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and Fly Fishing
the Waters of the
Great State of Texas*

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This newsletter brings news of many important things that are beginning to happen. First, I am Rick Haness. I am the acting President of our Council. Our President Andy Payne has resigned to concentrate on recovering from an accident. Our bylaws call for the First Vice President to become president should the President resigns his position. Please pray for Andy's quick and complete recovery.

I would like you to know that we as the Board of Texas Council FFi will carry on with the programs Andy and our Board have been concentrating on this year. The Board is committed to continue its efforts and commitment to help our clubs and members of FFi.

The most important and exciting news I must make you aware of is that Fly Fishers International is hosting a "Virtual Expo" Nov. 5, 6 and 7th this year. REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN; I encourage all of us to register. If you ever wanted to attend the annual in person events conducted every Summer in Montana prior to "Covid", you probably know what you missed.

Well, the Virtual Expo is a Virtual "In-Person" Expo on STEROIDS. There are hundreds of workshops, some for a small fee BUT most for free. Vendor booths to visit and virtually

everything you can think of in a virtual format. IT IS GOING TO BE SPECTACULAR.

In addition to the Virtual Expo there are several VIRTUAL AUCTIONS planned during the lead up to the Expo date. These events have already started, the first was an auction held in August even as you read this there is a "Buy Me Now" sale running to the end of the Expo and another auction about to open. Please check out the FFi website for access to Expo registration and the Virtual auction events.

I might add that there is still a HUGE need for donations and volunteer help to make the auction process successful. I would like to thank those of you who have donated and or pitched in to help. THANKS

Now onto our Texas Council business.

Oktoberfisch is just around the corner, it will be held for the second year in Fredericksburg on October 15, 16 and 17. The venue is the same as last year and promises to be bigger and better, Sign up TODAY.

The Texas Council is conducting its annual Kayak raffle, tickets will be on sale at Oktoberfisch and the drawing for the winner will be held at Oktoberfisch.

If you or your club have events, outing, or other activities that you want in our newsletter, please forward to me at president@texascouncilffi.com

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

So, I hope all y'all will take advantage the fall fishing season it is one of our best times to fish in Texas.

Register for Octoberfisch
Register for Virtual Expo
Check out the Virtual Auctions/BID

One final note: The Texas Council and its directors are committed to our clubs and our members, please know if you have any questions or need help, we will do our best to get your answers and problems solved.

Have a GREAT Fall, see ya on the water, at Octoberfisch and on the VIRTUAL EXPO/AUCTION!!!

Rick Haness
President

BASS ON THE FLY

Join your fellow anglers On Saturday, May 6-7, 2022, for the annual World Championship Bass on the Fly tournament. This annual event is a key fundraiser for Reel Recovery and North Texas Patriot Anglers. With the second onset of Covid, fund raising events like the BOTF Tournaments need all the support and help possible. The tournament in May of 2021 raised a record amount and we are hoping to do even better in 2022.

Please put this on your calendar and share the attached flyer with everyone you know that might be interested.

Sincerely,
Johnny Walker (Red)
jwred@att.net
(817) 480-0340

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BASS ON THE FLY

TWO DIVISIONS

- *Boaters Division
- *Kayak Division



Catch & Release

\$70 per person

Saturday, May 7, 2022
6:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Jerry Walker (214) 864-9443
www.bassonthefly.org

Bass Fishing Tournament

Lake Fork Marina
275 Co Rd 1558,
Alba, TX 75410
(903) 765-2764

OKTOBERFISCH 2021



Join us October 15-17 for the 18th Annual Oktoberfisch Event is being held just a month from now in Fredericksburg, Texas. The THCF does not ask members to sell raffle tickets or attend an expensive "Gala" to raise club operation money. Instead, we stage a quality learning event, Oktoberfisch, which is open to the general public, adults and accompanied youth.

It's Oktoberfisch gate receipts that generate funds to support the Club's conservation and education projects. All attendees can afford to enjoy literally dozens of activities over the three day event because all activities are included paid admission.

