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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The New Year is upon us and well into it. It seems that we all are getting back into the groove. I have noticed a lot of excitement and participation in the events thus far. I am equally excited for the prospects fly fishing will bestow upon all of us this year. I encourage all to jump in, help your clubs, go fishing with your buddies and ask others to join in, your initiative will do wonders for your new friends as well as you. It's not only about fishing, it's about what you can give to your club, your friends, and your community. The sky is the limit.

As always, I want to keep all informed of the Texas Councils objectives for the year. We continue to set goals to assist you, our Fly Fishers International members, our clubs, our communities, and our environment. Having said that, I am asking each of you to send me your thoughts on what the Council can do about any of the topics just mentioned and any not mentioned. Your new (or old) ideas can lead to the creation of new programs that can help target and advance the Councils objectives.

Along the lines of communication there are many events planned by you, your clubs and our communities, the Council is working toward creating a "master" list that all can reference. The main source of this list will be on our website, it is

being updated in the coming weeks. Speaking of communication, when you look at our Newsletter you may notice an increase in advertisers, please support them. Their participation in the advertising, helps not only you but the Council. Please show your support by using their services. What goes around comes around.

As the Council continues working in all the disciplines of our sport to better your expertise and experiences in fly fishing, I want to draw particular attention to our efforts being made in supporting and expanding our presence on our Women's and Youth programs. I want to introduce Dani Rose who has energetically taken the Directorship of the Women's program. She has many great plans for the program. I would also like to inform you that Austin Orr had agreed to continue his involvement in expanding our Youth program efforts. I wanted to mention these two in particular as they need all the help you can offer. It doesn't matter what part of the state you're in, you CAN help. Please check out their contact info in this Newsletter and get in touch, the sooner the better. In addition, don't think I think any less of ALL of our Board positions as ALL of our Board members are in it to win it. They have dedicated their time and expertise to help YOU, YOUR CLUBS and OUR COMMUNITIES. I can't stress how important a job they do. It's a lot of hard work but very satisfying as well, please join in on the fun and satisfaction of achievement. Get INVOLVED, your help is needed.

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE-CONTD.

One of our new goals is to attend as many events throughout Texas as possible. This requires a lot of help; we are asking and counting on you for that help. Please email me Rick Haness at president@texascounciliff.com.

The single most important task the Council faces is communicating with our membership. Communicating be it by Email, Facebook, Instagram, face to face communication, is our main means to keep you informed. Without communication we all lose. So, what are we saying, we are saying stay in touch, read your emails, your Facebook page, your Instagram, and your old timey face to face encounters and stay informed. Information is KING.

I trust your Spring, your fishing trips and experiences are very successful. Please remember we are here for you, your club, and your community. Just let us know.

I hope to see ya on our rivers, lakes and streams many times this year.

Have a safe and productive Spring and Summer,

Rick Haness
President, Texas Council
Fly Fishers International

TROUTFEST

Well, If I didn't see you at Troutfest a few weeks ago, you were in a very small group of no shows.

Troutfest this year was one of the best in many years. The weather was great, the exhibitors (inside and out) were energetic and rightly so, they had a lot of customers, onlookers and the curious.

I would be remiss in mentioning that three of our own tyers were front and center and enjoyed showing their skills and wears to all. The "Roadkill Roundtable Fly Tying Group" was represented by Dutch Baughman, Barry Webster and last but not least Jack Gillis. Not only do these guys' ty phenomenal flies they represent Fly Fishers International at many levels. They are active in their Fly Fishing Clubs in Dallas and Fort Worth, they are very active board members of the Texas Council and are filling leadership positions at Fly Fishers International corporate level.

If you haven't attended this event (even if you have before) you need to make plans to attend next year.

The Texas Council along with several of our clubs were present.

In addition to the huge attendance, there were numerous demonstration tyers, an abundance of casting skill instructors, many booths representing a variety of fly fishing related goods and services, as well as, presentations by several well-known celebrities in the fly fishing industry.

As always, a great event, come next year to be a part of the fun.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE NEXT YEAR.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

The Texas Council is becoming involved in many more activities than it has in the past years. With this increase of activity, we find ourselves in need of VOLUNTEERS, a lot of volunteers.

We are compiling a list of volunteers around the state of Texas as we plan to be active and present in ALL parts of the state. Some of the tasks to fill could be along the following lines:

- **Information Booth activities**
- **Regional Event Assistance**
- **Committee Representation**
- **Special Project**

The more volunteers we get, the more the Texas Council can do to help our Clubs, our members, and our communities.

So, this request is short and sweet. Please Email Rick Haness at president@texascounciliff.com to discuss your potential volunteer assignments. We NEED you; you will benefit beyond your expectations.

Rick Haness
President, Texas Council
Fly Fishers International

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BUD PRIDDY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

The Bud Priddy Memorial Tournament is a fly fishing tournament honoring the late founder of the Alamo Fly Fishers. It takes place on the upper Nueces River in Bud's home town of Camp Wood, Tx. The tournament will be on Saturday, April 29th. Fishing will begin at sunrise and everyone must make it back by 3pm to turn in their results. Dinner and awards will be provided at 5pm.

The tournament consists of three competitions: longest bass, longest sunfish and most fish.

Lodging available at Nueces River RV

Bud Priddy Memorial Tournament
Nueces River Rv, Camp Wood, Tx.
April 29th Sunrise-3pm
Dinner and Awards: 5pm

[Sign ups on the website.](#)

CASTING FOR RECOVERY VOLUNTEER SUMMIT

Casting for Recovery provides **healing** outdoor retreats for women with or who have had breast cancer, **at no cost to the participants**. **The retreats provide women** with emotional, physical and social support by connecting them **to each other and nature through the therapeutic** sport of fly fishing.

The Volunteer Summit was held in Salt Lake City, UT March 9th-11th, bringing volunteers from around the country to share best practices and ideas for conducting retreats, meeting women's needs and fundraising.

Texas was represented by Linda Leal, Austin – Participant Coordinator, Alyssa Williams, Burleson – Participation Coordinator and Fly Fishing Instructor, Heather Gehrke, Plano – Co-Program Coordinator and Retreat Leader, Roni Briggs, Dallas – Board of Trustee, and Dani Rose, Dallas - Fundraising and Fly Fishing Instructor. Additionally, Susan Gaetz, Program Director for Casting for Recovery hails from Austin.

Many of our Texas FFI clubs fundraise throughout the year to support the retreats that we have in Texas. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you! Without clubs fundraising to help, we would not be able to conduct the four retreats across Texas. Our next retreat is a Young Womens retreat in April. It will be the first of its kind across the nation.

CfR volunteers across the state will be organizing a Drift Boat Drive In fundraising event that will benefit Texas CfR. More

details will follow, but expect the **event** to happen in the fall (after the heat). If you are interested in helping or know of a great venue, please let us know.

Here are some additional ways that you can help Casting for Recovery in Texas:

- Facebook Birthday Fundraisers – please **put “Texas Casting for Recovery” in the title so funds will come to Texas**
- Donate flies for retreats
- Volunteer to **help at** a retreat – www.castingforrecovery.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer
- Volunteer as a **Fishing** Guide for a retreat
- Help your club with a fundraiser
- Refer a woman with or who has had breast cancer to a retreat
- Donate



Pictured in order: Dani Rose, Roni Briggs, Heather Gehrke, Alyssa Williams, Linda Leal, Susan Gaetz

In Service,
Dani Rose

14TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BASS ON THE FLY TOURNAMENT

Lake Fork Marina
275 Co. Rd. 1558 Alba, TX 75410
(903) 7652764 (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.

