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TWFF Business Update

We have elected the following new officers:

First Vice President: Audrey Ambrose (Two-year term)

Secretary: Lavene Jones (Two-year term)

Treasurer: Mary Rohrer (Two-year term)

Trustees: Kerri Stephenson and Julie Sieh (One-year term)

Thank you to all in attendance that cast their votes, as well as to all email voters.

From the webmaster:

If you send something to be published on twff.net, please make the subject: **POST ON TWFF WEBSITE**

If you have not renewed your membership, please send in your dues to Becky Hand as soon as possible. Click on the membership form at our website: <http://www.twff.net/membership.html>



Welcome Our New Member!

Susan Leal from Austin joined us in January.

Welcome, Susan!



Guadalupe Mullet Mixer





From the President

Sherri Ray

The TWFF trip to the Guadalupe could have had better weather but the fun, food, accommodations and camaraderie couldn't have been beaten (photos are up at [Image Event](#) on our web site). Our Guadalupe accommodations at the Summit were as wonderful as always. Unfortunately, if the trout fishery is on its way to recovery from the floods it couldn't have been proven by any of our fishing group. You win a few and lose a few girls. **The good news is we now know why!!** After the delicious and wonderful catered dinner (thanks Sheila A. and Kerri S.) we were educated and entertained by our speaker, Dr. Bill Harvey of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Dr. Harvey clued us in to weather patterns and fish characteristics that explained the rather slow fishing situation for the weekend. After the festivities everyone managed to keep at least one eye open long enough to have a short but productive business meeting. One of the subjects covered during the meeting was the location of our outings for September and November. September's outing will be held on the Medina River in Bandera, Texas and our November outing will be a saltwater outing with Dr. Harvey. Dr. Harvey graciously volunteered to be our leader through the paddling trails on the coast.

We welcome several new officer and trustee positions this year. New trustees are Julie Sieh and Kerri Stephenson. Our new Secretary is Levene Jones and our conservation chair is Betty Burleson. Sheila A. has already taken on the duties of the newsletter and Kerri S. will be taking over as our historian for 2004. In addition, we have coordinators for all of the 2004 outings. A sincere thank you to any and all of you, past and present, that have helped, volunteered and worked behind the scenes. Our new webmaster, Eileen, is doing an excellent job updating the site. While we are a (dis)organized group, a minimal amount of organization must be maintained for any of these outings, newsletters and details for the website to actually come to pass.

Our next outing will be held outside of Austin at Reimer's Ranch. The ranch is a privately owned ranch that is opened to the public for fishing and rock climbing. If we can hit the white bass spawning run this year, it will be a fun time. We felt that last year we were a little late so we moved it up one week earlier this year. I have heard reports that white bass runs started the first of February on Yegua creek outside of College Station. Our wintry weather may slow things down but we will take our chances. The Mullet Mixer will be hosted by our kind-hearted and capable VP, Becky Hand. We appreciate Becky's opening her home to us. Her home is centrally located between the RV Park and hotel. Directions and details are in this newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you there!!

REMINDER FOR MEMBERS

TWFF will be getting items together to have another auction at the Homer Martin Ranch Outing as we did last year. We had a great time bidding on some really great items, and in addition to all the fun, a lot of people got a lot of great deals. Please try to go by your local fly shop or Academy etc. and see if you can help gather items for this event.

THE TEXAS RIVER PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

<http://www.txrivers.org>

I received my TRPA newsletter this month and read an excellent article written by their president, Tom Goynes. This club does excellent, endless work protecting OUR Texas rivers and natural habitats that we all get to enjoy. I wrote to him and ask if he would mind if I used his article in this newsletter. Below is his response and a link to the TRPA newsletter. If you get a chance and need a good read check it out, and maybe while you are there check out the rest of their website. I am especially grateful to Betty Burleson for her efforts in bringing back the conservation article!! Several of our members have expressed from time to time that conservation is too much like our real jobs so please take time to check out this group who have formed an association to dedicate efforts to providing conservation events and education. Maybe some of us can help by supporting them through membership or donations or by just passing on the word to others that this type of group is available.

