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the Waters of the
Great State of Texas*

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow, time is flying, hope your fly fishing is keeping up. This is the time of year we all look forward to. If you have not planned a trip to the cool states of Colorado, Montana, or Idaho you should seriously consider it, what a great relief from the very hot temperatures we have in Texas.

You would think that Summertime is a time to slow down and relax, that is a nice concept to have. I would like to differ from that concept, Summer is the time our clubs are finalizing details of events being planned for the Fall. The planning and implementation of these events and activities require a lot of effort. It is a general consensus that most of the work is being done by just a handful of members in our organizations. Please consider offering your services to your club and your fellow members by volunteering to help with their preparations, you will be amazed at the satisfaction you feel for helping, not to mention the side benefit of meeting and getting to know fellow volunteers. I can attest to that truth, shortly after joining Fort Worth Fly Fishers, I got very involved, the rest is history.

For the past 5 months your Board has participated in many activities and attended learning and teaching events sponsored by many of our twenty clubs in Texas. For your information there of over 1,200 members of the Texas Council of Fly Fishing

International within the State of Texas, which is a part of over 12,000 National and Worldwide Fly Fishers International members.

Currently, The Texas Council is planning several events in or near your club or your location. One of which the Council is looking into producing a "mini" Symposium later in the Fall. The intent of the Symposium is to present guidance from many of our own members skilled in all the aspects of Fly Fishing. I am asking for your support and ideas relating to content and locations we should consider. Please contact me at President@texascouncilffi.com.

I introduced Dani Rose in my last newsletter as Director of Women's Outreach. Dani has taken the bull by the horns and is making great strides in activities for Women in our Council. Women represent over 30 percent of the membership of Fly Fishers International, Dani is looking to increase the women membership in our Texas Council. If you are interested in joining or getting involved in our women's program activities, please contact Dani at womens.outreach@texascouncilffi.com

Members of the Texas Council Board of Directors have set a goal to attend as many events as possible throughout Texas. This takes a lot of time and requires some input from our members and clubs to provide awareness of your events so we can plan accordingly. We are counting on you. If you can contribute, please contact me Rick Haness at president@texascouncilffi.com.

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE-CONTD.

I hope your summer plans include great adventures and include a fishing trip or two. Please remember we are here for you, your club, and your community. Just let us know.

In closing I would like to ask that you spend part of our summer thinking of ways to improve your club and its worth to you AND your fellow members, please know this is best accomplished by YOU VOLUNTEERING your time and services to your club and EVEN The TEXAS COUNCIL. THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!!

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

Have a safe and productive Summer,
Rick Haness
President, Texas Council FFI

FISHING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Never did I think that in today's world, that we would link fishing and artificial intelligence? Well, here it is. I stumbled across this site, and to be honest, I was quite interested in checking it out. After doing so, I see how cool it is to get technology and fishing on the same page. Check it out, and let us know what you think?

<https://fishial.ai/>

Russell Husted
Conservation / Communications / Social Media Director of the Texas Council FFI

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@texascouncilffi.com to discuss your potential volunteer assignments. We NEED you; you will benefit beyond your expectations.

Rick Haness
President, Texas Council FFI

CASTING CLINICS

Special thanks go out to all of the efforts in place, in regards to fly casting. Stephen Weaver, and the Good Fly organization have been doing a great job moving around the state, teaching 1st responders about fly casting, and working to certify more instructors, to preserve the CI program in Texas. Also want to recognize several clubs in the state, who are regularly focusing on casting events for the club. Dallas Fly Fishers, Lubbock Fly Fishers and the Fort Worth Fly Fishers, have been very busy doing just that. With so much new growth coming into fly fishing, casting has and is the basis of most all activities we do. Promoting casting in a group setting, makes a great event, teaches new members, and helps improve technique with us who think we know it all, like me!!

The Fort Worth club, just had a casting clinic, and I wanted to share with you all, how we went about the time we had together, as it was very successful, and engaging. When organizing the event, this year we wanted to add additional value for the members, so we reached out to local fly fishing rod dealers, to see if they could attend, and bring some awesome rods for us to try. Orvis, Thomas and Thomas, plus TFO all came to our clinic. There are some exciting new rods and technology coming out, and were lucky enough to see some of this.

The Dallas and Lubbock clubs do a great job as well. Lubbock has casting sessions every two weeks, and Dallas may very well be the best club in regards to hosting casting events. If you and your club are interested in hosting clinics, feel free to reach out to Stephen Weaver the Texas Council Casting Director, or one of these clubs.

Cast away!!!