Friday 3-6 pm optional BIG SUNFISH TOURNEY, \$10 cash.

REGISTRATION: You MUST now register ONLINE at ianglertournament.com.

<https://www.bassonthefly.org/>

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TWO DIVISIONS : *Boaters Division *Kayak Division

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RULES, REGISTRATION &
PAYMENT:
Online @
www.ianglertournament.com

Entry Fee: \$70 per person, includes \$5 Big Bass Pot. Optional Big Sunfish Tourney
Friday 3-6PM - \$10 buy-in. Register online before April 15th to be eligible for a Sage
Bass II fly rod draw. Rules and Registration on www.bassonthefly.org

SPONSORS: Sage Rods, Skeeter Boats, Umpqua Flies,
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www.bassonthefly.org

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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

MY LAST TRIP TO THE GUADALUPE RIVER FOR THE 2022-23 TROUT FISHING SEASON



Well, it's time for another season of fishing on the Guadalupe River to end. Last year (2021-22) I joined the Guadalupe River Trout Unlimited lease access program. Once you are in the river, you are okay, legally. But getting to the river usually means crossing private property, which requires permission. The lease access program provides permission at about a dozen places.

In last year's season, I spent 22 days on the Guadalupe River. I had a blast and learned a lot. So, I joined the lease access program again this year. This year I was able to be there 24 days. On most of the trips I was able to fish with friends, which made the trips even more memorable.

This past Monday (March 6) I headed over to the river with my friend Steve Edwards. This time the weather was conducive for us to tent camp, which is my preferred way to go. After some medical appointments in the morning we headed over. We arrived in time to set up camp and enjoy a nice meal of homemade chicken noodle soup. After that it was time to sit and watch the river, talk about fishing and life, and enjoy the stars and full moon. This was pretty much our routine each evening. We didn't solve all the world's problems, but we tried.

We fished morning and evenings Tuesday and Wednesday, and a few hours Thursday morning. Our routine was to get up, have our coffee (me) and hot tea (Steve), eat a light breakfast, then head out to fish. Around mid-day we would head back to the camp, have lunch, and rest a few hours. The temperature was getting up on the mid-80s in the afternoon. Water temperatures in the morning were about 66 degrees and rose to 68 degrees in the afternoons. Around 3:00 we would fish another spot until about 6:00 or so.

We caught trout most outings. Because of the warm weather, the sunfish were also active and we caught more of them than I had ever caught there during trout season.

Thursday morning was actually my best outing this year. I went to a run in the river where I had caught some fish before.

I headed down to the bottom of the run. I started with a nymph rig under an indicator. I used a Y2K for an attractor and a red zebra midge on the bottom. I worked my way up the run. I got six fish hooked and missed that many more. Two got off quickly; one broke

my line on a rock; two got off after a good fight (early releases); one ended up in the net. I worked my way up to and around some larger trees that hang low over the water. It is just not possible to get an indicator under them with a good drift. But I kept thinking that there must be some fish under those trees.

So, I decided to pull out my other rod which I rigged with a Thin Mint attractor and a soft hackle fly with a little red in the body as a trailer (since I had been catching them with a red zebra midge). I began to work my way back down the same run, only this time swinging the streamers. With this rig I was able to side arm cast under the trees. I caught five as I worked my way down the run and three were under the trees where I couldn't get to with an indicator rig. I had one additional good take. I really liked the way those trout took the soft hackles. No questions about a take. And I think I did fairly well at strip setting. I chased several down stream to wear them out and finally get them upstream from me so I could net them above me rather than below me—heads up and coming downstream into the net. I'm learning! I had taken a seminar at Troutfest on how to land them and I tried applying what I had learned. All this was 8:00-10:30. Twelve trout on and six in the net. In addition, I caught a few sunfish. I'll take that just about any day!

It was then time to pack up camp and head home.

So ended my Guadalupe River 2022-23 trout season. I am so grateful: to have been able to spend 24 days on the river, to have caught many fish, that I was not hurt, for a supportive wife, to be alive and in reasonably for good health, and for friends with which to share the experiences and have good conversation.

Being in the water fly fishing benefits my mental and spiritual well-being in a number of ways. In the water I feel a sense of awe. I experience a sense of being connected to something greater than myself. I had many experiences of deep feelings of worship as I stood in the river, connected with the Creator.



MY LAST TRIP-CONTD.

Being in the water fishing also provides soothing sensory experiences. The sounds, the smells and sight of a body of water is relaxing. They help me to stay centered and find a calming, positive state of mind.

Being in the water fishing also facilitates mindfulness and reflection. Water in a flowing river is dynamic. It has different colors. It has different shapes. It has different sounds. It is moving. While standing in the river, my my attention is on those things rather than all the noise of the world.

There is something rhythmic about fly fishing. The back and forth rhythmic cadence of casting helps me to take all my troubles and cast them far away, even if just for a little while. The catching of a fish and releasing it reminds me that there can be new beginnings for me as well.

Steve Ramirez said it well: "Fly fishing reminds me to slow down, live now, let go. I cast as I breath. I retrieve line to the rhythm of my heart beating. And so, I stand in the river casting back and forth, trying to lose that feeling of being alone. It is then that the rainbow rises and takes my offering. I raise my rod, and all at once, I am no longer alone. I am connected to his powerful runs, facing into the current. Silver line connects us, both fighting to live—two beating hearts. He

comes to my net. I hold him gently, rocking him back and forth in the cold rushing water. 'Gain your strength, dear warrior,' I say. Am I speaking to him or to myself? With a kick of his tail, he returns to the river—and I go with him."

I am a blessed man.

Paul E. Robertson
Ph.D., M.Div.,
ACPE Certified
Educator

"Retired from work, but
not from life."



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

Help us help our river!

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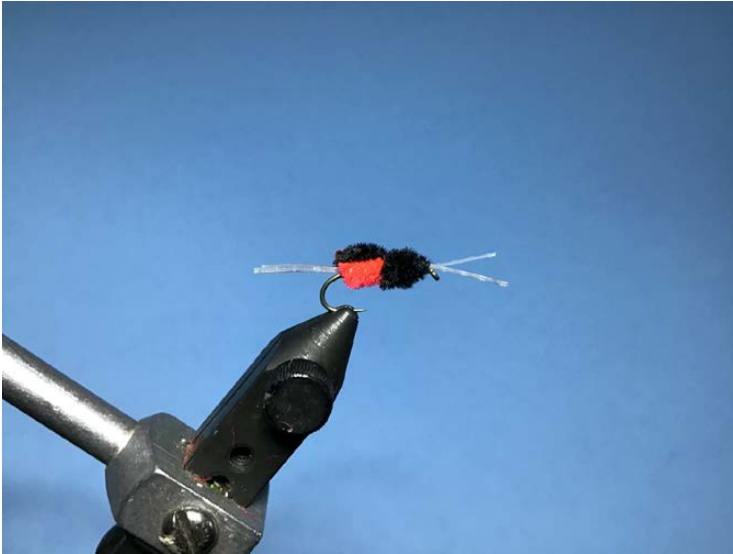


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THE DOHICKY FLY



This is a fun fly to tie and great to use fly fishing for sunfish and small bass – especially with young fly fishers. Each Spring, sunfish gather in large groups in shallow water to spawn. A great way to introduce youngsters to fly fishing is to find such a spot and use a productive fly, such as the Dohicky fly, and have them catch a mess of sunfish.

