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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Sherri Ray*

This is embarking on a new journey for me (Star Trek theme in the background please). Ten years ago I didn't know what a fly rod was. Today it seems to be one of the most important things in my life. Is a long, thin piece of graphite that important to anyone? The rod, of course, is my connection to the fish that I can catch (what fun) but there is a lot more to it than that!

I visualize lots of things when I look at a fly rod. First I see my husband. It goes without saying how much I love him and his efforts to drag me into this sport. It was really one of our first connections. Our first dates revolved around a fly rod. He taught me how to use a fly rod. It represents lots of good times fishing, trips taken and experiences shared with friends. Secondly, I see some of the best people in MY world that weren't there before a fly rod and wouldn't be there without it. I have met some of the greatest people from fishing expos, fly shops, riverbanks, fishing clubs and the list goes on. I believe that there is a spiritual meaning for each of our lives and our relationships have a reason. If we are all placed together on this planet trying to survive then who better to share it with but fishers. I treasure the times, good and not so good, that we have all been through. This life is not ALL about fun. Real things with real meanings are deeper and cause us to deal with issues and people and get better as we go along. That is life and we deal with it so we can get to the recreation part of our lives. Recreation has always been an interesting word to me. Take it apart and it is re-creation. To me it means the act of being created again (the world according to Sherri). It is liken to children. Playing is the main job to a child. So, therefore, I think to be re-created means to "play as a little child". When I become the grumpy, depressed and the irritating grown up that I am sometimes, I want to get away from it. One of the ways I "get away" from myself is to re-create myself and one of my favorite forms of

recreation is to fish with fun loving friends. Which brings you up to date with where I am now with you. You all are very important to my re-creation. I truly would like to see this organization be a little less about "organization" and a little more about fun, but we still have a lot of issues for the membership to consider. In some of the correspondence that has been circulating between the new officers we discussed not having a conservation chair. Becky Hand stated that she felt unless we had someone that conservation "trips their trigger" maybe we didn't need one. She felt that there are many other clubs that have taken the subject on as a job and perhaps she is correct. There has also been a lot of discussion regarding fund raising and in particular how to make some profit on our fly rod. Some want to "e-bay" it, some raffle it, others offer it for auction to members. These are just two examples of things that need to be decided with everyone's input.

I wrap this up with two thoughts. First, let's have fun and second, please everyone join together once again to help with decisions and directions for this wonderful club in this early stage of its life. The best club will happen when, through teamwork, flourishing directions and decisions are made by the wonderful members, both past and present, which will also bring in new friends with fresh ideas and enthusiasm to ensure the continuation of energy as members for the future.

There are some exciting trips planned for the year. Returning to the Bud Priddy One Fly event and the Redfish Rodeo. Some new things are being planned such as the trip to the Llano river in Junction Texas. There is also an out-of-state trip planned for Oklahoma to the beautiful Beavers Bend area for trout fishing in November over a long weekend. More details are located on our web-site. The web-site is looking very good and if you haven't visited for a while please do. Check out our newly added officers and fill out your membership form. Join us again for a wonderful year.



## TWFF CLUB NEWS

*Debi Prather*

Please give a welcome and a big thanks to our newly elected officers: Sherri Ray, Becky Hand, our new trustees Audrey Ambrose and Sheila Anderson, and also to Mary Rohrer, who has been appointed by the Board to take over the post of Treasurer to fill out that term until it is up for election next January. I'm very grateful to Coco Davenport for thinking to ask Mary if she would be willing to take over the Treasurer position so that I can go back to doing what I'm s'posed to do, this newsletter, and to Mary for taking on this important job for TWFF.

**TWFF needs a Conservation Chair!** Do you have a strong interest in conservation issues that relate to Texas rivers and fishing? Please consider sharing your interest and knowledge with other TWFF members by serving as Conservation Chair. The Conservation Chair gathers information for our newsletter and website about current conservation issues around the state. As newsletter editor and web info coordinator, I've tried to keep on top of this, but it would be so much better to have someone dedicated to the job. Texas has a variety of strong organizations working to protect our rivers and coastal fisheries, and many worthy activities such as the recent Padre Island Cleanup organized by Billy Sandifer or the upcoming San Marcos River Cleanup, but very often we don't hear about the issues or events in enough time to get the information out to our members. Conservation is an important part of our club's mission—please help.

