A NOTE FROM THE
PRESIDENT

ALERT *4 IMPORTANT EVENTS IN OCTOBER
AGGIELAND FLY FISHERS ROUND UP
STATE FAIR TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE
BOOTH (THIS SAT/SUN); TX Council TABLE
* Call Rick to Volunteer

OKTOBERFISCH – Kerrville Oct. 22, 2022
* BE THERE

FISHING RAFFLE – OKTOBERFISCH 5:00 PM
* Call Rick for Tickets

Good day, Texas Council. I hope your days and
weeks are going well.

My message starts with a comment about the
weather. All about the change. The seasons change,
the fishing conditions change, the kinds of fish
we hunt, but what does not change is the Texas
Council’s goal to help our clubs and members. Our
objective is to keep you informed about everything
related to fly fishing in Texas. Our goal is to give
you up to date information through our website,
our social media links, our newsletters and most
important is to keep stressing the availability of
Fly Fishers International’s vast knowledge of all
aspects of our sport through its Learning Center
on the FFI webpage. Please contact your club or
any member of the Texas Council Board if you
need help gaining access. If you do not need help
jump in and explore.

Most of you have joined your club and FFI to learn
more about fly fishing and all about fishing. Fall,
like most months in Texas, fishing is as easy as
gathering your gear and heading out. The good
thing about our clubs is the opportunity to fish is
just on the other end of your phone, your social
media site, and your email. Contact your friends
or someone you just met at a meeting or gathering
and go fishing. Texas offers many places to fish such
as the closest park with a pond or stream, a local
river or regional fishing venues close enough for
a day trip or a multi-day adventure. Get together
and go fishing.

As you have heard many times, the Texas Council of
Fly Fishing International is in existence to support
you and your clubs. The Texas Council and your
clubs offer many opportunities to get involved
in the various activities taking place in your area
and the state. Activities like conservation, club
development, educating our youth, supporting
the growth of women in the sport of fly fishing,
conducting tying events to strengthen your tying
skills and many more activities related to fly fishing.

I have mentioned that the Council is there for you.
This effort goes hand in hand with you supporting
your clubs and Council. What goes around comes
around. This means get involved and help. Our
clubs and Texas Council activities need help to
achieve the goals that are set to enhance your
flyfishing experience. Help is required at ALL
levels. Planning and executing events at your
club meeting and activities require people to fill
the tasks required other activities require help as

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well some of those are planning meetings, outings, tying events, fundraising events, basic fishing skills events, advanced fishing/tying skills events and on and on. These tasks happen by others putting in time to support. Members do the job. Consider the job of being in your organization. Your Board of Directors, who have your club’s wellbeing at heart. Your board comes from you and your organization. Running a club requires positions such as President, Treasurer, Secretary, Outings, Education, Tying, Conservation, Casting Coordinators and other positions depending on the club’s format. Members to run your club, create activities for you and your fellow club members come from you and other members of your club. Think about it and you will realize it takes you as a group to make your club successful. Volunteer now to help. The more volunteers, the easier and more enjoyable the whole experience will be.

The Texas Council, as you may well know, is planning a lot of activities to help your club, you, and future FFI members. This effort, like the effort required of your club’s needs helpers as well, volunteers are needed in the various regions of Texas who can be available to contribute time and energy to help the Texas Council achieve its goals. Please contact me, Rick Haness at president@texascouncilffi.com, so, we can add your name to our regional list of volunteers. While in a club, your contribution of your time will be very rewarding.

I have only one other thing to convey to you all in this Newsletter. That is your club’s time is nearing for a new year, and they will need new leaders. The council board positions will need some replacement’s, as well. Some terms are expiring. Please let me know if you would like to serve on our board. You will find the experience VERY rewarding, and you will be in a position not only to help your club but all of Texas. The Texas Council is the largest Council in Fly Fishers International system. We have a big task ahead of us and you can make a difference.