Learning to catch fish with a fly rig is the hottest sport going around. If that speaks to your heart then jump at this chance to participate in one of the few significant fly fishing fundraising events that offer fly tying, boating fishing skills, river biology, and fly casting classes taught by working professionals in the field.

Remember, Oktoberfisch is also a trade show and hands-on learning event, so take time to see the latest fishing gear from manufacturers, Texas Parks & Wildlife classes, and guide services and get their free advice. If nothing else, bring your fly rig and simply take time to fish the Pedernales River access spots to polish your fly fishing skills using our complimentary shuttle service.

Think of Oktoberfisch as THCF's annual "FUN" draising event.

The Edge Event Center & Resort, Oktoberfisch location, is just ten minutes from downtown Fredericksburg and is the finest fishing festival venue within the State.

Tim Lafferty, President,
Texas Hill Country Fly Fishers

Register for Oktoberfisch today, at the link below!
[Click here to register online...](#)

FISHING THE SURF IN THE FALL

Fall on the Texas coast is a special time of year for many reasons. The oppressive heat of late August starts to lift, the kids are back

in school, and the surf starts to turn on. Mullet and bay anchovies start moving through our part of the gulf in large numbers, and the predators follow close behind.

The gear:

As usual, this one is all about what the weather gives you. If you're very lucky and have a north wind blow down the surf for you, you could consider using a 6 weight or even a 5. If the usual Southeast breeze is blowing, a 7 or 8 weight will help give you the higher line speed needed to get out to the fish. Either a weight forward floating line or intermediate will get the job done, with the int line being the best choice for windy conditions. Due to the high numbers of lady fish (skipjack) and Spanish mackerel in the surf this time of year, it's usually a good idea to have at least 20 pound tippet. If you find yourself getting cut off, consider either moving your fly faster with a hand-over-hand retrieve or tying in a short section of 50 pound mono to help protect against these toothy critters. Fly selection is straight forward - size 1 or similar lead eye clousers in grey, blue, or chartreuse over white. Surf candies and other epoxy baitfish hold up to teeth a bit better than bucktail. For the topwater junkies out there, this is a good time to throw poppers and crease flies if you don't mind the ladyfish shredding them slowly. Friendly advice - don't throw your favorite flies in the surf.

The signs:

Hitting the beach for a dawn patrol cruise is a good way to start. Look for anything different: diving birds, slashing schools or even seeing cruising fish through the waves as the sun gets up higher. If you don't see anything right away, you can pick areas to fish and then hop back in the vehicle again for more patrolling. It's common to see activity out beyond the breakers that drifts in to the beach on the wind and tide, so be patient and keep your eyes peeled.

Due to the difficulty in line management when in the surf, I generally don't attempt to fish more than waist deep and would recommend staying in knee deep water for most. If you're able to find the fish boiling right on the beach, you may not even have to get your feet wet to get out to the fish.

One last bit of advice: stay aware of your surroundings. The adrenaline of coming up on a school of blitzing fish is incredible and part of why we love this sport so much. However, try to remain aware of what's going on around you. You'll be sharing the beach with tourists and curious onlookers - checking your back cast is always a good idea. When you're in the middle of a swarm of birds going nuts on the bait, it's fairly common to accidentally tangle a bird while casting. Don't panic - calmly and carefully retrieve and free the bird while being cautious about that beak! Just another good reason to pinch your barbs.

Austin Orr



ALL FISH, ALL WATERS

November 5 - 7

REGISTER NOW

Hands-on workshops, presentations from experts, fly tying, conservation, casting, break-out rooms, social gatherings, entertaining activities, fly fishing film competition and more...

flyfishersinternational.org/virtual-expo



@flyfishersinternational

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.

AUCTIONS

Link to information about Virtual Expo Auctions

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo/Auctions>

Dutch Baughman

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!

