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TWFF Business Update

Voting for new officers is now open to the general membership. Please cast your votes for the open positions below. You may send your votes via email to officers@twff.net before January 19, 2004, or you may vote in person at the January Trout Outing member meeting.

- First Vice President:** Audrey Ambrose (Two-year term)
- Secretary:** Lavene Jones (Two-year term)
- Treasurer:** Mary Rohrer (Two-year term)
- Trustees (two):** Kerri Stephenson, Jo Schauf, Barbara Booth and Julie Sieh (One-year term)

If you are interested in serving as an officer, or if you have any questions about these positions, please contact Sherri Ray.



Welcome Our New Members!

- Kelly Callahan, Pflugerville
- Nancy Unbehaun, Marble Falls
- Glo Coalson, Dallas
- Karin Crane, New Braunfels
- Angela Mendoza, League City
- Mara Mays, Austin



TWFF at EXPO





From the President

Sherri Ray

The TWFF trip to Oklahoma was a fantastic trout fishing experience. If you weren't there we missed you. Pictures are posted up at imageevent.com, click the photos link on our web site to view them. It was a trip where everyone was catching fish. The weather was cool and just right for hats and gloves and neoprene waders. It was a great warm up for our upcoming trip to the Guadalupe. Our Guadalupe accommodations at the Summit have always been so nice. If you can only make one trip with TWFF this year make sure it is this one. The trout fishery is well on it's way to recovery from the floods. Reports have indicated that the fishing is greatly improved. Our coordinators have worked out a plan for a catered dinner for Saturday night and we will have a speaker, Dr. Bill Harvey of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Our outing schedule is ready but it will need some input from all of you. The January, March, May, and July outings are definite but there are some options for September and November. We will be asking for your input to decide for sure where we will be going. In addition, there are some officer positions open for election and we will need you to vote on this also. There will be more details later in this newsletter regarding the Guadalupe outing and on voting.

I am pleased to announce that Eileen McLaughlin is our new webmaster. Eileen has great ideas and we are excited to have her aboard. Thanks to Sheila Anderson and Kerri Stephenson for bringing her in. How many more talented people do you all have hidden at home? Previously Rudi Donaldson has been our webmaster and created a beautiful website that has been very advantageous for our club. We are grateful to Rudi for her volunteering to put as much hard work and creativity into the site as she did.

Some members of TWFF traveled to South Padre in October for the International Women's Fly Fishing Festival. We met lots of fly fishing women from all over the country and from Canada and New Zealand. If you would like to know more info ask me, Becky Hand, Audrey Ambrose, Coco Davenport or Sheila Hood.

The period between TWFF's scheduled outings from early November to late January is a great time in Texas for fishing. Thanks to the Texas Parks and Wildlife department, the trout stockings are an opportunity to trout fish. If you will check out the trout stocking schedule at http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fish/infish/reports/trout_stocking.phtml I feel sure you will find a fishery that is being stocked practically in your own back yard. Trout fishing seems very mysterious to native Texans because it isn't the sort of fishing that we have done previously. Most of us understand how a catfish, bass or perch thinks and eats and it is simple and straightforward. The trout on the other hand seems a bit different. We need to think about how trout think, what scares them, what motivates them, when they feed, when they travel and other factors essential to catch trout. The color of your clothing matters - if you can see them they can see you. Breaking twigs or nudging rocks scares trout away. The water temperature is important to trout unlike other species in Texas. Locating where trout like to position themselves is also an important factor. The first time I trout fished in Oklahoma a fly shop owner said that bass fishers make the mistake of standing in the trout and casting to the bank instead of the opposite. Of course, we are used to casting to bass hiding in the shadows near the banks so therefore we continue the same approach. Friday night of the Guadalupe outing we will have a discussion at the clubhouse at 7:30 about all of these things. If you have facts, information, books or videos you would like to share bring them. We will also discuss equipment and knots and where and how to fish. You are going to LOVE catching trout! I must mention The Summit just once more. I have discussed The Summit in previous newsletters but to the new members you are in for a treat. Accommodations take a back seat on most outings to the fishing but this trip includes a great place to stay with a wonderful meeting/dining room. Bring yourselves whether you are a beginner or an expert. We can help you or learn from you. It promises to be a great time in the Texas outdoors.