I have touched on just a few of our goals and initiatives, if YOU are interested in getting involved in any or all of the activities, please don’t hesitate in contacting me Rick Haness, at president@texascouncilffi.com

I would also like to call your attention to a Fly Fishers International event. The virtual Expo is back for a second year and plans are underway to make this event even more enjoyable, informative, and fun. In addition to the Expo there will be fundraising activities in the form of auctions, buy me now events, and a few surprises. This event, like last year, is for our members, friends and the curious. The funds raised will go a long way in supporting the FFI Learning Center in its quest to develop content and continued development of the FFI’s Women’s and Youth development programs. Please support all aspects of Expo 2022. Needless to say, help is always welcome, especially in the area of fundraising. If you have time and or would like to donate to FFI’s efforts please get in touch with me Rick Haness at rohdevelopment@aol.com. We have an immediate need of help.

The dates of the Expo are November 4, 5 and 6, 2022. The auctions will begin a few months before November, so stay tuned in for more details.

I hope to see you on our rivers, lakes and streams, many times this year. Have a great and safe Fall and please get involved. Our efforts will bring great results!

Rick Haness
President
Texas Council
Fly Fishers International

ALL FISH ALL WATERS; WHERE ELSE BUT TEXAS

NORTH TOLEDO BEND RENDEZVOUS

In October 1989, 33 members of the Pineywoods Fly Fishers and North Louisiana Fly Fishers met at North Toledo Bend State Park to camp and fish. The second campout was Oct 28, 1990 when it was agreed to rent the group facility in the future.

Welcome to our North Toledo Bend Rendezvous Friday afternoon, October 28th thru Sunday noon (check out 1PM), October 30th, 2022.

http://flycasting.bravesites.com/

AGGIELAND FLY FISHERS ROUND UP

Sending out a special notice of a weekend of events in College Station on October 1st and 2nd.

Please share with your clubs in your club meetings, through email, or whatever method of communication you have.

The Aggieland Fly Fishers and the Good Fly Organization along with support from the Texas Council, will be hosting a weekend of activities that all can enjoy.

The Aggieland Fly Fishers Club is holding a Festival at Millican Reserve in College Station. This will be a family centric event that is all things fly fishing and will feature Live Music, Food.

www.texascouncilffi.com
You are invited to bring your families out for a day of music, fly casting, fishing and tying at the beautiful Millican Reserve!

Saturday, October 1, 2022
at Millican Reserve
College Station, TX
9am-5pm

Food Trucks, Fly Tying, Fly Casting Instruction, Fishing, Live Music, Vendors, Bounce House, Kids Games, Fellowship and More!

All proceeds support a 501c3 organization

$10 per person/children under the age of 12 are free.

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE
TECHAS CASTING INSTRUCTOR
GATHERING!

Announcing the First Annual Casting Instructor Gathering at Millican Reserve!

Our goal is to offer a day of community amongst the family of casting instructors. This is an opportunity for candidates for CI or MCI wanting to test in March 2023, to take a pretest administered by FFI MCI Jeff Ferguson and the staff of his choosing. For individuals who want to gauge their progress on the journey to CI but do not wish to pretest we will offer video and eyes-on evaluation with CI's from around the state.

Don't miss this chance to hob nob with the best instructor corps in the land.

Breakfast and lunch will be served.
Instructors attending $50.00
Candidates wanting evaluation $100.00
Candidates for Pre-test Examination $200.00

Sunday, October 2, 2022
8am-3 pm
at Millican Reserve
College Station, TX

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE

Presented by Good Fly and the Texas Council of FFI
ANNOUNCEMENT!

THE GATHERING IS OFFERING
A Casting Instructor
opportunity of a lifetime.
Focused instructor training!

Breaking Through
the Inevitable
Plateau
Bill Gammel
The 5 Essentials of Casting
A Sportsman's Pursuit

Mentoring Candidates
to the New CI Exam
Jeff Ferguson, MCI
Casting Board of Governors

MCI Round Table Breakfast - Lake Fishing - Catered Lunch
Casting - Community - Conversation - CI Candidate Evaluation
If interested in CI Pre-test, please contact Good Fly to schedule

Sunday, October 2, 2022, College Station, TX, 8a-3p

GOOD FLY

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE
Presented by Good Fly and the Texas Council of FFI
WWW.AGGIELANDFFI.ORG/GATHERING
We are into the final week before the festival and the weather forecast is calling for AWESOME!

We would love to have you join us but if you are not able there is still an opportunity to be involved

CHECK OUT THE SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE ITEMS!