OKTOBERFISH

Oktoberfish 2023 is in the planning stage so get ready for a great event on October 13, 14 and 15 at the Happy State Bank Expo Hall in Kerrville Tx.



More details to come soon!

Texas Hill Country Fly Fishers

You can pre register on line at THCFF.org.

TEXAS FLY FISHERS TO HOLD ITS 14TH ANNUAL SUMMER MINI EXPO

Saturday, August 19, 2023; 9:00 am – 4:30 pm



Come enjoy a fun filled day of: Fly Tying, Casting Instruction and Demonstrations, Travel Presentations and Rod Building Exhibitions along with a day which will include drawings for Prizes, at Terrace United Methodist Church, 1203 Wirt Road, Houston, Texas 77055

The Texas Fly Fishers will present its 14th Annual Summer Mini Fly Fishing Exposition, Saturday, August 19, 2023, 8:30 am until 4:30 pm which will include fly fishing related topics of interest to most every fly fisher be they beginner, intermediate or expert!

History of the Annual Summer Mini Expo

Most Texas FlyFisher's monthly meetings were playing to a full house; every month with the exception August. For some reason, the August meeting was drawing less than half of the audience of the other 10 months. So, in 2009, then Club President David Lemke came up with a plan to pick up the August monthly meeting attendance. David's idea was, instead of holding a typical meeting with a guest speaker, to hold a mini expo featuring the club membership's talent at fly tying, rod building, knot tying / leader building, casting and fly fishing destination travel and to do so in an exposition format.

So, the first Texas Fly Fishers Summer Mini Expo was held on August 25th 2009 at the Houston Bayland Community Center, the same venue as the club's monthly meetings at that time. Inside the Center, club members were set up to demonstrate their prowess at fly tying, rod building, basic knot tying, leader basics and rigging. Other members were on hand to report on their trips to destinations such as the Bighorn River in Montana, the Guadalupe River in the Texas Hill Country, fly fishing for salmon in Alaska and fly fishing along the Texas Gulf Coast. Outside, the Club's Fly Fly Fishers International Certified Casting Instructors were holding casting demonstrations and clinics. The night went on without a hitch and was closed with a drawing for some great prizes.

After the success of the initial Mini Expo, it was decided to make this an annual event with the only change coming in 2014, when it

was decided to move the Summer Mini Expo from the traditional last Tuesday night of the month to the Saturday before and making it a day-long event in hopes of offering a few additional programs and in an effort to attract a few more interested fly fishers.

Since its inception, the Mini Expo has continued to grow; so, the club is looking for another large turnout at this year's event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fly Tying

Inside, there will be non-stop fly tying demonstration and instruction. Learn tips and techniques or, how to tie that special pattern of interest to you from the club's fly tying members.

Rod Building

Club members who participate in the rod building section of fly fishing will be demonstrating their custom built rods and will be available to discuss rod building techniques.

Casting

Have ever wanted to learn how to fly cast but, you didn't know how to go about it? Well, here is your chance. At the Mini Expo, you will have the opportunity to receive personal, individualized casting instruction from Fly Fishers International Certified Casting Instructors. Additionally, casting clinics will be offered on specific casting techniques such as fly fishing in saltwater, casting in the wind and the basic essentials of fly casting. So, come learn the basics or take your skills to the next level!

All participants are encouraged to bring their own rod with line and leader for the casting clinics; however, the Texas FlyFishers will have a limited supply of rods for anyone who is interested in participating but did not bring a rod.

Coming in 2024

Get ready and start planning for next year! The Texas FlyFishers is currently making plans for its 31st Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival to be held in early 2024. So, start planning now to attend this great event and spend the day watching and participating in a day of tying flies! Stand by for further details!



Casting for Recovery

A pink starburst logo with a registered trademark symbol (®) is positioned to the right of the title.

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

FLY FISHING WITH SKIP KING

While doing my daily trolling on social media, a post really caught my attention. Bamboo Fly Rods near me!!! So, after a quick review, it drew me to the Scarborough Fair in Waxahachie to connect with Skip King of King Fly Rods.

<https://kingflyrods.com/>

After arriving, and seeing I was not in proper attire, LOL, I made it to Skip's booth, and knew this was something special! The presentation of his both included wicker creels, flies, knives, and then my eyes focused on the hand crafted bamboo rods. I have always been fascinated with bamboo rods, and these rods take it to another level! The craftsmanship was off the chart, and when handling them, ever so gently, which I think we all do when handling bamboo rods, I knew I needed to cast some of his offerings. Skip removed several from his display case, and when to try a few out. I started off with a 7 weight, then a 5 weight, then a three weight, and then the one I probably should not have. A little two weight, and then I knew that I must own one! I would cast it for a bit, and then turn my head to see if my wife was watching, and thankfully she was NOT paying attention. The next thought I had was what do I need to get one, and then Skip mentioned building one for me, and it was at that moment, I knew it was going to happen!!