TrinityCoalition.org



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Providing Conservation through Recreation



FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS IMPLEMENTS COLLABORATIVE CONSERVATION PROJECT

In July 2021, Fort Worth Fly Fishers successfully implemented a conservation project to construct and place floating native aquatic plant nurseries to help with establishing beneficial fish habitat in the form of native plant propagation at Lake Ray Roberts near Sanger, Texas. This collaborative project was funded by a third-party grant received by Fort Worth Fly Fishers with logistical and technical support provided by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) fisheries management.

Native plant establishment is often done by constructing small cages around plants introduced in shallow water to prevent herbivory; in reservoirs, however most of those fail due to fluctuating lake levels. There has reportedly been some short-term success with a simple design, attaching root-bound Illinois pondweed growing in small buckets to existing no-wake buoys. These can best be described as “aquatic hanging baskets”.

The grant allowed Fort Worth Fly Fishers and Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists to work together to enhance and upscale this idea by purchasing 3 large buoys that could support 165lbs and 4 such buckets of plants each.

During the spring and early summer of 2021, the plants were placed in the containers and were allowed to become rootbound. On July 29, 2021, these aquatic plant baskets were placed in key areas designated by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department fisheries biologists to complement existing habitat restoration projects at this reservoir. Ongoing monitoring will be in place to document the long-term effectiveness of the project.

“This is the third consecutive year we have been able to accomplish a conservation project of this magnitude with the help of grantors and the ongoing support of TPWD. We could not done this project independently, demonstrating the benefits of collaborating with other partners to accomplish our objectives.” said David Hooper, President of Fort Worth Fly Fishers.

The 29,000-acre Ray Roberts Lake is one of 22 reservoirs on the Trinity River. The lake helps contain floods, stores water, provides fish and wildlife habitat, and offers fishing, swimming, and boating. Lake Ray Roberts is surrounded by the state park, wildlife management areas, wetlands and waterfowl sanctuaries. TPWD operates Ray Roberts Lake State Park under lease from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the cities of Dallas and Denton.

David Hooper



CONSERVATION PROJECT IDEAS

Is your club looking for Conservation Project Ideas? Many organizations are also looking for ideas and may be able to help your club. Scouts are required to help with conservation projects for advancement and you might even get some extra volunteers – scouts and their parents to help you. Check the list below to see if there is anything your club is interested in doing. Contact Keira with any questions Keira.Quam@TPWD.Texas.gov

1. iNaturalist observations including their challenges <https://www.inaturalist.org/>
2. Seek [Seek by iNaturalist - Apps on Google Play](#)
3. Searching for and reporting Nurdles <https://nurdlepatrol.org/Forms/Home/>
4. Texas Nature Trackers https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/texas_nature_trackers/
5. Wildscapes https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/wildscapes/
6. Texas Conservation Action Plan <https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/tcap/>
7. Search on the agency website for “conservation” ideas <https://tpwd.texas.gov/s?q=conservation>
8. Look on the TPWD calendar for Volunteer opportunities to help with conservation projects <https://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/volunteer>
9. Contacting an agency Inland Fisheries, Coastal Fisheries, or biologist for project ideas in your area or a location you are going to
 - <https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/management/>
 - https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/technical_guidance/biologists/
10. Contact our agency River Studies Program for conservation information and ideas <https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/water/conservation/fwresources/staff.phtml>
11. Check out the TPWD Water Education curriculum
 - Earn the Texas Water’s Specialist certification. <https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/water-education/texaswatersprogram/texaswatersspecialist>
 - Make your own equipment and sample a stream near you to determine the health of a waterbody near you. <https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/resources/texas-junior-naturalists/bugs-bugs-bugs/make-your-own-sampling-equipment>
- Partner with an organization to volunteer for conservation service opportunities. <https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/water-education/texaswatersprogram/twops>
12. Spread the word about not releasing unused bait into a body of water if it didn’t originate from there https://tpwmagazine.com/archive/2021/jul/scout14_invasives/
13. Visit the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens or Sea Center Texas in Lake Jackson to learn more about conserving our Texas resources.
 - <https://tpwd.texas.gov/spdest/visitorcenters/tffc/>
 - <https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishing/sea-center-texas/>
14. Contact a state park near your location to find out if they have conservation projects you can help with: https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_p4000_0000aa.pdf
15. Spreading the word about invasive species <https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/hunter-education/online-course/wildlife-conservation/invasive-aquatic-species/>
16. Sign up to be a counselor at a Texas Brigades camp and learn more about conservation ideas <https://www.texasbrigades.org/about/>
17. Build monofilament recycling tubes for boat launch areas and spread the message about recycling monofilament and using collection tubes. Volunteer to monitor and empty tubes in your area.
 - <https://fishingsfuture.org/prevent-monofilament-from-becoming-the-next-invasive/>
 - <https://www.boatus.org/monofilament/>
18. Partner with the Stream Team for hands-on conservation <https://streamteam.info/get-involved/>
19. Using the Fly Fishers International site to partner and do conservation projects. <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Conservation/Overview>
20. Contact conservation groups for ideas and partnerships <https://www.treehugger.com/top-wildlife-conservation-organizations-4088567>
21. The following website has some good ideas as well. <https://longspeakbsa.org/programs/conservation/conservation-project-ideas/#:~:text=%20Check%20out%20these%20ideas%3A%20%201%20Trail,Construct%20squirrel%20boxes%20for%20nesting%20habitat.%20More%20>