Aggielandff.org/roundup
click on the Auction log in

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
goodfly.org
a 501c3 Nonprofit
# BASS ON THE FLY TOURNAMENT

14th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
BASS ON THE FLY FISHING TOURNAMENT

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

Catch & Release $70 per person
Saturday May 6, 2023  6:00 AM – 2:00PM

RODS, REELS AND FLIES MUST BE EXCLUSIVELY FOR FLY FISHING.
THIS IS A CATCH-PHOTO-RELEASE TOURNAMENT

CATEGORIES:
BOATER: 1-2 PER TEAM, 5-FISH PHOTOS, TOTAL LENGTH;
BIG BASS
KAYAK: INDIVIDUAL, 5-FISH PHOTOS, TOTAL LENGTH;
BIG BASS (kayak, float tube, pontoon, or bank. No power.)
CLUB TROPHY: 3 BIG FISH, total length/Club-Organization

COST: $70/PERSON, incl. $5 big bass pot.

PAYOUT: 1-$1200, 2nd-$800, 3-$500, 4-$300, 5-$200, 6-10 $100.
Big Bass - $300, $200. (Based on 100 entries in division.)

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:
FREE CASTING CLINICS | PRODUCT DEMOS | CASTING CONTESTS | ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITS REEL RECOVERY & PATRIOT ANGLERS OF N.TX.

At this indoor/outdoor venue attendees can check out a myriad of fly fishing manufacturers, attend lectures on techniques and topics of interest to fly anglers of every stripe, and taste some of the Lone Star State's best microbrewed beer.

Meet nationally known fly fishing authors, professional guides, expert casters, custom bamboo rodmakers, and fly tyers from across the country – all at the Texas Fly & Brew.

Don't know much about fly fishing? Let us introduce you to this great outdoor sport.

The Texas Fly Fishing & Brew Festival is a family-friendly event for everyone and the perfect place to learn every aspect of the quiet sport. Not sure if fly fishing is for you? Wander the festival grounds, learn how to fish from a kayak, watch a casting or fly tying demonstration, take a casting or fly tying class, test out the latest fly rods yourself—and then sample a series of microbrews.

https://txflyfishingfestival.org/

# TROUTFEST

Save the Date for Troutfest 2023. A great event on the Guadalupe River hosted by GRTU. Last year was a lot of fun and we had a great time catching up with friends and learning so much about how to fish for giant trout!! Definitely have this one already on the calendar!!

https://grtu.org/troutfest-tx/

# TRWD FLYFEST

The PREMIERE Fly Fishing Event in Texas is coming back to Fort Worth on Saturday, March the 11th. Last year may have been the best one yet. The fishing competition was off the chart, and all of the events were so well done. More vendors than ever before, music throughout the day, and fun for all ages. If you are a vendor, and wish to participate, might be a good idea to go ahead and start getting the process going, as booth space will fill up fast!! Sames goes for the fly fishing competition. Last year’s event was full, and there is only so many chances to enter in.

See you in Fort Worth on the 11th!!

https://trwdflyfest.com/

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**TEXAS FLY FISHING & BREW FESTIVAL**

Mark your calendars now for the 5th Annual Texas Fly Fishing & Brew Festival. This one-of-a-kind, family-friendly event will be held on February 25-26, 2023, at the **Mesquite Convention Center**, just 15 minutes from downtown Dallas. Mesquite is easily reached from four major highways: I-635, I-30, I-20, and US-80.

https://www.bassonthefly.org/
TPWD LICENSE'S AND PERMITS - TIE IT TO THE APP AND ALWAYS HAVE IT WITH YOU!

Texas Council Members,

- Hopefully, you already have your 2022 Fishing Licenses and Permits! If not, please review the link provided below for important updates to new information. Remember there are special rates for seniors. There are so many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors in Texas, and TPWD does a great job informing us about the can dos and can't dos. So, get that license and GO Fish!!!

- If you have not done this in the past, remember you can use a mobile device to show proof of hunting and fishing licenses for activities that do not require tagging or physical stamps. Just enter your license information in the Outdoor Annual mobile app “Licenses” section at the top corner of the app. You just need to carry your state ID.

[Link to TPWD website]

Keira Quam
TPWD Liaison

OKTOBERFISCH™ - THE EVENT

Fishermen - Fisherwomen - Families - Youth - Beginner to Expert Level

Since 2008, the Oktoberfisch Event has drawn top regional fly casting and fly tying instructors, professional guides, and outfitters together in a Oktober-fall week-end learning event that celebrates fly fishing.