Skip and I had a great chat about the how to's in regards to bamboo rod making, and how he really focuses on the quality of his rods. It is such a thrill to cast bamboo, as it takes me back to the early years of how fly fishing started, and the purity of the sport. We then changed our conversations towards fishing these rods, and how the perception is that they are fragile, and fly fishers are not knowledgeable about fishing these rods. So my next question was to see if he wanted to go fishing, so he could show me how beautiful they are to fish with and durable as well. So that's what we did, on a glorious spring day.

Skip and I loaded up, and went towards Central Texas, to a lake known to have high populations of small bass, and all sorts of panfish. This way we knew we would be able to give the rods a good testing on many varieties of fish. Many fish were caught on this spectacular day, out of our kayaks, which was a first for Skip. I watched as he drifted effortlessly across the lake, and could tell, he was so hooked at that moment. I see a kayak in his possession soon!! We had a great time, and I so look forward to a new friendship, and of course, a new handcrafted, personalized, gorgeous two weight fly rod!!!!

After having such a great time, we decided to do it again, and this time we explored wading the clear waters of the Brazos River. Our initial entry into this gem of a river, we experienced extremely low water, but having fished this area many years ago, we waded downstream, and was rewarded with deeper, cooler water, and a plentiful amount of bass and my favorite in this

stretch, the Longear Sunfish. These aggressive fish can really hit and put a bend in any rod. We had a great time, and it really brought me back to some wonderful memories of times in the past, that were had on the Brazos.

Please check out his website, and learn about his rods and journey. Thanks Skip for a great day!!
<https://kingflyrods.com/about/>

Russell Husted
Conservation / Communications / Social Media Director of the Texas Council FFI

TEXAS COUNCIL ZOOM PRESENTATION: CARP FISHING

Texas Council members and followers. Exciting news to share with you! We are having our next Quarterly Meeting and are thrilled to inform you that we will be focusing our next seasonal education series on Carp fishing!! And we have three of the best in the state in regards to carp fishing and tying carp flies.

Odom Wu
Jim Gray
Michael Rios

Join us for a top notch, session on Carp fishing which we could probably all use, especially me!!

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

Topic: Texas Council FFI - Quarterly Zoom meeting - All About Carp

Time: Jun 27, 2023 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84021706807...>
Meeting ID: 840 2170 6807
Passcode: 2023TexasC

CONSERVATION NEWS

Once again, conservation is in the news again, as we head into summertime in Texas. This June, we are celebrating National Rivers month with some great projects going on around the state. Clean up efforts on most major urban rivers throughout the state, have been hugely successful, putting our resource in a better spot as we head off to enjoy these special waterways. The Brushy Creek Cleanup event held in Round Rock, was again the premiere event in the state, not to be outdone by the Trinity Trash Bash, LOCO event on the Colorado, and other events as well. It's a shame we have to do this, but so Thankful for the effort put in by the ones who do care!!

With the recent rains in a good amount of the state, water levels look much better heading into the summer. But we can just relax here. Conserving water has to be at the forefront of what we do, or we will end up back where we were. There is SO much information out there, on how we can reduce our water use, and as a group, we should set the example, and discuss these efforts in our club meetings and on social media pages.

Want to recognize James Reese, and the San Gabriel Fly Fishers for their recent finding of an unapproved dam / structure on the San Gabriel River. James brought this to the attention of TPWD,

and the process was started right away to correct the issue. Stay tuned to the club's Facebook site, for further developments, as many groups are involved to correct, and ensure these practices are not allowed and taken seriously.

Many may wonder, how the FFI is involved in regards to conservation, and being on the Conservation Board group in FFI, has really impressed me on what they and Science on the Fly do as well. The main focus of the FFI Conservation team, is to support clubs, and the grants they are seeking for conservation projects, with the main focus being on Climate Change. What can we do as an organization both reactive and proactive.

To see a full detail on all of the actions that the FFI Conservation team are involved with, check this out!!

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Conservation/Conservation-Actions>

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

Help us help our river!

TrinityCoalition.org



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CASTING FOR RECOVERY UPDATES

Dani Rose, the Texas Council Women's Director, is sharing what she and others are working on with Casting for Recovery Texas. They have two upcoming official retreats coming up, and could use some support.

Oct 13-15, Camp Capers, Waring, TX
Nov 3-5, Latham Springs, Aquilla, TX

Each retreat hosts 14 women, so 28 in total. We would love to take any fly donations. We will be targeting panfish.

