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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



With the very successful production of Oktoberfisch by Fredericksburg Fly Fishing Club in Fredericksburg with the support of Texas Fly Fishers, Fort Worth Fly Fishers, Hill Country Fly Fishers and the Texas Council of FFI, we managed to participate in two successful in-person events in this year of the Pandemic.

With multiple vaccines being approved for distribution this month, hopefully our Council will be able to support all of the Texas fly fishing events during 2021 that have been so successful in the past.

Texas Fly Fishing & Brew Festival (February 27-28) and TRWD Flyfest (March 13) are in the planning stages for 2021. GRTU previously cancelled plans to produce TROUTFEST on the Guadalupe in 2021.

Notices, including Agendas, of Annual General Membership Meeting and Annual Council Board Meeting are included in this issue of Texas Line & Leader. Please plan to join us for these back-to-back virtual meetings on January 11, 2021. The

Members will be voting on new faces with new ideas nominated to join the board.

There is also exciting news about major developments at Fly Fishers International, including a new member portal going live this month along with updated Website templates being developed for Councils and Clubs who are interested. The Learning Center continues to grow in both quantity and quality of content, the Womens Program led by Patty Lueken is on fire, and FFI ONLINE is delivering multiple weekly virtual programs. Previous events are archived on the FFI website for your viewing.

Let's celebrate Fly Fishing in 2021!

Andy Payne

President, Texas Council FFI



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ANNUAL COUNCIL BOARD MEETING OF TEXAS COUNCIL OF FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

The Annual General Membership Meeting of the Texas Council of Fly Fishers International will be held via Zoom at 7 PM on Monday, January 11, 2021. The Agenda for the meeting will include election of new members of the Council Board for three-year terms commencing in January 2021 and such other business as may appropriately come before the meeting in accordance with the Bylaws of the Council.

After adjournment of the Membership Meeting, the Annual Council Board Meeting will be called to order for the purpose of seating the newly elected Council Board Members and the election of all officers of the Council for 2021. There will be additional agenda items relating to normal Council Board business. All Members who attend the Membership Meeting are invited to remain on line to observe the business conducted by the Council Board.

Following are the details of the Zoom meeting including link to join the meeting.

President Texas Council FFI is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: FFI Texas Council Annual Membership and Board Meeting
Time: Jan 11, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84933700211?pwd=YTdRlZybnVKMDNzSTZzdIR1TjlCdz09>

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TRWD FLYFEST

TRWD Flyfest is returning once again along the Clear Fork of the Trinity River near the Acme Brick Headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas. TRWD Flyfest is brought to you by the Tarrant Regional Water District and is set for Saturday, March 13, 2021, 9am – 5pm.

TRWD is currently seeking vendors that offer items that contribute to the “Fly Fishing” and outdoor sports vibe of the event. This includes companies selling items such as fishing equipment, outdoor gear, guided fishing tours, camping supplies, etc... and non-profits with like causes and educational programs.

We hope to continue to expand the “vendor row” shopping aspect of the event and associated promotions to the benefit of all of the vendors.

If you are interested, please contact Shanna.Cate@trwd.com for a form and submit back no later than January 15, 2021. (Sooner the better though so that we can plan accordingly)

Also, please feel free to forward this to other vendors in the industry that you think might be a good fit!

Event website: www.trwdflyfest.com

Promo Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7TssdB6lro&feature=youtu.be>

Please note: We will be putting together a full health and safety protocol plan to spread out the event site and allow for proper social distancing and hygiene measures. The safety of the exhibitors and the attendees will be a top priority. We must start now with the planning in order to be prepared by event time. In the event of an unfortunate cancellation due to COVID-19, all vendor fees would be refunded.

We look forward to hearing from you! Please feel free to contact us at 817-698-0700 or by email should you have any questions.

Shanna Cate

Director of Programming, Tarrant Regional Water District

CONSERVATION NEWS

The Texas Council has been very active this year in regards to conservation concerns and taking action. Two important issues did arise this year, and the Texas Council has joined efforts with other organizations to address these issues. The first issue we got involved in was the City of Fort Worth's desire to dump treated waste water into Mary's Creek, which in turn runs into the Trinity River. After hearing of the news through a press release, the Council in turn partnered with TRWD, and other organizations

that are listed below. We were granted permission to speak at a public hearing, and brought awareness, and suggestive solutions to help prevent a possible serious health and wildlife scenario from happening. An official response from TCEQ and the City of Fort Worth will come in 2021.

We cannot THANK the following individuals and organizations enough to help surface these concerns, take action, and hopefully redirect the initial plans on this program.

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In other conservation news

What can you do today to oppose the Young Life application to dump wastewater into the pristine Sabinal River?

Email State Representative Andrew Murr at andrew.murr.texas.house.gov and State Senator Dawn Buckingham at dawn.buckingham.texas.senate.gov (in whose districts Young Life's Camp Lonehollow is located) to ask them to request the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to hold a "public meeting" on the Young Life permit #WQ0015892001 .

You can say that there are many questions raised by this permit that need to be addressed in a public meeting. You can say you want to know: What will be the effect on the ecosystem of the Sabinal River? Will the wastewater make algae blooms exponentially grow? What will happen to fish and other aquatic life in the river? Will it still be safe to swim in the river? Why isn't the wastewater being used to irrigate Camp Lonehollow's land instead? Why doesn't Young Life do what other youth camps in the Upper Nueces River basin headwaters area have done, which is to adopt a policy of no wastewater discharge into pristine streams?

