

SUMMER EDITION



TEXAS COUNCIL



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

The Texas Line & Leader

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LETTER TO TEXAS COUNCIL

Hello fellow Texas Council Members and Friends. This letter finds you reading a report from me, Rick Haness, Texas Council FFI, First Vice President, Membership Vice President, and a few other titles we do not need to mention (until later). Andy Payne our President asked me to write to you because I have some things, I would like for you to consider.

We are in the beginning of a VERY hot and humid summer; this weather condition will have an impact on all of us in some form of fashion. I for one will take the "hot" part of the beginning as a positive. We can look forward to the rebeginning of our momentum to energize the "Texas Council of FFI's" initiative to educate and help our clubs, club members and "unclubbed" members to its programs available to us all. Our Council board members are committed in assisting everyone to discover and take advantage of Fly Fishers International's Casting, Fly Tying and Learning center programs.

I really do not have to remind you that our Council Board members have specific responsibilities to help us all, I want to assure you all that all our board members have volunteered to fill these positions to help our members, our clubs and further the goals of Fly Fishers International. If you have any questions, problems or suggestions please let us know, we want to help.

I am sure we all have the same goals, that of learning, helping, and educating each other to advance our knowledge of fly fishing, extend our opportunities to contribute to our clubs and Council's conservation efforts and assisting our communities in the various volunteer activities that we all like to participate in.

In this past year we have all experienced huge challenges in our personal, social, and work related environments. I would like to ask that we all embrace these challenges and strive to improve ourselves, our clubs and FFI, this commitment can only be a win/win for us all.

A few of these challenges encompass ways to reaccess our individual commitments in helping our fellow members, clubs, our Texas Council and Fly Fishers International. Each of us should feel a responsibility to bond together at all levels to improve our experiences.

So where is this all going, it is simple, we all gain by helping one another, what does that mean it means let us not sit back and think our (your) fellow fisherman and fisher woman will carry the load, it takes all of us, so lets chip in. Help your club, help your Texas Council, and help Fly Fishers International, volunteer and help! You will be surprised that commitment will bring to you personally, your experiences at your club level and overall assistance in the many programs in action at all levels, volunteer and find out!

Volunteer to serve on activities conducted at you club, everyone will benefit because it spreads to load out among more club members. This involvement will without a doubt find you new fishing buddies, new places to fish and satisfaction of accomplishment.

Earlier I mentioned challenges: one challenge at hand "if you haven't heard yet" is Fly Fishers International's first ever VIRTUAL EXPO presented by Fly Fishers International and promises to be a monumental event. The Expo is scheduled to be held November 5, 6 and 7 this year. Events are currently planned to begin in July and culminating

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November 7. This Virtual EXPO is unprecedented in the Fly Fishing Community. The event will cover all aspects of fly fishing, fly fishing gear, fly tying, casting, conservation, the WHOLE gamut. Stay tuned for rollout of the Event and PARTICIPATE!

There is an additional "special challenge" specific to the TEXAS COUNCIL. I have offered the TEXAS COUNCIL to fill the undaunting task of providing the legwork to procure the majority of donations for the FIRST "Fly Fishers International "VIRTUAL AUCTION"". I did this because we are TEXANS and we Texans do everything in a BIG WAY. I thought we would be proud to band together and show our fellow Councils the challenge accepted by the TEXAS COUNCIL is well within our reach to accomplish. I offered us up because I accepted the challenge to Chair the Worldwide Virtual Auction Fundraising Campaign and knew we all would help. So not only is the Texas Council all in to help our members, our clubs, our COUNCIL but we are also here to help Fly Fishers International present the world's largest Fly Fishing Virtual Expo AND help to create the most supported and attended Fly Fishing "VIRTUAL AUCTION" ever. So let us jump in and get to work. Let us show the World what we can do. Time is of the essence, so please contact me as soon as possible. The auction activities are scheduled to begin in late July or early August.

In closing I just want to thank you all for your support of our members, our clubs, our Council and Fly Fishers International. We are ALL in it together.

Have a great and safe Summer.