We are always looking for Fly Fishing Guides and flies to help our participants so they have a 1:1 fishing experience. If you have members that are interested in helping, please direct them to this link: Volunteer – Casting for Recovery. Flies can be donated to Dani, so they can be shared with the participants.

This is a great organization that focuses on supporting and loving women dealing with breast cancer. So thankful for all they do. To see what exactly they do, and how they do this, check out their website here.

<https://castingforrecovery.org/>

Happy to answer any questions.

Thanks,
Dani Rose
Texas Council FFI, Womens Outreach Director
281.460.0645

WOMEN'S OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Texas Council is forming a Women's Outreach Committee, which will work with the Women's Outreach Director. This committee will focus on brining educational opportunities to women through out the state of Texas. We are looking for members to represent different experience levels. Our hope is to find geo representation through out the state.

Expectations of this committee are a monthly meeting with the understanding that special projects may require more meeting frequency. Our focus areas are casting skills development, fly tying skills development, rowing/paddling, and fishing skills. If you are interested in, please email me at womens.outreach@texascouncilffi.com.

Thanks,
Dani Rose
Texas Council FFI, Womens Outreach Director
281.460.0645

FFI WOMEN CONNECT ANNOUNCES A FLY FISHING PHOTO CONTEST

In Celebration of the 3rd annual Women's Fly Fishing Month in June

June 1 — FFi Women Connect (FFiWC) is hosting a **fly fishing photo contest** to encourage women to get out on the water in June, and to share their photos. The contest is a fundraiser in support of educational programs and events for women anglers, the fastest growing segment of the fly fishing industry.

"We really hope for a lot of participation," says Patty Lueken, founder and chair of the National Steering Committee for FFi Women Connect, the women's arm of Fly Fishers International. "We also wanted to make this a conservation minded event, so we are encouraged women to **Keep Fish Wet®** in their photos. This is our first FFiWC fundraiser and we need to get everyone onboard. We can't wait to see everyone's photos"

History of FFiWC

FFiWC was founded in 2018. FFiWC Women's Fly Fishing Month established June as women's fly fishing month in 2020 as a means to focus attention on women anglers, their special needs, and provide program and special events targeted to helping women develop their fly fishing skills around the country in June.

Fly Fishing Photo Contest

This is the 1st year of the photo contest, and they hope to continue the event in future as a fun way to share stories and photos taken of women fly fishers and their catches. Dani Rose, the FFi Women Connect Liaison for the FFi Texas Council initiated the program. Her original idea was to host a national tournament but various state laws made that a challenge. So the idea of a photo contest featuring fish caught and released by women, became a exciting way to encourage women to fly fish, and to share their photos!

Prizes and Our Sponsors

The first person to support the FFiWC Photo Contest is Brian O'Keefe, and renowned professional fly fishing photographer. He is serving and a judge for 2 of the 10 photo categories, and has offered a complimentary virtual Fly Fishing Photography Seminar to **ALL** entrants of the contest. Other talented individuals are serving as judges, or offering their special fly-tying or casting instructional talents as individual prizes. Ron Mayfield, Dutch Baughman, Cari Ray, CI, Mary Ann Dozer, MCI and more.

PHOTO CONTEST-CONTD.

FFiWC is very grateful that some prominent women's flyfishing companies have shown their support by donating prizes. Fishwear, founded by Linda Leary in Alaska is donating some of their signature patterned wader belts, Fishwear water bottles and coffee tumblers.

Miss Mayfly, owned by fly fisher Kim Ranella specializes in custom made-to-fit waders for woman, along with a slew of other high-quality fly-fishing gear. They have donated a pair of wading boots with a value of \$199. In addition, they have donated a \$25 gift certificate for Miss Mayfly.

Other participating companies include River Root Rod Company, Umpqua Feather merchants and Fisher of Zen, a company owned by Cari Ray, a certified casting instructor and singer/songwriter.

For complete guidelines and enter the photo contest visit:
<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Get-Involved/FFI-Women-Connect/FFIWC-Photo-Contest>

For more information:

Karen Hall, Liaison Coordinator for FFiWC
 805-798-0469
Karencolehall@gmail.com



In order to celebrate Women's Fly Fishing Month in June, FFi Women Connect is hosting a

Fly Fishing Photo Contest

Deadline: JUNE 30, 2023 11:59 PM (Photos taken by during past year are eligible)

Choose a category (or 3 or 10) for your photo(s)

1. Warm water fish caught by a woman
2. Cold water fish caught by a woman
3. Saltwater fish caught by a woman
4. Photo of your best catch on a fly you tied
5. Photo most interesting fly you tied that caught a fish
6. Best group fly fishing photo featuring women
7. Best buddy photo featuring women
8. Best Underwater photo (may be partially over and under) of a fish
9. Release photo of a fish caught by a woman
10. Best casting photo of a woman angler



Prizes - Everyone Wins!