YOUNG LIFE SHOULD ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY IN A PUBLIC MEETING CONDUCTED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. -Sky Jones Lewey



4th Annual
**Texas
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February 27-28, 2021
Mesquite, Texas

www.txflyfishingfestival.com

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Gourmet Cooking Demos • Specialty Food Trucks**

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FOURTH ANNUAL TEXAS FLY FISHING & BREW FESTIVAL IN MESQUITE



Looking forward to spring fishing? Who isn't! Fortunately for those of us still stuck in winter, the Fourth Annual Texas Fly Fishing & Brew Festival is headed to Mesquite on February 27-28, 2021.

Unique to the Texas Fly & Brew is a focus on microbrewery beer. With their paid admission, festival attendees 21 years and older receive tasting tickets to sample a variety of locally handcrafted brews. Breweries selected to participate in this year's event include Four Corners Brewing Co, Sweetwater Brewery, Hop & Sting, and Tupps. All of the participating breweries will have personnel on hand to explain what sets microbrewed beer apart, why and how certain ingredients yield different flavors, and how to brew and taste different types of beer. The festival's microbrew component has become so popular that a waiting list now exists for breweries that wish to participate.

This year we welcome our first-ever distiller: Treaty Oak Distilling from Dripping Springs, Texas. Treaty Oak will sponsor a "Bourbon & Bass Bugs" class taught by Master Distiller Philip Durmont, who will explain how bourbon is made and what makes it a unique beverage. Tastings are included. Kristian Cole of Dallas-based Tailwater Fly Fishing Company will review several bass bugs, and Flymen Fishing Company will provide samples to students to take home for "research" purposes.

Also new to the 2021 event is a series of advanced courses for experienced anglers. "Folks know us because we reach out to complete novices--to folks who have never picked up a fly rod in their lives," says Fly & Brew Director Beau Beasley. "Our event draws scores of children, and we have about six times the national average for women's participation, compared to other fishing events. This year, we're stepping up our game to draw experienced anglers, too, with unique, highly specialized courses taught by regional and national experts." For example, in "Advanced Tactics for Fishing Tailwaters," author and guide Pat Dorsey will teach anglers how to correctly fish below dams and other cold water rivers. Meanwhile, author and nationally recognized guide Landon Mayer will offer instruction to passionate trout anglers on "Catching the Trout of a Lifetime."

General admission tickets grant access to numerous high-interest classes and experts:

- "Becoming An Outdoor Grandparent," from kayak expert and fly fishing guide Jerry Hamon, will help older anglers include their children and grandchildren in family fishing and other outdoor experiences. Hamon will also teach "A Man, a Fly Rod, and a Kayak."
- German-trained Master Brewer Peter Boettcher will teach "Beer 101," which covers beer basics as well as what you need to know to begin brewing at home.
- Regional pro-staffers from Dallas-based Mariner-Sails will address attendees' every kayak-related inquiry.

"The Fourth Annual Texas Fly & Brew will see anglers and vendors from the Lone Star State and from across the entire country," says Beasley. "We've got new classes, new vendors--and a brand-new location in Mesquite, which has opened its arms to us and to fly fishing. The spacious Mesquite Convention Center provides more vendor space, more sponsor space, and even space for specialty food trucks. A wide variety of specialty fly tyers will also be participating."

Major sponsors of the Fourth Annual Texas Fly & Brew include Dallas-based fly rod manufacturer Temple Fork Outfitters, the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, Gangler's North Seal Lodge, The City of Mesquite, and Trout Unlimited. Additional sponsors include Norvise and the Texas Council of Fly Fishers International. For more information, visit www.txflyfishingfestival.org or call 703-402-8338.

TRWD TROUT SEASON RETURNS FOR ITS 34TH YEAR IN FORT WORTH

FORT WORTH, TX (November 24, 2020) – For more than three decades, the Fort Worth community has eagerly gathered on the banks of the Trinity River awaiting their opportunity to catch one of the thousands of prized trout released each year by the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) and Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD).

This year TRWD Trout Season begins on December 10 when the Water District will release more than 1,000 rainbow trout at both Trinity and River Parks in Fort Worth, followed by four TPWD stockings in January and February.

The final TRWD trout stocking of the season will culminate with TRWD Flyfest, an activity-packed celebration of the Trinity River scheduled for March 13 near River Park in southwest Fort Worth. This family-friendly event will feature a Big Trout contest, open fishing, expert presentations, casting classes, fly tying demos, vendors and many other fun family activities.

There is something to hook everyone this season so bring your family and friends and come Fish-the-Fort! Visit www.trinitytrailsfw.com/fishing for more information about the TRWD Trout Season and TRWD Flyfest.

TRWD's Fish-the-Fort is an urban fishing initiative to restore the natural environments and the ecological communities that inhabit the Trinity River. The initiative includes enhancing recreational fishing opportunities, re-establishing native species and educating the community on stewardship, environmental quality and environmental conservation to protect a precious natural resource.

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Many people assume that there is no good paddling in the winter, that all kayaks and canoes and fishing gear should get packed away once the thermometer drops. I am sure the Eskimos would find that very amusing. The fact is that some of the best paddling and fishing adventures happen in the winter—especially here in Texas—when there is actually water in the rivers and lakes and you are not getting baked by the Texas sun. We do most of our recreational paddling in the winter because we love getting out on the water, but hate hot weather and high humidity. From October through April algae is down, bacteria is down, and the bugs and snakes are mostly gone. There is also very little stagnate water, and Bass, Perch, Trout, and Crappie are active and hungry.

But to take advantage of winter on the water and be safe, you do have to take a few precautions and do some careful planning to stay safe and comfortable out on the water.

Plan Before you Paddle

Your paddle preparation will be dependent on the type of water you plan to paddle. Rivers and creeks have different challenges than open lakes.