Event-goers can attend hands-on must-know lessons for casting, boating, and fly tying. Serious fishermen are sure to pick-up pro-level fly fishing techniques from guides and shop the latest gear displayed by manufacturer reps. Saturday evening is highlighted by fun raffles and auctions for premium gear or guided trips and other goodies.

It’s All About People and Fishing and Fun
Everyone is sure to make fishing connections, find new friends and learn something they had not known at Oktoberfisch.

OKTOBERFISCH 2022

Dates: October 21, 22, 23
Location: Kerrville, Texas
Facility: Happy State Bank Expo Hall; TX-27, Kerrville, TX 78028

Click here to learn more...
Oktoberfisch™ 2022

October 21-23
Happy Bank Expo Hall, 3785 TX-27, Kerrville, TX 78028
Online Registration will open September 1

Top regional fly casting and fly tying instructors, professional guides, and outfitters come together in a weekend learning event that celebrates the sport of fly fishing. Included is a Saturday evening social event where you can make new friends and win premium prizes.

Event-goers of all levels, beginner or expert, attend hands-on learning from pro-level fly fishing experts and authors. Everyone will make friends and learn something new at Oktoberfisch 2022

Welcome to Oktoberfisch™ 2022
Lindsey Kellie, THCFF president

Join our newsletter to keep informed.
thcff.org/oktoberfisch2022/
Sponsored by TEXAS COUNCIL of FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

FUNDRAISING – FLY FISHING RAFFLE 2022
3 Guided Fishing Trips – 3 Chances to win!

**Trip 1:** Guided trip in Rockport with Capt. Jeff Johnson at “Fly Fish Rockport.”
A full-day guided trip in the flats of Rockport for two. Rockport fly fishing is some of the best on the entire Texas Coast. With excellent year-round populations of Redfish, Speckled Trout, Black Drum, or other species such as Jack Crevalle and Tarpon.

Donated by: Captain Jeff Johnson
jeff@flyfishrockport.com
www.flyfishrockport.com
Expiration: April 1, 2023

**Trip 2:** Guided trip in the Galveston Bay area with Capt. Stacy Lynn.
The trip journey is for a full day for one/two anglers. Saltwater fly fishing instructions and guiding in Galveston or Rockport areas, possibly site fishing to Redfish.

Donated by: Capt. Stacy Lynn.
www.wowfishing.com
Expiration: Dec.31, 2023

**Trip 3:** Guided wade fishing, Lower Illinois River, NE Oklahoma with Donavan Clary.
A full-day of guided wade fishing for 2 persons on the Lower Illinois River. This river is a hidden gem in Oklahoma that contains stocked Trout, Bass, Bream, and several other species of fish species. Take advantage of extensive Donavan’s experience.

Donated by: Donavan Clary
www.facebook.com/oklahomaflyfishing.net
Expiration: April. 1, 2023

**TICKET PRICES**
1 TICKET for $20  or 6 Tickets for $100

**BUY TICKETS 3 WAYS**
CALL 214-679-2682 - www.texascouncilffi.com
Email: president@texascouncilffi.com

**Drawing**
Oct. 22, 2022, at approx. 5:00PM
Attendance not required to WIN

**Oktoberfisch Fly Fishing Festival**
Happy State Bank Expo Center
3785 TX-27 Kerrville, TX.
MASTER CASTING INSTRUCTOR: JIM HUND

The Texas Council also wants to recognize Jim Hund, as he is now the 4th Master Casting Instructor in the State of Texas!!

This is a HUGE accomplishment, and we are so lucky to have Jim here in Texas, as he is very active, and we will see him across the state assisting us in the casting program.

A little more about Jim. He lives in Lubbock, Texas, and began fly fishing in the mid-1980’s. He also actively fishes two handed rods swinging flies for steelhead and pacific salmon. He has fished for warm, cold and salt water species across much of the western United States, Alaska, the Pacific Northwest, British Columbia, the Florida Keys and Belize.