PROFESSIONAL FLY FISHING PHOTOGRAPHER BRIAN O'KEEFE has offered a Free Zoom Photography Seminar for all Contest Entrants.

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES will be awarded to winners in each category – educational 1:1 teaching sessions and/or angling gear will be offered. A full list of sponsors and prizes will be made available by end of May.

Scan QR code below for complete rules and to enter photo(s)



In Celebration of Women's Fly Fishing Month FFI Women Connect invites you to enter our:

Fly Fishing Photo Contest



Deadline: June 30th 2023 11:59 PM

Don't miss your chance to win prizes!

Photos taken anytime in past year are eligible.



How to Enter:

Scan QR Code or copy link for full details.

Please review guidelines. [https://](https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Get-Involved/FFI-Women-Connect/FFIWC-Photo-Contest)

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Entry Fees:

\$20 for 1 photo, **\$30** for 3 photos, **\$50** for 10 photos. Proceeds benefit fly fishing programs for women!

Prizes: **Everyone Wins!**

Professional Fly Fishing Photographer **Brian O'Keefe** will lead a **Zoom Photography Seminar** for all contest entrants. * **Individual Prizes** will be awarded based on the winners in each category. Prizes include: 1:1 fly fishing teaching sessions and/or fly fishing merchandise.

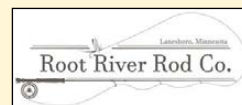
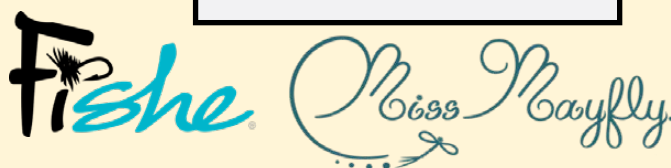


Photo by Brian O'Keefe

Photo Categories: - Keep Fish Wet®

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Various FFI Regional Councils



THE MOST VERSATILE OF MENDS

If you open a craftsman's tool cabinet, you'll likely find two types of tools -- specialized tools intended to participate in a particularly unique activity -- something like a tongue and groove plane -- and versatile tools, purposed to be useful in any number of circumstances -- the Swiss Army Knife being a leading exemplar.

So too it is with fly casting mends. Some are designed to meet a very particular circumstance -- for example, the Curve Cast's (a mend) singular purpose is to bend the fly line around an obstruction and present the fly to the other side. It's very useful...for one thing.

Conversely, the Wiggle Mend is the most versatile of mends. It isn't especially good for anything... but it's reasonably good for everything.

The Wiggle Mend is designed to induce equal "waves" of slack during the presentation cast (figure 1). Slack in your fly line is usually undesirable, but the slack created by the Wiggle Mend is intended to allow for the drag free drift of dry flies. It is useful for casting downstream, providing long drag-free drifts. It is also a great option when confronted with complex currents. As an example, the well known (and beautifully named) Texas Hole on the San Juan River in northern New Mexico has dozens of complex currents that play hosts to a multitude of large trout feeding on seemingly ever-present midges. How to present a midge fly forty feet across seven separate currents -- yes -- the Swiss Army Knife of mends -- the Wiggle Mend.

"It isn't especially good for anything... but it's reasonably good for everything."

How do we produce a Wiggle Mend?

Step 1: Stop the rod. Mends, by definition, are created after the loop is formed by the forward stop on the presentation cast. If you're moving your rod after your forward stop, you're mending the line (the exception being the required follow of the rod down to the water on a non-mended cast). The crisper and more complete the stop, the better your loop "face" and the better your opportunity for a good mend.

Step 2: Wiggle the rod tip. Small wiggles produce small waves, big wiggles produce big waves. In practice and in use, your goal is to produce uniform waves. A few observations. First, begin your wiggles soon after your loop is formed. Sooner is better and begins the process of moving the wiggle down your line and toward your tippet. Your wiggle mend is only as good as the wiggles nearest the fly. Second, attempt to keep your elbow as the pivot point of your wiggle. A static pivot point helps to produce consistent shape and spacing of the waves. To that

purpose, as your elbow drops during the cast and subsequent mend, try anchoring it to your hip.

Step 3: Follow the wiggle down to the water. As your wiggles are forming, you'll begin slowly moving your rod and following your fly line to the water. Importantly, you'll want to continue your wiggles until just before the line contacts the water -- if you stop too early, the forward momentum of the line will undo your efforts...and onlookers will consider rendering aid for involuntary arm movements.