This fly can be tied in many different colors to match the environment you are fishing. The black over pink example below has been productive in East Texas lakes – especially early in the morning when the sun is low. But it can be tied with colors such as brown over yellow, green over yellow and black over tan, black over white, etc. The main concept is to use contrasting colors so the fly is easy to see. The rubber band legs, which add a lot of motion to the fly, can be of different colors, also. Between varying the chenille and rubber band leg colors, you can creatively come up with multiple flies to cover just about any fly fishing environment.

Materials

Hook – TMC100 or similar hook – sizes 4, 6 or 8. Be sure to bend down the barb as sunfish will swallow this fly deep into their throats, making it difficult to remove the hook.

Body - Chenille – two contrasting colors – one dark and one light

Legs – rubber band legs – a color that is different than the Chenille colors

Weight – .020 lead-free wire

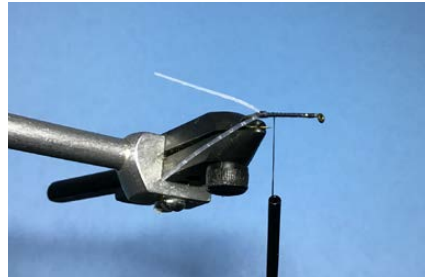
Thread – 0/8 or similar – same color as the dark-colored Chenille



Step 1
Wrap the hook with thread from eye to bend.



Step 2
First, tie in the rubber band leg at an angle.



Step 3
Bend rubber band leg over and tie down so the legs are at about a 30-degree angle.



Step 4
Tie in the light-colored Chenille first, then tie in the dark-colored Chenille over the top of the light-colored Chenille. Then make 4-5 wraps of .020 lead-free wire in front of the Chenille but make sure not to get too close to the eye of the hook

so there is room to tie in the front rubber band legs. The lead-free wire balances the fly so it stays level in the water when not being retrieved. This is an important concept when designing flies for still waters – to make sure the center of gravity of the fly is near the middle to front so the fly doesn't sink back end first. I've never seen anything in nature that sinks back-end first.



Step 5
Wrap the light-colored Chenille up to the lead-free wire then tie it off with a few wraps.



Step 6
Trim the light-colored Chenille.

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Step 7
Fold the dark-colored Chenille over the top of the light-colored Chenille and tie it off behind the lead-free wire with a few wraps.



Step 8
Wrap the thread forward and tie in the front rubber band legs using the same technique as the back legs.



Step 9
Wrap the dark-colored Chenille forward to behind the eye and tie off with a few wraps. Trim the Chenille, whip finish, trim the thread and apply a small amount of head cement.



Step 10
Trim the front and back legs to the same length. Then go catch some fish!

Good fishing,

Ron Mayfield
Tying

RED RIVER FLY FISHERS RENDEZVOUS 2023

The annual Red River Fly Fishers Rendezvous was held in true fishing fashion this year. It is generally windy and cool this time of year at the Eisenhower State Park and this year did not disappoint. As you arrived at the event, everyone was quickly unloading their gear and making their way to the stand alone building for set up. When you opened the door to the building, the mood for the day was set with freshly brewed coffee filling the air, handshakes, big smiles, pats on the back and friendly hugs.

Fly tying stations were being set up while others were grabbing donuts, muffins, or cookies as well as a cup of hot coffee as sponsored by Coffee and Caddis, The Aroma of Brazos River Bend. This coffee was so good, we had some folks drinking this coffee until noon.

Every year this event draws anglers and fly tyers from all levels of experience and geographic areas. Always happy to represent are members from Red River Fly Fishers, Dallas Fly Fishers, and Ft. Worth Fly Fishers- now that is a lot of fly tying and storytelling under one roof.

New anglers are always eager to get the chance to pick the brains of their friends and the more seasoned anglers for answers to questions about what patterns and colors work best in each area. This forum allows a chance to truly learn from the experienced anglers in a friendly and teachable environment and you can dive into some tips and tricks along the way. Like a history lesson, each fly has a story behind it and the elders are always eager to share.

When you have 40 Fly Tyers in the same room, you are bound to have some great stories shared and this year it was all about some amazing trips to Colorado, New Mexico, and Montana. Jerry's River Crossing shared some fishing guide stories from his River Kayak Fishing, Dutch's history of the Moistic fly pattern was very educational, Bob's presentation of how to tie the Catawba Worm Fly was amazing and Cathy taught the teenagers how to tie a fly. All in all, it was a fun and productive day.

We just wanted to say thank you Red River Fly Fishers for hosting this great event and inviting fly tyers from all over the state of Texas. We are already looking forward to next year.

Paul Locklear
Area Chief, Dallas Fly Fishers
Member, Ft. Worth Fly Fishers



SAN GABRIEL FLY FISHERS Spring Classic 2023



Our goal is to raise funds for the organizations we support.

1. **Project Healing Waters.** Fund disabled veterans in Texas with equipment to tie flies, make rods, and fly fish. This national program is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled veterans through fly fishing
2. **Casting for Recovery.** Fly fishing retreats for women recovering from cancer.
3. **Reel Recovery.** Fly fishing retreats for men recovering from cancer.
4. **Mayfly Project.** Supports children in foster care through fly fishing and connects the children to the outdoors.
5. **Scholarships for Georgetown ISD.** Provide scholarship to local high school students majoring in an environmental or conservation related field.

Monday, April 17

Berry Creek Country Club
30500 Berry Creek Drive
Georgetown, TX

Foursome & Hole Sponsor: \$475
Foursome: \$400
Single: \$100

Breakfast and Lunch included for all players

Foursome Scramble
Shotgun Start 9:00 am

Visit www.sgffspringclassic.com
for more information on
sponsorship opportunities
and player registration.

For registration, sponsorship opportunities please contact: steveroundrock@gmail.com

CONSERVATION NEWS



Not good news for Texas, which now leads the nation in emitting toxic substances into streams, rivers, and lakes. As our state rapidly grows, our growing pains are causing more and more conservation issues. Texas makes it ideal for big companies to move here, and take advantage of lax laws, and light penalties for breaking these laws. Companies are required to file with regulatory agencies to discharge chemicals, or treated water, but rarely does the public ever hear about these discharges. This is where we can do our part, by spending the time to request these filings, and share what these big companies are doing.

[Check out this news.](#)

One bad example of this is happening on the San Marcos River right now. Wastewater pollution is drastically changing our river, and setting an example for what may occur, but can work on to prevent. The river west of Georgetown is now full of algae due to chemicals that have been released into the river. Some think that treated water is OK to add to a river system, don't quite understand what the effects can do. One such group does understand and is working to preserve the San Gabriel river. Thank you to the group <https://nodumpingsewage.org/>.

We also want to remind clubs and members of the many Spring clean ups that will be taking place soon. Please support these organized cleanups and help keep our areas near us in a better place. One that happens near us in DFW is the TRWD Trash Bash. They have one each Spring and Fall on the Trinity River, and the Fort Worth Club has been participating at for quite some time. <https://www.trwd.com/trashbash/>. There are cleanups like this in practically any community. Reach out to your community centers and ask how you can get involved.

One social media page I like to follow is this one. <https://www.facebook.com/Up2UTexas> A truly great organization and they show great ways of others getting involved in so many ways. You may recognize those awesome litter bags around the state. The Texas Council purchased some of these bags years ago and shared them with all clubs in Texas. They can be purchased for your next

conservation project, and work so well, when retrieving litter from our waterways.

Please share with us your conservation projects and we will share them.

Thanks,
Russell Husted
Texas Council FFI Conservation Director

NEW CCI'S IN TEXAS

We would like to congratulate Cari Ray and Bryan McMurray on their successful testing for the FFI Casting Instructor Certification. Two great additions to the instructor corp in the great state of Texas! Quite the accomplishment. To complete this certification process and learn about the Why, How and with Who, the FFI Learning Center is the place to go.