TWFF 2004 Outings

The January outing is upon us and will happen shortly, the following outing will be in March. Most agree that this outing needs to be a week earlier than the white bass outing last year. May is our traditional outing to the Nueces River for participation in the Bud Priddy One Fly Tournament. The date for the tournament is 05/15/2004. The July outing will be at the Homer Martin Ranch the second weekend in July. Some folks thought September would be a good month for this particular outing but the month of September was already booked. Starting with the September outing we would like for the membership to be involved in deciding where we will go. *We would ask members to make suggestions for anything they would like to add to the options listed below.* Galveston has been suggested as an option for an outing because it would be very convenient for our Houston members, also it would give us a salt water outing in our schedule. In the past we have fished the Red Fish Rodeo but it is held in August and does not fit our current schedule, however, several of the members will still fish it and we can organize a group if there is enough interest. Another suggestion for September has been the Medina River. This outing was canceled in 2002 due to flooding. This river is very shaded and cool and a good idea for hot weather. Previous accommodations were made at the Riverfront motel, they have a site at www.texashillcountrymall.com/riverfrontmotel. The November outing also needs consideration. The Galveston area has excellent fishing in November. If the weather is good this promises to be a good outing. Beavers Bend was a great November outing. The temperature was in the high forties the fish were abundant and the fall colors were pretty. Bastrop is a possibility especially for fly tiers. The State Park has really great cabins with fireplaces and the central location for all members would be a plus. It is also a good place to hold casting clinics/practice and for kayak fishing on the lakes/ponds.

The first four outings are set:

January	Guadalupe River	Trout-fresh water Jan. 23, 24.
March	Reimers Ranch-Austin	White Bass Run-fresh water-March 13,14
May	Bud Priddy-Nueces River,Camp Wood	One Fly Tournament-fresh water species-May 15 2004
July	Homer Martin Ranch	Second weekend in July
September	**1. Galveston	Bay fishing-salt water (convenient for members from Houston area)
	**2. Medina	**Medina River (cancelled due to flooding in 2002) fresh water species
November	**Galveston	Good fishing in Nov.
	**2. Beavers Bend	Return to Beavers Bend,OK
	**3. Bastrop	good for cold weather fly tying-great cabins-ok lake kayak fishing

****Please indicate your preference from the choices above for September and November via email to officers@twff.net**



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OUTING REPORT – Trout Fishing – Beaver’s Bend, Oklahoma

Becky Hand

We had eleven people join TWFF for a wonderful trout outing on the Lower Mountain Fork River. The weather was a bit cool; but with long johns and waders, we were all prepared. Some rain had come through the day before, but this actually helped us by making the water slightly murky (not too muddy) so the trout were not as aware of our presence. We spread out over a large area on the river and then started catching trout – there was even a debate over who caught the first fish because we all reeled in fish. However, Sherri Ray proved to be the winner since her digital camera accurately recorded the time. But her hubby, Ronnie Ray caught the only Brown Trout and it was a nice one. After the success of the morning, some decided to enjoy the Folk Festival being held in the park and Becky Hand bought a new 3 wt rod to have more fun playing the small rainbows. Becky didn’t stop till nightfall – had to catch a first fish with the new rod and break it in.

That evening we enjoyed dinner at Abendigos – a new restaurant close to the Whip-Poor-Will cabins. The wait was a little long – they were having a music festival and everyone had a long day like us and didn’t feel like cooking. The cabins were nice and would be great for family get aways with plenty of room and beds – as long as you reserve the larger cabins. Kathy Goodlet will tell you that the small – 2 person cabins – are ultra small – do not attempt cooking in these babies. And Pam Vestal will tell you that the lodge in Beaver’s Bend Park was very nice. Saturday night it rained again – but this did not hurt our fishing – and thank goodness it did not rain during the day. Some of us tried new areas to fish (without great success), so Becky and Julie Sieh ventured off to the honey holes (no sense wasting our last day not catching fish). We nearly got tired of catching fish (not really) and left the honey holes for the next lucky people. Julie learned some valuable techniques on fighting those feisty little rainbows.

