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the Waters of the
Great State of Texas*

The Texas Line & Leader

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As summer winds down, and days start to cool off, things are heating up in Texas in regards to events the Council will be at. First off we will be at the Fly Tying Group Rendezvous in DFW late September. And you might see us at the State Fair of Texas as well. Then off to the Hill Country for Oktoberfisch, and then we start to wind down some before the holidays with a stop in College Station for the Round Up and the Gathering. 2025 is already filling up as well, so to say we will be busy, is a true statement.

To be able to assist clubs with these events, it takes volunteers. Not only at the club level, but at the council level as well. We have been blessed with so many great volunteers over the years, and for that we are very grateful. The council is actively seeking volunteers to assist with these events. If you would like to volunteer, please let us, or your local club know. We are also winding down on the terms of the Texas Council Board of Directors. Communication will be sent out through us and the local clubs, looking for Board members, and a President, with the terms starting in January of 2025. If you are interested in being part of the Texas Council team, we would be glad to discuss with you. Simply let us know that you are interested, and one of us will get back with you about positions that will be available, and what the role will be.

What I am really looking forward to is for some fly fishing!! Things will start to heat up here as

well. Saltwater fly fishing for big red and speckled trout along the coast. Freshwater fish moving back up into rivers and creeks, gorging themselves on baitfish before the winter. Then it's trout time. I can honestly say, it's one of our favorite times to be fly fishing. With the leaves changing colors, waters cooling, and the breeze blowing what hair we still have left, it's a great time to be on the water. Our hope that this gets you excited thinking about it, and to get out there and go fly fishing!! And when you do, share your experiences with us, on our social media pages. Always love hearing about a great trip.

Be safe and tight lines!!

Rick Haness
President
Texas Council
Fly Fishers International



FLY TYING GROUP RENDEZVOUS UPDATE

Folks, we're about a week away from the fabulous 2024 FTG Fly Tiers Rendezvous! I hope all of you are as excited as I am for what is shaping up to be an outstanding event. I wanted to share some logistics and other items of interest for you as we're getting close:

Access to the facility:

The event will be held at 2280 Springlake Rd Suite 100, Springlake Event Center, Farmers Branch, TX 75234. This is about 1 block west of I35E and 6 blocks north of I635. From westbound on Valley View Lane/I35E (which is a major exit on I35E just north of I635), go west on Valleyview to the first traffic signal (after the I35E northbound access road) to Valley Branch Lane and turn left (south). The Event center will be one block south at the corner of Valley Branch and Springlake Rd (on the southeast corner). There is parking in front (north of the bldg), behind (south) and to the west. We will have access to the building starting around 1:00 PM on Thursday 9/26 if you want to set up early or starting at 8:00 AM Friday (and Saturday) morning (doors open for the public at 9:00 AM Friday and Saturday. For those of you who have not taken care of nightly accommodations, there is a list of nearby hotels on [the Rendezvous website](#). There is WIFI onsite.

Catering:

We will have the event catered for breakfast and lunch (so you can skip McDonalds on the way in).

Featured Tier Demo's:

Dutch Baughman has arranged for an outstanding slate of Featured Tiers (on the stage with Camera lights and audio). You'll want to plan your tying breaks around watching your favorite tiers:

Friday/Saturday

10:00 Fred DuPre- Bream Flies Bream Flies
11:00 Patty Lueken- Mouse Flies Mouse Flies
12:00 Mike Stewart- Strip Tease Strip Tease
1:00 Chris Johnson- Johnson's Pinch Hitter Johnson's Mimic Hopper
2:00 Al Ritt Ritt's Fighting Crawfish Hackle Stacker Adams
3:00 Eric Austin Royal Coachman Last Chance Cripple
4:00 Dutch Baughman The Mulpin The Black Creeper

Friday night schedule will be:

5:30 - 6:30 PM - Tiers Fly Box exchange
6:30 - 7:00 PM - Fajitas buffet with iced tea, beer and wine (Buffet ticket needed, purchase on registration site)
7:00 - 8:30 PM - Live Auction

Power for lighting:

We will have power strung near the demo tying stations for you to plug into (long, heavy gauge power cords with outlets every

5 feet). You will need to provide a short extension cord/power strip for the last distance (6-10 feet). You'll need to bring your own light source. Featured Tiers, we got you taken care of for lights and power (and audio and camera projections/displays).