If you plan to paddle on a river or a creek you must check the flow levels (measured in cubic feet per second or cfs). If the flow is too high it will be too dangerous to paddle. If it is too low you might be walking rather than floating. The USGS has flow gauges available for almost all creeks and rivers. Unfortunately, if you do not know the good levels for a given creek or river, the number on the gauge will not help you. You have to find someone who knows the good numbers for that section of water. But never fear, if you are planning to access any of the sections of the Trinity River National Water Trail, there are actually color-coded gauges available on the website: <https://trinitycoalition.org/water-levels>. These are color coded for each section as low, medium, high, or dangerous. Knowing those levels will also help with planning for nearby creeks connected or related to the Trinity. For cold weather paddling you want to stick with low or medium flows as high water can cause capsizes or entrapments that are much more dangerous in cold conditions. Many fishermen and paddlers prefer small to medium sized rivers for cool and cold weather paddling. This means rivers and creeks that have no more than a few riffles or class 1 rapids. These types of waterways are typically easy to stand up in or get to the bank within a few seconds. Being able to get out of the water quickly is key to surviving a cold-water dunking.

If you plan to paddle on a lake there is no real current to worry about. On a lake you must check the weather forecast—especially the wind speed and thunderstorm chances. Usually winds over 12 to 14 mph are the limit for any but seriously experienced paddlers.

And winter winds at or above 14 mph are not much fun for most experienced paddlers either. High winds are dangerous because they cause waves and chop, which makes a capsizing more likely, and makes headway against the wind difficult. Cold wind also adds an additional level of danger because of the wind chill factor. If the winds are up—choose a creek or high-banked river instead. If there are thunderstorms—stay off the water all together.

The basic weather of the day also makes a difference. But when you are planning, remember that temperature is not the whole picture. 50 degrees on a sunny day can be quite pleasant. 50 degrees on an overcast damp day can be completely miserable. Use reliable weather apps to check the weather and plan ahead.

Once you decide the weather and the water are good, make sure you have a paddle buddy going with you, and that someone on shore knows where you are going and when you plan to be back. You should never paddle alone. But this is especially true in the winter when a little help from a friend can make the difference between a mildly uncomfortable capsizing and a deadly situation.

Make A Check List

It is important to create a check list that you can adjust and reuse for every trip. If you are just going out for the day your list will be different than if you are going out for the weekend and camping. That list should include a grab bag, which is a dry bag with all your key essentials that you can grab off the boat in an emergency.

Prep Your Boat

It is important that your boat be outfitted to maximize safety. Start by making sure you have a bow line attached to your boat. When you are floundering around in the water it is not a good time to start looking for a rope. Make sure to coil and stow the rope so it cannot come loose accidentally and cause an entrapment situation. Make sure you have a method for removing unwanted water. In warm weather extra water in the boat is just a nuisance. In cold weather it is a serious hazard and will drop your temperature fast. Pack a hand bilge pump, or a bailer, along with a sponge. Bailer works best for large open boats or canoes. Bilge pumps work best for smaller kayaks with tighter cockpits. All boats need a sponge. Most hand pumped bilge pumps work best with a small length of hose or tubing to allow the water to make it to the outside of the boat.

Safety

Safety gear is more important in the winter than in warm weather. First and foremost is your PFD (personal flotation device). It is important that your PFD, or “life vest” be a good one. And it

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must be actually ON YOUR BODY while you are on the water—especially in cold water where buoyancy could mean the difference between survival and drowning. Especially if something causes you to lose consciousness or the cold takes away your ability to swim. A good vest also allows you to keep many safety items close at hand. Items you should always have in your vest include:

- a. Whistle
- b. Knife
- c. Tow line and carabiner—also known as an “ox tail” This is an 8 to 14 ft length of static line attached to a carabiner that doubles as an extra bow or stern line, an emergency tow line, or extra support when helping someone climb up a steep bank. You also want to keep your phone either in your vest or attached to your body in a waterproof container. It is a good idea to add a small waterproof light and, these days, an emergency mask. We usually throw and emergency snack and some lip balm in there just in case.

Next is your Grab Bag. This must be a bag you can easily get out of the boat in an emergency. It should contain at least:

- a. First aid kit
- b. Dry change of clothes
- c. Fire starters
- d. Emergency blanket
- e. Whistle, knife, life straw (there should also be a whistle and a knife in your PFD)
- f. Dry bag or box for your phone (if it is not on your body)
- g. Rain Gear. Preferably gore tex or similar material
- h. Waterproof duct tape in case an emergency repair is needed.

Your grab bag will vary over time, as you add and fine tune it for your particular paddling or camping style. But it should always contain the basics. If you do a lot of paddling on creeks with deadfalls and log jams, you might want to add a small saw. If you are going into the deep wilderness away from cell signals, or onto a large body of water you might want to add a mini air horn, mini flares, or a GPS receiver, sat phone or sat link. A good GPS receiver will have the capability of doing SOS and Text communications via satellite.

Also pack plenty of drinking water and a few snacks packed. If you get dehydrated or run out of fuel you won't be paddling anywhere.

It is also a good idea to carry a throw bag. This is a special bag filled with 50 to 75 feet of rope that can be used to rescue a swimmer in the water and pull them to safety. It also has about a thousand other uses.

But gear alone cannot keep you safe. It is important to know how to rescue a capsized paddler and how to be rescued. Self-rescues are much more difficult, but always good if you have practiced. Best to make sure you do not need rescuing by practicing your brace.

And, if you have the right type of boat, learn to roll. Take a class or attend a rescue clinic if you do not know how to do these things. In the summer, not having a rescue just means at worst a long swim to shore in your vest. In the winter, it can be deadly.

Now that the boat is outfitted, what do you wear? In the summer a hat, good water shoes, bug repellent and sunscreen are the main requirements. If you get it wrong you get a little sunburnt or have to deal with bites. In the winter what you wear can make all the difference between a fun safe paddle and a miserable or fatal one. The main danger in cold water is not hypothermia, as many believe, but cold water shock. Cold water can literally shock the body and make it start to shut down. If you are immersed in extremely cold water without the proper gear you will lose the ability to swim or move long before you become hypothermic. If you do not have a properly fitted life vest on, this alone is deadly. Cold water can also cause heart failure and stroke. And water temperature is not like air temperature. According to the National Center for cold water safety any water below 70 degrees must be treated with caution. Cold shock can happen in 50 to 60 degree water depending on your level of sensitivity.