With Julie catching her first trout on a fly rod and all of us enjoying many catches, the outing was a tremendous success. Hopefully, we can plan this trip again and convince everyone that Oklahoma is not that far away and the amount of trout caught was worth the long drive home on Sunday night (or Monday morning).



Sherri Ray’s trout



Audrey Ambrose catches a trout





EXPO Update

Sheila Anderson

Many thanks to all the volunteers that helped make EXPO successful! Ronnie Ray was the fly fishing tent coordinator, many groups from all over the state participated. TWFF talked with visitors at our table (see photo on front page), and we also had a table set up to teach fly tying. There were many interested people, our tying volunteers were kept very busy. We signed up four new members this year, we hope they will all enjoy fishing with the TWFF. In addition to fly tying, casting coaches were in great demand to teach interested participants how to cast with a fly rod.



Guadalupe River Trout Outing and TWFF Annual Elections The Summit on River Road in Sattler, TX near Canyon Lake

January 23-25, 2004

We will be staying at the Summit Vacation Resort that is located at Canyon Lake on River Road between the 3rd & 4th River Crossings. Reservations will be made and fees paid in advance to Becky Hand. Checks made payable to THE SUMMIT and mailed to Becky Hand will secure your reservation. Cabins will be assigned in the order fees are received GET YOUR RESERVATION IN QUICKLY. Please do not contact the Summit individually.

There are seven older cabins with queen & one bunk bed, linens included, shower, and kitchenette with essentials. The fee for cabins due at time of reservation is \$53.00 per night tax included.

There are 5 New cabins with a queen sleeper sofa, (2) bunks, and loft with double bed, linens included, shower, and kitchenette with essentials. The fee for cabins due at time of reservation is \$63.50 per night tax included.

Currently, we still have 2 Older cabins and 2 New cabins available along with RV pads. But, don't wait too long or those cabins will be snatched up. A couple of people are looking for roommates – so do not hesitate to sign up if your party can't fill up an entire cabin. I will work to help everyone find a roommate. There is also other lodging available near the river – but soon there will be no vacancies – this is a popular season for us fly fishers.

RV spaces are \$13.00 per night tax included.

What to Bring

Bring a light weight fly rod (4 to 6 weight); reel with weight forward fly line to match your rod; 5x leader & 5x tippet; split shot; strike indicators; small nymphs (flies in size 22); wading boots; waders and very warm clothes. If you have neoprene waders and felt sole boots that will be fine. If you have Gortex waders and felt sole boots, wear Polartec or long underwear. You will need boots and waders! You will need very warm clothes. Please make sure you have your fishing license and trout stamp.

Friday 7:30 PM

Join your fellow Texas Women Fly Fishers at the Summit Clubhouse for the 'Mullet Mixer'.

Saturday

Fish the Guadalupe at your leisure. Do not wade fish if the flow is above 300 cfs. Join TWFF at 7:00 PM at the Summit Clubhouse for a catered BBQ dinner and swap tales of the day. A \$7.00 per person fee should be mailed with your cabin reservation for the catered BBQ - separate check made out to TWFF or cash.

Summary

Mail Reservation Fee of \$53.00/night Per Older Cabin, \$63.50/night Per New Cabin, or \$13.00 per night for RV spaces. Checks made out to the Summit. Mail to Becky Hand: 7115 Scenic Brook Dr., Austin, TX 78736

Include names of persons staying in the cabin. This is a gated resort. The office is open 24 hours a day, they will have your name and cabin assignment. You will be given a code for the electronic gate. Mail \$7.00 per person for Saturday evening's catered BBQ meal.

Here's a link to a great map of the Guadalupe River: <http://www.grtu.org/guadmap.html>

Any questions about cabins contact Becky Hand, rhand@austin.rr.com, (512) 301-7658
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