Fly Tiers Box Exchange Auction/Banquet:

We hope everyone of you will plan to attend our event Friday night starting with our Tiers fly box exchange (don't forget to get Fred DuPre your box of flies for the exchange and the box of flies for the auction) and then our catered Banquet followed by the auction (you will need a Banquet ticket (\$30) - purchase thru [the registration site](#)).

Rick Haness has us a great set of wide ranging auction items as well as bucket raffles Friday and Saturday. So bring your credit card and remember this is a charitable auction, not a garage sale. This is how we pay for the Rendezvous.

2024 FTG Rendezvous Book Project:

Larry Olson, our Whip Finish Editor, has taken on a project to create a book of patterns, step by step descriptions, bio's and info about the Rendezvous. Larry will be coming around to all of you to collect flies, stories, bio's, and other paraphernalia. I hope all of you will participate. I'm including Larry's description for more info on the project. Larry hopes to have this available for purchase later in the fall with delivery in early 2025. Proceeds will go to the [Buszek Library project](#).

Classes and Presentations:

- Beginning and Intermediate hands-on tying classes - Katie Cowen, Rocky Gribble
- Introduction to the FTG Fly Tying Instructors Program - Dutch Baughman
- Everything you wanted to know about Hackle - Chris Johnson (Living Waters Fly shop)
- FTG Fly Tying Skills Award program overview - Jack Gillis

You'll need to register for these thru [the registration site](#).

General Public attendance:

We are heavily marketing this event through our local fly tying shops, big box sporting goods stores (you know who I'm referring to) and our local FFI Fly Fishing clubs. Our three local Orvis shops have been super helpful (posting flyers in the stores, sending out flyers to their distribution lists). So, we're hopeful that we will have good attendance from folks coming into the event to watch (and hopefully spend money at the auction)

If you have any questions you can call me at 817-975-4205.

Fred DuPre'

Come join us for a great event



FFi FLY TYING GROUP
RENDEZVOUS

September 27 & 28, 2024
Dallas, TX
(20 minutes from both airports)

Friday and Saturday tying from
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday night tiers exchange, banquet
and fundraiser

Fly tying classes and workshops
both days

Registration starts June 10, 2024

FFi FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL
FFi FLY TYING GROUP

Featured Tiers:

Eric Austin Al Ritt Fred DuPre
Patty Lueken Chris Johnson Mike Stewart Dutch Baughman

Demonstration Tiers featuring all styles of tying patterns from top tiers across the Country

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- Women Connect Tying Class

Vendor booths with fly tying materials and equipment

Friday night Auction and Banquet

Register (Banquet tickets, class registration) <http://www.flyfishersinternational.org/FTG-Rendezvous>

Venue: Springlake Event Center, 2280 Springlake Rd, Suite 100 Farmers Branch, TX



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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.

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TRY OUT FCSD

FCSD – Fly Casting Skills Development – is a fun way to improve your casting skills in a self-paced fashion. There are four levels which progress from beginner to advanced. The levels are (1) Foundation, (2) Bronze, (3) Silver and (4) Gold. Details on the FCSD can be found [here](#). Start with the “Anglers Guide.” This provides an in-depth explanation of the program. From there browse the “Skills and Drills Library.” The “FCSD-Fly Casting Video Library” has tremendous practical videos of casts which aid in line control and will increase catch rates. So how does FCSD work?

1. The Foundation Level starts with the basics. It is designed to develop proper casting form. This level is a great starting place for those picking up a fly rod for the first time, or beginners with some fishing experience. It is designed to learn the foundation of fly casting: loop formation and control.
2. The Bronze Level through the Gold Levels consists of specific casts on a course layout defined by FCSD. These are NOT tests and should be done on with no pressure and on a self-paced basis. The program has a means of evaluating performance as well as providing recognition, if desired, for successful completion of the levels.

3. The Bronze Level presents instruction and drills to establish foundation skills for learning to cast a fly rod and form a casting loop that takes the fly to the fish. These foundation skills help us understand loop formation, loop control, accuracy, and changing direction. It is meant for all fly anglers needing to learn or improve fundamental skills.
4. The Silver Level is designed to aid in improving loop size and shape but is not required.
5. The Gold has loop requirements. Loop size must be 4 ft. or less and loop shape must have a straight top leg.