Sherri,

You are certainly welcome to use anything you like that I have written. Just be sure that you give proper credit to Mr. Abbey if you quote him. I must confess that, when I started writing that newsletter, I was actually quite depressed. Sometimes it seems that our best efforts don't avail much. But then I remembered that Abbey quote and I went online and found it. I remember using it before, but I tend to forget the basics sometimes...

Keep the faith. And if there's anything I can do for you guys, let me know

<http://www.txrivers.org/archive/trpa2004-02.html>

"A whole river is mountain country and hill country and flat country and swamp and delta country, is rock bottom and sand bottom and weed bottom and mud bottom, is blue, green, red, clear, brown, wide, narrow, fast, slow clean, and filthy water, is all the kinds of trees and grasses and all the breeds of animals and birds and man that pertain and have ever pertained to its changing shores..."

John Graves

[Goodbye to a River](#)

[Texas Monthly Press](#)



Conservation News

Betty Burlison

High levels of Golden Alga were found in the water samples from the Lebanon Pool near the Red River on the upper end of Lake Texoma. There was an isolated minor fish kill of gar and shad attributed to the algae, but no threat to human life was posed. There were no toxins found in water samples either upstream or downstream in the Red River.

Golden alga blooms typically occur in winter months, often leaving a golden yellow ring around a lake's shores. The algae are native to estuarine habitats around the world. It is not known if the algae are a native or exotic species to inland waters.

New fishing stamp triggers a need to revamp the License. The freshwater fishing stamp carries a \$5 price tag and is expected to generate about \$4.5 million annually. The stamp is required to fish the Texas fresh waters. It begins this fall and will be required for the next 10 years.

TPWD will earmark a portion of the revenue from the stamp toward relocation of the aging Jasper Fish Hatchery. New proposed licensing structure allows anglers to choose from several packages: freshwater \$28, saltwater \$33, or an all water license for both fresh and saltwater \$38.

Similar license packaging is available in conjunction with a hunting license, including freshwater combs \$47 for residents and \$15 for seniors, saltwater combos \$57 for residents, \$25 for seniors.

The popular super combo "one stop shop" license package would incur just the additional cost of the freshwater stamp for \$64 as would the senior super combo for \$30.

The agency is also considering, for convenience sake, a "year to date" all water fishing license valid for 365 days from the date of purchase.

Comment on the proposed license change can be made at public hearings to be scheduled across the state. Please submit in writing to Gene McCarthy, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744 or by e-mail to genemccarthy@tpwd.state.tx.us subject :(Proposed Fishing License Change)

A suggested site to your favorite list should be: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fish/inletfish/reports/fishreport.php> This site gives saltwater and freshwater updates to all areas of Texas.



TWFF 2004 Outings

The outings for 2004 have been set, and volunteer coordinators named. Details for each outing will be covered in future newsletters and on the website, www.twff.net.

Reimer's Ranch White Bass Run – March 13th & 14th

Sheri Ray - coordinator

Where to stay:

Rv'ers <http://www.rvsunsetresort.com/> (email Sherri at rsray@cvtv.net for a spot)

Extended Stay Hotel: <http://www.extendedstay.com/locations.html>

(suggested hotel-least distance to Reimer's Ranch from Austin)

For reservations, rates, locations and information, you may also call **1-800-804-3724**

Hotel Address:

5100 US Hwy 290 West

Austin, TX 78735

Telephone: (512) 892-4272

Fax: (512) 892-4303

Mullet Mixer:

Friday at 7:00pm at Becky Hand's house located in Oak Hill between the rv park and the hotel.