Considerations: The Wiggle Mend may be challenging to complete in high winds but performs better in such conditions than mends with similar intentions -- such as the Pile Cast. The Wiggle Mend is not an especially accurate cast. If you are casting to a particular fish or feature, you'll need to consider aiming past that point three to four feet (to allow for the wiggles) or slipping line during the presentation -- the latter being challenging to achieve while maintaining good waves. For additional functionality, try combining the wiggle mend with a roll cast, or even another mend like the reach mend.

Now back to the Texas Hole. Having produced a good wiggle mend traversing a complex set of currents, you'll need to be particularly attuned to the fortunes of your fly. Should it be subtly sipped from the foam, a quick set is required -- remember, you've purposely induced slack into your cast. What were you thinking? You're not even Swiss.

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



"I WOUND UP AT THE ROUND UP!"

What we know about the fly-fishing community is that we are generally a friendly, affable, and generous group. Since that is the case, we should take every opportunity to gather to swap lies, tie flies and support a great cause. What better time to do that than at the end of a long hot Texas summer following a hectic and vibrant Spring?

September 30, 2023, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, you will have that opportunity. Aggieland Fly Fishers.... you guessed it... in College Station, is hosting the **Second Annual Fly-Fishing Round-Up**.

What you ask is **The Round-Up**? It is a day dedicated to celebrating all things Fly-Fishing. \$10 registration gets you Free Casting and Tying lessons, demonstrations, live music, topical presentations, a Kid's Zone, and access to food trucks, a fishing tournament, and guided fishing. [Millican Reserve](#), a 600-acre private land conservancy and 80-acre lake plays host to the festival.

This is the largest fly-fishing festival of the Fall season, within day-trip distance from Houston, Austin, and Waco. 90 miles from each, you can arrive, have lunch, and spend the day sharpening your skills, fish in the lake, generally entertain the family, and still sleep in your own bed that night. Sounds like fun. All of this is in support of the non-profit **Good Fly Inc.** which offers free one-day casting workshops to reduce the stress and anxiety of first responder communities.

If that is not enough, we have also added a **VIP Afterparty**, that is our way of saying thank you to the industry for supporting the sport we love. From 4 pm-9 pm, your ticket to the event will gain you food, spirits, drink, games, and a concert along with the chance to rub elbows and play games with the vendors, volunteers, and dignitaries we have attending the festival.

On October 1 be sure to be able to say, **"I Wound Up at the Round Up!"** Register today!

Alan King, CCI
Co-founder, Good Fly Inc.

www.aggielandff.org/roundup2023



the FLY FISHING
ROUND-UP!
2023

SAVE THE DATE!



Well we are doing it again!

Saturday, September 30, 2023

at Millican Reserve

College Station, TX

9am-4pm

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

And then an After Party to Boot!



Parking \$10/ vehicle if
purchased in advance.
\$15 at the gate.

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DUTCH BAUGHMAN THREAD CONTROL SERIES

Early in June, many of us were treated with a special fly tying series, lead by Texas Council FFI Director At Large, Dutch Baughman. Dutch focused on thread control, and it was very impressive with the amount of knowledge that he has, and that he shared with us. A little information about Dutch. Dutch Baughman is one of the three At – Large Directors of the Texas Council. Dutch served as the Executive Committee Chairman of the FFI, and has been major contributor to the FFI's Learning Center. Dutch is also a current member of the Fort Worth Fly Fishers and has served in the club in different roles.

His Thread Control Series was broken down into three sessions, and after seeing the first one, you didn't dare miss the next two!! We received so much awesome feedback, that we reached out to Dutch to see if we could get this material to you through the newsletter, and without hesitation, Dutch had it to us in less than a day, to no one's surprise. That's just what he does. Thank you Dutch for hosting this series, and for letting us share this with our members.

Here is the information for each series, with the link to use for your viewing. These are on You Tube as well.

Link for Thread Control Class #1 video:
<https://1drv.ms/v/s!Ah0M-VApJGmAjBv5XNBtk-8xXyuq?e=DQ4Z7Q>

Class #1 featured a discussion of thread characteristics, and 10 fundamental thread control techniques. This class also begins the discussion of thread control techniques for dressing a fly, to include thread control to fork tails.