FCSD has been introduced to many if not all of the FFI clubs within the Texas Council. In addition, we are endeavoring to have FCSD courses set up at regional events. For those of you who are not familiar with FCSD I encourage you to give it a try to include reaching out to your local club. For those of you who have started the journey, I encourage you to stay with it. The program will improve your casting skills resulting in angler improvement and higher catch rates.

Jim Hund, MCI, THCI
Board Member - Casting Instructor Education

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We fought to protect Mary's Creek
We helped hundreds of people discover social distancing on the water
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RIO ANGLERS

Fall in Texas can be a fickle thing. As we presently slide into the early days of another autumn in the Hill Country, we are yet again in the midst of a warming trend. The little cool down we had this month was a fluke, a tease! While other, more northern areas this time of year reach for sweaters and pumpkin spiced things, and prepare for changing leaf colors, we in Texas press onward, into the heat.

Hi all! My name is Judson Cole. I am the owner of the new Rio Anglers, LLC. We are a fly fishing guide service based on the banks of the Guadalupe river. I used to own my own guide service, Hell N' Back Outfitters, which some of you may know from that platform. I have been blessed and presented with an opportunity to grow myself and this business in our local fly fishing industry. This summer I have been making the rounds to some of the Texas FFI clubs and reacquainting myself with their members, and spreading the word about the new business and all the things we have to offer the individual and the club.

Rio Anglers started last season as a guide service and formed a collective of guides totaling over 100 years of guide experience on our local waters. We share a symbiotic relationship with our host property, Rio Guadalupe Resort. Currently we are operating as just a guide service, but we are excited to announce our new on site retail fly shop! Set to open doors November 15, the new shop will provide all the various and sundry items most commonly needed on the river. Also, attention fly-tyers, half of our new shop will be supplied with fly tying materials, providing a much needed local source for good, quality tying materials you can see, touch, and ask questions about.

And don't forget about the rest of our property! Cabins, RV sites, and a meeting hall are all available for your use. We at Rio Anglers are excited about hosting you or your club on the Guadalupe; after all, this is our bread and butter. With trout stockings happening right off our property in the winter, when you stay, shop, and play with us you are only footsteps away from the fishing!

Currently the Guadalupe River is shaping up to be similar to the last several seasons; low and slow. However, even in these conditions, and with proper management from all involved, we are seeing the Guad come into its "fall" season. The river gets a chance to breathe as it sheds the crowds of summer. Soon the tubers will vacate, the cypress needles will briefly turn orange, and the whisper of holdovers will be on the lips of those in the know. We will eventually cool off, same as we will eventually get some rain; the question remains, will it be soon enough? In the meantime, buckle up, summer ain't over in Texas!

Judson Cole

AGGIELAND FLY FISHERS, GOOD FLY, AND TEXAS COUNCIL FFI HOSTING THE ROUND UP & THE GATHERING

Back for an exciting third year, the Round Up will be held November the 9th at the Millican Reserve, outside of College Station. A great location for a super fun event. Casting, tying, presentations, fishing, vendors, food and drinks, and time with friends!!

<https://millicanreserve.com/>

Nov 09, 2024
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

792 High Prairie Rd
College Station, TX 77845

Come enjoy all things fly fishing featuring Casting, Tying, Fishing, Industry Vendors, Live Music, Food Trucks, Raffle and Silent Auction, and more!

Sunday will be the Gathering. Registration is open for a day of sharpening your skills as an instructor or CI candidate. Led by FFI Master Casting Instructors and curated to your experience level please choose the appropriate track.

Hope you plan on attending these great events.

See you then

OKTOBERFISCH 2024!!

Fall in the Hill Country. Bigger and better than ever before. Spend the weekend in Kerrville, and enjoy this special fly fishing event. Registration is now open, and registering ahead, gets you exclusive entry into the many drawings and special events / classes. Fly fishing on the Guadalupe River is only a blink of an eye away!!

Read all about Oktoberfish [here!!](#)

Oktoberfisch 2024

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Fish for Guadalupe Bass
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November 9, 2024
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Live Music, Vendors, Kids Games, Fellowship
and More!

And then a VIP After Party to Boot!

This is a FREE event!!



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All proceeds support



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THE 2024 GATHERING OF CASTING INSTRUCTORS

Hosted by Good Fly, TX Council of FFI,
& Fly Fishers International

Sunday, November 10, 2024

College Station, Texas

Registration is open for a day of sharpening your skills as an instructor or CI candidate. Led by FFI Master Casting Instructors and curated to your experience level please choose the appropriate track.