Directions to Becky's from Reimer's: Exact distance not known – however it is only a few miles from Hamilton Road down to Becky's. When coming from Reimer's Ranch and then proceeding on Hamilton Pool Road (believe you would take a left) you will eventually intersect with HWY 71 (believe it is a dead end). Take a right on 71 and head East towards Austin. As you approach Austin and see signs of life – a Sonic, gas stations and strip malls, Scenic Brook will be a right hand turn right after the Sherman Williams Paint store. Proceed down Scenic Brook 0.4 miles, at the 3rd speed hump; house is on the left, 7115 Scenic Brook Dr.

If you make it to the Blockbuster, Albertsons, HEB, and the 'Y' intersection of 290 and 71 then you have gone too far and need to turn around.

Directions to Becky's from the Hotel: Proceed out of the hotel down the service road (one way) following signs for 290 West. There will be an onramp at some point. Proceed down 290 West, the freeway will end and dump out at a light. Go through this light and one more light (which is William Cannon), take the next right onto 71 North (this is the 'Y' Intersection where 290 and 71 split), go through one light (at HEB and Albertsons), take the first neighborhood street to the left (which is Scenic Brook – before you get to the Sherman William Store), Proceed down Scenic Brook for 0.4 miles, at the 3rd speed hump; my house is on the left, 7115 Scenic

WHAT TO BRING:

4wt. up to 7wt. can be used with short leaders and tippets in the 2x to 4x range. 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. Reimer's normal hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The cost is \$3.00 per person.

HOW TO GET TO REIMERS FROM AUSTIN:

To get to the Reimer Ranch from Austin, go west on SH 71 and take a left Hamilton Pool Road (FM 3238). Go past Hamilton Pool Park about 6.5 miles. The Reimer Ranch gate is on the right traveling west. The pipe at the entrance is painted green. There are signs at the entrance. From the gate follow the sign and main dirt road to the check in point at their home (about 2.6 miles). **They will ask you to sign a liability waiver at the entrance.**

Check the regulations for where you are fishing. You will be able to wade the river or use a kayak or canoe. The main deeper riverbed is in about the middle of the river.

WHERE TO FISH & KAYAK FISHING:

Stacy Trimble, an Austin casting instructor and new Orvis employee, volunteered to help in leading this outing. As mentioned, she has just started a new job with Orvis and unfortunately will be traveling the weekend of the outing. She has offered us her husband Billy to help guide us to the fishing places, and suggest casting techniques and fly selections. Billy grew up on the Pedernales and has many years of fishing knowledge in fresh water and salt water.

At this date we are sketchy on the details but hopefully they will be worked out by the outing. Check the website periodically for more information, we will try get it up on the site as we get more details. Most of the fish caught at the outing at Reimers last year were caught from kayaks. If you don't have a kayak and are interested in renting one, click on the following link for rentals in Austin. <http://www.kayaktexas.com/boatrentals.htm>

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR SATURDAY AND ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

FLY SHOP: The area offers Austin newest fly shop. It is SPORTMAN'S FINEST. They offer fine firearms- new & used, optics, fly fishing equipment, clothing, expertise & expeditions. The address is 12434 Bee Cave Rd (AKA FM2244- ½ block from Hwy 71 on the left). Their phone number is 512-263-1888 and their hours are Monday – Saturday 10AM-6PM. I visited the store this week and they have a good selection of flies and other fly fishing equipment if you are in need or have forgotten something. It is a beautiful store and while in the area you should stop by and check them out.

SHOPPERS: As most of you know Austin offers some of the most unique shopping experiences around. Approx. 7 miles toward Austin from the 71W & Hamilton Pool Road intersection is an area that provides shopping as described. At the intersection of 71W & FM 2244 (to Austin 15) are several shops and Austin's newest fly shop. There is also an HEB if you need to pick up lunch stuff or drinks and if that is too much work there is also a McDonald's located there. In the HEB strip center there are several businesses (your normal strip center). Across from the McDonalds are some interesting browsing opportunities such as: The Living Desert Cactus Nursery, The Harriet House (folkart, American Handcrafts, rocks & minerals), Serendipity Gifts and the Estanica House Collection (furniture & antiques) and the Bee Cave Trading Post. We wouldn't want you to get bored when your arm is sore from pulling in all those fish! A girl's gotta have a break!!