Rick Haness
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Fundraising/Auction Chairman FFI Virtual Expo
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RENDEZVOUS

Hi guys and gals, Rendezvous is now reserved for Friday November 5th at 3pm until Sunday 7th at 11am so put it on your calendar, send the word out to invite your club members and your friends. Nothing has changed that I could tell. I will update our website: <http://flycasting.bravesites.com/>

I received about emails 23 positive emails where our people committed to attending, only one person said it was too early to commit. Since the fees remained unchanged, we will collect the same rates from you when you arrive:

NOTICE: Now that we have 6 clubs supporting Rendezvous, we can revert back to our previous fee schedule of \$40 for the weekend or \$20 for a one night stay (family or individual). For those who just visit for the day, the fee is \$10 and if you plan to eat with us, please bring food to share. Be sure to sign in at our registration table in the dining hall.

Linda and I look forward to see you all again. Rendezvous is once again alive and well!!

Walter McLendon

TEXAS COUNCIL UPDATE

Texas Council Members hope all is well with you and your families. It is so good we are getting somewhat back to normal, fishing and having fun with family and friends. 2020 was a disaster, and I am so thankful we are able to get out and see one another. Club activities are starting back up, and many of us, including myself, are going on fly fishing vacations this summer. The Fort Worth Fly Fishers, and the Dallas Fly Fishers are resuming their annual trip to Southern Colorado, and this may very well be one of the most attended trips we have ever had, next to the memorable trip we had when the Texas Women's Fly Fishers joined us as well. That was a blast!!!

2021 has been a year of change for sure, with so much anticipation on what's to come. We learned a lot in 2020, and early 2021. What is Zoom?? Where can we have meetings? How do we do this? How important social media is. To be honest, for me it did bring us closer together, as we were all dealing with the same issues and frustrations. And now it's that release we are all looking for. Getting back to normal has never felt so good!!

2021 will bring change to the Texas Council as well. Our Council is strong and working for you, and with you. Our role will always be a supporting role, and we can be reached for any needs or concerns you may have. Our website is up and running thanks to Timothy Gikas. Looks great Tim, and will be a great tool for us to have. Check it out!!!! <https://tcffi.org/>

We will also have change on our Board this year. Our President Andy Payne was in an accident, and will no longer be able to continue as President of the Council. Please keep Andy in your prayers as he recovers. Per our by-laws, the Board will follow the procedures that are in place, to fulfill the role, until we have our next general election later this year. First Vice President Rick Haness, with the support of the BOD's will resume the plans that are already in place, and we expect a very clear, and a smooth transition to take place.

Hope you enjoy the newsletter, and have an awesome summer.

Russell Husted
Communications Director Texas Council FFI

OKTOBERFISCH 2021



Oct 15-17 - Fredericksburg Texas

Join us October 15-17 for the 18th Annual Oktoberfisch event weekend. This year located at Edgewater Springs Resort complex located at the historic town of Fredericksburg gateway to the Texas Wine Country. The THCFF is finalizing details for Oktoberfisch 2021, an event where you can: enjoy a great family weekend of educational opportunities, personal instruction, a raffle, fly fishing, and a live auction just a 10 minute come and go visit from downtown Fredericksburg. We can proudly say, "Oktoberfisch is the Texas Hill Country Fly Fishers' annual fundraiser with an emphasis on fun."

Do not get left out! Signup for our progressive Oktoberfisch Newsletter on our webpage (<https://thcff.org/oktoberfisch-2021>). We will keep you informed of when you can purchase tickets online or find listings of R/V Parks, hotels, and motels.

The event venue sits on a wooded historical 140-acre land grant bordered to the south by over a mile of private Pedernales River access filled with native fish. The Edge, which overlooks the Pedernales River from cliffs edge, is the Hill Country's finest state-of-the-art event center.



Oktoberfisch offers world-class instructional opportunities for casting, fly tying, and fishing from a drift boat. In addition, there will be comprehensive presentations on streamside bugs and fish, as well as all aspects of safety while fly fishing inland waters or on the coast by TPWD professionals. Excellent opportunities to practice fish the Pedernales River are a short walk or accessed by our kayak/shuttle service to various river waypoints.