Spots are limited and filling quickly.



Register at www.goodfly.org

TRACK TEXAS FISHES



Congratulations to our winner for Round 1 of the Fishes of Texas iNaturalist Contest, Nick Loveland!

TPWD had a total of 143 submissions of Guadalupe Bass to the project: <https://tinyurl.com/bddnrw39>

36 of those observations were from Nick! <https://tinyurl.com/2au7esjp>

Thanks to all who contributed this round! Hope you continue to participate for Round2: Rio Grande Cichlids

Ready for ROUND 2 of the Fishes of Texas iNaturalist Contest: Rio Grande Cichlids!

Every 2 months we will be spotlighting a different species of fish in Texas. Win this round by submitting the most observations of Rio Grande Cichlid to the Fishes of Texas Project on iNaturalist between September 1st- October 31st! Each submission will strengthen the dataset used by TPWD and researchers across the state to aid in the conservation of our native fishes and river ecosystems.

ContestRules:

- Observations must occur between September 1st – October 31st and tagged to the Fishes of TX iNaturalist project.
- One fish per observation with photo quality good enough to correctly ID to species.
- Location information must be within 100m of accuracy.

Learn more about Rio Grande Cichlids:
<https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/species/cichlid/>

Download the iNaturalist app:
<https://www.inaturalist.org/>

Learn more about how to use iNaturalist:
<https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/getting+started>

Add your observations to the Fishes of Texas Project:
<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/fishes-of-texas>

Learn more about the Fishes of Texas Project:
<https://www.fishesoftexas.com>



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1. Tie in black magnum rabbit strip and pull back to the bend of the hook.
2. Form a dubbing loop and insert some chartreuse rabbit hair spin and wrap forward tie off and pull black rabbit strip down and tie off.
3. Tie in two rubber legs on both side
4. Cut a four inch piece of monofilament and string two glass red beads and tie in on the bottom of the hook and adjust until the loop hangs down about an inch and tie off.
5. Spin a head out of black hair and trim into a wedge shaped head with a flat bottom.
6. Add eyes and fish!

This is a great transition fly from top water swimming lizard to diving lizard and it can be fished both ways and seems to be a good transition from summer to fall. I tie this particular fly on a tube but it can be tied on a long shank bass hook size 1/0.



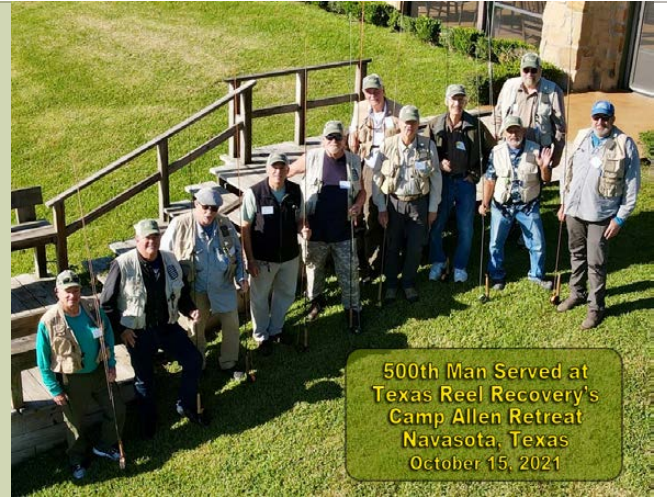
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Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts **free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from all forms of cancer.** Combining introductory fly-fishing instruction with directed “courageous conversations”, the organization offers 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 2024 Texas Retreats

Waring, TX - 4/12 - 4/14 & 9/20 - 9/22

Tony Smith 210 232 2623 - smith.reelrecovery@gmail.com

Rafael Torres 512 560 4380 - torres.reelrecovery@gmail.com

Navasota, TX - 5/03 - 5/05 & 10/25 - 10/27

Dave Steffek 713 202 0101 - dst8ff8k@att.net

Rusty Dunn 337 344 4385 - dunn.reelrecovery@gmail.com

Glen Rose, TX - 4/26 - 4/28 & 10/04 - 10/06

Mike Tabor 817 894 0018 - tabor.reelrecovery@gmail.com

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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 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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My name is Michael Rios and I'm a lifetime angler. I started Panther City Flies as a way to bring people to high quality, well-tied flies that actually...catch fish! From trout to redfish I can get it done. I specialize in bass streamers for our local rivers and lakes in North Texas. I am the creator of the Golden Ticket, and Dive Bomber, two flies that have been making waves (pun intended) in the fly fishing community. I am the current Fly Tying Chairman for the Fort Worth Fly Fishers. Panther City Flies, Always on the Hunt!

