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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Yes, SPRING TIME!!! Our favorite season of the year. Or at least it is for many of us. And SPRING is coming in strong, with all sorts of energy!! Super excited to announce that there is a lot of change going on within the Council, as I will be back for a second term as President, and with a new Board of Directors, that is shaping up to be a great group, focusing on you, the clubs and members. With time on my side, a new hip, and a strong desire to drive change, we are ready to roll!!!

The Council has been very busy hitting all of the events that have been going on so far this year in Texas. And they have all been great so far. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival, Troutfest, and FlyFest. While the weather tried to dampen these events, it failed miserably. All three we nothing short of spectacular, and it was so great to connect with you all. We had a ton of fun, and saw a lot of smiling faces, which was good to see. Fly Fishing is becoming MORE popular than ever before.

While preparing for this role, and the Board for a very important year, there has been reflecting, thinking, connecting, and trying to decide the best way to lead us through the times that are unfolding in front of us. We are all aware of our changing times, of which there are many. And while doing this, been thinking of how our group should be lead. Throughout life, remembering certain situations that will help us tackle the challenges that await us. Dad, would remind me to save a

penny every day, and before long, you would be able to get yourself something nice. This taught the lesson of saving, and spending. Remembering times in the work career to THANK two people each day, recognizing them for a job well done, or for doing something great, or giving great service. We never get enough recognition in life, and when we do it is so appreciated to receive. And when recognizing others for doing well, it felt great and so did they. On yearly reviews as a STL at Whole Foods Market, we had to list my strengths, and weaknesses, and plans for the following year, both addressing the strengths and weaknesses. WE as a group, liked this because you should never forget what your strengths are, just as you would remember what weaknesses you should focus on. We also learned in the career about root / cause and effect, and how to handle problematic situations. Never to react in the moment, and to analyze before making decisions. So where am I going with all of this?

So, in 2025, you will see the TXCouncil in this way. We will drive change, and find ways to be relevant, and make a difference in your, and the club's life. We will assist in any way possible. All you need to do is ask. We will address any issues that come before us, in a timely fashion. Conservation and our public lands will be the highest of priority for us. We will focus on the four pillars of FFI. Casting, Tying, Conservation, and Fly Fishing. Remember, we are the ONLY organization that does just that. Partnerships will be expanded with Retail Companies and Non - Profit groups. Always there to lend a hand. We must get the youth more engaged in fly fishing, and to support fully the fastest growing community in fly fishing,

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women. And most importantly communicate effectively. We will be providing updates on our ever changing issues. Events going on throughout the state, and more. Helping the new leaders get off to a great start, so they can be functioning at a high level.

So in closing, can we ALL work on this as a group? Think of ways on how you can be a better conservationist? Then put those thoughts into action. How can we be a better club member? What can we do to make our club better? How can we make that new member that just joined my club, get off to a good start. We have all been there. Reflect on your journey, and ensure that new members get off to a great start!! What goals do we have for ourselves in 2025? Be a better fly caster? Fly tier? How can we get better results when fishing? Is it really about the numbers, or is it about the experience? Make plans based off of those answers. Let's push ourselves, and others to be great in 2025. Recognize someone on that nice catch. Say WOW when you see that beautiful loop. Let's be nice to each other, lock our arms around one another, pat someone on the back, and make memories. Get involved. You will NOT regret it.

"It is not all about fly fishing, but about the journey"

Russell Husted
President Texas Council FFI

NEWS FROM TEXAS RIVERS AND STREAMS!!



Welcome to ROUND 4 of the Fishes of Texas iNaturalist Contest, spotlighting: White Bass

Win this round by submitting the most observations of White Bass to the Fishes of Texas Project on iNaturalist between February 1st-March 31st. So there is still plenty of time to catch some White Bass and get your entry in!!

Each submission will strengthen the dataset used by TPWD and

researchers across the state to aid in the conservation of TX fishes and river ecosystems.

Contest Rules:

- Observations must occur between February 1st – March 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 White Bass and where to fish for them: [here](#) and [here](#).

[Download the iNaturalist app.](#)

[Learn more about how to use iNaturalist.](#)

[Add your observations to the Fishes of Texas Project.](#)

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AND, if a Texas Council FFI member wins the contest, the Council will sweeten the winnings by offering a custom box of what bass fly fishing flies!!!

So get out there and catch some!!! Log them in, and wait to see if you won!!!!

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE NEWS

HUGE News coming out as a House of Representative Member from Waco, Pat Curry has presented a bill on March the 13th, to abolish the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and to realign the current format into other state agencies. As we are hearing this news, it comes to us as a shock, and left our heads spinning on why, what, and unfortunately when?

If HB 4938 passes, it would go into effect on September 1st, 2025. Then, the General Land offices would take over specific duties. The Department of Agriculture would take over specific duties. And the Department of Public Safety would also take over specific duties. That seems to be a very fast turnaround, for a program that is as large as TPWD, and for an agency that all of us have supported for many years. If this bill moves forward to a hearing, it will be time for the public to voice their concerns or support for the bill to move forward. At that time, we should all be prepared to do just that. Let's educate ourselves on the entire process, and only after that should we consider how we react to the bill, and what our action should be, as a public entity.

The Texas Council will do our part, by doing just that. Following the process, educating ourselves on the developing situation, and will do our part to speak, united at some point. We will also be in complete communication with all Texas Council Clubs, and it's members.

Stay tuned for updates on the various ways we communicate to the members and clubs.

SAD NEWS TO SHARE

Sad news to share with you all, the members. Jerry Hamon, Past President, partner in the forming of the Texas Council in 2012, and friend, passed away on the 25th of February. Jerry was with us in the beginning, as a Vice President, he helped us get a board together, and off to a great start. It was his passion and energy we all felt and from then it wasn't long for the Council to accomplish many great things. Jerry was a conservationist, and extremely good fly fisher. He also enjoyed teaching, and spent a good portion of his time doing so. But what he really enjoyed the most, was to fly fish from a kayak. And not very many of us, was as good at it, like he was.

Jerry was always working on, or with someone. If not with the Council, he was busy with other organizations, and retail

companies in the fly fishing industry. Let's just say, we was very well know and involved!! And if not fly fishing, he was serving the community as a police officer. Thank you for your service there!!

We remembered the fun times, that we had at the first two expo's, in New Braunfels. It was big risk for us, being from North Texas, but we pulled them off, and had such a good time. Sharing with you this picture from the 2014 expo. Keira Quam, Jerry and I were presenting her the Texas Council FFI Woman of the Year Award. Was a special time for sure.