Anglers of all levels will become familiar with the most utilized fishing equipment, best suppliers for beginner kits, or for advanced gear. And for when it's time to catch fish, you will learn

about unpublished fishing places, whether on your own or with top professional guide service, just by attending seminars.

The Texas Hill Country Fly Fishers, now 130 members strong, sponsors Oktoberfisch. Proceeds go to advance ongoing educational and conservation efforts that the club supports with volunteers and much-needed funds. Oktoberfisch sponsors include top suppliers like TFO, Orvis, and Diablo Paddlesport. Event supporters include participating regional fly shops, professional fly tyers, and TPWD licensed fishing guides.

Until October, our best fishing tip: Make your reservations for accommodations soon, as the Fredericksburg area is among the top destinations in Texas.

Tim Lafferty, President, Texas Hill Country Fly Fishers

TEXAS FLY FISHERS MINI-EXPO AUGUST 14, 2021

The Texas Fly Fishers (Houston) will be holding its annual Mini-Expo on Saturday, August 14, 2021. The event will include exhibits of member built rods, fly tying demonstrations and instruction, casting workshops and instruction from FFI Certified Casting Instructors, speaker presentations and the always entertaining iron fly contest in which selected tyers are given a collection of "mystery fly tying materials" with the objective being to create the best fly from the provided materials. So come on out for a fun day of fly fishing activities. The location of the Mini-Expo will be at Terrace United Methodist Church, 1203 Wirt Road, Houston, Texas 77055. For more specific details related to the event see the Texas Fly Fishers Web site at: <https://texasflyfishers.org>.



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KAYAK RAFFLE 2021
Jackson “Bite”

The Bite performs to the high bar of paddling and stand-to-fish standards associated with the Jackson Kayak name. New for 2021, the Bite has been upgraded to the Comfort Seat, which is the perfect combination of breathability, drainage and comfort in a framed seat not traditionally found on price point kayaks.

The open-concept deck gives the Bite one of our roomiest platforms to stand and fish. Ample storage fore and aft, paired with our updated bungee attachment system which prevents water from seeping into the hull, means there is plenty of storage space.

Four recessed areas on either side of the Bite make quick, easy and secure storage for tackle boxes. Also included are flush mount rod holders and cup holders on both sides of the Comfort Seat.



“Bite”

Four molded-in inserts on the stern of the kayak will accept our newly developed Accessory Mounting Bracket, designed to accommodate accessories with the four bolt mounting pattern such as a PowerPole or Torqeedo trolling motor.

The Bite is the perfect combination of comfort, smart and innovative design offered as a great value for anglers. It's at home across a diverse variety of waterways including small lakes and rivers, ponds, streams and inshore saltwater.

Length 11ft 6in
Width 35.0in
Deck Height 13.5in
Maximum Load 400lbs
Claimed Weight 74lbs

TICKET PRICE PER TICKET

1 TICKET \$ 20

6 TICKETS \$ 100

Drawing shall be held on October 16, 2021
at

Octoberfish Fly Fishing Festival

Drawing Approx. 5:00 PM

3587 E US-290, Fredericksburg, Texas

Attendance not required to WIN

www.jacksonkayak.com

texascouncilffi.com

NEWS FROM FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

THE VIRTUAL EXPO

Fly Fishers International (FFI) has transformed its annual International Fly Fishing Expo into a virtual event for 2021, completely reimagining how fishing enthusiasts from around the world can experience the Expo from the comfort of their own home. The FFI Virtual Expo 2021 will take place November 5-7, and will be unlike any fly fishing show in the past.

The Annual Fly Fishing Expo has been a week full of in-person activities and opportunities to learn, engage, and connect with the fly fishing community. This year due to the pandemic we are shifting the Expo from an in-person gathering to a virtual gathering of fly fishing experts and enthusiasts. No need to travel, book a hotel, pack a bag or even leave the house! Enjoy the 2021 Virtual Expo from the comfort and ease of your own home.

Guest Speakers | Hear from expert fly tiers, professional casting instructors, and conservation advocates.

Learning Center | Learn to tie that fly you've always wanted, or perfect your casting with an abundance of learning opportunities.