Rule number 1. Always dress for the water temperature—not the air temperature. To decide what to wear I use the 120-degree rule. If the water temperature and the air temperature together add up to less than 120 degrees, you should only paddle with specialized cold weather gear. That means wet suit or dry suit or equivalent.

But there are a lot of levels of clothing between summer swim wear and dry suites that are appropriate for most Texas winter paddling and for tight budgets.

Clothing

For cool weather paddling you should only wear fast drying fabrics such as nylon, polar fleece, poly blends, as well as other man-made materials. Wool and smart wool also work for cool weather paddling. The fabric you must avoid is cotton. That means no denim and no cotton T shirts. Never wear cotton on the water in the winter. COTTON KILLS. It becomes heavy and traps the cold close to your body and does not dry well or quickly. So, if you can't wear cotton, what should you wear instead?

Dry Suit

The gold standard for winter paddling is, of course, the dry suit. A good paddling dry suit has neoprene gaskets at the neck and wrists as well as a waterproof zipper. The good ones are constructed of breathable material to allow air flow in. Your level of warmth will depend on what you wear under it. In milder temperatures wear a basic base layer legging and top with moisture wicking properties.

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In colder weather wear fleece or polar fleece, possibly in addition to the base layer if you are particularly cold natured. Not only will it keep you warm, but even in the event of a capsize, it will keep you dry. This is very important as water will steal your warmth even after you get back in your boat. But if only your hand and face are wet, it is much easier to recover.

PLUSES: The reason it is the gold standard is that it does what it says it will do—keep you dry even when immersed in water. And when you are dry the cold is not as dangerous. With the right undergarments you can even be comfortable when immersed in icy water. If you plan to paddle rough water or white water in the winter the dry suit is a **MUST**.

DOWNSIDE: Dry suits are expensive and must be maintained. They can cost more than \$1000.00. Although there are some on sale this season as low as \$400. But that is still more than most casual paddlers want to spend just to be able to paddle in the winter.

Dry Top and Bottom

The next, much more affordable option is to go for dry separates, such as dry pants and/or a dry top. You only have to buy the one you really need, and possibly add the other one at a later date. If you are doing a lot of wading to get in and out of your boat or a lot of fly fishing outside your boat, you might want to opt for dry pants and a less expensive top. A good set of dry pants comes with footies and will keep the lower part of your body completely dry so long as you do not immerse past your waist. As an instructor I use mine a lot and they usually run a lot less than half of a dry suit. Dry tops are a good choice if you mostly need protection from water splash or if you usually wear a spray skirt and have a good roll. A lot of whitewater paddlers opt for this choice and wear spandex or splash pants on the bottom. When worn together they are almost as good as a dry suit—but almost is not the same as dry. They still leak in the middle if you stay in the water more than a few moments. Dry pants run about \$200. Dry tops between \$150 and \$350.

PLUSES: Allows a mix and match approach, and is usually a little less expensive than the full dry suit.

DOWNSIDE: You will only stay completely dry if you avoid immersion, they are still expensive for the casual paddler, and many people hate putting on the top with the neoprene gasket.

Splash Wear

For a more affordable, but less dry option, “Splash wear” or Semi dry tops and bottoms are the popular choice. Splash tops and bottoms will keep the wind and water off you so long as you do

not become immersed while adding a layer of warmth. You must make sure to put enough fleece or other wicking base layer under your splash wear to be adequately prepared for the water temp if you swim. Splash wear will not help you stay dry in the water, but when you regain your boat, it will keep the wind off you enough to mitigate additional chilling. Splash bottoms do not have footies, so it is important to pair them with a good water boot or water shoe insulated with thick socks and/or neoprene socks.

PLUSES: Warmer and drier than cheaper options. Usually affordable, often under \$100 for both.

DOWNSIDE: Will not keep you dry in a capsize. Can cause sweating because of lack of breathability in the material.

Wetsuits

A lot of paddlers also use wetsuits, and that is a valid option. Depending on the thickness, measured in millimeters, wet suits can keep you warm in even very cold water, and there are a lot of choices. The Farmer John, which allows freedom of arm movement is most preferred by paddlers. I myself am a diver and I have plenty of wetsuits, but I really do not like them for paddling unless it is the only cold water gear I have. The problem is that wetsuits are designed to work with the water. They work best when there is a layer of water between your body and the neoprene. The wetsuit traps that water and allows your body to warm it to form an insulating barrier against the cold. But if you are not in the water, you can easily get overheated in a wetsuit, which can make the shock of immersion worse until your body warms the cold water that will flow into your wetsuit.

PLUS: Can keep you warm even when immersed in water and wet.

DOWNSIDE: can cause overheating when not in the water. Can restrict freedom of movement. Can feel very cold after coming out of the water as the wind causes evaporation. Good ones are almost as expensive as dry gear.

Alternatives

What if you don't have access to any of the usual choices? Does that mean you should give up winter paddling? Not necessarily. Sometimes inexpensive options from your closet can still keep you protected. A base layer of Lycra spandex or other athletic wicking fabric, topped with fleece separates, with a waterproof wind suit or workout suit over all, can give a lot of protection from cold, wind, and water. It won't be as good as most actual paddling wear, but it will be good enough to allow you to enjoy winter paddling until you can acquire better.