Hope you get to enjoy some fishing soon, and use those casting skills. Congrats Jim!!’
CONSERVATION NEWS

Conservationists, Some great news about the Mary’s Creek Water Treatment Project. Looks like the city of Fort Worth and TRWD have agreed to proceed with the water treatment plant, and to release the water into a new body of water. Two bodies of water have been discussed, and believe Benbrook Lake may very well be where the treated water is placed. It will NOT go into Mary’s Creek!!! A win for all of us!! This partnership of organization is a great example of groups working well together. TRWD, Fort Worth Fly Fishers, Texas Council, Streams and Valley’s, Trinity Coalition, all had a role in this win for the River!!!

In other news around the state, the Llano River has several concerns that are being addressed. There is the possible dam / impoundment, riparian projects, water concerns, and good news involving more kayak access. There is a riparian event planned, and if you are interested, here are the details. There have been two recent projects hosted by the Llano River Watershed Alliance of significance. There was a riparian walk / project and a Water Talk, both of which were put in place to support the Llano River. If you want to follow what is going on with the river, then do follow this website. https://www.llanoriver.org/

Brushy Creek continues to make the news, and progress is being made here. Great news!! Thank you Living Waters Fly Shop for their efforts. Did you know that the FFI is supporting the effort as well? Science on the Fly and the FFI are involved as well. https://scienceonthefly.org/ https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Conservation/Overview

With the recent news of droughts and then flooding around the state, water is the major conservation concern in the state. Living without water, and then having too much is something we will have to deal with and plan for a better future. This last batch of flooding events, have created such a large need for litter to be picked up. It is great to see so many organizations getting involved in doing that. Coming up soon is the Trinity River Trash Bash, GRTU Trash Clean Up, and may more. Want to get involved? Check in with your local community and see what opportunities are out there.

Need conservation support, ideas?

Reach out to Russell at conservation@texascouncilffi.com

Thanks and see you out there making a difference!!

Russell Husted
Conservation / Social Media

CONSERVATION UPDATE:
LLANO RIVER

If there is a river in Texas that will get someone’s attention when mentioned, if is for me the Llano River!! And I’m guessing that is the same for many, many, more of us. It is such a beautiful river, and it is up to us to keep it that way. One group that is doing that in a very BIG way is the Llano River Watershed Alliance. Thank you for being so passionate about the river!!

On September the 10th, the Llano River Watershed Alliance held a riparian workshop. This will be the first of a series of workshops made possible due to the partnership and a grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Very impressed with what the group did and plan to do in the future.

Please take the time and check out their newsletter article, and future events.

https://www.llanoriver.org/newsletter-2022

Russell Husted
Conservation / Social Media

AMAZON SMILE ACCOUNT

Texas Council Members and Leaders. Did you know you can support the Texas Council by simply shopping with Amazon? And most of you are already doing that. By using the Amazon Smile shopping experience, Amazon donates funds to the Texas Council. This link will take people directly to smile.amazon.com in support of our organization so you won’t have to search for our charity among almost a million other organizations. It’s the easiest way for you to find and support our organization.

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/32-0398293

Thank you for supporting the Texas Council, and Thank You Amazon for this program to help us and other organizations!!

amazon smile
You shop. Amazon gives.
It was good to come out of the recent pandemic lock downs and get together as the Texas Fly Fishers (Houston) held its 13th Annual Mini Expo August 20th 2022 in Houston.

The Mini Expo is an annual event held in place of the club’s August regular meeting and is intended as an opportunity for the club members to exhibit their talents and knowledge at fly tying, rod building, knot tying / leader building, casting and fly fishing destination travel. The 2022 event did just that as a good crowd of members and guests came out for a day of fly fishing relaxation and education.

As we head into the 2022 holiday season the Texas Fly Fishers members are already planning for the club’s next major event which will be the 30th Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival to be held in early February 2023. With a featured marque tyer of national presence, along with many other local and regional tyers, if you have an interest in fly tying or just want to hang out with others from the fly fishing community, keep an eye on the web page of the Texas Fly Fishers (https://texasflyfishers.org) for further details and come on out for the event; it should be a fun time for all!

Jim Richards

BIG YEAR FISHING CHALLENGE
Start planning now to maximize your 2023 state park fishing list.

Article from TPW Magazine
https://tpwmagazine.com/archive/2022/may/scout11_r3/index.phtml

How many days a year can you fish Texas waters? 365.

Whether you’re chasing redfish in the bays around Goose Island or Guadalupe bass at Blanco, our state parks are fishing destinations in every season. With so many diverse fishing opportunities, you can catch an amazing variety of species.