Demonstrations | Watch the pros demonstrate their skills.

AND MORE | Just because we aren't in person doesn't mean we can't have fun with games, giveaways, sweepstakes, auctions and more! In preparation for the event, FFI is pulling out all the stops to make the Virtual Expo the premier fly fishing event of the year. Teaming up with some of the best instructors, presenters, and fly fishing personalities in the sport, FFI Virtual Expo 2021 will feature workshops and presentations on casting, fly tying, fly fishing skills, conservation, women-focused topics, travel, and much more. Similar to other fly fishing shows, there will be vendors, break-out rooms, and entertaining activities—something for everyone.

NEW FOR YOU: THE VIRTUAL EXPO TOOLKIT

Generated completely from ideas and feedback from our many Clubs, Councils, and FFI Leadership, we're pleased to offer you a Virtual Expo Toolkit, designed to make your communications efforts easier and to support our collective efforts to grow the Expo and elevate FFI's mission.

YOUR TOOLS OF ENGAGEMENT

The Virtual Expo Toolkit is a collection of resources — including sample social media posts, email marketing content suggestions, and more — all to help you build a community around the Expo, at the local level. And by the way, we'll be

creating more of these Toolkits in the coming months, to help you with other communications efforts too, so stay tuned!

FFI VIRTUAL EXPO 2021 KEY DATES

We're excited to bring you a full schedule within the Virtual Expo — you'll be able to share this one-of-a-kind event with your members and potential new members with events starting as soon as August. More details to come, but here are some key dates to keep in mind:

June 1, 2021
Launch of Virtual Expo Facebook event
Launch of Virtual Expo landing page

July 16, 2021
Early EXPO registration starts

October 20, 2021
Guest training begins

November 5
Opening Ceremony
Classes and Workshops begin

November 6
Virtual Live Auction
Classes and Workshops continue

November 7
Classes and Workshops continue



FFI ANNOUNCES BRAND NEW WEBSITE

Enjoy: <http://www.flyfishersinternational.org/>

Fly Fishers International announced the launch of a brand new website in June. For the past year, FFI has been developing a new website and a new Learning Center portal. The new website

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is designed for easy navigation, locating specific information, and exploring. All four resource areas, Casting, Fly Tying, Fly Fishing Skills, and Conservation have been included in the new design. Some additional new content has also been included, and much more to come.

The FFI Learning Center is an initiative that brings together FFI's expertise in Fly Casting, Fly Tying, Fly Fishing Skills, and Conservation Education for the benefit of FFI members and the fly fishing community. The Learning Center's core belief is that through education, including both angling skills and environmental stewardship, fly fishing will grow and be preserved for future generations.

The Learning Center focuses on educational and instructional programs for all fly fishers at all skill levels. The Learning Center includes both in-person workshop instruction and web-based instructional materials downloadable from the FFI website. The inaugural launch of the FFI Learning Center was at the Boise Fair in August 2018.

All materials presented in the Learning Center have been "beta" tested in workshops, and the material has received an editorial review and a quality control assurance process. The Learning Center materials are downloadable to your computer, free of charge.

Fly Casting: Learn from some of the best fly casting instructors in the world. Lessons feature an array of casts, loop control, a teacher's package, the Fly Casting Development Program, and more. Additional instructional casting videos are currently being produced.

Fly Fishing Skills: A comprehensive source for educational and instructional information for all skill levels; Knots, Rigging, Casting, "the Catching Part of Fly Fishing", Fish Behavior, Fish Habitat, Entomology, Reading Water, Fly Fishing Safety and Etiquette, Equipment, and much more.

Fly Tying: Explore the Fly Tying Video Library, fly tying educational and instructional slide presentations for all skill

**This year we succeeded in getting 130 miles of the Trinity River
designated as a National Water Trail
We fought to protect Mary's Creek
We helped hundreds of people discover social distancing on the water
But we cannot continue without your help!
Join Trinity Coalition and make a donation today.**

Help us help our river!

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levels, the Fly Tying Awards Program. See the Saltwater Flies Manual. Learn to tie flies [here](#).

