there was current. So when your line slightly moved when drifting these flies in the river, you knew you had a strike. Another thing we found out was that these small jig flies were actually indestructible, and would last all day, while catching as many white bass as you could handle.

Then I was introduced to Tenkara. Fascinated by this new technique, I quickly used an Ito in Colorado for trout fishing. It was awesome, and I immediately fell in love with how easy it was to control a drift using a high stick technique. After a very successful trout trip, we return home and I started creek fishing for sunfish, perch, gills, or anything that would hit a fly in my favorite summer creeks. The seasons change, and the Ito gets stored away till spring. Then it hits me.

### *Why not use a Tenkara rod for white bass?*

So the story unfolds. The Ito is loaded up with a handful of micro jigs, and it's off to the favorite spring time river for white bass. I locate a large pod of sandies, so we call them, and it's not long to see if the experiment works. A simple cast, and let the small micro jig swing downstream, and I feel a hard take. I swing the Ito downstream, and the micro jig is set into a very nice sandie. The sandie made some several hard runs, and it felt so good on the Ito.



A quick release, and I am back at it. The next cast, another nice sandie. As I mentioned earlier, if you find a pod, and conditions are right, numbers can be had rather quickly, and today that was the case. In the next hour, an additional twenty something sandies fall prey to the micro jig on the Ito rod. The story ends with a new, successful arsenal for my favorite style of fishing.

Many more trips were had this spring, with similar results. But as the world turns and the seasons change, I am back to creek fishing for gills and perch, and soon to Colorado for trout.

Tenkara is definitely a year round way of fishing.

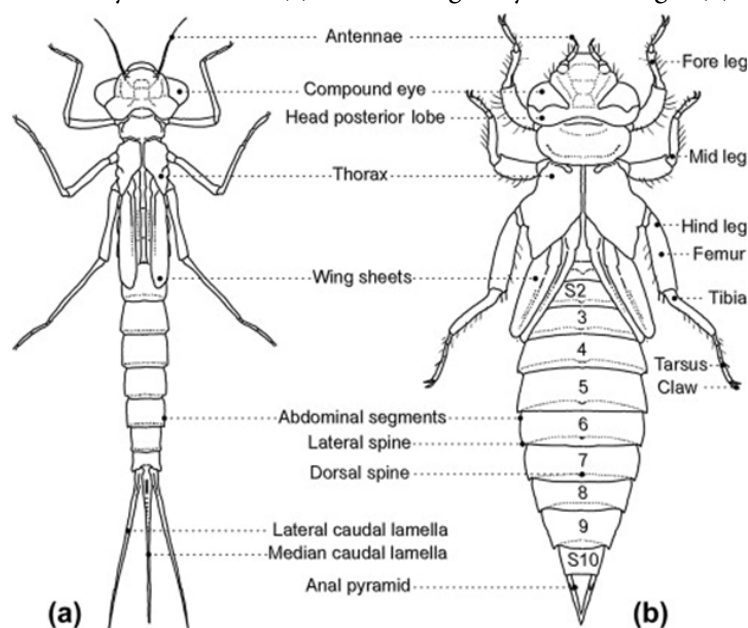
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## KEIRA'S DAMSEL FLY NYMPH PATTERN

It's getting very close to spring time and that means the big sunfish will be moving up into the shallows soon. This is one of my favorite times of the years to get young fly fishers out on the water. It's easy fishing and the kids have a blast. All across Texas, from the hill country to the east Texas piney woods to the coast plains and pretty much every place else, sunfish will be plentiful and willing. One of my favorite patterns mimics a common and beautiful insect, the damsel fly. It occurs in most areas across the state and prefers slow to still waters where vegetation is plentiful. There is a great video of the lifecycle of a damsel fly at - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBs07KbRY3w>. The underwater photography in this video is amazing.

While the damsel fly is similar to its cousin the dragon fly, the nymphs of the two species differs quite a bit as shown below – the damsel fly is on the left (a) and the dragon fly is on the right (b).



The pattern I've chosen mimics the swimming damsel fly nymph as it makes its way to the shore to transform into an adult. It's a fairly simple pattern with one tricky part.

### Materials

Size 12 or 14 Tiemco TMC 100 nymph hook or equivalent hook – with the barb bent down!  
6/0 thread  
.015 lead-free round wire  
2 small pink colored beads – the smaller the better.  
Turkey tail or wing feather  
Artic fox hair or marabou feather  
Dubbing – natural hair

I purposely left the colors off of the materials because damsel fly nymphs vary in color depending on the clarity of the water.

Damsel fly nymphs in the clear hill country streams and lakes are a tan color while damsel fly nymphs in the east Texas lakes are darker to match the water color. The fly I tie below is a light tan color for our hill country streams and lakes.