Keira Quam
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department



FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL

GUIDES & OUTFITTERS ASSOCIATION

CONSERVATION / EDUCATION / COMMUNITY

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.



TEXAS FLYFISHER OF HOUSTON MONTHLY OUTINGS

The Texas Flyfishers (TFF) of Houston is an active club with quite a variety of activities, including fly tying, fly casting, rod building, conservation activities, and others. We also have an active outings program, with a goal of having two outings each month - one for Saltwater and one for Freshwater. Additionally, we work to assure we have trips available for all skill levels of anglers – including boat trips, kayak trips, shore fishing, day trips, overnight trips, etc.

We are currently in the planning mode for 2022, and the below is a draft set of potential outings. The outing will be posted on our website (www.texasflyfishers.org) in the Outings tab, and details for each trip will be posted as the respective time approaches.

The TFF website also has previous years' trips (2019 and 2020) available for details in the same Outings tab.

If you would like more information on any of the below outings, or have suggestions for other locations, please contact the TFF Outings Chairman, John Eldred at john.eldred03@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing from you.

John Eldred
Texas Flyfishers of Houston – Outings Chairman

TEXAS R3 STRATEGIC PLAN

The Texas Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation (“R3”) Strategic Plan aims to address a looming conservation crisis. For many years, the number of people who hunt and fish in Texas has remained relatively stable, yet the state population has grown exponentially. The upshot is a smaller percentage of people are paying into the user-pay, user-benefit system of recreational licenses and excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, and fishing equipment that has powered North American conservation for decades.

Skyrocketing populations and increasingly urban citizenries make it a challenge for state game and fish agencies to engage new people in outdoor activities at a pace that comes anywhere near the rate of population growth. Yet, the future of our natural resources depends on our ability to make these outdoor activities relevant and accessible to all Texans.

Besides threatening the long-term financial viability of conservation in Texas, this trend is worrisome for the people of our state. Numerous studies have shown how valuable time outdoors is for families and children, for mental and physical health, and for sustainable jobs and economic benefits generated by the multi-billion-dollar hunting and fishing industry in Texas.

To adequately serve our changing demographics and range of customer preferences, and thus deliver services more effectively, the department must recognize and accommodate the increasing diversity among its constituents. To do this, we must understand diversity in our state and meet the needs of population subgroups that have been historically underserved. For example, the Hispanic population in Texas currently represents 40% of the total population, and is predicted to be the largest demographic in Texas by 2022. Additionally, the 2010 census estimated that almost 85% of the Texas population resides in urban areas, illustrating the importance of communicating with urban audiences and continuing to provide close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities for them.

Along with setting goals and objectives to increase participation, the plan also maps current TPWD R3 programs, showing which strategy (recruitment, retention or reactivation) they are designed to address, and which target audience(s) they are designed to reach. In the future, more in-depth data analytics will be utilized to help the department better understand and target R3 efforts.