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Extremities

But what about your extremities? Keeping your hands feet and head warm is least as important as protecting your body. Especially since we lose most of our body heat through our extremities. To protect you head a ball cap is the minimum. If it is really cold a cold weather hat with earflaps and a brim works well. A scuba hood is also very effective—especially when paired with a dry top or splash top since the gaskets will tuck together. If you are wearing a rain or wind suit with a hood, wear a brimmed hat under it to add warmth and prevent the hood from collapsing around your face when you turn your head. And balaclavas, which cover head, neck, and face are always a good choice.

For your hands choose waterproof paddling gloves, dive gloves, sailing gloves, or my favorite, pogies. Pogies are mittens that attach to the paddle shaft and keep your hands warm and dry, but allow you to easily remove your hand at will. I usually use spandex gloves or fingerless gloves in combination with pogies.

Since it is almost impossible to keep your feet dry while kayaking or fishing, having good footwear is critical to a successful outing. A combination of thick socks—preferably smart wool—and neoprene or rubber boots provide the best protection. The number one pick for Texas winter paddling is the NRS Boundary Boot. It keeps feet almost completely dry, but is thick enough to hold warmth even if you do manage to get water inside. Scuba booties are a good second choice. Rubber rain boots are also effective in larger canoes and sit on top kayaks. They do not work as well in sit inside cockpits where foot flexibility is required. Water shoes or sandals with waterproof socks over smart wool can also work, and are much better than water shoes alone. If you get cold hands and feet easily you can always add a chemical heater to your socks or gloves.

Whatever you choose to wear, you must choose something that will keep you warm enough to be able to assist in your own rescue if you capsize, or provide comfortable warmth all day if you manage to avoid going into the water. Winter paddling can provide a wonderland of adventure if you do it safely. See you on the water!

If you enjoyed this article check out the video webinar at TrinityCoalition's Facebook page. Go to TrinityCoalition.org to find out more about the Trinity River National Water Trail. And please consider donating to Trinity Coalition. Your support is what makes our work possible and helps us to provide support to paddlers and protect our waterways.

Teresa Patterson and Dale Harris

2020 ALMOST OVER!!!

With only a couple weeks left in 2020, I ask what's next? We have all been through a lot. Some more than others, and it hurts to see just that. But wait, 2021 is on the way!! There is hope for a better tomorrow. I look back at this year, and am still processing what just happened, what I am thankful for, and what I look forward to in 2021.

We all have things that we missed in 2020. I did more fishing by myself than any year I can remember. I miss the time with friends, club activities, and so much more. Its been very humbling, but rewarding. One thing that has kept me going is social media. And I have learned a lot about how to connect with others, through the different avenues that are before us. Zoom, Chime, Facebook, Instagram, Snap Chat, Fishing Forums, You Tube, Twitter, Facetime, and more.

Learning and involved more with social media, the Texas Council has plans in 2021, to unite more of us through social media. We strongly suggest liking our Facebook and Instagram pages, and follow what we are doing in 2021. Activities are beginning to be planned and on the calendar already. Our plans also include supporting club's effort's, and joining all of us on the social media sites.

With the increased use of Zoom, and other meeting means, the Texas Council also is looking into multi-club meeting presentations, to help with the issue of trying to locate presenters for club meetings. Doing so could save club's from using their funds, and effort trying to locate presenters. Once the plan is tested, there should be presentations available for club's to use. I will still miss the times we have with each other, and hope that changes soon. However, these challenging times have taught us new and different ways to be together, and stay informed. With that experience, we will be better off, and can be together through social media. The Texas Council and I suggest getting more involved, and you will be rewarded. So start liking us now and follow along.

Russell Husted
Communications / Social Media Director
Texas Council FFI

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**Fort Worth
Fly Fishers Fundraising Festival**

Sat. April 3, 2021

Time TBD

Wild Acre Brewing Company



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Raffle. Maybe Even Something Different.

THE ROLL CAST

One of my favorite aspects of being a Certified Instructor (CI) is having the opportunity to teach people with many different levels of experience. From rank beginners to CI aspirants, they bring a wide variety of insights and skill. I have observed a few patterns over time, both good and bad. One of the bad ones can be summed up simply: Most people don't roll cast well.

Roll casting suffers from an identity problem. An entire sub-discipline of fly casting - Spey casting - is based on the roll cast. Despite the utility, oftentimes the roll cast is treated as a throw-away cast, taught to beginners who are not expected to know how to 'actually cast'. These same beginners are often sent out into the world with an under-developed roll cast, and proceed to bungle along as best they can. Like I did, and probably like you did. However, there is a better, more efficient way to make a roll cast.

If you are, say, considering going after a few of the 335,000 trout that Texas Parks and Wildlife will stock this year in dozens of water bodies across the state, that would be a great time to practice your roll cast. If you are, say, considering chasing Guadalupe bass in our rivers, redfish on our coastlines, or perhaps even heading offshore for jacks or cobia? I think you see where this is going. Most of the time when we think of roll casts, we think of small rods, small waters, small fish, short casts. While this view is not wrong, it's not entirely right either.

A roll cast works well in many scenarios. Organizing slack, lifting a sunken fly or line to the surface for an overhead cast, as a quiet way to pick up a topwater, as a quick way to lengthen your cast or make a stealthy presentation... the ways you can use the humble roll cast are limited only by your imagination and your ability to control your line.

A solid roll cast is applicable wherever you roam. In fact, if you're interested in working through the FFI Casting Skills Challenge, the roll cast makes an appearance on both the Bronze and the Gold level Challenges. On the CI exam you're expected to roll cast 40 feet, and Master CI exam takers are expected to flawlessly execute a 50 foot roll cast.

While it's hard to visualize, you might find it easier to pair the below description with a few of the great casting videos available in the FFI Learning Center. A quick note: while possible to improve your roll cast while practicing on grass, I recommend you seek out water to practice on whenever possible.