Link for Thread Control Class #2 video:
<https://1drv.ms/v/s!Ah0M-VApJGmAjCTE7WUsRN1qOniu?e=8wGBv8>

Class #2 featured a discussion of thread control techniques for dressing a fly. This class includes thread control techniques for ribbing, body, dubbing, legs,

Link for Thread Control Class #3 video:
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Class #3 continues the discussion of thread control techniques for dressing a fly including thread control techniques for hair wing, compressing hair, locking hair, feather wing, folding feathers, mounting hackle

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

It's going to be a great summer in Texas! If you have not visited a state park near you for one of our Centennial events, you might be missing out! Our Centennial events are free and often include fishing. Check our calendar for an event near you. 100 Years - Texas State Parks - TPWD

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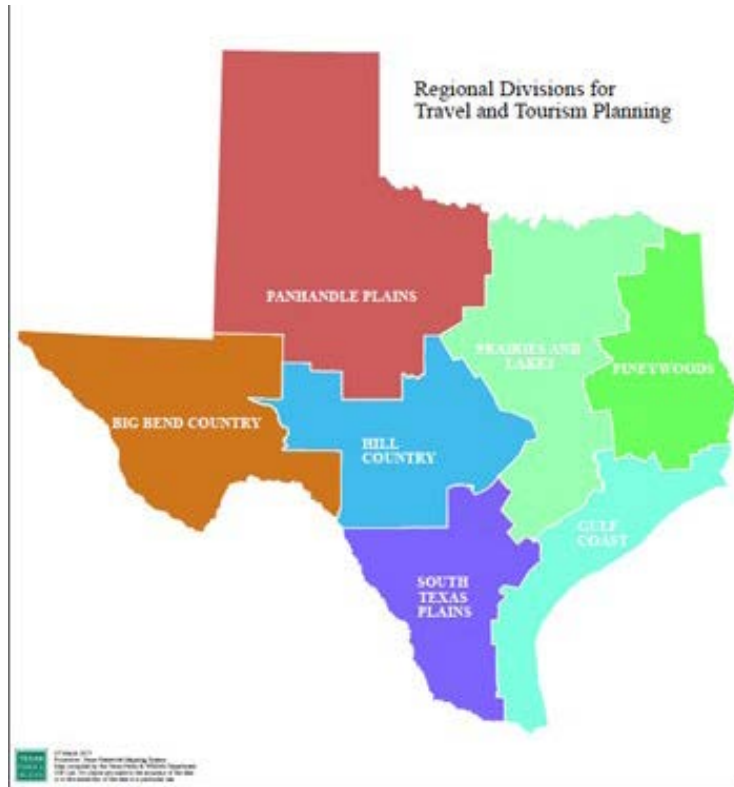
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TEXAS COUNCIL NEW SPONSOR

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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SUMMER FLY PATTERN



Years ago, I attended a monthly meeting of the Fort Worth Fly Fishers, that totally changed my perspective in regards to bass fishing. You see in that stage of my fishing life, for me it was all about the numbers. A successful trip was dictated by that. But that all changed that night, when I witnessed a BIG Bass presentation, from Bob Pool. Bob was a BIG bass specialist, and he knew what attracted BIG Bass and why. I was blown away by his techniques, and especially impressed with the size of the flies he was using. He said going after BIG Bass might lower your numbers, but for him it was all about the big fish.

We spoke after the meeting and have stayed in touch over the years. A few days after the meeting, a trip was made to the local fly shop, and you guessed it, I loaded up on big bass flies. Bob also gave me a few to use, and I still have some of those to this day. It wasn't long after that, when BIG Bass dictated the success of my trips. More and more large fish came to hand, and I was changed!!

Now it was time for me to tie flies, that would enhance my experience, and make me even more successful, and again I was successful with that. I experimented with different patterns, with different materials, and really fell in love tying with foam! It floats so good, is almost indestructible, and is easily shaped into some extremely large flies. Enter in Ratzilla!!! I have always been intrigued with mouse patterns, and have had great success using various mice patterns, but wanted to create a very large one, in a rat profile. Reason being that I fish a lot of rivers, and have seen good size rats eaten by bass, or jumping into the river to get away from predators. So, I sat down with a cold one, and the Ratzilla was created. Soon the fly would be on the end of my line, and crushed by some extremely large bass, to my deepest pleasure!!!



It's really a simple fly, that has quite a few steps, and uses really only a few

materials. I hope this inspires you to change the way you think about BIG Bass fishing, like Bob did for me. It forever changed the way I approach the sport, and it will you too. Go BIG or GO HOME!!!!

Thank you, Bob Pool for being there for me.