Conservation: Conservation Education slide presentations and written material pertaining to Conservation and the Fly Fisher, Personal Conservation, Practices of Catch and Release, and Understanding Fish Behavior.

SOME NEWS FROM FFI:

Membership Benefits and Opportunities

FFI has made very good progress on the effort to roll out a multi-faceted membership development campaign. There has also been progress on the pilot initiative to work with a small group of affiliate clubs to encourage non-FFI members to join. This includes communication elements crafted by FFI HQ to be included in club newsletters, a draft message to affiliate club members about the benefits of joining FFI, and a presentation by FFI President & CEO at club meetings on the value of FFI. FFI has overhauled the automated communication process for membership renewals and solicitation, including at least 4 renewal reminders, and is already seeing positive results. The messages were updated and significantly enhanced for content, style, and design to ensure that current and prospective members are aware of the value of FFI membership, including specific examples of the benefits and opportunities available. Messages have been crafted to generate excitement about being a part of the FFI community and bring a higher level of professionalism and quality.

Leadership and Development

As previously reported, the development of new tools for clubs and councils continues in earnest. A request was made to the Council Presidents Committee to identify council members who may possess expertise on the development of specific tools. Steve Schalla has served as the project manager for the tools under development, convening meetings to keep efforts on track. Carol Anderson has taken over for Mike Clancey as the working group leader for youth recruitment and education.

Trout Unlimited Partnerships

FFI has announced a partnership with TU. One example of the new partnership will be the inclusion of TU as workshop presenters during the FFI Virtual Expo. FFI is a leader in fly fishing education with a focus on conservation while TU is a leader in conservation with some focus on fly fishing education. With the potential for tremendous synergy, FFI, in consultation with FFI Board Member and former TU marketing officer Joel Johnson and FFI Marketing & Communications Advisory Committee member Andrew Reichardt, offered 3

ideas to begin to enhance the partnership:

1. Virtual Expo — Since FFI is already committed to offering conservation workshops at the virtual expo, FFI offered TU the opportunity to provide their own conservation-focused content. In turn, TU would promote FFI's virtual expo to its own communication list.
2. FFI Learning Center — As FFI prepares to launch a new portal for the Learning Center, one that is designed to be more dynamic and visually stimulating, FFI suggested that TU use the FFI Learning Center as its own educational resources, linking directly to the new portal from a menu button on the TU home page.
3. Advertisements — An easy way to provide exposure to each organization for each organization's respective membership would be trading advertisements in respective magazines. For the next year, FFI would offer space for a full-page TU ad in Flyfisher Magazine in exchange for TU providing space for a full-page FFI ad in Trout Magazine. All 3 partnership proposals were supported by Chris; the challenge now will be follow-through and execution. FFI also suggested looking ahead at a potential pilot for a partnership between FFI clubs and TU chapters, again building on each organization's respective strengths within the fly fishing community.

Marketing and Communications

Industry Sponsorship Program (ISP) — After consultation with key members of the Marketing and Communications Advisory Committee, FFI has developed a draft of a professionalized industry sponsorship program. Acute Angling has become the first participant in this program, which has also prompted the need to develop an operational process to execute the deliverables outlined in the ISP contract. The industry partnership program will continue to be developed and enhanced in the lead up to the launch of the new FFI Learning Center portal.

1ST ANNUAL WOMEN'S FLY FISHING MONTH



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JUNE 2021 EVENTS

JUNE 1-28: Online Auction & Fundraiser for FFi Women Connect Council
Liaisons–Beatty Wall Hanging Quilt