The first Rio Grande cichlid I ever caught was at South Llano River State Park on a family vacation. The thrill of holding and releasing that tropical native fish made me want to catch every species. Through the years, I spent my free time traveling and camping in Texas state parks (I’m now Palmetto State Park’s assistant superintendent), targeting the array of fish that call our state waters home.

Adding each one to my list was truly satisfying.

I also love birding. When I participated in a birding Big Year (a personal challenge to see as many bird species as possible in one year), I found inspiration. Why can’t we do that for fishing?

That was the genesis of the Texas State Parks Fishing Challenge. So simple and fun, just catch as many different species as you can from any Texas state park in one year.

How to participate:
• Catch a fish.
• Take a picture (please follow safe fish handling procedures).
• Post on social media with #TXStateParksFishingChallenge.

The first Big Year for fish will start Jan. 1, so start planning your 2023 camping trips to Texas state parks. For new parks to fish and new species to target, visit tpwd.texas.gov/wheretofish to find available species and a current fishing report.

Jason True

If you enjoy reading articles like this, subscribe to Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine.
Enhancing the lives of women with breast cancer by connecting them to each other and nature through the therapeutic sport of fly fishing.

Learn more at castingforrecovery.org
The second FFI Virtual Expo will be presented on November 4-6, 2022. Click this link to register now: https://whova.com/portal/registration/ffive_202211/

A registration fee of $25 for members and $60 for non-members (includes a membership) will get you access to 120+ free demonstrations and presentations by fly fishing experts from around the world. Come join the fun!

A full schedule of featured speakers presented during the Virtual Expo will be announced very soon.

This year the Virtual Expo workshops will include:

- 28 Fly Fishing Skills workshops
- 27 Casting workshops
- 39 Fly Tying workshops
- 27 Fly Tying Demonstrations
- 4 Women Connect workshops
- 4 Conservation workshops
- 18 Destinations workshops
- Demonstrations and seminars
- Auction
- Featured Speakers

This link will show you the full schedule of Expo Workshops: https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo/Activities

Also of special note, once again the FFI Virtual Expo will include an excellent Auction managed by Texas Council President Rick Haness, and Texas Council Board member Tim Gikas.

Here is a list of the Workshops and Fly Tying Demonstrations presented by members of the Texas Council.

**Friday, November 4**
11:00 am - 3:00 pm | Fly Fishing Skills I: Introduction to Fly Fishing | Dutch Baughman
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm | Fly Tying Demonstration: Different Styles of the Pheasant Tail Nymph | Jack Gillis
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Fly Tying Demonstration: Hellgramite | Barry Webster
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Fly Tying Demonstration: the Black Creeper | Dutch Baughman

**Saturday, November 5**
9:00 am - 10:00 pm | Reading Water and the Water Column | Dutch Baughman
10:30 am – 11:30 am | The “Catching” Part of Fly Fishing | Dutch Baughman
11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Fly Tying Demonstration: the Prince Charming Nymph & Moose Hair Stimulator | Rocky Gribble
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm | Equipment for the Beginning Fly Fisher | Jack Gillis
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Fly Tying Demonstration: the Coch y Bonddhu | Dutch Baughman
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm | Curve Casts and Aerial Mends – How and When to Use | Rex Walker

**Sunday, November 6**
11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Fly Tying Demonstration: the Mayfly | Mike Morphew
11:00 am - 3:00 pm | Fly Fishing Skills II: A Discussion of Fly Fishing Skills for Experienced Fly Fishers | Dutch Baughman
11:00 am – 12:00 pm | Understanding Fly Lines and Leaders | Jim Hund
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm | Fly Tying Demonstration: Bass and Bluegill Flie | Fred DuPre
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Stream Anatomy, Fish Behavior, Fish Habitat | Barry Webster
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm | Fly Fishing Knots | Dutch Baughman

Dutch Baughman
FFI At-Large

www.texascouncil ffi.com
FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL
VIRTUAL EXPO 2022

November 4 - 6
SAVE THE DATE

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
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.**
This is one of the most productive flies I’ve designed and used for bonefish. My largest bonefish in Belize and the Yucatan were caught on this fly. I can also be used wherever small brown shrimp are prevalent along the Texas coast and works well for redfish and speckle trout.