Sincerely,
Russell

Ratzilla Tying Steps

1. Insert Mustad 2XH / 4XL Stainless Steel Hook into vice and attach heavy thread
2. Cut 2 strips of foam. One wider and longer than the other of different colors
3. Cut 2 strips of rabbit. One longer than the other
4. Cut a heavy piece of monofilament line, and bend it in the middle using a hot needle
5. Trim rabbit fur from half of the rabbit strip
6. Attach the strip at the bend of the hook with the heavy thread
7. Poke a hole into strip, and insert monofilament line. Then wrap the line onto the hook. Add small amount of glue to both sides of the hole where the line went through. Let dry
8. Trim foam before attaching to the hook
9. Cover the hook with the heavy thread
10. Put glue onto hook and attach foam to the hook with the heavy thread
11. Tie in the longest rabbit strip
12. Tie in 5 strands of silly legs / spinner bait skirt works best
13. Prepare 2nd smaller piece of foam
14. Attach foam to the hook
15. Wrap the rabbit strip onto the hook, moving it towards the eye of the hook
16. Part the rabbit fur that was tied onto the hook
17. Pull the foam loosely over the rabbit strip and tie down
18. Pull the 2nd piece of foam over the rabbit strip loosely and tie down
19. Pull both pieces of foam back towards the bend of the hook, creating a large round head on the fly. Tie down. Then cut a small colorful piece of foam and tie that down. This will act as an indicator for the fly, so it's easier to see
20. Next 3 steps are trimming the foam
21. Then cover the thread wraps on the fly with glue. All areas
22. Part the fur of the rabbit strip on the bottom of the fly
23. Put glue on the underside of the rabbit strip. This will keep the fur out away from the body of the fly
24. Tie knots into the legs of the fly
25. Trim the legs
26. Go fish the Ratzilla, a mostly indestructible fly, that will catch Giant Bass!!!

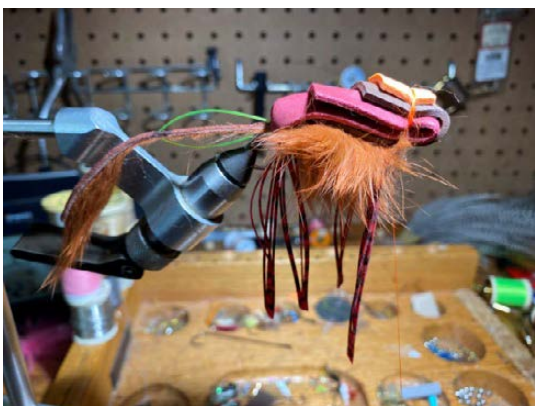
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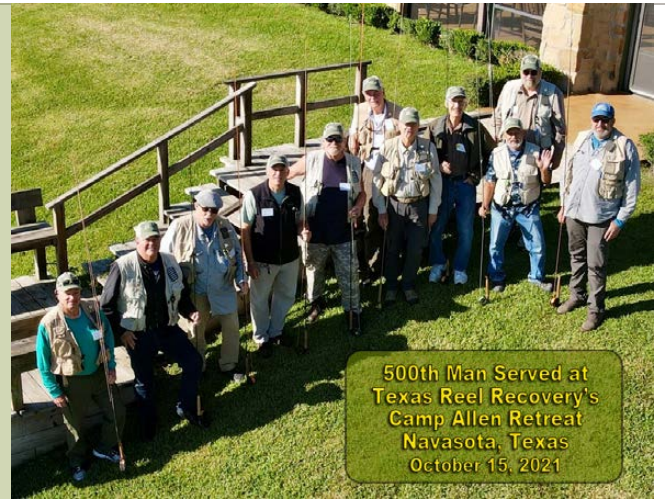


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Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts **free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from all forms of cancer.** Combining introductory fly-fishing instruction with directed “courageous conversations”, the organization offers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

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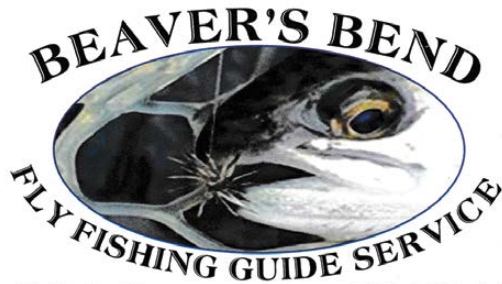
Thanks,

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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. 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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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.

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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
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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
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At - Large	Jacob Sherwood
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At-Large	Barry Webster
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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
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- 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.

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

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

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

Membership Number (renewals) _____ New Member

Name _____

Business Name (for Business memberships only) _____

Business Website _____

Street Address / PO Box _____

City/State/Zip/ _____ Country _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Club Affiliation _____

If you are a new member, is there an FFI Club or Council that you would like to receive credit for the Rod Credit Program? _____

Total Charge \$ _____ Auto Renew? ☐ Yes, I want to save time & resources!

Credit Card or check # _____ Exp. Date _____

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