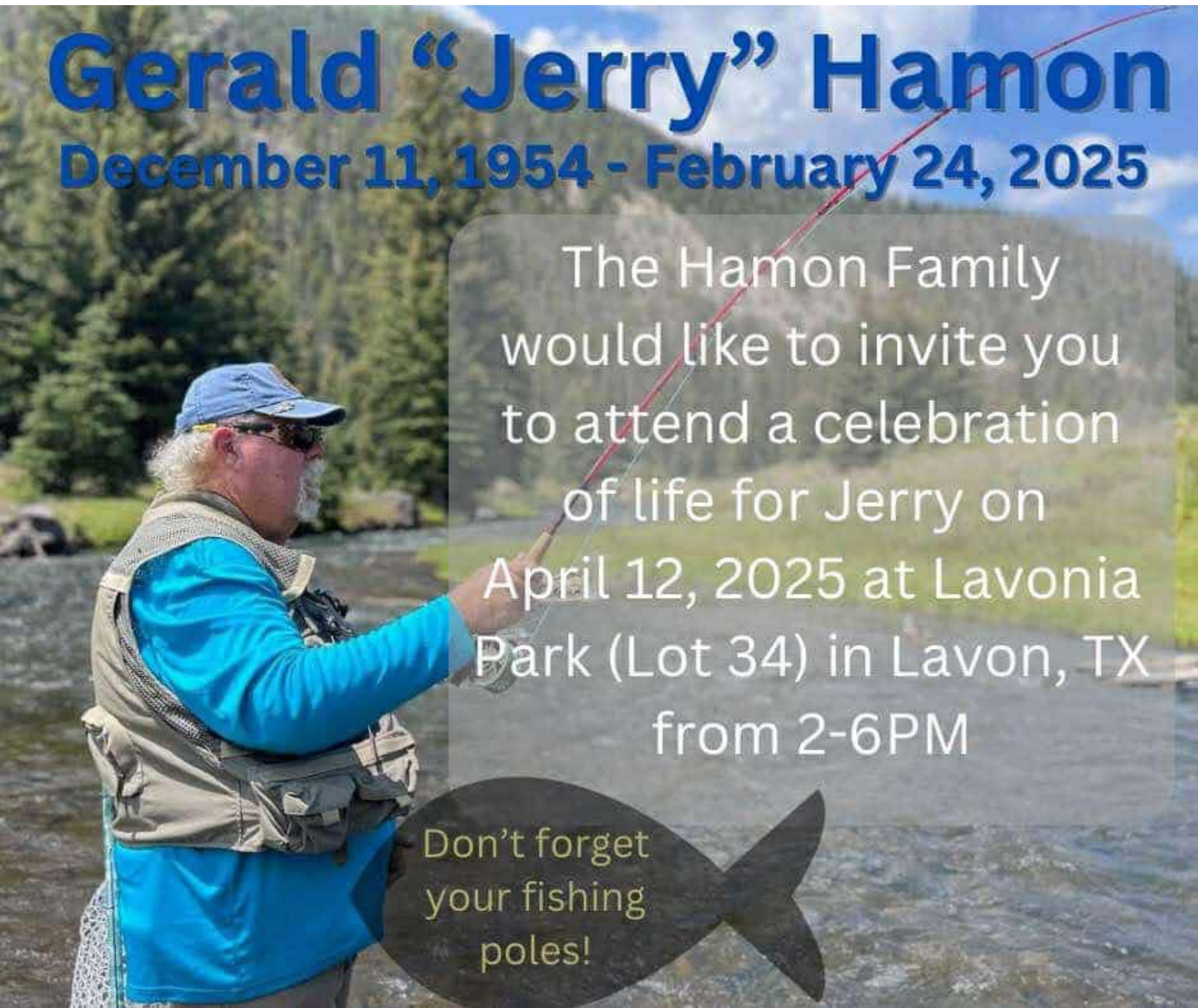
Rest in Peace Jerry!!

Gerald "Jerry" Hamon

December 11, 1954 - February 24, 2025

The Hamon Family
would like to invite you
to attend a celebration
of life for Jerry on
April 12, 2025 at Lavonia
Park (Lot 34) in Lavon, TX
from 2-6PM

Don't forget
your fishing
poles!



Celebration of Life for Jerry Hamon



Join us as we celebrate the life and legacy of Jerry Hamon, a true river steward, storyteller, and passionate fly fisherman. Jerry's love for the water and the people he shared it with created memories that will last a lifetime, and we invite you to honor him the way he would have wanted—by the river, with good friends, good stories, and plenty of flies in the air.

Hosted at Brazos River Fish Camp

Date: March 29, 2025

Location: Brazos River Fish Camp (Between Lake Whitney & Waco)

Time: 9 AM - 4 PM

Come ready to share stories, wet a line, and celebrate Jerry's memory. Whether you knew him from the water or the campfire, we welcome you to bring your favorite Jerry tale, a kayak, and a fly rod (or a conventional rod).

Please let us know if you can make it. RSVP to [**brazosriverfishcamp@gmail.com**](mailto:brazosriverfishcamp@gmail.com)

SAVE THE DATES!! BLANE CHOCKLETT TO DFW!!!! APRIL 7TH & 8TH

Super excited to announce that Blane Chocklett is coming to DFW for a joint meeting with the Dallas and Fort Worth Fly Fishers. Monday night, April the 7th Blane will be in Dallas. Tuesday night the 8th, Blane will be in Fort Worth!! This is an opportunity, for you to come see one of the most innovative tiers in the fly fishing industry. And who also happens to be one of the premiere BIG fish guides in the country!!

Here are the details for the Dallas Fly Fishers meeting that will be on Monday night, April the 7th.