Helpful Reminders for the Roll Cast:

It almost always helps to start each cast (whether a roll cast or not) with your rod tip low and in front of you.

Tilt (cant) the rod so that the rod tip is approximately 1/2 rod length off to your casting arm side.

Slowly sweep the rod tip back, dragging the line along the surface of the water. The rod tip will end up slightly behind you, with the rod nearly vertical. In this position, your rod hand should be relatively high, at least shoulder height if not ear height.

Come to a complete stop; there should be a straight piece of line on the water in front of you - this will guide your forward cast, and help you aim. After you gain some proficiency, you will no longer need to stop completely.

There will be a curve of line sagging behind you as it droops from the rod tip - we call this the D-loop. In general, the larger the D-loop, the more efficient your forward cast will be. Concentrating on keeping your cast compact, punch outward while keeping the cast between where that straight piece of line is on the water (which should be a half-rod length away from you) and your casting shoulder. Casting 'across' this line can lead to tangles or hooking yourself until you gain more experience.

Where the rod tip ends is a bit up to you. Are you heaving around an indicator setup with heavy nymphs? You'll want to end the cast with the rod tip relatively low, to open up the loop and give plenty of room for the rig to flop around with fewer tangles. For more speed and a tighter loop (for, say, a small streamer into the wind), leave the rod tip up around head height at the end of the cast. This position will encourage the line to leap up off the water and form a similar loop to your overhead cast.

After the loop is out ahead of you, now you have the option to mend, or simply lower the rod tip back to the water to continue fishing.

Austin Orr
@elevateflycasting on Instagram

NEWS FROM FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

FFI Online, Season 2

FFI Online is back with updated virtual content on casting, fly tying, fly fishing skills, conservation, FFI Women Connect, episodes on global fly fishing travel, and more. You can access the current and previously broadcast webinars on the FFI website or the FFI YouTube channel.

FISHING THE STEELHEAD ALLEY

Monday, December 14

8:00 pm EST | 7:00 CST | 6:00 MST | 5:00 PST

Fishing the Steel of Steelhead Alley” looks at this fantastic fishery and all you need to know about fishing for Great Lakes Steelhead in the area known as Steelhead Alley. Tim O’Neill owner of the Norvise Fly Tying System and O’Neill’s Fly Fishing will look at locations fishing techniques gear and rigging as it pertains to catching this hard fighting sport fish.

HOW TO GET CERTIFIED: THE ROAD TO CASTING INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

Tuesday, December 15

8:00 pm EST | 7:00 CST | 6:00 MST | 5:00 PST

Join Casting Committee chair Bruce Williams, and Audrey Wilson, recently certified instructor and tournament caster as they share their perspectives on certification.

FLY TYING WITH GARY BORGER

Wednesday, December 16

8:00 pm EST | 7:00 CST | 6:00 MST | 5:00 PST

Bus Buzcek Award recipient Gary Borger will be demonstrating his Down and Dirty Minnow, a baitfish imitation for bass, trout, and any predatory fish. He will be sharing tips about tying with Craft Fur, an excellent material for baitfish patterns.

ARCTIC GRAYLING HISTORIC DISTRIBUTION, RESEARCH, AND RESTORATION IN MICHIGAN W/ NICOLE WATSON

Thursday, December 17

8:00 pm EST | 7:00 CST | 6:00 MST | 5:00 PST

Michigan State University Ph.D. Student, Nicole Watson discusses the history of Arctic Grayling in Michigan, current Grayling research, and potential management implications of the preliminary findings. Her research focuses on early-life history of Arctic Grayling and their interactions with young Brook and Brown trout with the overarching goal of clarifying uncertainties to successful Grayling reintroduction in Michigan streams. Nicole’s research takes her to Alaska every spring to collect and transport Grayling eggs back to her lab at Michigan State University where she spends much of each summer and fall running trials.

FLY TYING WITH DAVE WHITLOCK

Wednesday, December 23 | 8 pm EST

SESSIONS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY BROADCAST AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

Watch FFI Online Season 2 on YouTube [Here](#)

Join fly fishing, casting, and tying experts every week for entertaining and instructive live online discussions and fly fishing talk.

Below are the recorded sessions of FFI Online, available on the FFI website or the FFI YouTube Channel

Webinar titles include:

- Legends of Fly Tying: Al Beatty
- Legends of Fly Tying: Gretchen Beatty
- Legends of Fly Tying: Peggy Brenner
- Legends of Fly Tying: Scott Sanchez
- Legends of Fly Tying: Jim Ferguson
- Legends of Fly Tying: Mike George
- FFI Women Connect: Gary Bulla in the Baja
- Conservation: Black Bass Diversity - Their Conservation and Fly Fishing Opportunities
- FFI Learning Center: Leadership Development Workshop



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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)
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- » Access to FFI Learning Center materials
- » Promotion of services through FFI social media and publications

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OUTREACH STEERING COMMITTEE

I would like to give all an update on the progress of the “Texas Council – Outreach Steering Committees” activities. A committee was formed by Andy Payne, President of the Texas Council this past year to recommend to the Council Board ways and methods the Council could use to assist our clubs, as well as attract new members to FFI Statewide and consequently to the clubs in the regions those new members reside in.

The committee is Chaired by Rick Haness with Russell Husted, Keira Quam, Matt Bennett, and Les Jackson serving on the committee.

