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TWFF Business Update

The nominated slate was unanimously elected. The new President is Sheila Anderson; Angela Mendoza is 2nd Vice President, and Pam Vestal and Linda Love are Trustees.

The next TWFF Member meeting/cook out is at Audrey Ambrose's property, 11am Sunday, Jan. 30th. It's very near Bastrop State Park. Directions will be available at the outing. Please plan to attend.

Glenna Noret is our new newsletter editor. She will start in 2005. Thank you, Glenna!

Susan White is our new Web Master – welcome Susan! The site will be updated soon with current information. Stay tuned!

Welcome Our New Members!

Mary Cole, (reinstated) San Antonio
Janice Alford, Austin
Kay Arnold, Spicewood

Kayakers heading out to fish the flats at Port Aransas



From the President – Sherri Ray

Congratulations to Sheila Anderson our new TWFF President and to Angela Mendoza our new Vice President (membership) for 2005/2006. You were both elected unanimously because of the great efforts and work you have put forth on behalf of the club and we are proud to have your leadership for the next couple of years.

Our last outing was attended very well and everyone was very happy with the trip. Mary Rohrer and Julie Sieh did a fine job, as always, in providing us with instructions, directions, accommodations, guides and fishing. Our hats are off to you both for a wonderful experience.

Our next outing will be held at the Bastrop State Park, January 28-30, 2005. Since we NEVER know about the weather in Jan/Feb as evidenced by floods on the Guadalupe and freezing weather at Homer Martin we decided to try something different. The Bastrop area is located in the middle of the Houston, Austin and San Antonio Areas and should provide an easy commute for most members. We just can't seem to get around having to plan on cold weather. If we luck out and we are blessed with nice weather then there will be plenty places for casting lessons and fishing but the highlight of this outing will be fly tying. Many thanks to Linda Love and Coco Davenport for volunteering to instruct us on how to make some simple but instrumental flies for our fishing experiences. A park road connects the Bastrop/Buescher State Parks and both have stocked lakes. The Bastrop Lake has perch, crappie, bass and catfish and the Buescher Lake is scheduled for trout to be stocked Dec. 16, 2004. The details of the outing are listed in this newsletter. A short overview of some of the things slated for this outing are as follows: Sage, #8 line, 890 graphite III, 9', 3.15/16 oz rod to be given away in a membership drawing; mullet mixer - as usual with a slight twist so bring your competitive spirit; speaker Steve Robbins to give a presentation Saturday evening on the Top 25 Trout Streams of America; Business meeting/cookout at Audrey Ambrose's property on Sunday.

We are able to accommodate eighty-eight people overnight at this outing so bring everybody you always thought might enjoy our outings. There is a nice 18 hole golf course if any are interested and are willing to gamble the weather will hold out.

This will be my last time to have to write this message so I would like to thank you all for your friendship and support. Best wishes and fishes to all TWFF members, family and friends.



Port Aransas Outing Report

By Mary Rohrer

On October 22nd and 23rd, we had our fall outing in Aransas Pass. About 26 fisher-gals enjoyed the weekend of fishing and kayaking.

The weekend started at the Ransom Rd RV park for our Mullet Mixer on Friday night. Lots of great appetizers were brought to share. Glenna Noret provided our new TWFF name tags for all of the 2004 members. Our guest speaker, Bill Harvey, was unable to join us for the weekend. We were fortunate to have Billy Trimble step in for him and provide us with great information on fishing the flats. Billy went through organizing equipment we need in our kayaks, how to get positioned on the flats to find and see redfish, where to cast, and strategies to beat the wind using a fly rod. Billy did a great job on his presentation and getting us ready for Saturday morning. We all went to sleep with visions of redfish tails in our heads!