JUNE 1:  FFi WC Women's Fly Fishing Month Kick-off Panel

JUNE 5-12: Women's Trip to Baja with Gary Bulla

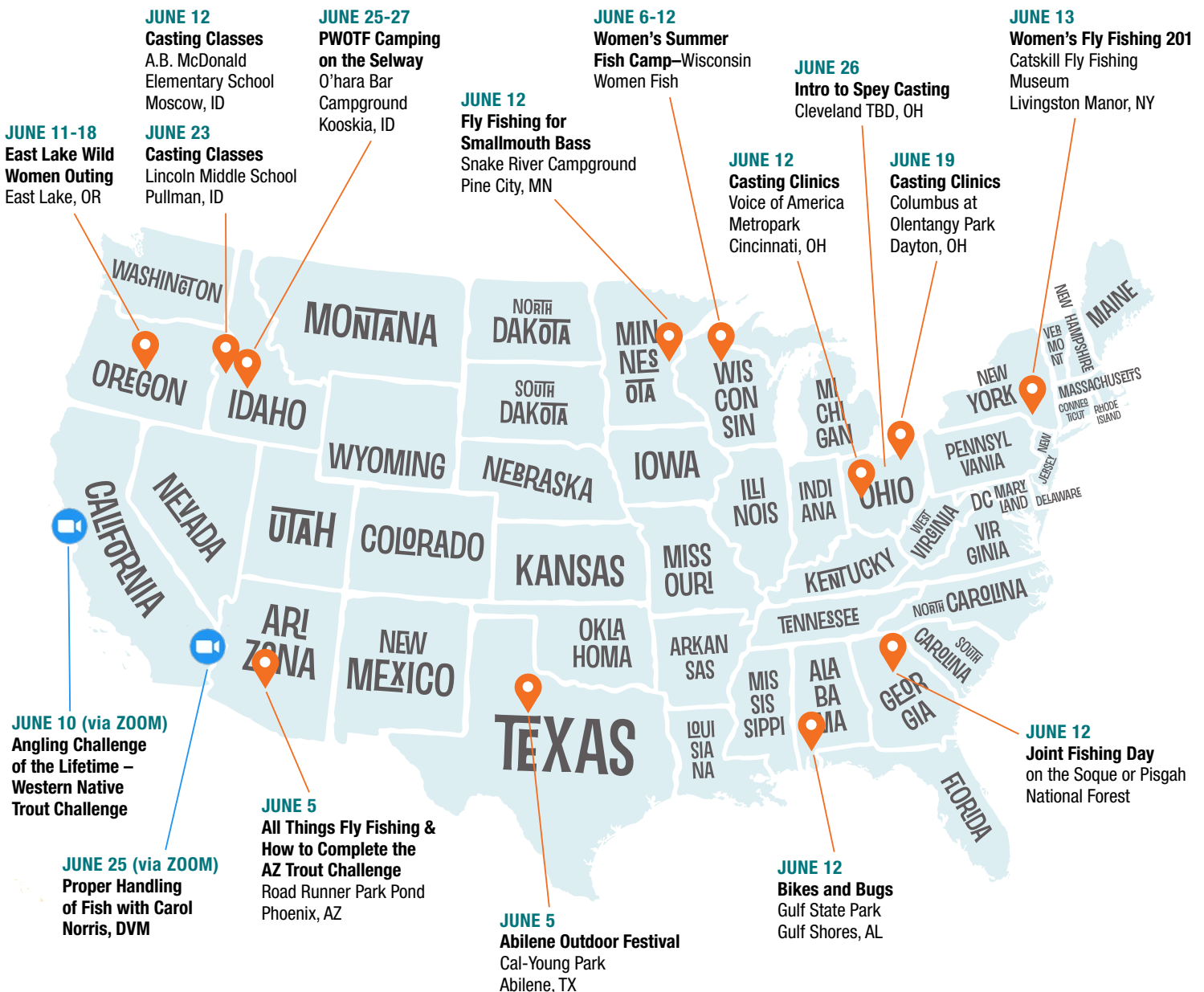
JUNE 6-12: Women's Summer Fish Camp–Wisconsin Women Fish

JUNE 8:  Fly Tying with Kathy Crofts–North Fork Special

JUNE 15:  Fly Tying with Cheryl Cline–Tying Flies from Materials around the House

JUNE 27:  April Archer–owner of Sara Bella Fly Rods

JUNE 28:  Women's Fly-Fishing Month Slide Show–Photos from June Activities





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

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

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

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

BENEFITS:

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

VISIT FLYFISHERSINTERNATIONAL.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.