**TWFF needs a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President!** I'm sorry to report that Kathy Goodlett has just resigned as 1<sup>st</sup> VP. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President is our stand-in for the Prez and is in charge of organizing and soliciting donations for the raffles and auctions at our outings. Much thanks to Kathy for filling in this important

position. The Exec Board must appoint someone asap to fill this important position until it is up for re-election in 2004.

**It's time to renew your membership!** The TWFF membership year runs January-December. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2003, please take time to do this now. See the membership form on page 14.

**Outings! Outings! Outings!** We have got a great lineup for 2003. I'm particularly fond of the **Bud Priddy One-Fly Contest** in May. Last year, to my total shock, I caught an 18" largemouth in Lake Nueces (I'll never fish without a camera again!) --and then my husband Steve walked off with the grande door prize, a \$100 gift certificate at Gruene Outfitters. Was that our day or what? In July, TWFF will do the **South Llano River**, staying at one of my favorite camp spots, **Morgan Shady Park** in Junction. If you think Texas summers are too hot for camping, you haven't been to Morgan Shady. This will be an ideal outing to bring your families, and there is hands down no better guide on the Llano River than Constance Whiston. In August, TWFF goes to **Redfish Rodeo** in Port O'Connor. Did you know that in the 2001 Redfish Rodeo, Ronnie & Sherri Ray caught the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest redfish --26 ½ inches! Finally, to wrap up the year we will go **Trout Fishing in Beaver's Bend, OK** to fish the Mountain Fork River over Veteran's Day weekend in November. This beautiful area of southeast OK is just a few hours from Dallas. The river is stocked biweekly with both rainbow and brown trout.

Renew your membership & make your reservations now so that you don't miss these great opportunities for fishing and fun with TWFF.

PS I hope this lengthy newsletter isn't "information overload," but we want you to know about the planned outings now so that you can reserve your lodging well in advance.

## **OUTING REPORT: TEXAS WOMEN FLY FISHERS AT HOMER MARTIN RANCH**

**January 24-26, 2003**

*Coco Davenport*

Wow, was it cold! We did a lot of huddling around the fire in the Lodge at Homer Martin Ranch.

Friday evening we stoked up the fire, had a great pot luck dinner, played some games and visited.

Saturday morning after breakfast Diane Blair taught about 10 of us how to tie a wooly bugger. Diane is a great teacher and we made several to bring home. Diane even gave each of us a nice box to house our new flies. Then the tiers left to join Ronnie Ray and the wade fishers. Many brave souls went wade fishing, and a few more made it as far as the riverbank to huddle around another fire. The fish were less than cooperative, but a good time was had by all. Saturday evening our dear friends Abby Golman and Annie White offered casting classes before our Pot Luck dinner.

After dinner, Frances Hamm announced the winning bids from our silent auction. Frances and Lavene Jones did a magnificent job soliciting donations and arranging them for bidding. The auction was great fun and very profitable for the club. Items up for bid included a Clearwater rod and reel, donated by Orvis of Austin, a 4-piece travel rod donated by Austin Angler, a fly rod and reel donated by Dallas Fly Fishers, several chestpacks donated by Austin Outdoor Gear & Guidance, Columbia waders donated by Too Chickie, as well as an assortment of flies, books, and other gear donated by TWFF members and others. The high bidders went home with some great new gear obtained at bargain-basement prices and the TWFF coffers were increased by about \$700. A huge thanks are due to Frances for her efforts in putting together another great silent auction!

Another great aspect of this outing was the presence of lots of guys! Having Steve (Debi's husband), Jim (Kerri's husband), Robert (Sheila Anderson's husband), Ronnie (Sherri's husband) and Richard (Diane's husband) along made it even more fun. Some of them spent a good bit of time in the kitchen, and the results were much appreciated.