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Beginning in March, the DFF has a new, active line-up prepared for the membership

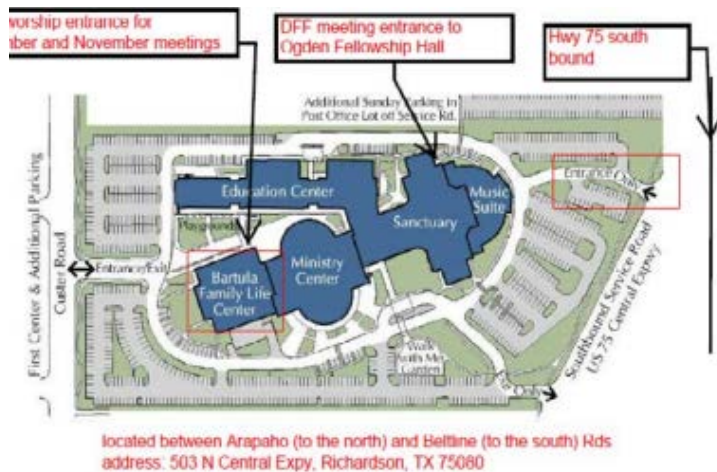
5-5:45 PM - Happy Hour Hang Out + Snack Time @ Burger Island. Yum! (Less than 5 Minutes from First United Methodist on Arapaho) - 525 W Arapaho Rd #8, Richardson, TX 75080
Menu link: checkle.menu/burgerisland_richardson

6-6:45PM - FREE Casting Workshop in the Gymnasium adjacent to the Youth Worship

OR

6-6:45PM - Fly Tying Demo in the Church within the room for the month (Youth Worship for March)

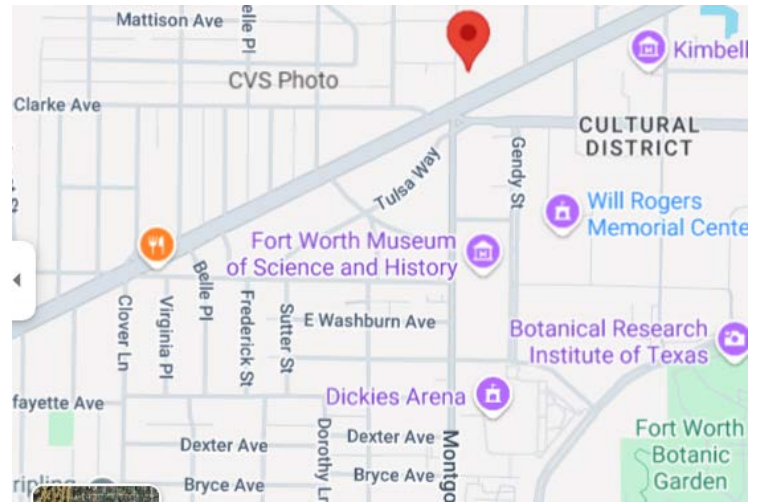
7PM - Presentation



Here are the details for the Fort Worth Fly Fishers meeting that is on Tuesday night, April the 8th.

The Fort Worth Fly Fishers meeting starts at 6:30pm in Room RES114 (Beyer Hall) at the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth on 3500 Camp Bowie Blvd. Before the meeting, many of us stop at Flying Fish in Fort Worth for dinner before we go over to the meeting. Getting there around 5pm – 5:30pm.

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Blane is renowned for his innovative fly designs and his expert knowledge that crosses both freshwater and saltwater. Here is a glowing testimonial from legendary fly fisherman and author, Bob Popovics: “Blane Chocklett is a fisherman’s fly designer. His sense of what makes a fly work is the absolute best, and he has the creativity to fulfill his ideas as I have never seen before. Blane’s designs cross over from fresh to salt water with ease. He works on an idea until it is right – then improves it. And the flies in this book are only the beginning...” — Bob Popovics, author of Pop Fleyes and Fleye Design In addition to his speaking engagement, Blane will also be offering a fly-tying class that afternoon. We are working out the final details, so stay tuned for more information on how you can sign up for this hands-on session. More on Blane Chocklett For those of you unfamiliar with Blane’s work, he is an experienced fly-fishing guide and author who has spent years perfecting his craft and teaching others how to create effective fly designs. You will not want to miss this opportunity to learn from one of the best in the field. We hope you are as excited as we are about these upcoming events! Stay tuned for more details, and we will see you there!

KING FLY RODS AT SCARBOROUGH RENAISSANCE FAIRE

Spring is here. It's time for fishing and for buying that rod you have wanted for years. A great place to find that rod is... Scarborough Renaissance Faire in Waxahachie. Yup, King Flyrods will be showing new bamboo rods for sale as well as taking custom orders.

Skip King has been making custom hand made split cane rods for discerning anglers and collectors in his Virginia shop for nine years. This will be his fifth year at Scarborough. In 2024 Medieval Builders built a fun booth that highlights Skip's craftsmanship. There is a fish pond to entertain young and experienced anglers. (You can watch but you can't catch).

Last year Skip gave presentation at the Fort Worth FFI club on the making of a bamboo fly rod attended by more than 90 members. This year you can visit our booth, hold a piece of exquisite craftsmanship and cast one of our beautiful split cane bamboo fly rods. You can buy or order a special order a rod to your own design.

An fly fisher must present the artificial fly to the fish as if it were a natural occurrence. The angler must also maintain that illusion as the fly drifts with the current. These two tasks require skill and a subtle hand. A bamboo fly rod is an excellent tool for the job.

While much of the equipment in fishing has become high tech traditional Bamboo Rods are experiencing a resurgence in the sport. Bamboo allows greater control of the fly and the line both in the air and on the water. Traditional bamboo rods are represent the high end of fly rods and run the gamut from workmanlike to works of art. The rod makers art is discernible in the taper, planing, and joining of the six precisely formed sections, the silk wrapping around the guides, the quality of components, and the action of the rod. Come visit King Flyrods. Cast a fine bamboo rod. You will be surprised!

Come visit King Flyrods Booth 227 Holyfield at Scarborough Renaissance Festival (www.srfestival.com) weekends April 5 to May 26. Tell us you are a FFI member and we will have a small gift for you. If you've never been to a renaissance faire I assure you it's a hoot for adults and kids. We have food, the Joust, games, crafts, entertainment...

See you at King Flyrods



PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT



The Texas Council hosted the 2nd and hopefully annual Pickleball Tournament on January the 11th. That's right. You heard it here! Pickleball is the hottest sport, sweeping across the nation, that we can benefit from. This charity event was hosted to raise money for the Council, which in turns supports the clubs in Texas. There was three levels of play. Social, Middle of the Court, and Competitive. 36 players played in the tournament. Prizes were awarded to the 1st place winners. We were really impressed with how competitive each level of play was.

Special THANKS go out to the Chicken N Pickle team at the Grand Prairie location. Their community program of supporting non-profit organizations is simply awesome. They were great hosts, and the event would not have had happened without them and this program.