The specific task and some of the initial suggestions are as follows:

1. Development of methods to attract new interest in FFI.
 - a. Partner with nearby clubs to host FF101.
 - b. Host day fishing trips for those who have attended FF101's.
 - c. Partner with nearby clubs to host casting workshops at/near Texas colleges.
2. Study and identify regional exposure goals, as well as, nodes for staging Council events.
 - a. Create one day events (two to three times a year) in areas that have a good population and not many FFI clubs. This can generate a “council” following that can be assigned to their nearest club if they like.
 - b. Identify Potential Regional Event locations.
3. Study contact methods such as Social Media, Newsletter, Local Fly Shops, Fishing Guides as well as direct contact with clubs.
 - a. Social Media
 - b. Newsletter
 - c. Local Fly shops and fishing stores; Create “Rack” card with Tx Council info.
 - d. Fishing Guides
 - e. Colleges/Trade Schools
 - f. Mini Expo
 - i. Regional affairs that target underserved areas of the state.
 - ii. Introduce fly fishing to the curious, or those that do not really know about fly fishing.
 - g. Word of Mouth
4. Develop format for venue events.
 - a. Fort Worth FF and Waco FF have formats for FF 101/102 type on-the-water gatherings.
 - b. Use TPWD Basic and Intermediate Fly Fishing workshop formats as a starting point.
 - c. Determine Venue event types
 - i. Presentations to Clubs
 - ii. Booths
 - iii. Colleges
 - iv. 101/102/++

- v. Casting
- vi. Tying
- vii. Learning topics
- viii. Regional Gatherings

5. Develop outline/playbook of the various responsibilities required to produce the exposure/member capture policy determined by the Outreach committee.

- a. MAJOR FOCUS
 - i. Colleges
 - ii. Regional Events “mini expo, rally, Round-up, gathering”
 - iii. Social Media
 - iv. Newsletter
 - v. Develop a “Guide” list will be included in all Texas affiliate and Charter club materials
 - vi. Club assistance
 - vii. Learning – The Sport
 - 1) Develop regional Rivers/Lakes suitable for fly fishing and the fish to be caught in those fisheries
 - 2) Develop learning materials/links for all to use. This mainly links with the “FFI - Learning Center”

I know these goals are astronomical, if you would like to serve in any capacity to help achieve our goals please let me know. Also, I would like your thoughts on the goals stated and your thoughts for any additional goals you may think important to pursue.

Thanks

Rick Haness

Community.outreach@texascouncilffi.com

CASTING INSTRUCTION AT OKTOBERFISCH 2020

Jim Bass, Gary Davison and Rex Walker did a magnificent job of providing casting instruction for attendees of Oktoberfisch in Fredericksburg on October 16-18, 2020. Since Chris Johnson had his Living Waters booth set up overlooking the casting area, he also took a break tying and selling flies to occasionally lend a hand. The program planned by the CI's included beginner to intermediate level instruction and steps in between.

On Sunday morning the plan included a novel session; a question-and-answer period that allowed anyone to pose a question to the group of CI's who would then discuss and demonstrate a solution. This idea turned out to be a major winner. After the group warmed up on some easy softballs the crowd really got into the action and made the CI's look deep into their "tool kit".

Questions varied from very detailed technique issues to complex how do you solve difficult presentation problems. Approximately 30 attendees sat for three hours thinking about fly fishing challenges and kibitzing with the instructors and each other.

This approach allowed the crowd to experience a learning opportunity rarely, if ever, seen in relation to free casting clinics at fly fishing events. The energy and curiosity generated by the participants carried the discussion into areas that at times led to good nature arguments between CI's about the best way to handle a specific challenge. This led to an expansion of the learning benefit received by the participants.

Instructors and participants alike experienced a connection to the spirit of fly fishing, and everyone departed a little wiser and motivated to learn more. I know I did.

Andy Payne, CI

**This year we succeeded in getting 130 miles of the Trinity River
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IT'S A WONDERFUL FLY LIFE

The Past, Present, and Future of Fly Fishing

A lot of water has run under the bridge of the fly world since DUN published its first digital edition in September of 2013. Women-owned fly businesses were only a figment of many imaginations, good women's gear in most cases was a dream we never thought would happen and walking into a fly shop was met with trepidation. But now, as we enter the new year of 2021 (thank God), I think it's only appropriate that a look back to what has been and a look forward to what will come is in order.

The ghost of fly-fishing past

From a nun named Dame Juliana Berners to a fly tier named Megan Boyd, women have gone before and created a firm foundation for those to come. When *A Treatyse of Fysshynge Wyth an Angle* was published in the 15th Century, women were not strangers to the art of casting a fly to fish. They fished to eat, and they ate what they caught. There was no keep fish wet and there was definitely no Instagram. They did it because they needed to first and because they wanted to second.

By the time Carrie Stewart came onto the scene, women had already made a name for themselves in this already male-dominated sport. When she tied what we now call our modern-day streamer, those who came before her had been tying flies for years. In fact, Stevens Point was named the Fly Tying Capital of the World because of the work that Carrie Frost did back in 1896, and by the time Mary Orvis Marbury standardized fly names and categorized them, other women had already recognized that water temperatures affect bug hatches and guided Teddy Roosevelt. Through the work of these fine ladies and many others our first layer of foundation was formed.

The ghost of fly-fishing present

By the time Joan Wulff picked up a fly rod she already had that first foundation to cast from, she just may not have realized it. After studying the pure mechanics of the fly cast, Joan went on to set records in the fly-casting world, the likes of which had not been seen before. And from then on there was no stopping us. It was slow and steady full-steam ahead.

From Megan Boyd who tied salmon flies for Prince Charles to the Laidlaw sisters who kept fishing in the Florida Keys alive during World War II, and on and on to those who are currently working hard to further our sport, women the world over continued to pick up and lay down not only their casts, but the stones of our foundation. The work of Heather Hodson of United Women on the Fly and, dare I say it my own entity DUN Magazine, have worked hard to engage women and get them involved in the sport we love. Brick by brick we form the second layer of our foundation.

The ghost of fly-fishing future

If we were to peer through the reeds into fly fishing's future, we would see a diverse group of anglers, from all walks of life and from all over the globe, fly rod in hand casting to the fish that live below. Next to them would be the young anglers, the girls (and boys) who love fish not for likes on social platforms, but to make the world a better place, one trash filled net at a time.