Sunday morning we held a brief business meeting and election of officers. We had 7 emailed votes from members who could not come--a special thanks to you who emailed in your vote. The proposed changes to the bylaws all passed. Our new President is Sherri Ray, our new 2nd Vice President is Becky Hand. Our new trustees are Sheila Anderson and Audrey Ambrose. Kerri Stephenson and Sheila Anderson are our new historians. TWFF officers presented a plaque to outgoing president Constance Whiston, inscribed "In appreciation to Constance Whiston, Founding President, TWFF 2001-2003: Thank you for your innovative spirit, your time, your dedication and your hard work to the Texas Women Fly Fishers."

A great time was had by one and all. It is always a pleasure to meet at Homer Martins Ranch no matter the weather.

### **UPDATE! NEXT OUTING!**

#### **WHITE BASS RUN -- MARBLE FALLS, TX March 21-23, Riverview RV Park**

Outing Coordinator:	Sherri Ray	Phone:	979/242-3411
		Email:	rsray@cvtv.net

#### **Where To Meet And Eat And Other Details:**

If you are planning to attend the outing, please email the outing coordinator Sherri Ray so we will know who to expect and how many people we should try to get together. Several members have reservations at the Riverview RV Park. The RV Park has a small meeting room that they have so graciously agreed to let us use. The Riverview is located on the southwest side of the Hwy 281 bridge that crosses the Colorado River/Lake Marble Falls in downtown Marble Falls. We will meet there Friday night at 8 pm. to discuss fishing places and possibilities for Saturday. Please meet Saturday night for a "spread". The room has kitchen facilities for our use. The room is not huge, but unless we have a really large group it should serve us well.

Originally, there was a consensus that we should meet and eat at the Bluebonnet Café in downtown Marbles Falls. The "local celebrity" of cafes offers wonderful down home cooking I am told. I went there to try and work out a way for us to eat there as a group on Saturday night but they do not take reservations on Saturday nights. The place is not very large and they are extremely busy on weekends. Several members have stated they do not want to cook, so for those of you who care for a carry-out order from Bluebonnet, it will be available. We will discuss it Friday night, so if you're interested and ARE NOT going to be in on Friday night, email me at rsray@cvtv.net for more details about ordering. One cannot help but notice the absolutely beautiful pies that are available when you walk in the door.

#### **A Few Details About Where To Fish (Other Places To Be Discussed Friday)**

The Max Starkey dam is located on Max Starkey Rd just south of town on Highway 281. When on Max Starkey Rd. stay right and don't be surprised when the road becomes mostly a trail. There is a private access area with a small fee. I checked this out on the way home from Homer Martin and the

fee at the time was \$2 per person and \$5 per carload. Be prepared for a steep descent into this area to fish. There is a concrete railway, previously used to carry materials for the dam's construction, to get down to the water.

I am told it is possible that this area can be quite crowded during the bass run and there are other places to fish within short driving distance of Marble Falls. There is Inks Lake and dam (approx. 20/25 miles), the Llano River (approx. 30/35 miles), Long's Fish camp and other places in Kingsland (approx. 15/20 miles) and Colorado Bend State Park (approx. 40 miles) if you're interested, to name a few. Another point of interest close to Marble Falls is the Longhorn Cavern State Park if you're a cavern person.

### **What To Bring For Fishing**

A 4-7 wt. flyrod and 7 foot leader with 5-7 lb. tippet . Streamer type minnow imitation flies such as Clouser minnows, Cypert Minnows and muddler minnows. White, gray, yellow, chartreuse and reds are popular colors. Hook sizes 2, 4, 6 and/or 8. Floating line is ok. Sinking line/full sinking line and split shot could possibly be advantageous. Practice casting with weighted flies might be a good idea if you aren't used to it. Longer casting strokes and open loops will prevent the weighted flies from landing in your cap or on your fishing buddy.

If you are looking for lodging other than RV spaces there are several hotels in the area:

### **Other Lodging**

**Hill Country Motel.** 1101 Highway 281 North, Marble Falls, Texas 78654, Phone 830 693-3637, Toll Free 1-877-977-6634, [www.hillcountrymotel.com](http://www.hillcountrymotel.com), I stopped by this hotel because they had a sign outside saying they had the best prices in town and they looked neat. I spoke with a guest representative who said that their normal rate is \$75 a night, however, if we were needing four to five rooms she could offer them for \$69 a night but we need to book them ASAP or she couldn't offer that rate. If this seems like an option you are interested in email me for details at [rsray@cvtv.net](mailto:rsray@cvtv.net). You might try calling and see what rate you are offered.