Texas Council Pickleball Recap Tournament Winners!!!

Social Chuck and Lisa Gordon

Middle of the Court Mike Miller and Shari Adams

Competitive James Arevalo and Oscar Saucedo

The Council also took part of the Chicken N Pickle Give Back to the Community night on January the 28th. This program supports Non-Profit organizations, and gives proceeds from the business back to the community group. We are SO THANKFUL for what Chicken N Pickle has done for the Council, and will continue to do support them as well.do support them as well.



INTRODUCING TO YOU THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2025!!

The Texas Council is extremely excited to share with you the Board of Directors for 2025. We are off to a great start, and have so much to offer you the clubs and members this year. We thought it was important to show you the fun side of who we are and that we do in fact have loads of fun, mixed in with our desire to serve. This group of amazing talent, is set to serve. So here we are!! There are still some open Board positions if you or someone you know would like to be a part of. We would love to be able to speak with you about doing just that.

Currently we have these openings. This will not hinder our focus for the year, but it would be nice to fill these vacant board positions, to best assist in the following responsibilities.

Vice – President

Youth Chairman

Women’s Chairman

Conservation Chairman

Education Chairman

Communications Chairman

TPWD Liason



Webmaster Tim Gikas



Tying Mike Hawkins



President Conservation
Richard Haness



Director At Large David Hudnall



Membership Brett Morehead



Secretary Laura Durden

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At – Large Grants Rick Hanes is now



Casting Jim Hund



Casting Ron Ridgeway



Treasurer Michael Quigley

FFI PARTICIPATES IN ABANDON CRAB TRAP REMOVAL

FFI Council Member Ron Ridgeway with “trophy abandoned crab trap” from West Matagorda Bay.

Each February for 23 years, volunteers spend 10 days on the water along the Texas coastline searching the bays for abandoned crab traps.

To date, they’ve hauled off almost 44,000 of these derelict traps, saving an estimated 720,000 blue crabs.

From Feb. 21-March 2, Texas coastal waters will be closed to crabbing with wire mesh crab traps to facilitate the annual volunteer crab trap cleanup.

The Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program (ACTRP) was created by Senate Bill 1410 during the 77th (2001) Legislative session. This bill granted the TPWD Commission authority to create a ten-day crab trap closure that begins the third Friday of each February. Crab traps left in the water during this time are considered litter and may be disposed of appropriately. Before this law, only law enforcement officials could legally remove abandoned crab traps from Texas’ marine waters. Since 2002, volunteers have removed over 40,000 abandoned traps from Texas waters.

Abandoned, lost or derelict crab traps have been identified as a significant source of mortality for a variety of organisms, many of which are recreationally or commercially important. They also create user conflicts, visual pollution and possibly have negative effects on sensitive habitats like seagrass. Not to mention the costly repairs or loss of valuable fishing time experienced by boaters and fishermen whose motors have come in.

Ron Ridgeway with Texas Parks and Wildlife





LIVING WATERS CUSTOM FLY LINE

Living Waters is thrilled to announce our exclusive collaboration with Scientific Anglers, the Amplitude Smooth Texas Taper! A custom fly line built for the Lone Star State and designed by Chris Johnson.

What makes Texas such an amazing fly fishing destination is its wide variety of fish species, water types, and landscapes. In a single day an angler can fish for Rio Grande Cichlids in an urban warm water creek, Rainbow Trout in a cold water tailrace, and Redfish on the coastal flats. There has never been a fly line designed to do it all... until now!

The Texas Taper features a first-of-its-kind fresh/saltwater blended coating over a braided multifilament core, allowing you to transition from winter nymphing on the Guadalupe River to casting streamers on a summertime Devil's River float without changing lines.

This three-quarter heavy line is designed to present delicately at close range and authoritatively deliver flies at a distance.

A part of the Amplitude Smooth series of SA lines, the Texas Taper is feature rich, with the addition of a 10-foot textured, camouflaged tip for enhanced flotation and stealth.

As part of our Fly Fish the Republic® line of goods, the Texas Taper helps to raise funds for native fish conservation within the Old Republic of Texas.

Get yours today exclusively at Living Waters Fly Fishing. Available in sizes 2-8 weight.

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TROUTFEST 2025

Troutfest 2025 is now in the books!! All we can say is that this year's event was one for the record books. Bill Marshall, Co-Chair of the event, and friend of the Council, shared this update with his recap.

On behalf of Guadalupe River Trout Unlimited, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for your support of Troutfest TX 25. Your commitment helped make this year's event one for the record books!

We are thrilled to share that we had a record-breaking **3,400+ attendees on Saturday** and over **1,800 on Sunday**, our biggest turnout ever! Your contributions played a crucial role in making this event a success, allowing us to continue our mission of conservation, education, and community engagement.

If you are sharing photos or stories from the event on social media, we would love to see them! Please **tag us @guadalupe_river_tu** or **invite us to collaborate** so we can help amplify your posts and show case the amazing partners who made Troutfest TX 25 possible.

Thank you again for being a part of this incredible weekend. We look forward to working together again in the future!

Friday afternoon, was the last time to get ready for the show before being put all together, for the next day. It was a beautiful afternoon, but there were reports of possible ice, and cold temperatures the next morning. Well, they nailed that forecast!! The booth we set up outside the day before, was frozen solid!! Upon arriving, and seeing what had happened, that did not deter us from having a great time, at Troutfest, and that is exactly what was had. There were so many booths, and things to do and see. So very well done, and when we finally got a chance to break off from our Council's booth, it was great to see the vendors interacting with the very large crowd. The food and drinks were so amazing, and warmed us up quickly. Looked like the jambalaya was the most popular choice by far.

Shout out to all of the organizations that were set up outside, and special recognition goes out to the Texas Council's Fly Casting Instructors and Good Fly group, that braved the elements and did an awesome job with the participants!! Great job!!