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER: Located directly behind/beside the Fly Shop is the **El Arroyo**, 12432 FM2244, Austin Texas. This would be a great place for Saturday evening dinner. The menu offers reasonable prices on Appetizers (Stuffed Jalapenos, Tortilla Soup), Burgers and Salads, Light Option (soup & salad, skinny tacos), Enchiladas (7 kinds), Seafood (ranchero Pescado-red snapper, Fish Tacos), BBQ Chicken Specialties and a separate Low-Carb menu for you Atkins folks.

They have a sort of Hill Country/New Mexico atmosphere and I was told if the weather is good and we have enough people (15-30) we can have the deck (beautiful with a big oak in the middle) to ourselves if we call on Friday and let them know. If you would like to join this dinner excursion please email me (rsray@cvtv.net) so I can get the numbers and make the call!!

More TWFF 2004 Outings

Bud Priddy One Fly Contest Camp Wood, Texas

May 14 & 15th

Coordinators-Barbara Booth, Sheila Anderson
Lost Canyon, Camp Wood, Texas

Homer Martin Ranch, Mason, TX

July 9th – 11th

Coordinators – Kerri Stephenson, Sheila Anderson
Float or wade fish the Llano River
Details to follow

Medina River Bandera Texas

September

Coordinators - Linda Love & Jo Schauf (Dates & details to be announced)

<http://www.texashillcountrymall.com/riverfrontmotel/>

Coastal Paddling Trails on the Texas Coast with Dr. Bill Harvey

November

General info site <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/news/news/020617b.htm>

Coordinators Mary Rohrer & Julie Sieh (Dates & exact location & details to be announced)

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Julie Sieh fishes the Guadalupe for trout



OUTING REPORT –Guadalupe River Trout Outing, Sattler, TX January 23-25 2004

Sheila Anderson and Becky Hand

We all arrived safely at the Summit Resort on Friday evening, and headed to the clubhouse for our Mullet Mixer. Sherri Ray had made a poster board presentation that contained information all about trout fishing. We learned where to fish, what they eat, what kind of flies to use, various knots, more information than a person could absorb in a short time. It was very informative and very much appreciated.

The day before our arrival, the lake release was increased from 160 cfs to 380 cfs, much to our dismay. We were all hopeful to have perfect conditions to trout fish, but they were not to be had this year. I must comment that 380 cfs is a vast improvement over our two past trout outings. The first outing on the Guadalupe in 2001 had the release at 800 cfs, while the next year's release was 600 cfs. Both these levels are not considered safe for wading. At least we were able to explore more of the river than in previous years.

A cold front arrived early Saturday morning bringing some scattered showers. The weather in combination with the increased flow proved to be our downfall. No one caught a fish. We gave it a good effort, then went into Gruene for some shopping and dining. Saturday evening we ate BBQ dinner at the clubhouse and settled in for our guest speaker's presentation.

Dr. Bill Harvey of Texas Parks and Wildlife gave a presentation on salt water fishing in the shallow bay waters around Port Aransas. We learned the best time to fish for trout and reds is during the falling tide. As the tide falls, small fish food cannot keep from being pulled through the cuts between land formations in the bays. The predator fish lay in wait outside the cut and snap up dinner as it's pulled through. The best place to fish is outside the cuts where the predator fish are. He also described the adaptations fish must make when a cold front comes through. They do not eat for up to two days as they adapt to new conditions. This helped explain why we caught no fish on the Guadalupe.

Lastly, we brought our meeting to order. We elected new officers, and planned the September and November outings. Go to our website at www.twff.net to view the coming outings. Thank you to all who volunteered to coordinate the various outings this year. We look forward to another great year together.



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