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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.

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

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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 2024:

Club	President	City
Abilene	Rick Meyers	Abilene
Aggeland Fly Fishing Club	Hurshell Sullivan	College Station
Alamo	Karson Foster	San Antonio
Austin	Vacant	Austin
Collin	Kevin Grogan	Plano
Conroe	Zach Griffin	Conroe
Corpus Christi	Reese Hunt	Corpus Christi
Dallas	Dave Smith	Dallas
Fort Worth	Kay Jackson	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	Rene Salas	Georgetown
Texas Fly Fishers	Don Pucket	Houston
Texas Hill Country	Jeff Schroeder	Fredericksburg
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 / Conservation	Russell Husted
Education	Dani Rose
Membership	Brett Morehead
Communications / Social Media	Katie Cowen
Treasurer	Michael Quigley
Secretary	Laura Durden
Women's Outreach	Beth Bierman
Webmaster	Tim Gikas
Casting	Cari Ray
Casting	Jim Hund
Tying	Mike Hawkins
Youth Outreach	Austin Orr
TPWD Liaison	Keira Quam, FFI
At - Large	David Hudnall

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Texas Council Clubs

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 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.lssfclub.org
Lubbock Fly Fishers	Lubbock	www.lubbockflyfishers.org
New Braunfels Fly Fishers	New Braunfels	www.facebook.com/newbraunfelsflyfishers
Pineywoods Fly Fishers	Lufkin	www.pwff.org
Red River Fly Fishers	Sherman	www.rrff.org
Rowlett Fishers (PHWFF)	Royse City	derrick.meis@projecthealingwaters.org
San Gabriel Fly Fishers	Georgetown	www.sgflyfishers.com
Texas Fly Fishers	Houston	www.texasflyfishers.org
Texas Hill Country Fly Fishers	Fredericksburg	thcff.org
Texas Women Fly Fishers	Statewide	www.twff.net

Note: PHWFF clubs serve only disabled veterans.



PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN FFI

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Access to exclusive features and content on our website including:

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

Discounted entry into FFI events

FFI Decals and Patch

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

AT THE FFI HEADQUARTERS IN LIVINGSTON, MONTANA

- The 2018 FFI Annual Fair held in Boise, ID, was jam packed with hundreds of workshops, seminars, famous authors and over 100 expert tiers and casters sharing their skills.
- FFI just launched the Learning Center with online classes in Fly Casting, Fly Tying, Fly Fishing Skills, and Conservation Education for the benefit of FFI members and the fly fishing community.
- Our ever-growing fly fishing museum includes the 7th fiber-glass rod ever made, the Fritz Gerds collection that includes over 150 fly plates, and an impressive collection of Lee Wulff memorabilia.
- FFI has provided grants and joined our partners in fighting mining proposals on the Menominee River in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, in the pristine Boundary Waters Wilderness in Minnesota, in Alaska's Bristol Bay and the Yellowstone Park watershed in Montana. These efforts will protect thousands of river and stream miles that impact our opportunities to fly fish.

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



PLEASE RENEW TODAY!

FFI TEXAS COUNCIL IS AT WORK IN YOUR REGION!



We now have 19 clubs throughout the state!

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

Llano River Flood:

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



Hill Country Youth Ranch:

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

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



Fairs/Shows/Clinic:

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



**YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
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| <input type="checkbox"/> General 1-Year \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying Group 1-Year \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General 3-Years \$90 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying Group 3-Years \$48.50 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran - \$25 * | <input type="checkbox"/> Guides Association 1-Year \$30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Student - (22 and under) \$20 * | <input type="checkbox"/> Guides Association 3-Years \$70 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business - \$100 * | <input type="checkbox"/> Casting Renewal 1-Year \$45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime - \$1000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Casting Renewal 3-Years \$120 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Premium - \$1500 ** | (Casting Renewal is for certified instructors only) |

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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!

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