Good fishing.

Materials
Hook – Tiemco 811s or Gamakatsu SS14 - size 2, 4 or 6
Thread – 140 denier pink
Weight – bead chain medium or large or lead dumbbell small
Body – McFlylon tan and yarn dark orange
Eyes – 30 lb monofilament
Legs – brown and black stripped rubber legs
Wing – artic fox tan and UV flash
Shell – super hair brown

Step 1 – Attach the bead chain weight near the eye of the hook

Step 2 – Work thread to the bend of the hook and attach the orange yarn.

Step 3 – Attach the eyes. Take about 1 inch of monofilament. Fold it in half, then with a lighter, burn the tips to form the eyes.

Step 4 – Attached the rubber legs

Step 5 – Attach the McFlylon and wrap it to about the middle of the hook shank and tie it off.

Step 6 – Tie on a small amount of artic fox fur.

Step 7 – Tie in a small bunch of UV flash.
BONEFISH BITES-CONT'D.

Step 8 – Wrap the McFlylon forward.

Step 9 – Tie another small bunch of artic fox fur.

Step 10 – Wrap the McFlylon forward to the back of the bead chain.

Step 11 – Tie off the McFlylon and whip finish the fly.

Ron Mayfield
Tying
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.

Retreats are conducted over a two-and-a-half day period at a comfortable facility 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, trained retreat coordinators 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.

**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, volunteer, or make a donation please contact us.
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MASTERING THE ROLL CAST

“The fish are out further. Just a little further.”

A friend recently gifted me Norman Maclean’s excellent novella “A River Runs Through It.” I, of course, had watched the movie many times over, but had not read the book until this week. In free-flowing style, Maclean reviews his memories of his younger brother, and his need for, perhaps desire for, but unwillingness to accept, help — against a beautiful, humorous, and underlying melancholy of fly-fishing.

Norman didn’t appreciate his brother Paul’s helpful observation. I wouldn’t either. The fish aren’t always further out, but it sure is satisfying to be able to get the fly to them when they are.

Norman’s challenge? He was fishing in a steep canyon with trees and cliffs immediately behind him and no room for a back-cast — this condition calling for a roll-cast…a “hard cast,” that he “had never mastered.”

Though perhaps not as satisfying as the overhead cast, the roll-cast is invaluable for making a forward cast in confined spaces and when you have excess slack in your line. It is the only cast that does not require straight (or nearly straight) line between rod tip and fly. Certainly, the roll cast is a cast all fly fishers can and should master.

My preferred version of the roll cast consists of four steps:

1. The Set-Up.
   - If necessary, shake line out of the rod-tip to a desired length/distance
   - With rod-tip in the down position, the caster should cant the rod away from the casting shoulder — perhaps 20 degrees — to clear the line from the body.
   - While maintaining the 20-degree cant, lift the rod up and back to the one o’clock position. This movement will create a “D” shaped loop of line behind the caster — the rod forming the spine of the “D,” while the line creates the belly.
   - Pause and examine your set-up. The reel should be parallel to and level with the caster’s eye. Line should not be wrapped around rod-tip. I tell students at our workshops that the set-up is not part of the cast, but rather is the positioning of the line to facilitate the cast. This thinking encourages the student to be slow and purposeful in getting the D loop set. As casters become more proficient, this pause may be eliminated.

2. The Push. While maintaining the one o’clock orientation of the rod tip, push the rod forward (translate) until near extension (70-80%) of the arm. The speed and power of the push should progress from slow and slight, to fast and firm. The “push” is helpful in getting the line moving and is sometimes visually represented in text as a back-slash --- /// -- a three part forward push.

3. The Rotation. The roll-cast is a tip cast — that is, the caster primarily utilizes the tip of the rod to form the loop. The key to a tip cast is a short, powerful rotation and an abrupt, high stop*. Continuing with the above textual example, the rotation is represented by a singular forward slash -- \. So, steps 2 and 3 combined are represented as: \\///. Casters may find it helpful to think upon pushing the rod tip down with their thumb, then stopping crisply -- as if hammering a nail into a wall. The stop initiates the loop. (“the noted description should produce a narrow loop. Casters wishing to produce a wide roll-cast loop would widen their casting arc”.

4. The Follow. Once the loop has formed, the caster will trace the fly to its target through a gradual lowering of the rod tip.