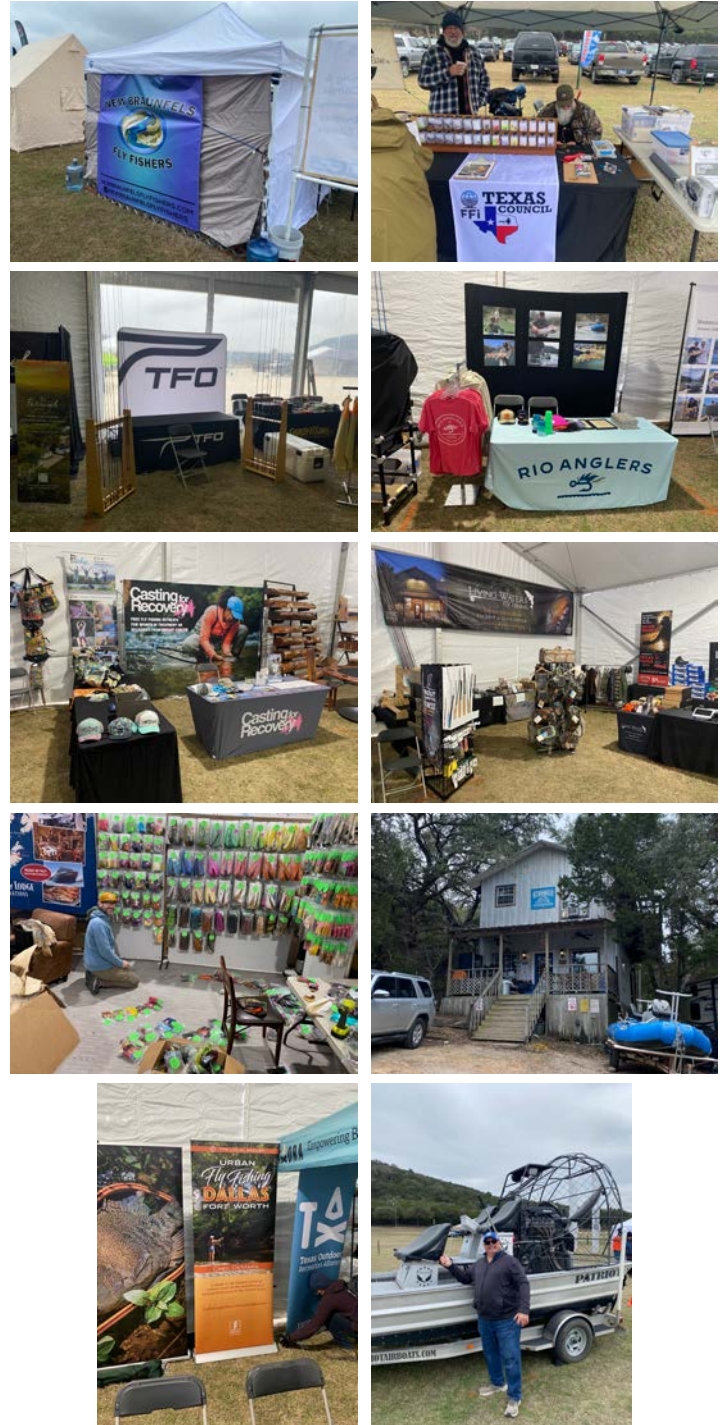
Also, good to see some of the best FFI Fly Fishing clubs in the state there as well. Texas Women's Fly Fishers, New Braunfels Fly Fishers, San Gabriel Fly Fishers, and the TAMU Fly Fishing Club!!

And great to see some of our sponsors there too. Good Fly, Rio Anglers, and our newest sponsor Jeff Preddy with The Fly Hair Co!!

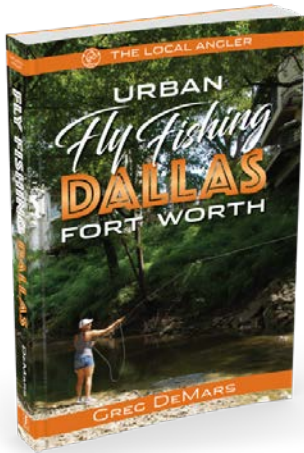
What was really cool, is that we had a raffle for a 4wt Rod and Reel Combo, and one of the young ones who came by the booth, ended up winning the combo!! He was so excited, and I'm sure we will be seeing pics from him soon with his catches!!

Till next year!!

Texas Council



GREG DEMARS NEW TOP SELLING BOOK URBAN DFW FLY FISHING



March has been an exciting month for the DFW area. Greg Demars has released his new book on Urban Fly Fishing in DFW, to the joy of many, many north Texas fly anglers. This new publication is the third of a series that details fly fishing adventures in urban areas. The first two books in the series were done by Aaron Reed, who focused on the Austin area, and Robert McConnell who covered the Houston area. In our everyday, busy parts of our lives, it's hard to get time to go on fly fishing adventures, as much as

we would like to. However, this series of books, details in great depth, how to take advantage of short amount of times, when fly fishing presents itself. The first two books, of which many of us own, was very well done, and adds in other aspects that we enjoy, besides just fly fishing. And Greg's new book, does just that, by adding in the enjoyment of music to the mix. You see, Greg is quite the musician, and enjoys good blues, and southern spins on some great sounds.

Greg has really been out there promoting the new book, and has been making the very busy circuit of events going on throughout the state. And his efforts have been well observed as the book is in the top 5 of the HOTTEST New release books on Amazon's top sellers. Well done here, Greg. He has been seen at Troufest alongside author Steve Ramirez, Fly Fest in Fort Worth, presented at both the Dallas and Fort Worth Fly Fishing Clubs, retail fly fishing locations, and this has all been done before the actual launch of the book, which happened on the 15th of March at Tailwaters Fly Fishing in Dallas!!! Let's just say he has been around!! And all of this has been done, BEFORE the official launch. WOW!!!

I was fortunate enough, and very thankful, to receive a copy well ahead of all of this, and have thoroughly enjoyed this, the third edition of this series focusing on Urban Fly Fishing. I am one of these anglers, that enjoy's taking a quick break away from all of the hustle and bustle in life, to sneak in a little fishing close to the house. And you will also probably find me with some ear buds in, listening to some great tunes along the way. That's what is special about this book is the mix of fly fishing, music, and adventure!! The book also makes it easy to find these areas Greg fishers, through the use of QR Codes, and Google maps. Even better is that if you read, and study the techniques presented in the book, you will be able to have success on any urban creek, or waterway!

<https://flyfishingdallas.thelocalangler.com/>
Enjoy!!!

FIGHTING THE WIND!!!