So, it is with a sigh of relief that as I come back to the present day, I can easily close the book on 2020 – not just because it's been a year for the history books, but because our future looks brighter every day.

Jen Ripple

OKTOBERFISCH REPORT

Octoberfisch was a huge success this year in spite of the challenges. This year's event, hosted by the Fredericksburg Fly Fishers, was held just outside of Fredericksburg on highway 290 at "Edgewater Springs Resort", on the banks of the Pedernales River.

The venue was the perfect fit for Octoberfisch, there was plenty of room for campers and RV's to set up as well as several "tiny" houses were available for rent. The spacious grounds afforded plenty of room for casting lessons, casting demonstrations and vendors. Many of us spent several hours watching and learning from some very talented tyers from around the State. In addition to all the activities there was a fantastic happy hour, complete with a selection of delicious appetizers prepared by one of the areas well known chefs. The chef did not stand on his laurels, he then prepared a fabulous dinner buffet that we all enjoyed.

I could go on and on, but it might be in your best interest to attend the event next year to be held at the "Edgewater Springs Resort" and look up Fredericksburg Fly Fishers at www.fredericksburgflyfishers.com/octoberfisch for the complete rundown of their club and "Octoberfisch".

Rick Haness



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

communications@texascouncil.com

Thanks,

Your Texas Council

THANK YOU!

Club Leaders

The 22 active FFI clubs (including 3 Project Healing Waters Affiliates) that make up the Texas Council require a commitment of time and effort from approximately 200 dedicated, unselfish men and women who provide leadership to these clubs. Each club (except PHW Affiliates) elects the following positions, at a minimum: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Conservation Chair, Education Chair, and Outings Director. Most clubs would also designate leaders in Casting, Fly Tying, Womens Programs, Youth Programs a Webmaster/Social Media Director and a Fundraising Chair.

This effort amounts to thousands of hours of personal time and talent committed to the success of the broad mission of FFI; *Preserving the Legacy of Fly Fishing for All Fish, All Waters®*

Members of the Texas Council Board and the leadership and staff of FFI thank all of you for the hard work and dedication you apply everyday toward our pillars of Conservation, Education and Community.

Here are your current Clubs and their 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	Statewide	Dana Williams
Collin County Fly Fishing Club	Wylie	Kevin Grogan
Collin County Fishers (PHWFF)	Plano	Jerry Walker
Kekoa Outdoors	Melissa	Chris Gorman
Rowlett Fishers (PHWFF)	Royce City	Derrick Meis
SCTX Fly Fishing Club	Georgetown	Tony Saviano
Conroe Fly Fishers (PHWFF)	Conroe	William Huegel
Corpus Christi Fly Fishers	Corpus Christi	Reese Hunt

Volunteers

Your Council Board is composed of 16 directors serving in various capacities very similar to the structure of Club Leadership. Since the members of the Council Board come from eight different clubs within the Council, with rare exception we must meet electronically. In 2020, along with millions of other people we upped our game and now use Zoom for our meetings. Being able to see the director who is speaking improves understanding and meeting efficiency.

The Council is an extension of FFI with the primary purpose of assisting in the delivery to our Clubs and Members the benefits and opportunities provided by FFI. All of the Directors are fully dedicated to the same mission and objectives as our Clubs. In 2021 we will focus heavily on enhancing the flow of communication in both directions between the Members of our Clubs, FFI and the Council by sharing knowledge across the entire organization.

The Council will be seating new board members in early January and we are always looking for volunteers to serve on our Board. If you are interested please contact any of the directors to start a conversation. Email addresses of the entire board can be found at <https://texascouncilffi.com/>

President – Andy Payne
 Vice President – Barry Webster
 Casting Director – Open
 Treasurer – Reid Winger
 Secretary - James Reese
 Board Member at Large - Dutch Baughman
 Tying Director – Ron Mayfield
 Women's Program Chair - Julia Bell
 Vice President Education - Matt Bennett
 Vice President Membership - Rick Haness
 Vice President Conservation - David Reichert
 Webmaster - David Reichert
 Youth Director - Austin Orr
 TPWD Liaison - Keira Quam
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Texas Council Clubs

Club	City	Website/Email
Abilene Fly Fishers	Abilene	www.facebook.com/abileneflyfishers
Alamo Fly Fishers	San Antonio	www.alamoflyfishers.org
Austin Fly Fishers	Austin	www.austinflyfishers.com
Collin County Fishers	Plano	jerry.walker@projecthealingwaters.org
Collin County Fly Fishing Club	Wylie	www.collincountyflyfishing.org
Conroe Fly Fishers	Conroe	txfritz4134@suddenlink.net
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
New Braunfels Fly Fishers	New Braunfels	www.facebook.com/newbraunfelsflyfishers
Pineywoods Fly Fishers	Lufkin	www.pwff.org
Red River Fly Fishers	Sherman	www.rrff.org
Rowlett Fishers	Royse City	derrick.meis@projecthealingwaters.org
San Gabriel Fly Fishers Inc	Georgetown	www.sgflyfishers.com
SCTX Fly Fishing Club	Georgetown	flytyerfred@gmail.com
Texas Flyfishers	Houston	www.texasflyfishers.org
Texas Women Fly Fishers	Statewide	www.twff.net



PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN FFI

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!



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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
HELPS US CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THESE PROJECTS
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NEW MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL APPLICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General 1-Year \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying Group 1-Year \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General 3-Years \$90 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying Group 3-Years \$48.50 |
| <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) |

Printed Copy of the *Flyfisher* Magazine ☐ US residents - \$10/yr ☐ International residents - \$20/yr

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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>

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 _____

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!

Credit Card or check # _____ Exp. Date _____

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