Timeframes to meet objectives are categorized under each goal as ongoing, short-term (1-2 years), or long-term (2-5 years). Some of the objectives fall into more than one category.

TPWD intends to work with a coalition of like-minded partners to use this plan as a comprehensive and ongoing guide for R3 actions statewide, as described in the Texas R3 Strategic Plan. If you want a copy of the plan, please email Jack Gillis at education@texascouncilffi.com.

Jack Gillis
Vice President Education

TEXAS COUNCIL of FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL **FUNDRAISER** **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

COON-TAIL CADDIS FLY

In the book 'A River Runs Through It', Norman Mclean describes the flies in his brother Paul's hat as 'generals'. These were just a few flies that Paul carried and could be relied on in most situations because they could be used to imitated many different aquatic and terrestrial insects. In this newsletter, I'm showing one of my 'generals' – the Coon-Tail Caddis Fly. It's a simple pattern that I've caught fish on from Montana to Michigan to Virginia to Texas – including cold water and warm water species. If I'm fishing in fresh water, this is my go-to fly in most situations. It's effective because, just like Paul's generals, it can imitate several insect species – caddis flies, mayflies, moths and grasshoppers. The most crucial part on the pattern is the coon-tail wing. Coon fur is somewhat greasy and repels water – almost like a natural dry fly floatant. It's also kinky instead of straight like elk and squirrel hair. This kinkiness causes the hair to stay in the water surface film better than most hairs. So this pattern can be fished like a dry fly if the entire fly is treated with dry fly floatant. Or without dry fly floatant, the fly will sit with the body of the fly below the film surface and the coon-tail hair in and above the film surface. This is the way I most fish this pattern. If the fly becomes saturated and sinks, it can also be used as a wet fly. Have fun with this simple 'general' pattern and I hope it's as successful for you as it has been for me.

Hook – Either a regular dry fly hook sizes like a TMC100 or a long shank hook like a TMC5212 – sizes 12 and up.

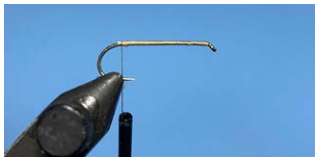
Thread – 8/0 (70 Denier) for smaller flies and 6/0 (140 Denier) for larger flies – light brown in color

Body – yellow dubbing or yarn (I'm using yarn)

Body Hackle – light brown

Head Hackle – grizzly white and black

Wing – Coon tail hair



Step 1 – Start the thread behind the eye and work it to the bend of the hook.



Step 2 – Tie in the body hackle pointing backwards. The body hackle barbs should be about 1 ½ times the length of the gap of the hook.



Step 3 – Tie in the body yarn and move the thread up to ~3/4s the way to the eye of the hook



Step 4 – Wrap the yarn to where you stopped the thread. Tie off and cut the yarn. For terrestrials like grasshoppers, make the body very thick.



Step 5 – Palmer the body hackle up to where the thread has stopped. Tie off the hackle and trim the rest.



Step 6 – Tie in the coon tail wing. The hair should go to about the bend of the hook. Coon tail, like most mammal hair, is slick - so put a drop of head cement on the coon tail where you tie it in so it won't pull out.



Step 7 – Tie in the head hackle and palmer it to the eye of the hook. Then trim the excess hackle.

Step 8 – Whip finish the fly and apply head cement.
Good Fishing



Ron Mayfield
FFI Texas Council Director of Fly Tying
Umpqua Fly Designer
FFI Casting Instructor



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 PARKS AND WILDLIFE KAYAK LEASE ACCESS PROGRAM

Super excited to share with all of you kayak, fly fishing enthusiasts a program that Texas Parks and Wildlife has for us. The kayak lease access program. This program was developed by TPWD to allow kayak access to many private areas for us to enjoy. The Texas Council has partnered with TPWD to locate properties for them to explore the possible use of. River Access and Conservation Areas are currently funded by a combination of sources including donations from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, a grant award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Sport Fish Restoration Program, and sales of the Texas Rivers Conservation License Plate. The landowners are compensated for the use of the access, for us all to enjoy. Many of us have been using this program over the years, and more access options are in the works for additional areas to explore.