Casting Instructor Certification Overview

History and Overview

The Casting Instructor Certification Program (CICP) was developed to enhance the overall level of instruction in fly casting by increasing instructor knowledge, casting proficiency, and teaching ability. A secondary goal was to create a common understanding of casting terminology and casting mechanics that would serve the fly casting community, internationally and in North America.

Objectives of the Program

The CICP Program's main objectives are to educate and enhance the growth of fly casting instructors by:

- Establishing high and consistent standards for casting instructors.
- Administering a test that fairly and consistently assesses the candidate's knowledge of casting, teaching ability, and casting proficiency.
- Conducting teaching workshops as a required part of certification.
- Conducting clinics on how to teach fly casting at FFI shows, fairs, and consumer fishing demonstrations.
- Developing and maintaining an instruction reference for certified instructors.
- Establishing and maintaining communication networks for certified instructors.
- Facilitating the exchange of ideas between instructors worldwide.

Who Runs the Program?

The Casting Board of Governors, or CBOG as it is referred

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to in the Bylaws, has developed and administers the Casting Instructor Certification Program of Fly Fishers International.

Some of the most respected names in the world of fly fishing have been members of the Casting Board of Governors including Mel Krieger, who founded the CICP, Gary Borger, Lefty Kreh, Joan Wulff, Jim Green, Al Kyte, Bruce Richards, Steve Rajeff, and Al Buhr. Our international expansion has brought further well-known names into the program. For a current list of CBOG members and committees, please click the appropriate link below.

[Casting Board of Governors](#) [Casting Program Committees](#)

While the CBOG administers the CICP, the success of the program is dependent on involvement of Master Casting Instructors (MCI) working at the local level. MCIs play a key role in the CICP as they instruct students, teach, and mentor candidates toward Casting Instructor (CI) certification. Masters also teach and mentor CI instructors to become Master Casting Instructors.

The CICP recognizes all casting and fishing associations throughout the world in their endeavors to improve the level of casting instruction, as well as their efforts to preserve our natural resources. The CICP seeks judgment only within its own programs and continually monitors its status, seeking improvement through education.

Why is this good for our Sport?

Training and certifying fly casting instructors will provide beginners with a smoother entry into fly fishing due to the increased skill level of FFI-certified fly casting instructors. Fly fishers have ready access to instructors trained to help them advance to the next level. The CICP fosters exchanges of teaching and casting ideas among instructors across the world.

TEXAS COUNCIL NEW SPONSORS

The Texas Council wants to THANK our NEW Sponsor. Andy Payne. Andy is a CPA and retired in 2016 from a career in financial leadership positions with numerous private companies, mostly in the energy services industry. He began fly fishing with his son in 1986, a tradition that now extends to his grandsons.

To improve his casting ability Andy joined FFI in 1998 and attended many casting workshops at Expos, eventually becoming a Certified Casting Instructor in 2012. He served on

the Board of Texas Council of Fly Fishers International from 2018 through June of 2021 as Casting Director, Vice President and President of the Council. He is a life member of FFI, CCA-Texas and Trout Unlimited, and currently a member of San Gabriel Fly Fishers.

Andy volunteers his time and knowledge to teach casting at events and with clubs in the Council. He is focused on developing his and your knowledge surrounding use of coaching video software to assist fly fishers with their casting skills. This is a great way to improve your casting and take it to the next level. To benefit from Andy's coaching tools, an iPad is required.

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Los Pescadores

Super excited to announce two new Texas Council sponsors. The first is Los Pescadores, and they are soon to open as a Coffee and Saltwater Fly shop that will reside on South Padre Island, on the lower Texas coast. Los Pescadores will be a gathering place devoted to the arts of coffee and fishing, and the community that these art forms inspire. The General Manager, Daniel Keomoungkhoun, and Director of Operations Russell Husted, are super excited to share their passion of coffee and fly fishing to this beautiful community, we will call home.

Los Pescadores is a place you can come for "the rest" that is the rest of the story. It's a story about community, comfort and a unique view to watch life pass by right in front of us. We will tell stories, many of them possibly true, on story nights. We will have demonstrations in coffee, art, fly tying and just about anything that seems interesting - but always legal!

Simply enjoy life, or let your amazing adventures begin at Los Pescadores Coffee & Outfitters in Historic Downtown Port Isabel, Texas. Set to open in early 2023, please come see them when in the area. Or check them out on-line, and load up on the great selection of fly fishing gear and supplies, plus so much more, including their great coffee!!

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Coffee and Caddis

The second new Texas Council Sponsor is Coffee and Caddis. While still looking for that prime location, Coffee and Caddis is set to serve the North Texas area through other means. Starting off with their own blend of coffee, that will be available early 2023. The Brazos River blend is a unique blend that is what you always hoped your morning coffee would be like. This coffee will be available on-line, and in retail locations soon.

Coffee and Caddis is also in the fly fishing guide business, with local and knowledgeable guides Cole Risinger and Russell Husted. Combined they have over 40 years of fly fishing experience, and specialize hunting fish in North Texas. Your trip will start with fresh coffee and treats as we confer about the amazing day of fishing ahead. Professional photography is also available so that you can remember and share with others how great of a trip you had.

Owner Daniel and team have also established an on-line business, that will also be available in 2023, with quite the selection of gear, flies and more. Boxes of flies will be put together for you based on the season, and what's hot, trending in the area. Stay tuned and follow Coffee and Caddis on Facebook, and Instagram.

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FFI NEWS



FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

Whether you're a long term fly fisher staying sharp or new to fly fishing and eager to build your skillset, Fly Fishers International offers the broadest collection of fly fishing learning content available anywhere. We cover casting basics and styles, information on reading water, and skills specific to saltwater and warm water fly fishing. If you're interested in fly tying or conservation, you'll find helpful information for those topics, as well. Find all of this information on the Fly Fishers International site [here](#).

[Check out the FFI Learning Center](#)

FFI Women Connect Launches *The Connection*

New for 2023, *The Connection* is the official quarterly newsletter of FFI Women Connect. FFI Women Connect encourages female leadership in FFI Clubs and the fly fishing industry by creating a platform where women can develop fly fishing skills, network with other women fly fishers, and come together for fly fishing experiences.

If you can't wait and want to preview all of the news, events, and updates, check out the current issue on the FFI site [here](#).

[Sign up for the FFI Women Connect Email Newsletter](#)

Positive Developments on Three Important Conservation Efforts

2023 has begun with protections for the Bristol Bay headwaters and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, as well as the reinstatement of roadless rules in the Tongass National Forest.

Under its Clean Water Act Section 404(c) authority, the Environmental Protection Agency has issued a Final Determination limiting the disposal of dredged and fill material associated with developing the proposed Pebble Mine. The EPA decision prohibits the South Fork Koktuli River and North Fork Koktuli River watersheds as disposal sites for the discharge of dredged or fill material for the construction and routine operation of the mine plan described in Pebble Limited Partnership's June 8, 2020, Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit application.

This development represents a major victory in the effort to protect the most productive wild salmon ecosystem in the world. Fly Fishers International has been an active collaborator alongside our many conservation partners in advocating for protections of Bristol Bay like this most recent action by the EPA.

New Year, New Skills!

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Tom Logan, FFI Board Member and Conservation Committee Chair, on this recent EPA action:

"Fly Fishers International has worked with our many Conservation Partners for decades providing 'public' and 'technical comment' illustrating the undeniable threats the proposed Pebble Mine and other mining operations would impart on the Bristol Bay system and the world-class salmon fishery it supports. The Environmental Protection Agency is to be applauded for their 'Final Determination' that is based upon 'best available science' to establish permanent protection to the Bristol Bay Watershed. Protection of Bristol Bay in this manner serves as a global example of how important it is to preserve health and function of our natural landscapes for fish, wildlife, our own qualities of life and the planet!"