With March coming into Texas like a lion, it's probably best we re-evaluate our cast so all of us are prepared to have success throwing good loops into the wind at some of our favorite spots. While some of us will be fishing in small creeks and rivers for White Bass, and may not need to be totally concerned about wind, there will still be a lot of us, out stalking Largemouth Bass in the shallow waters, that will need that good loop rolling out to grab their attention!!! And the best way to prepare yourself for fighting the wind, is to practice fly casting into the wind. So, let's take a step back in time, and review one of the Texas Council's sessions of the "Casting Matters" clinics. These were so well done, and our plan is to periodically bring them back out to review. The entire list of casting matters clinic's, is also available for you to review. Thank you Austin Orr for putting this clinic together, and to ALL of the Casting Instructors who put this amazing series together, led by Cari Ray. Great job ALL!!!!

[Fighting the Wind](#)

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"Casting Matters" Library

[How to Grow Your Cast – Creating Your Own Casting Journey](#)

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SAN GABRIEL FLY FISHERS Spring Classic 2025



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 14

Berry Creek Country Club
30500 Berry Creek Drive
Georgetown, TX

Foursome & Hole Sponsor: \$500
Foursome: \$400
Single: \$100

Breakfast and Buffet 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.

Casting for Recovery



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



ARKLATEXOMA FLY TYERS 2ND ANNUAL BLUEGILL BASH ON LAKE O' THE PINES

Friday May 16th, 10 – 5 Saturday May 17th, 8 - 5

Island View RV Park
1100 Lindsey Rd.
Jefferson, Texas 75657
903.767.7930
(30 minutes from Jefferson, Texas)

Friday – Fly Tying and Fellowship
Saturday – Fly Tying and Fishing
There will also be...

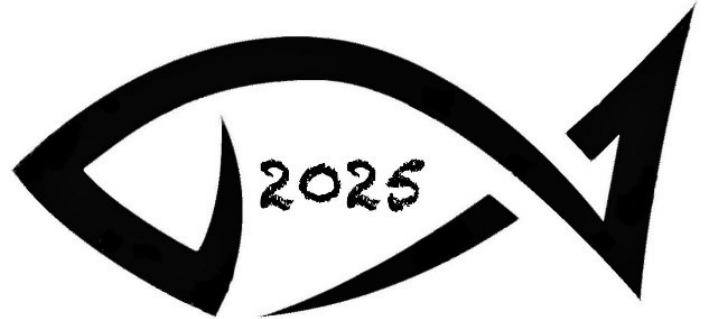
- Casting Contest
- Free Casting Lessons by Certified Casting Instructors
- Mystery Fly Fishing Bream Tournament
- ...and more!

Visit our webpage for more information:

Arklatexomaflytyers.com

Questions feel free to call Mike Hawkins 903.353.3357

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CHASING SHADOWS: RIO ANGLERS AND THE THRILL OF SPRING BASS IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY



The Texas Hill Country, with its clear, spring-fed rivers and rugged beauty, is a haven for anglers. And at the heart of this angling paradise lies Rio Anglers, a new fixture for fly fishing enthusiasts seeking both expert guidance and top-tier gear. More than just a fly shop, Rio Anglers is a gateway to the region's diverse fishing opportunities, particularly the explosive spring bass season.

A Hub for Fly Fishing Excellence:

Rio Anglers, with its welcoming atmosphere, serves as a crucial resource for both seasoned fly fishers and those just dipping their toes into the sport. Their well-stocked fly shop boasts a wide array of rods, reels, lines, and flies, catering to the specific demands of Hill Country waters. Knowledgeable staff, passionate about fly fishing, are always on hand to offer advice, tying tips, and insights into the latest patterns that are proving effective.

Beyond the retail space, Rio Anglers has cultivated a strong sense of community. They host workshops and events, fostering a shared passion for the sport and providing opportunities for anglers to connect and learn. This commitment to education and community makes them more than just a shop; they're a vital part of the Hill Country angling scene.

Guided Adventures on Hill Country Rivers:

For those seeking to maximize their time on the water, Rio Anglers' guide service offers unparalleled access to the region's best fishing spots. Their experienced guides possess intimate knowledge of the local rivers, understanding the nuances of each waterway and the behavior of its resident fish.

Springtime in the Hill Country is synonymous with bass fishing, and Rio Anglers' guides are experts at navigating the fluctuating water levels and pinpointing the areas where bass are actively feeding. As the water warms, largemouth, smallmouth, and Guadalupe bass become increasingly aggressive, making them prime targets for fly anglers.

Spring Bass on the Fly: A Hill Country Spectacle:

The spring bass fishing season in the Hill Country is a spectacle of nature. As the rivers come alive with renewed energy, bass move into shallow water to spawn, creating exciting opportunities for sight fishing. The clear waters of rivers like the Guadalupe, San Marcos, and Blanco allow anglers to spot cruising bass, adding an element of visual excitement to the experience.

Rio Anglers' guides utilize a variety of techniques to target spring bass, including:

- **Topwater action:** Utilizing poppers and other surface flies to capitalize on the explosive strikes of bass feeding

on insects and small prey near the surface.

- **Streamer fishing:** Employing large, flashy streamers to imitate baitfish and crawfish, enticing aggressive strikes from hungry bass.
- **Nymphing:** Employing weighted nymphs to target bass holding in deeper pools and riffles, especially during periods of lower light or colder water.

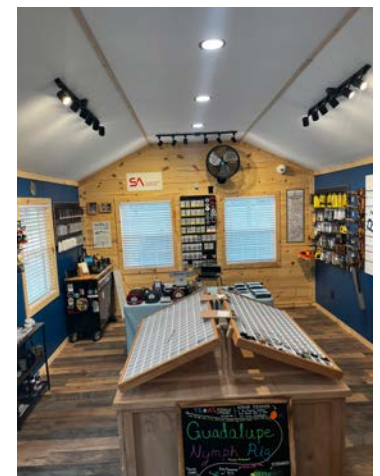
The guides' expertise extends beyond just casting and presentation. They understand the importance of reading the water, identifying key structure, and adapting to the ever-changing conditions. They can teach an angler how to properly set a hook, fight a fish, and release it responsibly, ensuring the health of the fishery for future generations.

The Rio Anglers Advantage:

Choosing Rio Anglers means gaining access to:

- **Local Expertise:** Guides with a deep understanding of the Hill Country rivers and their fish populations.
- **Quality Gear:** A well-stocked fly shop with top-of-the-line equipment.
- **Personalized Instruction:** Tailored guidance to suit anglers of all skill levels.
- **A Commitment to Conservation:** A dedication to protecting the health of the Hill Country's fisheries.