**Hampton Inn Marble Falls-On The Lake**, 704 First Street, Marble Falls, TX USA 78654, Phone: Phone 830-798-1895, The Hampton is located across the bridge on the other side of the river from the Riverview RV Park.

**Ramada Limited Of Marble Falls**, 1206 Hwy. 281 North, Marble Falls, TX USA 78654, Phone 830-693-7531 FAX: 693-7080

**Best Western Marble Falls Inn**, 1403 Highway 281 North, Marble Falls, TX USA 78654, Phone 830-693-5122, FAX 693-3108, Toll Free Res. Line: 1-800-Western



**New TPWD Fishing Guides:** TPWD Fisheries Division has created color tri-fold flyers containing maps and directions to some of the best urban fishing in Texas. Flyers for Houston, Dallas and Austin are available now, and one for San Antonio is in the works. See the TPWD website, <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/gofishing/index.html>.

## WHITE BASS TIPS FROM CHARLIE CYPERT

*Coco Davenport & Debi Prather*

On Saturday Feb. 1, 2003 Charlie Cypert presented a White Bass Seminar at the Orvis store in Austin. Charlie showed slides of his favorite white bass holes and some of the bass he has caught in previous years during white bass runs.

Every year in early spring, white bass, or sand bass as they are also known, leave the lakes and migrate upriver to find moving water in which to spawn. The exact timing of the annual white bass run depends upon the water temperature, but generally in Central Texas the main run lasts from March to mid-April. Charlie reported that as of early February, the bass were holding at about 10-12 feet. As air and water temperatures warm, the bass move progressively into shallower areas of the lakes and then up the rivers and into their tributaries. Often, the white bass are accompanied by stripers and hybrids, which can make for some very exciting fishing. The bass may travel as far as 40 miles upriver, or until they encounter a dam that stops their travel. The smaller ones (males) start the run while water temperatures are still in the 50's, and the females follow when water temperatures get into the 60's. The fish usually move through the shallows during the night and stack up in deep holes to rest and feed. After the spawn, in April-May, the fish will go back downriver to the lakes.

**WHAT TO USE.** Charlie suggests using a 6 wt. sinking line for deeper holes, with #10 -12 hooks for white bass, but if stripers are present you can go as big as #6-#4 hooks and 10-lb leader. For smaller fish, 4-5x tippet and small flies in white and gray work best in very clear water; in muddy water use black or chartreuse. He recommends 4-6lbs fluorocarbon tippet for white bass.



### WHAT FLIES

The Cypert minnow is a favorite among white bass fishermen. You can find the recipe to make this wonder fly by logging on to <http://users2.ev1.net/~morger/Flyfishing/WarmWater/WPatterns/Baitfish/cyperts.htm> or just check out the website so you know just what to buy. Another favorite is the clouser minnow with bead chain eyes and marabou tails -- but he recommends that if the water is very clear, pull some of the hairs out of the fly to make it very sparse. Gray and white seems to be a favorite for white bass. Most anything that looks like a minnow will work. Early on the season, he uses a marabou minnow pattern, which will create a lot of action while just barely moving along the bottom. Use two or three short strips with lengthy pauses and let the current impart most of the action. As the water warms, white bass become more active and thus are more willing to take a faster-moving fly. When fish are active, Cypert switches to a sparsely tied streamer pattern, such as a skinny-water Clouser fished relatively fast. Also, toward the end of the run, once the fish have been up the river awhile, they will have eaten most of the larger minnows, so they switch from the larger forage to smaller minnows. That makes it necessary to drop down to a smaller streamer pattern towards the end of the migration.

### PLACES TO GO

Texas Parks and Wildlife <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fish/infish/news/whitebass2.htm> has a wonderful article of places to go fish for white bass very informative and helpful. It includes Canyon Lake, Lake Georgetown, Granger Lake, Lake LBJ, Lake Limestone, Lake Somerville, Lake Travis, Lake Waco, Lake Whitney, and Lake Buchanan.