While this certainly represents a major win for FFI and our Conservation Partners, the month of January also brought good news in ongoing efforts to protect the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and maintain the roadless rules in the Tongass National Forest.

On January 26th, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland signed Public Land Order 7917 withdrawing approximately 225,504 acres in the Superior National Forest in northeastern Minnesota from disposition under the United States mineral and geothermal leasing laws for a 20-year period, subject to valid existing rights. This action will help protect the Rainy River watershed, including the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, from the potential adverse impacts of new mineral and geothermal exploration and development.

One day before, on January 25th, the U.S. Department of Agriculture finalized protections for the Tongass National Forest in Alaska. The USDA's final rule repeals the 2020 Alaska Roadless Rule and restores longstanding roadless protections to 9.37 million acres of roadless areas that support the ecological, economic and cultural values of Southeastern Alaska.

The FFI Fly Tying Video Library is Your Resource for Restocking Fly Boxes

For those of us headed toward winter weather and falling temps, it's a great time of the year to clean out fly boxes and evaluate what we'll need for coming seasons. The Fly Fishers International Fly Tying Video Library is an excellent resource for step-by-step instruction for hundreds of effective flies for cold water, warm water, and saltwater fly fishing. From classic standards to new techniques, be sure to check out the full catalog and spend some time at the vise!

[Check Out the FFI Fly Tying Video Library](#)

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FFI Ambassador and Florida Keys guide Capt. Bruce Chard shares key strategies to be successful on your next saltwater outing.

Prior Preparation for Saltwater Success
By Bruce Chard, FFI Ambassador

Anticipating and preparing for your next saltwater fly fishing adventure can be as exciting as the feeling of a giant tarpon ripping line off your reel as it launches itself into the atmosphere! Well...maybe not that exciting, but I like to think of the popular saying "life is what you make it". I believe a saltwater fly fishing trip is what you make it as well. So, let's have a little fun and dive into some advice from experience that will help you to make the most of your next saltwater fly fishing adventure.

Now is the time to prep for your success on the saltwater flats. As many of us are making our way through winter, with less-than-ideal fishing conditions, it's a great time to take a look at your saltwater fly fishing gear and skills so you'll be ready when you step onto the flats or a skiff later this year.

Review Your Gear

Take some time to review your reels, including inspecting the frame, retrieve handle, spool, and drag mechanism. Make sure your drag works smoothly. You want a smooth start up and a full drag range from light to solid tension. Different drag mechanisms require unique maintenance and lubrication. A smooth operating drag system makes for a happy reel and a happy angler.

Double check for any corrosion that may have been caused by errant saltwater from your last outing. Since most saltwater fly reels are designed and constructed with many dissimilar metals for increased strength and durability there are risks of corrosion. It's important to stay away from products like WD-40 to remove corrosion, as this product is actually a degreaser and will literally eat all the very important oils and grease that help your reel function. Since all reels are made differently, check with your reel manufacturer on the best way to maintain your specific reel.

How's that fly line and backing looking? Inspect the connection points, especially the fly line to leader connection. Make sure your welded fly line loop is strong and not damaged, as this section can suffer extensive beatings from repetitively being stripped in and out of the rod tip under tension while casting and fighting fish. This major connection is one of the most important aspects of your entire system (rod, reel, line and leader) that allows for a smooth transition of power from the line into the leader while casting and presenting your fly.

Casting - Practice Makes Permanent!

From start to finish, every angler is fishing their best within the last 5 minutes of their trip. Why? They've had the rod in their

hands every day. Just a few minutes a day, a few days a week, will pay HUGE dividends when it's time to make the shot a few months from now. Here are some important casting and presentation skills to practice for your adventure.

Casting into the wind – We know all too well that the tropics can offer up some harsh winds to deal with while casting and fishing the salt. Even for the most experienced saltwater casters, shooting line into the wind usually ends with some degree of slack within the system upon final presentation.

In most circumstances, slack is not our friend when saltwater fly fishing. When trying to achieve a critically important straight-line slack less presentation into the wind, try carrying the ENTIRE amount of line you need to make the cast. Then when its time to present you shouldn't need to shoot line to make the final presentation you need to make. Holding on tight to the fly line with your line hand, and not shooting any line at all during final presentation, will force all the condensed energy within the loop into the leader, dramatically increasing the odds of a slackless straight line presentation. Even into the wind! You get out of it what you put into it! So, if you apply a lot of power, you will get a powerful return. High line speed, tight loops and low trajectory all help to make for a great slackless presentation into the wind.

Presenting on your Back Cast - I believe one of the most important and underrated saltwater fly casts is presenting on your back cast.

Effectively presenting on your back cast doubles your odds of taking advantage of your opportunities. It's very important to remember that a BACK cast is a BACK cast. That means your back is toward your target. Practicing until you are comfortable and competent presenting on your back cast will pay huge dividends.

Dutch Baughman

TEXAS COUNCIL WOMEN CONNECT UPDATE

Casting Instructor – Cari Ray

Congratulations to **Cari Ray** who passed her FFI Certified Casting Instructor exam. Cari and **Capt. Stacy Lynn** are the two women that have their CIs in the state of Texas. Cari lives in Central Texas and you can contact her at Cari@zenflyfishing.org.

Women's Fly Fishing Month – June

June is Women's Fly Fishing Month. FFI Women Connect (FFIWC) will be hosting a photo contest that include great prizes with some of our own Texas Casting Instructors and fly tying

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royalty. This event will be a fund raiser for both FFIWC and Texas Council FFI Women Connect.

There will be several categories that you can submit a photo and try to win mentoring sessions and casting analysis. You will be able to use any photos from July 1, 2022 until June 28th of this year. I'm expecting that the Texas women will dominate the warm water and salt water categories.

Additional details will be coming soon through social media and email. A big thank you to all of the Texas Board members who have agreed to mentor as part of the prizes. And a big thank you to Texas newly minted CI, **Cari Ray**, who will be donating a casting analysis session as well.

FFIWC Connection Newsletter

Texas' own **Deighan Cherry** is featured in the FFIWC Connection Newsletter that will be coming out in April. The article highlights Fly Girl Global, which is a world wide organization for girls to connect around fly fishing and fly tying.

Additionally, you will find a list of FFIWC events that are being held throughout the country and virtually. And there are a lot of events! This is a great resource to see what women are up to and to get involved.

If you are not receiving the FFIWC Connection Newsletter, you can sign up through Facebook, where there is a link to be added to the distribution list. You can also self-serve on the FFI website.

Texas Women's Programming Survey

We will be working on a survey for Texas Women FFI members. We will be asking for your opinions to help us shape a two year strategic plan based on the priorities. This will also help us understand where we need to raise funds to support the interest of women across the state. Please participate, as it will help us serve you better.

If you would like to connect, please feel free to reach out to me at womens.outreach@texascouncilffi.com

In Service,
Dani Rose

TYING WITH TOM ROSENBAUER

The end of February, Tom Rosenbauer from Orvis, visited the DFW area. He spoke at each of the Orvis stores: Southlake, Fort Worth, Plano and Dallas and ended up leading a fly tying session at the Fort Worth store. A number of people were about to attend this fun event including many members of the "Vise Patrol" who tie at the El Fenix restaurant in Arlington each week.

Check out this tie of [Rosenbauer's Rabbit Food Emerger](#) and post pictures of your fly on the [Texas Council FFI](#) Facebook page!



TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE – GET CONNECTED!

- Internships have been posted for college enrolled students with TPWD Angler Education in Houston, Austin and DFW. Closing date is March 24th, 2023.

[Job Description - TPWD - Intern I - II - III \(Aquatic Education Intern - Multiple Locations\) \(00030551\) \(taleo.net\)](#)

- Looking for places to fish in Texas? Check out our website for some ideas.

[Where to Fish - Fishing - TPWD \(texas.gov\)](#)

- Sign up to receive weekly fishing reports and information from TPWD.

[Fishing Reports - TPWD \(texas.gov\)](#)

- Trying to figure out how to clean and cook all those trout you've caught, look no further!

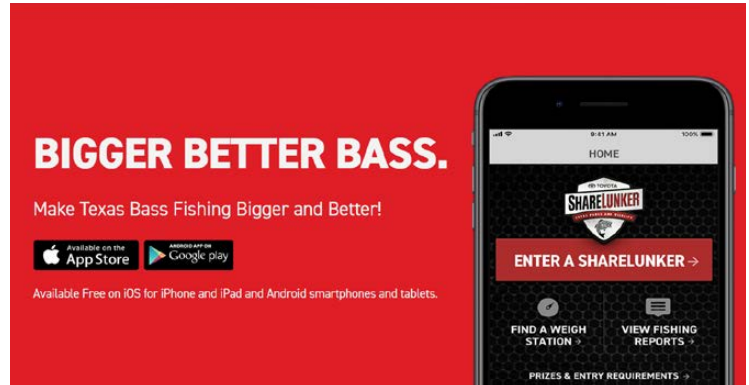
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[Rainbow Trout with Thyme - Wild Game Recipes - Hunting - TPWD \(texas.gov\)](#)

- Check out some of the TPWD apps to help with your fishing adventures!

- Want to learn how to enter a ShareLunker before you NEED to? Download the app and watch our video today.

[ShareLunker App - Toyota ShareLunker Texas Parks and Wildlife \(texassharelunker.com\)](#)



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FISHY FULLUM TO THE FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS



This past Thursday the 23rd, legendary tier and master of craftsmanship Fishy Fullum came and visited the DFW Vice Squad, a local tying group that regularly meets in Arlington.

Fishy was our guest at the Fort Worth Fly Fishers meeting on the 7th, and then did an encore performance for the vice squad. He is the master of using craft materials, and very innovative in his patterns that he creates and then fishes with. Fishy has several ponds he calls home in up state New York, and he uses these waters to test his patterns. So that is why he is pretty confident that they do indeed work.






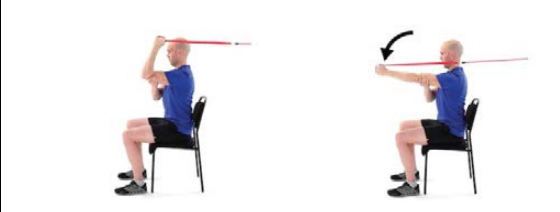
We had a lot of fun, learned a new thingbgs, and will always welcome back our dear friend Fishy!!

Russell Husted






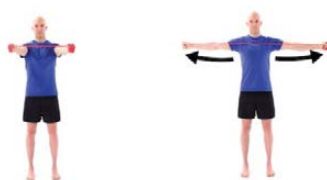


FLY FISHING EXERCISES

Club, speaking from experience, none of us are getting any younger, and may now start feeling the effects of aging, which could hamper your fly fishing!! I know it has had it's effect on me. However, we CAN do something about it. Well here is what you can do to change that. Start an exercise routine, and you will see many benefits, and maybe even a better cast!!!!

Thoracic Extension	Thoracic Rotation
 <p>Setup - Begin in a sitting upright position with your arms crossed over your chest.</p> <p>Movement - Slowly arch your trunk backwards and hold, then return to an upright position and repeat.</p>	 <p>Setup - Begin lying on your side with your bottom leg straight, top leg bent at 90 a degree angle, arms straight on the ground.</p> <p>Movement - Slowly move your top arm away from your other arm, toward the floor on the other side, rotating your trunk at the same time.</p>
Bicep Curl – Band or Weight	Deltoid Raise – Band or Weight
 <p>Setup - Begin standing upright holding the ends of a resistance band in each hand.</p> <p>Movement - Place your anchor hand near your opposite hip, then bend your other elbow, pulling against the resistance. Hold briefly, then return to the starting position and repeat.</p>	 <p>Setup - Begin in a standing upright position holding one end of a resistance band anchored under your foot with your thumb pointing forward.</p> <p>Movement - Lift your arm straight forward to shoulder height, then slowly lower it back down and repeat.</p>
Triceps Extension – At Side	Triceps Extension – At Shoulder Level
 <p>Setup - Begin in standing upright position with one arm bent, holding a resistance band, and your opposite hand holding the band below.</p> <p>Movement - Straighten your bottom arm, pulling against the resistance band. Slowly return to the starting position and repeat.</p>	 <p>Setup - Begin sitting in a chair holding the end of a resistance band in one hand. You should be facing away from the anchor point and supporting your elbow with your other hand.</p> <p>Movement - Pull against the band, straightening your elbow, then repeat.</p>

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<p>Shoulder External Rotation in Abduction</p>  <p>Setup - Begin standing tall, holding onto a band that is anchored <i>in front of</i> you.</p> <p>Movement - Place your other hand on top of your shoulder and lift your elbow up to shoulder height and out to your side, keeping it bent to 90-degrees. Move your hand up toward the ceiling, pulling against the band. Slowly reverse the motion and repeat.</p>	<p>Shoulder External Rotation at Side</p>  <p>Setup - Begin in a standing upright position with one elbow bent and a towel roll tucked between your arm and your side, holding a resistance band in your hand. The resistance band should be anchored securely at waist level on the side opposite your hand.</p> <p>Movement - Keeping your elbow tucked, rotate your forearm out to one side.</p>
<p>Shoulder Internal Rotation in Abduction</p>  <p>Setup - Begin standing tall, holding onto a band that is anchored <i>behind</i> you.</p> <p>Movement - Place your other hand on top of your shoulder and lift your elbow up to shoulder height and out to your side, keeping it bent to 90-degrees. Move your hand down toward the floor, pulling against the band. Slowly reverse the motion and repeat.</p>	<p>Shoulder Internal Rotation at Side</p>  <p>Setup - Begin in a standing upright position with your elbow bent at 90 degrees and a towel roll tucked under your arm, holding a resistance band. The anchor point should be on the side closest to your bent arm.</p> <p>Movement - Slowly rotate your arm inward.</p>
<p>Single Arm Wall Slide</p>  <p>Setup - Begin in a standing upright position with your back against a wall, and your arm out to the side and bent to 90 degrees.</p> <p>Movement - Slowly slide your arm upward against the wall, then lower it back down and repeat.</p>	<p>Band Pulls</p>  <p>Setup - Begin in a standing position holding a resistance band in each hand with your arms straight in front of your body and fists facing the floor.</p> <p>Movement - Pull your hands apart until they are directly to your sides, then return to the starting position and repeat.</p>

30TH ANNUAL DR. ED RIZZOLO FLY TYING FESTIVAL REPORT



On Saturday, February 4, 2023, the Texas FlyFishers (Houston) celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival.

The Festival was held at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center in Houston, Texas from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, with lunch and refreshments provided for the tyers.

The Featured Tyer for the 2023 Festival was fly designer, author and fly tyer Charlie Craven, from Colorado.