Our fishing day on Saturday started at dawn. Due to the predicted strong winds, we fished the "Brown and Root" flats on the south side of the causeway instead of the Lighthouse Lakes. Stacy Trimble, and Dean Thomas, Slowride Guide Service, met us with two other guides, Ken and Scott and to help us with our rather large group. By 7:45, all the kayaks were launched and paddling into the flats began. The four groups of fishers went to different areas in the flats. We all saw lots of schooling mullet as we paddled out, with lots of anticipation to see some tailing reds. Sheila Anderson, with Scott's group heading west, caught the first redfish at 8:45. Kerri Stephenson caught an 18" mullet with Scott as well. Betty Burleson also caught an 18" mullet with Stacy. Her group went east towards Port A along some oyster reefs and saw tails later in the morning. By mid morning the tide went slack, the wind picked up and the fish were scarce. We came back to the launch area wiser in our understanding of fishing the flats.

Saturday night, we headed across channel on the ferry to Port Aransas. We had a great seafood dinner at the Crazy Cajun. We had lots of fun with piles of seafood poured on our tables and pitchers of beer brought to wash down the spicy food. Our entertainment, a one-man band with an accordion and harmonica had fun with our group playing as many fishing songs that he could muster. An enjoyable outing for all at the Coast!



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Betty Burleson caught a big Mullet!



TWFF FLY TYING AND CASTING OUTING AT BASTROP STATE PARK

JANUARY 28-30, 2005

SHERRI RAY, COORDINATOR

MAP-<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/bastrop/bastroploc.pdf>

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE-EACH 2005 FULL YEAR PAYING MEMBERSHIP WILL RECEIVE A RAFFLE TICKET FOR A THOMAS AND THOMAS ROD TO BE GIVEN AWAY TO ONE LUCKY MEMBER AT THIS OUTING!!!!!!

BRING YOUR FRIENDS OR BRING THEIR MONEY☺

SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKER - Steve Robbins is an expert fly fisherman with more than 35 years of fishing experience. Steve is the director of the Fly Fishing program at Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas and has been teaching the art of fly fishing for more than seven years. Mr. Robbins also teaches fly fishing classes for Texarkana College in Texarkana, Texas. Mr. Robbins is the president and founder of Lone Star Fly Fisher in Tyler. Steve has given many fly fishing presentations and seminars to various fly fishing clubs, civic organizations and youth groups. He is also the owner of The Full Creel Fly Shop in East Texas. As an avid fly fisherman and life long student of the sport, Steve has developed proven techniques in catching trout, bass and bream on a fly rod. His systematic approach and attention to detail facilitates an excellent learning environment. <http://www.thefullcreel.com/>

ACCOMODATIONS AND PLANNED MEALS

THIS OUTING REQUIRES YOU MAKE RESERVATIONS TO THE COORDINATOR (RSRAY@CVTV.NET) BY JANUARY 7TH AS TO THE NUMBER IN YOUR PARTY AND THE NUMBER OF CARS. THIS INFORMATION IMPORTANT FOR PLANNING BY TP&W AND FOR THE SATURDAY DINNER.

- 1. THERE WILL BE A CATERED DINNER SATURDAY NIGHT FOR 7.50 PER PERSON.**
- 2. THE COST FOR ACCOMODATIONS WILL NOT EXCEED 40.00 PER PERSON FOR THE WEEKEND BUT WILL BE BASED ON HOW MANY ARE IN ATTENDANCE. THE ACCOMODATION FEE WILL BE PAYABLE TO TWFF.**
- 3. THERE WILL BE A PER PERSON ENTRANCE FEE INTO THE PARK WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE GATE PAYABLE AT THAT TIME TO TP&W.**
- 4. AUDREY AMBROSE HAS INVITED US FOR A COOKOUT/MEETING AT HER PROPERTY JUST AROUND THE CORNER FROM THE PARK ON SUNDAY AFTER CHECKOUT (MAP GIVEN AT THE OUTING, INCLUDE IN "ATTENDANCE EMAIL" IF YOU WILL ATTEND SO AUDREY CAN PLAN)**

THE PLAN- is to make this a mostly Fly tying outing due to the nature of the weather during January. There have been several people who have requested classes and it is a good time to do that if we can't get outside. Coco Davenport and Linda Love have graciously volunteered to hold classes. We also have a feature fly tier or two lined up to teach us how to make some really fancy flies. There will be tying kits available for our use thanks to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Education Department. If you have your own fly tying kits please be sure and bring it and if you have an extra you are willing to share please do so.