REDFISH CRACK FLY

This is one of the most popular saltwater as it mimics shrimp and crabs that spend most of their lives on the bottom of the many saltwater flats and bays of the Texas Coast. This fly pattern is easy to tie which is probably why there are so many versions out there. A quick search on the internet will produce several different variations of the Redfish Crack Fly. The recipe below is one of the easiest patterns that is a good pattern for beginning fly tiers. Other variations include adding a hot spot or egg sack, rubber band legs and shrimp eyes. Have fun being creative with this pattern. You can change up the colors of the materials to find what works best in your waters. Good luck and good fishing.

Materials

Size 2,4 or 6 saltwater hook – Tiemco 811s or equivalent

Light brown Danville 3/0 or similar thread

Small or medium dumbbell eyes

Light brown craft fur at least 2 ½ inches long

Olive Crystal Chenille – short

Copper UV Polar Chenille – extra long

Light Brown Artic Fox Hair

Brown marker pen

Steps

1. Tie in the dumbbell eye an 1/16 of an inch behind the eye of the hook.



2. Tie 2 1/2 inches of craft fur right before the bend of the hook. The craft fur should extend past the hook bend ~2 times the length of the hook.



3. Tie in the olive crystal chenille.



4. Wrap the hook shank with the Olive Crystal Chenille to just before the dumbbell eyes leaving enough room to tie in the next chenille. Tie off the Olive Crystal Chenille.



5. Tie in the Copper UV Polar Chenille.



6. Make one wrap around the hook with the Copper UV Polar Chenille, then tie it off.
7. With the Light Brown Artic Fox Hair, create a dubbing loop. There are several dubbing brushes available that can be substituted for the Light Brown Artic Fox Hair if you do not wish to create a dubbing loop.



8. Wrap the dubbing loop around the hook 2-3 times, then tie it off.



9. Wrap the thread to behind the hook eye, then whip finish the fly and put a drop of head cement on the whip finish.



10. With the brown marker, mark the craft fur with 3 evenly-spaced and narrow bands.



Ron Mayfield



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@texascouncilffi.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
Texas Hill Country Fly Fishers	Fredricksburg	Tim Lafferty
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 – Rick Haness
 Casting Director – Austin Orr
 Treasurer – Reid Winger
 Secretary - Jim Richards
 Board Member at Large - Dutch Baughman
 Tying Director – Ron Mayfield
 Women's Program Chair - Gwen Sitton
 Vice President Education - Jack Gillis
 Vice President Membership - Rick Haness
 Vice President Conservation - David Reichert
 Webmaster - Tim Gikas
 Youth Director - Austin Orr
 TPWD Liaison - Keira Quam
 Past President – Jerry Hamon
 Social Media / Newsletter – Russell Husted

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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 (PHWFF)	Plano	jerry.walker@projecthealingwaters.org
Collin County Fly Fishing Club	Wylie	www.collincountyflyfishing.org
Conroe Fly Fishers (PHWFF)	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
Kekoa Outdoors	Melissa	www.kekoaoutdoors.org
Lone Star Fly Fishers	Tyler	www.lonestarflyfishers.com
Lubbock Fly Fishers	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 (PHWFF)	Royse City	derrick.meis@projecthealingwaters.org
San Gabriel Fly Fishers	Georgetown	www.sgflyfishers.com
SCTX Fly Fishing Club	Georgetown	flytyerfred@gmail.com
Texas Fly Fishers	Houston	www.texasflyfishers.org
Texas Hill Country Fly Fishers	Fredericksburg	thcff.org
Texas Women Fly Fishers	Statewide	www.twff.net

Note: PHWFF clubs serve only disabled veterans.



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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Access to exclusive features and content on our website including:

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

Discounted entry into FFI events

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

AT THE FFI HEADQUARTERS IN LIVINGSTON, MONTANA

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

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

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

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

**PLEASE RENEW
TODAY!**



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

FFI TEXAS COUNCIL IS AT WORK IN YOUR REGION!



We now have 19 clubs throughout the state!

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

Llano River Flood:

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



Hill Country Youth Ranch:

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

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



Fairs/Shows/Clinic:

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



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

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

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

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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? _____

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