- Charlie Craven owns Charlie's Fly Box, a fly shop in Arvada, Colorado and is a top-selling signature fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants. He is also the Fly Tier's Bench columnist for Fly Fisherman magazine and is the author of:
- Charlie Craven's Basic Fly Tying: Modern Techniques for Flies That Catch Fish
- Charlie's Fly Box: Signature Flies for Fresh and Saltwater, Tying Nymphs
- Essential Flies and Techniques for the Top Patterns and Tying Streamers
- Essential Flies and Techniques for the Top Patterns

Charlie Craven is respected around the world for his innovative fly designs and fly tying skills. In addition featured classroom

demonstrations, the area's top tyers were invited to exhibit their talents and to assist other tyers of all levels in improving their tying techniques in tying a wide variety of fly fishing flies used for both fresh and saltwater fly fishing.

Throughout the day, there were individual tying presentations of both fresh and saltwater flies and during the noon hour the Iron Fly Competition was held. The Iron Fly Competition is an event at which select tyers are given some mystery fly tying materials and then asked to create a fly from those materials.

There are several "rounds" with each "round" containing fewer tyers until finalists are chosen and then an overall winner is selected. The 2023 Winner of the Iron Fly Competition was Capt. Collin Scoville @capt.collinscovilleer from the Galveston Fishing Company with club member Barry Sandler picking up the runner-up honor.

So, mark your calendars now for the 2024 Texas Fly Fishers Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival which will be the 31st Anniversary of the event and will be held on a Saturday in the first part of February 2024.

Finally, if you are interested in participating as a tyer in the 2024 event, please leave a comment on the Texas Fly Fishers web site description of the 2023 event and keep an eye out for the announcement of the 2024 event.

To all of those who attended as spectators and participants the Texas Fly Fishes (Houston) thank you for your participation.

Jim Richards
Secretary, Texas Council of FFI

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- AUCTIONS AND FLY SWAPS
- LEARN NEW TYING SKILLS
- SHARE YOUR PATTERNS AND TECHNIQUES
- MEET AND DINE WITH OLD AND NEW FRIENDS
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TEXAS COUNCIL FFI AND FORT WORTH FLY FISHERS AT THE NATIONAL FISHING EXPO



A great weekend at the National Fishing Expo! The Texas Council, Fort Worth Fly Fishers, TPWD, Reel Recovery, and Coffee & Caddis all were present at the first time event in Fort Worth. A chilly weekend kept a lot of fishers from being out, which led to some good attendance and activity at the expo. There was fly tying, speaking about fly fishing for white bass, and many conversations that led to quite a few new members for the club and council. There was even a near fly fishing disaster, that, well we will just keep that a secret!!

Being a conventional fisherman for all of my youth, and early years as an adult, I really enjoyed watching the bass fishing professionals every Sunday morning, and into the afternoon. I learned so much from these guys, and still to this day, use those learning's in my fly fishing. It was super cool to have Rick Clunn, and Paul Elias stop by and check out the flies I was tying, and to talk about fishing techniques, especially about bass fishing. Didn't know this, but studies show that bass over 5 pounds, spend most of their life in water less than 8 feet deep!! That really got me excited because that is the dream depth for fly fishing. We can definitely get a fly in front of a BIG bass at those depths!!!

As a fly tier, I also took advantage of the many tackle suppliers that had show specials on those things fly tiers are always looking for, at a cheap price. The BIG find was the dealer that was selling spinner bait skirts. Yes, these skirts make great silly legs for so many patterns that we use for bass, redfish, carp, and well almost any species of fish. Other finds included, hooks, jig heads, chenille, popper bodies and so much more!!

Special Thanks go out to all of the volunteers that made this expo, and introduction to fly fishing a success. Well over 20 volunteers, took time off from their routines, to make this weekend special for a lot of potential fly fishers. If we want to really grow our sport, these are the places we need to be at. Let's think outside of the box, and plan to do more of this. I remember one big time fly fishing tackle owner say at an event, "I would rather be in front of people at a golf tournament, than at a fly fishing event!" Now that makes more sense to me than ever more!! The time is now that we rethink how we grow the sport.

Till next year,
Russell



CASTING UNDER STRUCTURE -- THE HORIZONTAL CAST

Why climb to the top of a mountain? Because that's where the views are. Also, perhaps, to demonstrate an ability, a skill to achieve something others cannot.

Why cast to difficult places? Because often, that's where the fish are. Also, perhaps, to demonstrate your grand casting skills, to impress your fishing buddy to generate admiration amongst the gathered crowd. But mostly, to catch fish.

Fish often hold against and under overhead structure – cut banks and overhanging vegetation provide protection from would be predators – eagles, ospreys or terrestrial piscivores – while also providing a good conveyance of food. Similarly, docks provide protective structure, shade, and a nutrition-rich environment. The same again for mottes of mangrove trees in saltwater.

Of course, this overhead structure also provides protection from the unprepared fly-fisher – the required angle of approach is such that the traditional vertical cast isn't a great option. The fly-fishers best choice to reach fish holding under structure is the horizontal cast – a cast providing an approach nearly paralleling the water.

The components of a good horizontal cast are the same as those for any cast – proper timing and power –but let's consider some variables unique to the horizontal cast and how the caster can prepare to employ it.

Gravity – gravity, of course, is an always present force, but the horizontal caster will need to pay particular attention to her line due to its proximity to the water.

Line Speed – To combat gravity, the horizontal caster will want to generate a higher line speed -- this helping to keep the line aloft – just above the foreheads of unsuspecting fish.

Power – To increase line speed, the caster will generally increase the power of her cast. The power should be applied smoothly – a misapplication of power will, as with any cast, generate a tailing loop. Tailing loops cause “wind knots” and wind knots aren't fun. Some casters will find that adding “translation”—that is the forward movement of the rod without rotation -- is helpful to smoothing out the power.

Practice – An excellent drill for mastering the horizontal cast is the Line (or Grass) Drill. To execute the line drill, the caster should position herself below two cones – one to her left and one to her right*. Casting horizontally, she should smoothly accelerate from the left cone and stop crisply at the right, allowing the line to extend and drop. This smooth application of power and a crisp stop will produce a tight loop and cause the line to straighten parallel to a positioned (or imaginary) line.

The caster should continue the drill by practicing from right to left and left to right – eventually keeping the line aerialized in a horizontal cast.

*Note. The distance between the right and left cones will vary with the amount of line outside the rod tip. The caster can experiment with the distance between the cones.

Other considerations:

Accuracy – Most casters find the traditional vertical cast to be the most accurate – this, in part, due to the line, leader and fly rolling out in direct line with the intended target – an overpowered vertical cast may slap the water, but it will not necessarily be off-target. Conversely, an overpowered horizontal cast, will kick the fly left if the caster is right-handed (right, if left-handed). An underpowered horizontal cast will fall short and right of target if right-handed (short and left, if left-handed). Practicing is the key to accuracy with the horizontal cast – practice such that the power presents the fly to the target – either in anticipation of, or without, the “kick”.

Horizontal Roll Cast – If you need to present a fly under structure to your front, but have obstruction to your rear, you'll want to learn the horizontal roll cast – a very useful cast. This cast is simply a roll-cast ([link to roll-cast article](#)) with two differences. First, you set the anchor farther out from the body. Second, the rod plane is near horizontal – just as with the standard horizontal cast.

So, develop a new skill – practice and perfect your horizontal cast. They're waiting for you... just beneath that tree branch... the one with the Dave's Hopper hanging from it.

Steve Weaver, CCI
Texas Council Casting Director
Co-founder, Good Fly Inc.