## **WHITE BASS AT REIMERS RANCH (PEDERNALES RIVER) -- UPDATE FROM MARTIN PURSCH, HEART OF THE HILLS FLYFISHERS**

*Submitted by Coco Davenport*

There are reports of white bass beginning to run up the local rivers. The wife and I drove Sunday to check out one report. Smaller male white bass have started their run up the Pedernales River out of Lake Travis. One place to fish this run is at the Reimer Ranch. To get to the Reimer Ranch, the directions (*from Fredericksburg*) are as follows: Drive to Johnson City. Turn left off 281 and drive North toward Marble Falls. After about 11 to 12 miles, you come to the small town of Round Mountain. Turn right on FM 962. At about the 7 to 8 mile mark you will cross Cypress Creek and come to Cypress Mill. Turn left to stay on FM 962. At the 6 to 7 mile mark you will cross the Pedernales River. From the bridge drive 1.4 miles. The Reimer Ranch gate is on the left. Pipe at the entrance is painted green. There are signs at the entrance but hard to see coming from this direction. From the gate follow the sign and main dirt road to the check in point at their home (about 2.6 miles). I talked to the lady living there (Mrs. Reimer?) and she reported the following: The river has been on a rise from our rains and is muddy. Before the rise, they were catching limits of small male white bass. Check the regulations for where you are fishing. Statewide the law is 10" min - daily bag 25. But, the best I can determine, the size and limit on this part of the river is 12" min - daily bag 25. (please note - I am not a lawyer and/or surveyor) She believes that in a day or two the river will be back down and will start to clear. She believes the larger females will then be in the river. I did not drive to the river's edge but we looked at it from a hill not far away. She says you will be able to wade the river or use a kayak or canoe. The river looks wide but not sure how wide until it goes down. She said the main deeper river bed is in about the middle of the river. When fishing for white bass, remember they will be hugging the bottom of the river bed so you have to fish close to the bottom. You may have to use a sink tip or full sinking line. They like minnows, so some of the more popular flies are white or silver with lots of flash. Chartreuse is also popular. Clousers - Chart/white and Cypert Minnows should work well. Reimers' normal hours are 7 AM -8 PM Thursday thru Sunday but she said from now till April 1 they will be open everyday. The cost is \$3.00 per person.

*Editor's Note: The phone number to Reimer's Ranch is 512-264-1923. Reimers Ranch is approximately 25 miles southeast of Marble Falls via Hwy 281/FM 962.*

*Directions from Austin/Highway 71: Take 71 north/west, turn left at the light at RR 3238, (Hamilton Pool Road). There is an Exxon on the corner. It is 11-12 miles to Reimers. You will pass Hwy 12 at 6 miles or so, Reimers is about 5 miles past that. They have a sign by their drive.*

### **Fish Kill Reported at Lake Granbury**

A fish kill on Lake Granbury, possibly due to Golden Algae washed downstream from Possum Kingdom, is currently under investigation. So far the biologists estimate a loss of over 3 million fish in Lake Granbury with more dying every day. So far the water samples from Lake Whitney have been negative for Golden Algae, but with the rain predicted for the weekend, there will be water releases from Granbury, which will flush it down to Whitney.

**LOST CANYON OUTING AT CAMP WOOD, TX**  
**Bud Priddy Memorial One Fly Contest**  
**May 16 - 18, 2003**

Outing	Sheila Hood	Phone:	512/932-3826
		Email:	sahood@n-link.com
Coordinators:	Mary Rohrer	Phone:	830/997-6352
		Email:	rohrer@fbg.net

Join us for a great weekend of fly fishing a fun contest in a wonderful river in the beautiful countryside. The Bud Priddy One Fly is sponsored by Alamo Fly Fishers and other South Texas Federation of Fly Fishers clubs. This informal contest takes place on the headwaters of the Nueces River in Camp Wood, TX. Prizes are awarded for catching the largest bass, largest perch (sunfish), and the most fish - but the catch is, you can only use one fly, all day. For details of last year's TWFF participation in the Bud Priddy see the May outing report on the Past Outings page of our website.