Whether you're a seasoned fly fisher or a beginner eager to learn, Rio Anglers provides the resources and expertise to make your Hill Country fishing experience unforgettable. Spring bass fishing on the fly in the Texas Hill Country is a unique and rewarding experience, and Rio Anglers provides the perfect platform to enjoy it.



FLYFEST 2025

Flyfest 2025, the PREMIERE Fly Fishing Event in DFW, is now one for the books. This was the 10th annual event that calls the banks of the Trinity River in Fort Worth home. After dodging a few angry thunderstorms on Saturday morning the 8th of March, the event attendees started to arrive for the BIG Trout Competition, Fly Tying Presentations, Visual Presentations, vendors, food trucks, kids activities, Casting Sessions and Competitions, and so much more than that!! Crowds were a little on the light side, but that did not stop the group that did come from having a great time.

The BIG Trout Competition started off fast and furious. With anglers catching close to 30 trout in the first heat, it was obvious that this year's competition was going to be one for records!!

A special note from Bridget Norris, who wrote this about her experience in the BIG Trout Contest.

It was another great time at the Trinity Fly Fest this year. I had a great partner with **John Carr**. We caught the most in Heat 1 with 29. Our team got 2nd overall after getting bettered by our other Team Euronymphing Style compadres Jason and Chris with 33 in Heat 2. I caught my most trout ever at any Fly Fest with 18! It was nonstop action! The weather didn't participate like we wanted... cold, windy and rainy but a great day was had by all!!

This year, there was an amazing group of tiers in the Big Tent that hosted hour long presentations, that were very well received, with another stellar group of presenters, that covered a wide range of topics, and places to fly fish inside the ACME Brick conference rooms. Special THANKS goes out to ACME BRICK, again for being such a great host . Check out all of the activities and presenters here!!

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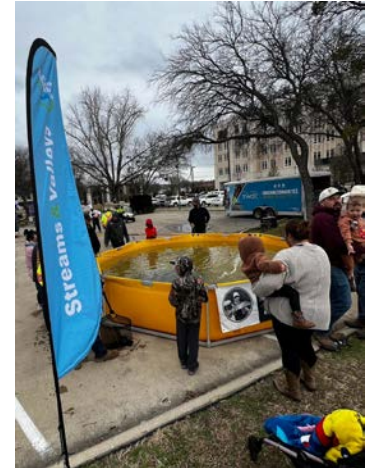
This year, also had it's highest number of vendors, that lined up the banks of the river, showcasing their products and services. It was great seeing so many browsing, and checking out the group. Trips were planned, gear was bought, and stories were told. Add in the food trucks, local beers, and cooking demonstrations with samples of some incredible fish morsels, and this turned out to be another great day at FlyFest.

Special Thanks again GO OUT to Matt Mancino, Lyndsey Law, and the entire TRWD Team. Also to Jennifer Massey, and the entire Streams and Valley's team. To the Fort Worth Fishers and the Texas Council FFI volunteers? Couldn't do it with out you!! And to all of the other volunteers, vendors, sponsors, First Responders, THANK YOU for your role as well.

One highlight for me, was to connect with Clif McMurry again this year. You see Clif is the father of Cline McMurry, who was the very special young man that came to FlyFest in 2023, as one of his last wishes, in his way too short of a time with us!! We honored Cline in 2024, by naming the kids activities areas, Cline's Corner, in honor

of him, and his legacy continued on into this year's event, and will do so again, in ALL Flyfest events going forward!! RIP Cline, and you will live in our memories forever!!

Till next year
Flyfest 2026!!!!



DR. ED RIZZOLO FLY TYING FESTIVAL

The 32nd Annual TFF Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival (DrERFTF) was held on January 25, 2025. It was a fun filled and informative festival held at Terrace United Methodist Church, 1203 Wirt Road, Houston, Texas 77055. We had over 80 attendees! Some attendees came from Dallas and San Antonio and have been attending this festival for years!



The Fellowship Hall worked well for all the fly tiers. However, the church Parlor was too small a room for attendees to sit comfortably for the Fly Tying Presentations. TFF executive committee is looking into remedying this and other concerns for next year's DrERFTF festival.

The Annual Iron Fly Competition was omitted this year as those who could lead it had other commitments.



Some children attended with their parents and learned to tie a fly or two while others already knew and tied them on their own! TFF had two 'Beginner's Fly Tying Tables' at the festival. Several attendees used TFF equipment and assistance from TFF volunteers to learn the fly tying basics and tied a fly. There was much camaraderie throughout the day.

There were three fly tying presenters during the festival including Scott Fossum (regarding weed guards), "Puck" (regarding Marabou), and feature presenter, Josef Borski (demonstrated tying the Borski Slider and the Chernobyl Crab flies).



Josef Borski is a dynamic entrepreneur and seasoned outdoors person based in south Florida. As the founder and operator of Borski Apparel LLC, he brings his love for the coastal lifestyle to life through his dad's unique, custom designs that resonate with fishing enthusiasts and adventurers alike. A licensed U.S. Coast Guard captain and skilled fly-tying specialist, Josef has established himself as a respected figure within the fishing community.



During registration, attendees received a ticket to win one of six door prizes. All enjoyed donuts and coffee in the morning. For lunch, we enjoyed Subway sandwiches (with all the fixings), chips, and cookie with lots of visiting. While lunch was being enjoyed, the numbers for the door prizes were called out, much to the delight of the lucky winners. There was plenty of water and other drinks for the whole day.

Many thanks to Chris Sumers and Howard Finley (Festival Co-Leaders) who organized the festival! Additionally, many thanks to all the other TFF volunteers who helped make this day successful by setting up tables and chairs, the equipment for the Fly Tying Presentations, purchased the food and drinks, worked the registration table, cleaned up, and more.



Photos below are from the festival. Thanks to all who could come!!

BLOODY BABY BUNNY BUGGAR

BY MIKE HAWKINS



This is a great cold/warm water transition fly. I fished a version of this fly at Albert Pike several months ago for trout and had one of my best days ever there. Since then I have caught some nice bass and bream. This is good fly to finish up the trout season and start with some warm water trips. It incorporates a twisted dubbing loop technique that I am really fond of because of the durability. In addition to the dubbing looped body, the bunny strip collars are twisted on thread instead of a wire brush which works much better on a small fly to help reduce the weight and material bulk buildup at the head of the fly. The rabbit strips give the fly a lot of movement in the water. I use a heavy wire nymph hook (Tiemco TMC5262) which gives the fly a more natural lateral fall through the water column even with a brass bead. Hope it works well for you.