### Step 1.

Wrap thread from just behind the eye to the bend of the hook. Then wrap the first half of the hook behind the eye with 2 then 1 wraps of the wire. Make sure to taper the wire as you move toward the back half.



### Step 2.

Get 3-4 barbs from the turkey feather – make sure they are as long as possible. Tie the barbs so they extend past the bend of the hook about 2 times the length of the hook. Tie the barbs down all the way to the wire.



### Step 3.

Take a small section of artic fox hair and remove the long guard hair. Tie the artic fox hair so it extends the same distance from the bend of the hook as the turkey barbs. You can substitute marabou for this step but I find the artic fox hair to be tougher and last longer. Then using artic fox hair or dubbing, cover the shank of the hook from the bend to about half way over the wire.



### Step 4.

Bend the turkey barbs over to form the wing case and with a few wraps of the thread, tie them in place. Then trim them to the length shown.



## KEIRA'S DAMSEL FLY NYMPH PATTERN -CONTD.

### Step 5.

Continue the dubbing to the eye of the hook and whip finish the fly – but don't cut the thread at the hook. Instead, cut your thread about 6-7 inches away from the hook. Next is the tricky part – getting the beads on so they look like eyes. Pull the thread through the hole in one of the beads and pull the bead next to the hook. Then make a couple of wraps of the thread around the hook making sure the bead stays on one side of the hook. Then pull the thread through the bead hole a second time and make a few more wraps around the hook. Then do the same process on the other side of the hook. Put little water-based head cement on the thread to hold the eyes in place. You should have two nice looking bead eyes on either side of the hook near the eye of the hook.



### Step 6.

Just a few millimeters from the end of the turkey barbs, tie thread around the artic fox hair and turkey feather barbs using two half hitches. Then put a small amount of water-based



head cement on the thread to hold the thread in place. Let the head cement dry before continuing.

### Step 7.

Cut the thread as close the artic fox hair as possible. Then trim the artic fox hair away to show the ends of the turkey barbs. The turkey barbs mimic the caudal lamella that the damsel fly nymph uses to swim.



To get this pattern to mimic a damsel fly nymph as it swims to the shore as you saw in the video, try short and constant retrieves of no more than an inch or so. Then the fly should dance around under water with a lot of action and attract some big old sunfish.

Good fishing and have fun with the youngsters.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me at [southsideflycasting@gmail.com](mailto:southsideflycasting@gmail.com)

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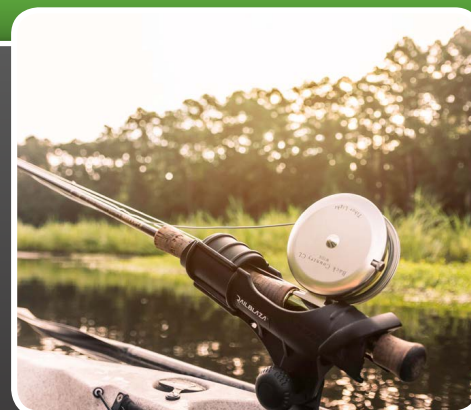
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To align ourselves with this national strategy, the Texas Council is focusing on our local clubs. Our goal is to provide a source of community feedback, support, direction and funding to assist local clubs with the grassroots movement and avocation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

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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:

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Spring Deadline: **March 1st**

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Newsletter sent out **September 22nd**

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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.

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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        |
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| Lubbock Fly Fishers            | Lubbock       | David Crawford     |
| Montgomery County Fly Rodders  | Conroe        | Chuck Holmes       |
| New Braunfels Fly Fishers      | New Braunfels | Dan Cone           |
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| San Gabriel Fly Fishers        | San Gabriel   | James Reese        |
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| Texas Women's Fly Fishers      | Austin        | Dana Williams      |
| Waco Fly Fishers               | Waco          | Bob Hanley         |
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| 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        | William Heugel     |

## 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](mailto: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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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:

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## 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.



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior - (65+) \$25 *                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying Group Lifetime \$285  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran - \$25 *                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Guides Association 1-Year \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Student - (22 and under) \$20 * | <input type="checkbox"/> Guides Association 3-Years \$70 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business - \$100 *                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Casting Renewal 1-Year \$45     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime - \$1000                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Casting Renewal 3-Years \$120   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Premium - \$1500 **          | (Casting Renewal is for certified instructors only)      |

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Membership Number (renewals) \_\_\_\_\_ New Member

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name (for Business memberships only) \_\_\_\_\_

Business Website \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address / PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip/ \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

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

Credit Card or check # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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