As with all casts, casters can become proficient at the roll-cast only through practice. Roll casts are best practiced on water. The cohesion of the water to the line helps to load the rod and better the cast. Alternatively, casters may affix their line to an “anchor” device (such as shown in the example), to achieve comparative loading.

So, master your roll-cast and get your fly further out…just a little further. And help your brother, he needs it…as we all do at times.

Form letter “D” behind the knee
Now rod push forward with tip to sky
Thumb to rotate, hard stop high
Loop rolls out under heaven’s eye

Steve Weaver, CCI
Texas Council Casting Director
Co-founder, Good Fly Inc.
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The Texas Council wants to thank you for your support. Our goal has always been to promote fly fishing in Texas, and help the organizations that do just that. We are fortunate for these businesses and individuals, and will highlight them in the newsletter, and on social media as well.

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With the HOT summer coming to an end, President Rick Haness and I were able to sneak off to the cool, fall colors of Southern Colorado. Southfork, Colorado was the destination, for my 61st time, and it did not disappoint. The fall colors were spectacular, and the water levels in the small creeks we targeted were in great shape, due to the unusual amount of late season rains. The timing of our trip was on point, as the trout were still coming up to eat hopper patterns, with the rest of the hits coming off of various droppers. Another bonus was that we caught all of the Southfork slam, of trout varieties. Most of the trout caught were browns, but brooks, bows, and more cutthroats than we have ever caught were quite enjoyable to catch. Our first day was slow and challenging for us, with full sun conditions. But as the conditions changed, so did the trout’s attitude, and the fishing really heated up.

But it’s not all about the fly fishing for me! Seeing the fall colors, the wildlife, spending time with my son and friends, along with connecting with the small business owners trying to stay in the game was special for me as well. We enjoyed stopping at some of the local food stops, fly shops, retail stores, and a must stop to pick up some of the season starting delicacy of Colorado’s crop of potatoes!! They by far are the best potato to eat, and we loaded up for the trip home. Trucks were flowing in almost continuously throughout the morning, and will be great to enjoy these prime potatoes during the holiday season. Having been in the grocery / produce business all of my life, it’s special to see this time of the process as the potatoes are rolled out to the store for us to enjoy. First meal after arriving back home, was a fully-loaded baked potato, and it was a wow dining experience for sure!!

The wildlife was on point as well. While driving through the beautiful area, we spotted a bull moose working the willows over in an area full of great trout fishing and beaver ponds. We stopped and enjoyed the moment for well over 30 minutes, putting the fishing on hold for the moment. We also enjoyed seeing a bald eagle, minks, ospreys, huge bucks, and so much more. We did not get the pleasure of seeing the prime animal, the bull elk, but we heard them and knew they were up in the hills, doing their thing. A special thing to hear.

The bonus of the trip, was to actually go to another fishing spot in the state, other than Southfork. As I mentioned before, 61 times to Southfork, has limited me to see what the rest of state has to offer in regards to some premiere trout fishing. So we decided to break off and head to Kremmling, to meet my dear trout bum of a friend Dustin. This guy inspires me as he has fully engulfed himself into fishing this area, and he is SO good at it!! Watching him fish a different style, and to be so good at it was amazing!! We fished the Blue and headwaters of the Colorado Rivers, and had a great time and success in catching some really nice trout. The drive into Kremmling was amazing, as the fall colors were peaking. A quick stop in Salida at the Ark Anglers Fly Shop got us into the game, and again we enjoyed some of the local cuisine, which was amazing.

Dusting helped us land some of the biggest trout of the trip, and put on a clinic for us to see on how to fish streamers in the fall. One memorable moment was when Dusting was hooked up on a nice brown, a bald eagle soared over our heads, heading to a top of a golden cottonwood tree.

Well, that is a rap for the trip. Was really great to get away, and enjoy this special area, one more time. As I head home, I always wonder if I am going to get to come back. Life, is what it is. You never know when your day will come, and I always remember my Dad, as his life ended in this beautiful place. I will always miss you so much and so thankful your time ended in this special place.

Till next year,

Russell Husted
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
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- 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  
- communications@texascouncilffi.com

Thanks,

Your Texas Council
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:

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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. 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://tcfi.org/

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

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FFI TEXAS 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.

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