TWFF has booked the six cabins at Lost Canyon (<http://www.lostcanyon.org/>) for the weekend. Rooms are also available at local motels and RV/tent camping is available. See the Lodging section below for details. **Lost Canyon cabin reservations must be made by April 1 to Mary Rohrer.** Please do not call Lost Canyon for cabin reservations.

**Outing Registration:** Please inform Mary Rohrer of the names of all members of your party and where you will be staying. There is no registration fee for this outing.

**What to Bring:** Gear - hat, sunscreen, wading shoes, sandals or booties, rain suit, lightweight waders if desired, nylon or quick-dry clothes, sun gloves, warm clothes (for possible chilly nights), camera and film, binoculars (for great birding and wildlife), swimsuits, lunch, snacks and water bottles—enough for all-day fishing. Kayaks are useful for fishing Lake Nueces, home some of the clearest water you'll ever see as well as at least one 18" bass—but floating this stretch of the Nueces often requires more walking than paddling. Be prepared.

**Suggested Flies and Lines:** Bring your 5, 6 or 7 weight rod and tie on some heavy fluorocarbon or monofilament leader and tippet. Constance and Debi, (last year's biggest fish winner) suggest a 0X or 1X leader and tippet to be on the safe side. Flies such as clousers, jig head nymphs, wooly buggers and poppers can be used -but remember only "one fly" all day. You won't need a sinking line, just use your regular weight forward floating fly line.

**Food:** Bring food for dinner for Friday night, breakfast/lunch for Saturday, and breakfast/lunch for Sunday. Restaurants are also available in Camp Wood. Saturday night's dinner is provided as part of the entry fee for the contest.

**Schedule of Events:**

Friday: 7 pm Welcome gathering at Lost Canyon

Saturday: 7-8:30 am Bud Priddy One Fly Contest Registration at Lindbergh Park in Camp Wood (\$15 entry fee includes buffet TexMex dinner at Casa Falcone at 6 pm, raffle ticket for great door prizes, a map, measuring tape, pencil & zip lock bag).

Sunday: Brief business meeting Sunday am, time TBA. You are on your own for fishing or enjoying the resort.

## Lodging Information

**Lost Canyon Facilities:** Each kitchen is fully equipped with pots, pans, utensils, coffee maker and microwave. Ice is not available on premises. Smoking is not permitted in buildings. This facility covers 680 acres, including a crystal clear creek and two large ponds, one for boating and fishing, the other for swimming, beyond which are hills, draws, pastures for hiking amidst abundant wildlife and great birding. A barn has been converted into a well-lit and comfortable library that holds over 2,000 books and current periodicals. In addition, there is a tennis court, basketball court, volleyball net and a canoe. See the Lost Canyon website (<http://www.lostcanyon.org/>) for additional information.

**Lost Canyon Check In** is available after 1 p.m. on Friday. Check Out is by 6 p.m. on Sunday.

**Directions** from San Antonio: (2.5 hours) Take Hwy. 90 to Uvalde. Go north from there on Hwy 55 (this involves a right turn at the town square, then a left turn at the north edge of town just after the railroad overpass). Take Hwy 55 through Camp Wood to Barksdale, where the only right turn you can make is County Road 211. Take the County Road 211 (also known as Dry Creek Road) 4 miles to resort gate on the left and has a sign for resort. Lost Canyon is 3.5 hours from Austin. Check [www.lostcanyon.org/directions.htm](http://www.lostcanyon.org/directions.htm) for map and directions.

**Cabin Reservations:** Make your reservations with Mary Rohrer via email and specify which cabin. Please make your check payable to Lost Canyon. Please include the 6% state tax in your check, and send it by April 1, 2003 to: Mary Rohrer; 279 Rocky Hill Lane; Fredericksburg, TX 78624. (Checks will be held until the outing - if you need to cancel before May 1, we will return your check. Cancellations after May 1 will depend on our being able to fill your cabin reservation.)

There are six cabins, each with a fully equipped kitchen, and all but Lago Vista are air-conditioned. The full service rate includes linens and cleaning after your departure. Tax is an additional 6%. Cabin descriptions are available at the Lost Canyon website.