Material List:

- Bead - MFC 1/8" (3.3 mm) Brass Beads
- Hook - Tiemco TMC5262 size 8
- Thread - 70 Denier Gray (almost any color will do because thread is buried in collar).
- Body Dubbing - 50/50 Blended Blue and Silver Ice Dubbing
- Collars - MFC Red and Gray Rabbit Zonker Strips (other colors work also)



Photo #1 - Secure bead and wrap a slightly tapered thread body and return thread to bend of hook.



Photo #2 - Make a dubbing loop and twist blended dubbing material.



Photo #3 - Wrap dubbing loop forward to about two eye widths from hook eye at this point make the first dubbing loop with red rabbit strip and make one complete wrap.



Photo #4 - Now form second dubbing loop with silver/gray rabbit zonker strip and wrap a couple wraps and secure behind bead.



Photo #5 - Brush rabbit strip collars forward to blend together and then back to smooth out for finished fly.



On a side note I really recommend the Smhaen dubbing twister. I have used a lot of dubbing twisters and this, hands down is my favorite. Also, the 2" Hairline Material Clip system is the best I have used. Photo #6

UNDERSTANDING YOUR ROD'S WEIGHT, ACTION AND POWER

Fly rods have many characteristics. This article focuses on three: (1) weight; (2) action ; and (3) power. Before addressing these, line weight needs to be put in the proper perspective. Many years ago the AFFTA line chart was created. When created, fly rods were made of fiberglass. Carbon fibers have replace fiberglass. Because carbon fibers are stiffer than fiberglass, rods are now faster and stiffer. Yet, the AFFTA line chart has not changed. To adapt, line manufacturers no longer adhere to the weights in AFFTA line chart. Many lines exceed the maximum grain weights in the chart.

First, there is no objective industry standard for rod weights. Rather a rod manufacturer's assigned rod weight is what it believes. Just because a rod carries a give weight does not mean the rod must be lined with a line of that weight. Second, rod action refers to where a rod bends under a given load. The faster the rod the bend will be closer to the tip. Third, power (also referred to as stiffness) refers to how much a rod will bend under a given load.

So what does this mean to the fly caster?Let's apply this to how casts must be made using the same line to achieve the same distance with two rods, one fast and stiff and the other less stiff with a medium action. Generally, properly loading the faster stiff rod requires application of more force (power) over a shorter casting arc. This stroke is generally fast over a shorter distance. More powerful rods generally require more mass to bend, that is a greater line weight. An alternative is to apply more force (power), but requires more expertise. A slower, medium action rod requires applying less force over a longer distance. Such rods tend to have a larger "sweet spot" and thus are more forgiving.

In the end, don't be afraid of over lining your rod especially if it is fast and stiff. Regardless of the action and power consider trying different line weight to feel the difference and to get the sense of how casting strokes change with differing line weights on the same rod.

Jim Hund

SCOUTING AMERICA MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

Fly Fishing Merit Badge March 15, 2025

On an early Saturday morning, in the piney woods of East Texas, the members of Dallas Fly Fishers and Lonestar Fly Fishers teamed up for a joint venture at Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp. They conducted a beginner fly fishing course for the Scouting American Merit Badge University.

Each Scout will learn parts and balance of the fly rod and how it works, how to demonstrate the ability to cast a fly rod 30 feet consistently and accurately using both overhead and roll cast, tying flies and matching the hatch, learning about different type of flies, including wet, dry, streamers and popper flies.

Scouts demonstrate how to tie knots to prepare a fly rod for fishing. Scouts review a copy of the Texas Fishing Regulations and discuss Fishing Laws.

Further discussions include Fishing Ethics, Sportsman behavior and how it relates to fishing, Code of Scouting America, including aspects of "leave no trace".

This is a day long event and one that always is a pleasure to watch these young people learn a new sport and advance to their next levels in scouting.

Special recognition goes out to all who volunteered for this very successful event!

Thank you





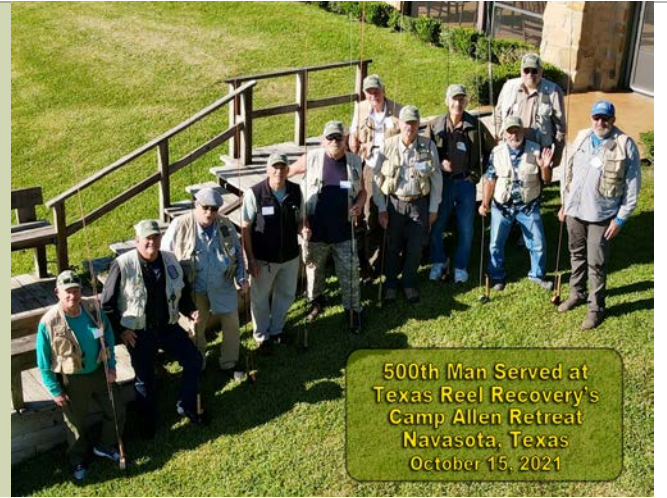
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All meals, lodging and fly-fishing equipment are provided at no cost to the participants. Retreats are led by professional facilitators, trained retreat coordinators and fly-fishing instructors. A maximum of 12-14 men are invited to participate, to 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

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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

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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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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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The 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 2025:

Club	President	City
Abilene	Rick Meyers	Abilene
Aggieland Fly Fishing Club	Hurshell Sullivan	College Station
Alamo	Karson Foster	San Antonio
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Collin	Kevin Grogan	Plano
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Corpus Christi		Corpus Christi
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Texas Fly Fishers	Don Pucket	Houston
Texas Hill Country	Jeff Schroeder	Fredericksburg
TWFF	Katie Cowen	Texas
Waco	Greg Freyer	Waco

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/>

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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.



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



NEW MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL APPLICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General 1-Year \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying Group 1-Year \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General 3-Years \$90 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying Group 3-Years \$48.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior - (65+) \$25 * | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying Group Lifetime \$285 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran - \$25 * | <input type="checkbox"/> Guides Association 1-Year \$30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Student - (22 and under) \$20 * | <input type="checkbox"/> Guides Association 3-Years \$70 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business - \$100 * | <input type="checkbox"/> Casting Renewal 1-Year \$45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime - \$1000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Casting Renewal 3-Years \$120 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Premium - \$1500 ** | (Casting Renewal is for certified instructors only) |

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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.