TRWD FLYFEST

Another **EPIC** TRWD FlyFest is in the books!! What a beautiful day it turned out to be. With temperatures a little cool in the morning, things really heated up in the afternoon, including the fishing!! The Trinity River banks were hustling and bustling with so many activities for the entire family to enjoy. The premiere event in Texas **LIVED** up to it's billing again, thanks to TRWD and all of the volunteers that make this event a truly special one.

Again the highlight of the event was the Coffee and Caddis BIG Trout Contest. Unbelievable on how many trout were caught during the event, including some beautiful Palomino Trout, and a very larger trout of almost 26 inches, to win top honors. An entire recap of the event will be sent out by TRWD, and will be shared by the Texas Council as well. Please follow them on Facebook, for all of the results, pictures, recaps, and Special Thanks to the sponsors and volunteers.

<https://www.facebook.com/TRWDFlyfest>

What makes this event so special to us is to see entire families, and people of all aspects in life, together enjoying the day. There was literally something for everyone. Presentations, tying, casting, food, beverages, face painting, mountain climbing, catfish pond, cooking demonstrations, and more. Did I leave anything out? Beer, wine, food trucks, and coffee to enjoy as well. Yes, that's a lot, and why this event is the one we look forward to every year. Vendors come from far away, just to get in front of the large crowds that call this event home.

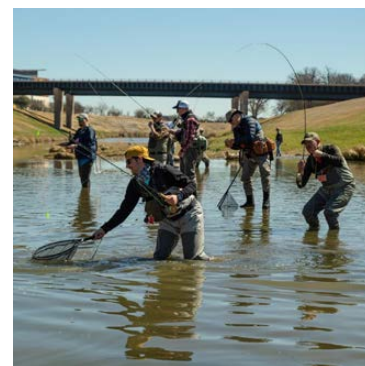
Special thanks go out to TRWD and for ACME Brick, who let's us invade their headquarters. LOL. They are the best!! To the Fort Worth Fly Fishers who supplied so many awesome volunteers, that worked so hard to make the day possible, we Thank You!!! Live in Fort Worth? Then this is the club you should be a part of. Simply a great bunch of men and women, that truly embrace all aspects of the sport and conservation as well.

<https://fortworthflyfishers.org/>

And last but not least to Jahmicah Dawes, for being our Main Presenter!! Was so great to meet you, and love what you are doing locally here in Texas, and in regards to conservation. A true ambassador to the sport, and we are so excited to see what you are doing and what you will do in your role. If you did not get to see his presentation or have met him before, reach out to him, or better go check out his shop in Stephenville. Personally I want to do that and go fish with him, after I meet B!!l Mvrray. No that is not a typo, but quite the character!!

Till next year, goodbye from FlyFest 2023

Jack R. Gillis,
First Vice President, Texas Council of FFI



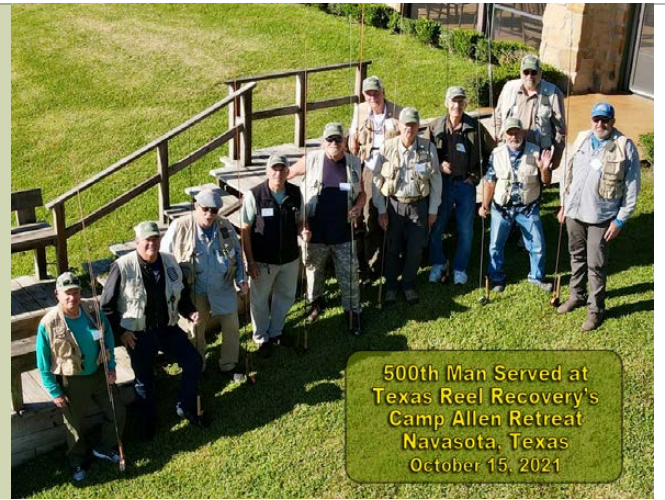


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Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts **free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from all forms of cancer.** Combining introductory fly-fishing instruction with directed “courageous conversations”, the organization offers a unique experience for men living 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.

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 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.



Contact our fantastic volunteers and join us for Reel Recovery's 2023 Texas Retreats

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TEXAS COUNCIL ADVERTISING SUPPORT

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.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) to see more about these groups.



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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

TEXAS COUNCIL SPONSORS

The Texas Council wants to Thank our sponsors for their support by advertising with us. Special recognition goes out to Michael at Grapevine Fly Fishing as he is the Top Sponsor!!! Michael has a great shop located near Main Street in downtown Grapevine, and is very active in educating the community on fly fishing. If you haven't been in his shop and are in the area, suggest you do so!!

[Grapevine Fly Fishing](#)

Also want to recognize our other sponsors, that supported us throughout the year.

Beavers Bend Fly Fishing Guide Service

<https://www.beaversbendflyshop.com/guided-fly-fishing-trips/#book-trip>

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<https://www.goodfly.org/>

Miss Mayfly

<https://missmayfly.com/>

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<https://honeyholeangling.com/>

As we begin a new year ahead, if you are interested in advertising your business or service with the Texas Council, please contact Russell at communications@texascouncilffi.com



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

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

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

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

BENEFITS:

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

VISIT FLYFISHERSINTERNATIONAL.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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:

Club	President	City
Abilene	Rick Meyers	Abilene
Aggieland Fly Fishing Club	Hurshell Sullivan	College Station
Alamo	Karson Foster	San Antonio
Austin	Kathi Harris	Austin
Collin	Ed Bowen	Wylie
Collin PHW	Kevin Grogan	Plano
Conroe	Zach Griffin	Conroe
Corpus Christi	Reese Hunt	Corpus Christi
Dallas	Julia Bell	Dallas
Fort Worth	Brett Morehead	Fort Worth
Kekoa	Chris Gorman	Melissa
Lonestar	David Hudnall	Tyler
Lubbock	David Crawford	Lubbock
New Braunfels	Dan Cone	New Braunfels
Pineywoods	Walter Mclendon	Lufkin
Red River	Jim Kelly (temp)	Sherman
Rowlett	Derrick Meis	Rowlett
San Gabriel	James Reese	San Gabriel
Texas Fly Fishers	Don Pucket	Houston
Texas Hill Country	Jeff Schroeder	Fredricksburg
TWFF	Joan Swartz	Texas

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://tcffi.org/>

Texas Council President	Rick Haness
First Vice President	Jack Gillis
At - Large	Barry Webster
Membership	Brett Morehead
Communications/ Social Media	Russell Husted
Conservation	Russell Husted
Treasurer	Reid Winger
Secretary	Jim Richards
Women's Outreach	Dani Rose
Webmaster	Tim Gikas
At - Large	Dutch Baughman
At - Large	Jacob Sherwood
Casting	Stephen Weaver
Tying	Ron Mayfield
Youth Outreach	Austin Orr
TPWD Liason	Keira Quam
FFI At-Large	Dutch Baughman
At-Large	Barry Webster
TPWD Liason	Keira Quam
Past President	Vacant due to resignation

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Club	City	Website/Email
Abilene Fly Fishers	Abilene	www.facebook.com/abileneflyfishers
Aggieland Fly Fishing Club	College Station	https://www.aggielandff.org/
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
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Rowlett Fishers (PHWFF)	Royse City	derrick.meis@projecthealingwaters.org
San Gabriel Fly Fishers	Georgetown	www.sgflyfishers.com
Texas Fly Fishers	Houston	www.texasflyfishers.org
Texas Hill Country Fly Fishers	Fredericksburg	thcff.org
Texas Women Fly Fishers	Statewide	www.twff.net

Note: PHWFF clubs serve only disabled veterans.



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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Access to exclusive features and content on our website including:

- The New Learning Center
- The *Flyfisher* magazine
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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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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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