The following three cabins are still available for your reservations:

Tree Tops: (1 QB, 2 Twin Beds) (\$95.00 FS ) This cabin is on stilts and has an outside deck, perched among the oak trees that shade it.

Escondido: (1QB, 3 Twin Beds, Add. Rollaway bed can be added) (\$100.00 FS ) 2 bedrooms: one with queen bed on main level one with 3 twins on upper level. Also has an oak-shaded front patio.

Los Jefes (1 QB, 1 Twin Bed, sleeper couch) (\$105.00 FS) 2 bedroom cabin that overlooks the upper pond and hills.

(Manana, Chama and Lago Vista are already booked.)

**Local Motel Accommodations:** Please make your reservation directly with the motel.

Nueces River Motel 830-234-3648 (Closest to Lost Canyon Resort)

Woodbine Inn 830-597-2310

Hill Country Motel 830-597-3278

Ledge Water Camp 830-234-4178

**Camping** is available at Uvalde County's Cooksey Park on Lake Nueces, approx. 3 miles south of Camp Wood. (830) 597-3223, email: [Cooksey@peppersnet.com](mailto:Cooksey@peppersnet.com) or see their website, <http://www.campwood.com/CookseyPark/>.

If you are planning to stay in a motel or camp, be sure to let Mary know that you are planning to attend the outing.

## **SOUTH LLANO RIVER OUTING**

**July 11 – 13, 2003**

Outing Coordinator: Constance Whiston      Email: [cwhiston@io.com](mailto:cwhiston@io.com)  
Phone: 512-916-4393

### Preliminary Announcement

TWFF will travel to Junction, Texas to fish the spring-fed South Llano River, which is home to native Guadalupe Bass and Rio Grande Perch as well as largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish, and other species. Outing headquarters will be Morgan Shady Park (<http://www.morganshadypark.com/>), located on the banks of the South Llano as the river pools to form a small lake in downtown Junction. With its grassy banks and huge pecan trees, the privately owned Morgan Shady Park is an ideal spot for summer camping in the Hill Country. Flowing out of the “Land of 1100 Springs,” the South Llano maintains an adequate flow and the lake waters remain cool and refreshing even in the middle of our long, hot summers.

TWFF has reserved *The Patio* at Morgan Shady Park, which will provide a joint cooking and dining area and will accommodate 6-8 tents. The park also has dedicated RV spots with electrical hookups. For those who prefer indoor accommodations, Junction has many moderately priced motels within a 10-minute drive of Morgan Shady Park.

Ed Lowe of Dallas’s Celebration Restaurant will provide a catered grilled chicken dinner on Saturday evening, to allow us to have a full day of leisurely float fishing from South Llano River State Park to Morgan Shady Park. This six-mile stretch of river has only small rapids and is suitable for novice paddlers. If you prefer to forego the river trip, there is also wadefishing and bank fishing at Morgan Shady Park as well as at the South Llano State Park and at a river crossing near the Texas Tech campus (about 2 miles upstream of Morgan Shady Park, 10-15 minutes by car).

Bring your friends and family and join TWFF in a great Hill Country summer campout. Call to make your camping and lodging reservations now! Morgan Shady is a small but popular family campground that books up fast in the summer.

### **Reservations**

**Lodging:** For shared TWFF tent space, contact Constance Whiston ([cwhiston@io.com](mailto:cwhiston@io.com), 512-916-4393). For an individual RV or tent site at Morgan Shady Park, please contact Lavene Hardin at Morgan Shady Park, telephone 915- 446-2071, email [Hardinco@ktc.com](mailto:Hardinco@ktc.com). Rates and facility descriptions are available on the park website, <http://www.morganshadypark.com>. For cabin or motel reservations, please see the list below and make your reservations directly.

**Dinner Reservations:** Contact Constance Whiston to sign up for the catered dinner on Saturday evening. The menu will be grilled chicken, a fresh green salad, wild rice, green vegetable and Dutch oven cobbler, at a cost of \$8 per person.