One of my favorite rivers to kayak, and fly fish on is the Llano River near the Junction / Mason / Llano area. There are many access sites available here, and anglers have the opportunity to catch my favorite Texas waters fish, the Guadalupe Bass. TPWD has also worked diligently to restore the state fish through habitat restoration, and the re-stocking of Guadalupe Bass for anglers. In these areas, I feel like I am really getting away, and one with nature. The fishing is phenomenal, and the sound of the water rushing through the small rapids, makes these trips my favorite of the year. The Guadalupe Bass to me is like a trout on steroids. A very aggressive fish, that strikes at a very fast fashion. Truly my favorite bass to chase.

I was asked by TPWD to show off the program, do a little fishing, and talk about how many of us enjoy this program. I spent a day with Abe Moore and John Botros, filming for the TPWD show. Our adventure will be shown on the TPWD show on November the 20th at 9am. Please load that up to record, and sit back and enjoy some kayaking, fly fishing and beautiful scenery in this episode.

Couple links for you to check out.

Kayak lease access program

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/recreational/rivers/lease/access/>

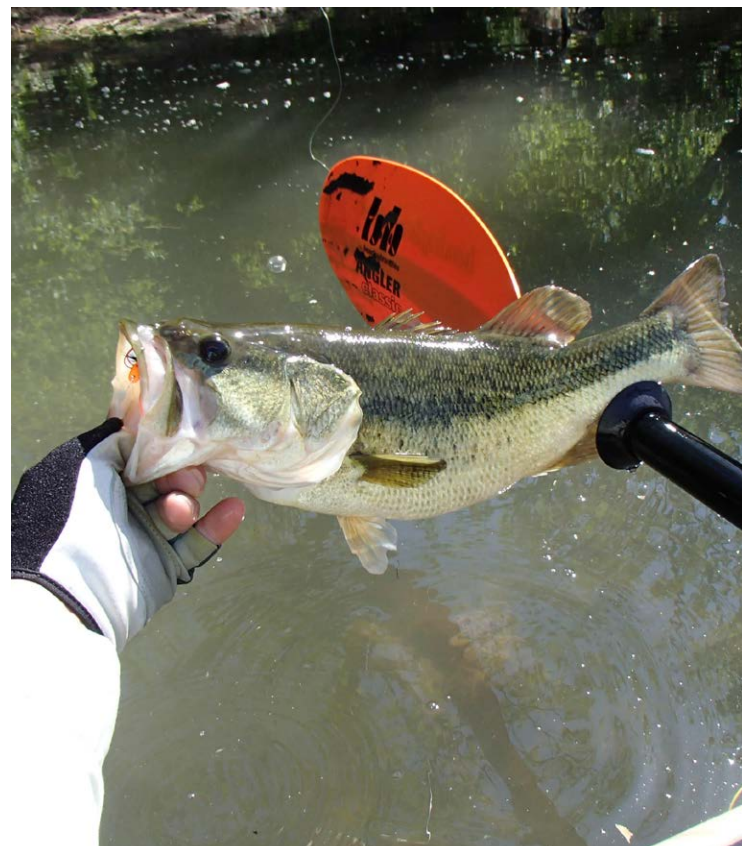
Texas Parks and Wildlife Show

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/newsmedia/tv/>

Hope you enjoy the show and get out there and check out the access sites, and go get it!!

Russell Husted

Communications Director Texas Council FFI



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	Julia H. Bell
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://tcffi.org/>

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.



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

**PLEASE RENEW
TODAY!**

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
HELPS US CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THESE PROJECTS
AND
SO MUCH MORE!**



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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) |

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(All members have access to our magazine by logging into www.flyfishersinternational.org)

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 _____

☐ Please do not share my information with organizations outside of FFI.