FISHING- Since we plan for bad weather perhaps we will be surprised by the sunshine and can do some fishing. Bring your rod and enjoy some good ol' fishing along the banks of Bastrop and

Buescher State Park Lake. If you can't reach them from the bank, you can rent one of the canoes (10.00 @ day-right by the lake) or bring your kayak and relax out in the open waters. The Bastrop Lake has a small lake that has perch, crappie, bass and catfish. The Buescher Lake is scheduled to be stocked December 16, 2004 by TP&W with trout. Weather permitting, Ronnie Ray, will be giving casting lessons on Saturday @ 9:00 am and 1:00pm or to be determined by the weather.

This is the outing to bring all your friends and family because WE WILL HAVE ROOM and they will love you if they join and win a Thomas & Thomas rod. We will be staying at the Group facilities at the Bastrop State Park. The facilities are used for Church groups and family reunions. They are the best value but the accommodations are best described as rustic and plain. There are 4 cabins that sleep 22 people dorm style for a total of 88 people. There will be a Men's cabin for those whose husbands and sons wish to attend. The area has it's own bathhouse that accommodates Men/Women each side 3 stalls and 2 showers. The Group area has it's own day use area that is approx. 3-4 acres with picnic tables and a large fire ring and a hiking trail that heads there. In addition to the "dorms" there is a kitchen/dining facility. The dining hall is really large so it will easily accommodate all people in the event we have inclement weather. In addition, there is plenty of room for class tying tables and dining tables. The kitchen is huge and it has a commercial 8 burner stove and 2 commercial size cooler/refrig. The price is excellent but it is SO NOT like the place we have been staying on the Guadalupe, however, our chances for learning to tie flies, catch fish and having "together" time should be high. BE SURE AND BRING COMFORTABLE CHAIRS OR YOU WILL BE SITTING ON PICNIC STYLE TABLES ALL WEEKEND.

Email any question to rsray@cvtv.net

FYI- For those who are not into rustic or cabins there is a Days Inn on the hwy just outside the park entrance 4102 Highway 71 East at Loop 150, Bastrop, TX, 78602 US 512-321-1157 . There should be plenty of RV spaces available at the Bastrop State Park.

What to Bring:

FRIDAY:

Comfortable chair
Food for mullet mixer drink of your choice
Sleeping bag /pillow for twin bed

SATURDAY:

Breakfast food -on your own
Lunch-on your own
Rain Gear

Fly tying kits/equipment

Fly Rod—5, 6, 7 wt (even lighter if you have one for more fun), split shot, floating or sinking tip lines, wet stillwater flies such as black peacock spider, alder fly, black pennell ,coachmans, Gold Ribbed Hare's ear, small dries such as PMD's, Gray ghost , Adam's(I will fish Buescher once it is stocked and send out an email once we see what is working)

Fishing/Tying Videos

Float Tube if you have one will be good for this lake (don't go buy one).
Kayak or rent canoe (optional- there is bank fishing but it probably isn't optimal)

SUNDAY:

BRING FOOD FOR BREAKFAST-ON YOUR OWN

CHECK OUT AT 11:00

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Casting for Recovery – April 15 - 17

Casting for Recovery, (CFR), a support and educational program for breast cancer survivors, is organizing a fly fishing retreat April 15-17 at the Joshua Creek Ranch in Boerne. It is a free weekend retreat for women who live in Texas of all ages and in all stages of breast cancer treatment and recovery. The weekend incorporates fly fishing to promote physical and emotional healing, connecting with other women, enjoying the beauty of outdoors and learning fly fishing skills.

CFR is needing help from TWFF to get the word out to women with breast cancer to apply for the free retreat, and help with fund-raising for the event this Spring. More information on the CFR program will be available at the Bastrop outing, on the website www.castingforrecovery.org, and/or email Mary Rohrer at mrohrer@fbg.net.

2005 Outing Schedule

March – Still to be determined. Guadalupe trout outing was planned, but we need to determine the state of the River after all this rain.

May – Bud Priddy Memorial One Fly Contest

July – Homer Martin Ranch

September – Salt Water Outing either at Galveston or Port Aransas

November – Beaver's Bend Oklahoma

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