**Canoe/Kayak Rentals.** See the outfitters listed below.

**Area Motels**

Comfort Inn	Located at I-10, exit 456	(915)446-3572 800-228-5150
Day's Inn	Located at I-10, exit 457	(915)446-3730 800-329-7466
Hills Motel	1520 Main Street	(915)446-2567
Kimble Motel	1110 Main Street	915)446-2535
La Vista Motel	2040 Main Street	(915)446-2191
Lazy T Motel	2043 Main Street	(915)446-2565
Slumber Inn	2343 Main Street	(915)446-4588
Sun Valley Motel	1611 Main Street	(915)446-2505 866-446-2505
The Legends Inn	1908 Main Street	(915)446-8644 877-445-8444

**Cabins:**

Fox Hollow Cabins. Off Hwy. 377 South 4 miles south of State Park along the South Llano River. (915) 446-3055. Completely furnished -- kitchens, stove, refrigerator, dishes, linens, AC. Each cabin can accommodate up to eight.

Goodman Cabins : 10 miles south of Junction. Charles & Shirley Goodman. Along the South Llano River (915) 446-3870. Paddleboat & Trampoline Canoeing, fishing, swimming, or quiet resting. Completely furnished, Bathrooms, cooking facilities. Linens furnished - except for towels.

**Canoe & Kayak Rentals.**

If you plan to rent a canoe or kayak from a local outfitter, please make your reservations early.

Fox Hollow - (915) 446-3055. Old Town Canoe rental  
South Llano River Canoes-(915) 446-2220 or write Curtis Thomas P.O. Box 372, Junction, Texas. 76849.  
Sonny's Canoes-(915) 446-2112 or 214 Patricia, Junction, TX. 76849. Canoe rentals.

More details will be available in the May newsletter.

**Guadalupe Update.** Scott Graham reports (2/2/03) "Although the river clean up is still in full swing, the Guadalupe is fishing pretty good. Last week I had two clients that hooked about eighty trout between them, most days we're hooking between 15 and 30 fish per person. We have landed a few large males up to about 17 inches and a couple of females to 21 inches. The average size is about 11-13 inches. The weather has been a little funky with some mornings that we're having to pick the ice out of the rod guides and other days we're fishing in short sleeves. The water temperature has been between 42 and 50°.



Numerous other cabins and tent/RV campgrounds are located in the vicinity. For a listing, see the Beavers Bend State Park web site. (Click on Park Lodging and Dining/ Beaver Bend Cabins/ Rates; the table at the bottom of the page has contact information for other cabins in the area.)

Whip-poor-will has 18 rental cabins with rates ranging from \$55 to \$155. Cabins are available now (mid-February) – but please **make your reservations soon because the cabins will book up quickly**. (Whip-poor-will cabin reservations can be cancelled without penalty up until 7 days before your reservation date.) All cabins are air conditioned, and have fully equipped kitchenettes, charcoal grills, country decor, and cable TV. Reservations can be made by phone (580-494-6476) using Master Card/Visa, American Express, or Discover cards. **Please make your reservations directly with Whip-poor-will or the resort/campground of your choice**. Whip-poor-will has a restaurant on site (Steaks/Italian) for those who do not want to cook.

**RV/Tent Camping** is available at Beavers Bend State Park (no reservation required) as well as the nearby Lake Pines (\$17/ night for full hook ups). Lake Pines is approx. 5 miles from Whipoorwill, and is located approx. 1-2 miles outside of the park just past the turn on the park road. Tel. 580-494-6464 (no website).

### Beavers Bend State Park

Two nearby fly shops are very helpful with fly information, fishing places etc--one fly shop is located on the highway at the entrance to the park; the other shop is in the park on the river. The park has several beautiful locations for wade fishing with convenient parking nearby, and good kayaking. The park also has a park store and a restaurant with a really good breakfast for your convenience. Located adjacent to the restaurant is a wildlife rescue shelter where injured wild animals are being nurtured back to health. For the non-fishers, Beavers Bend is also popular for eagle watching and golf.

**Fishing License.** You will need a temporary (3-day or 7-day) Oklahoma Fishing License, which can be purchased at the park office of Beavers Bend State Park.

More details will be announce as we get closer to the outing date.

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