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## ***TWFF Business Report***

Mary Rohr presented copies of the current budget and balances and reported the results of the silent auction on Saturday night. A total of \$475.00 was raised: \$156.00 for Casting for Recovery and \$319.00 for TWFF accounts.

It was reported that so far only four to six members plan on attending the November event. Linda Love is hosting and a guide will be provided for the event.

The club will be participating in next year's Bud Priddy One Fly Tournament. Big Oak agreed to give us the lower rate for the Bud Priddy event next year; Sheila and Sarah both reported how pleased Big Oak was with our club and their willingness to host us again next May. The Chamber of Commerce wants to host an event so that we can teach flycasting to local youths. The suggestion was made that we have the event on Friday evening.

There are rooms still available and all information is posted on the website. A brief business meeting will be held on Saturday evening.

Sheila Anderson, Sherry Ray, Audrey Ambrose, and Sarah Valentine had a great time at the San Marcos TOWN meeting. Sherry Ray gave a brief history of our club. Sheila presented a brief PowerPoint presentation of some of our outings while Sherry and Sarah talked them. Audrey talked about our CFR efforts. They also set up a table with fly fishing gear. Four new members joined the club that evening and they received an invitation to teach casting on the San Marcos River on August 13<sup>th</sup>. All TWFF members are welcome.

Future outings were discussed. Next July we are planning a trip to Beaver's Bend State Park in Oklahoma. Make your reservations now if you want a cabin or tent site at the park. There are lots of private sites outside the park. Stacy Trimble reported that the Southern Council Conclave will be held in October and will not conflict with Expo. Stacy also suggested the membership take a trip to Purtil Creek State Park in the spring or early summer. It is a small lake northeast of Athens and is flyfisher friendly. Sheila asked for a volunteer to replace Kerri Stephenson as historian. Coco Davenport agreed to do it if no one else volunteered.

## ***Welcome New Members***

Alva Johnston, Bellville  
Ann Allen, Martindale  
Donna Endsley, Canyon Lake  
Annette McEchem, New Branfels  
Cynthia Rutledge, Big Spring  
Cindy VanWart, Uhland



## ***From the President – Sheila Anderson***

Our recent Homer Martin Outing was filled with new experiences for me. I have always wade fished the Llano river at HMR in past years, however this year I did the float trip with Audrey, Sarah, Sheila Hood, Stacy Trimble and Mary. I'm not an extremely experienced kayaker, I've paddled a river three times before. Unlike my experience on the South Llano, the Medina, and the Neuces Rivers, this trip produced a furious thunderstorm that forced us to beach our boats and take cover by the cliff at the river's edge. We huddled for an hour while lightning struck so close it seemed to be right on top of us, forcing screams from me that I couldn't suppress. The pouring rain came without let up, and fortunately the river rose only a few inches so we did not seem to be in danger of flash flooding. The storm started down stream and it swirled around us, raining cold then warm then cold again. We were drenched and shivering by the time it let up enough for us to continue our trip back to the ranch. As we rounded the last bend, we saw Coco and Robert waiting at the take out point to see us safely headed home. Everyone was relieved that we all were safe. The road back to the camp was flooded and messy, but our trucks got us back safely for a shower and dinner. What an experience, such unusual weather for the ranch in July!

Our Galveston trip is coming up in just over a month. I believe it will be one of our most attended events ever, and I'm looking forward to it with excitement. We will have another silent auction at the mullet mixer on Friday evening, as well as the extension of the raffle for two donated rods.

We spoke at the San Marcos TOWN meeting in July, I was told that it was one of their best meetings ever. Sherri Ray spoke about our affiliation with the FFF and our past conservation efforts. She also talked about our latest efforts to support Casting for Recovery, our sponsorship of Cornelia Gates. Sarah and Audrey had just returned from a fishing trip to Arkansas and they still had gear in their vehicle. They set up a show-and-tell table with rods, flies, vests, books, as well as our scrap books and other fishing items. Sarah talked about the Bud Priddy contest and about her experience growing up in Uvalde and about knowing Bud Priddy as her physician. We presented information about our past and future outings for 2005. The women really were interested in what we do, four of them joined our group and hope to make the Galveston outing. We have been invited to fish with them on the San Marcos River August 13<sup>th</sup>, an email was sent out to the membership with the invitation.

The Fredericksburg Fly Fishers have extended an invitation to attend their Oktoberfest event October 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. You can find more information on their web site, [www.fredericksburgflyfishers.org](http://www.fredericksburgflyfishers.org).

Stacy Trimble let us know the next Casting for Recovery weekend retreat has been scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006. It will be held at Joshua Creek Ranch in Boerne. We have been successful in raising funds to sponsor another participant or two for next year's retreat. Details of our fund raising activities will be reported by Mary Rohrer at our Galveston meeting on Saturday night. I hope you can all make it there!

## ***Homer Martin Ranch Trip Report***

*By Kerry Stephenson*



Our 4<sup>th</sup> outing of the year was held at Homer Martin Ranch July 22 – 24, 2005. This is where we've held our annual silent auction and raffle for the last few years. The big raffle items this year are 5 and 8 wt rods. We have already sold about \$170 in raffle tickets, and tickets will continue to be available for purchase until 9 pm the night of the mullet mixer in Galveston at which time the winners will be picked. Frances Hamm and Audrey Ambrose put together a very nice silent auction with many items up for bid. We will have another silent auction at the mullet mixer in Galveston as well.

We had this trip's mullet mixer Friday night with new members Cynthia Rutledge and Alva Johnston attending, as well as some of the regular attendees. We are limited by cabin space at Homer Martin Ranch and are out-growing the ranch each and every year as our fly fishing group continues to expand. Goody bags were made by Jim Stephenson that contained a variety of flies personally made by Jim along with a map of the Llano river and a bandana. Mary Rohrer and Stacy Trimble floated the river on Friday and gave everyone an update Friday night. Saturday morning dawned with Robert Anderson making tacos to benefit Casting for Recovery. We made about \$50 to go towards the sponsorship of a woman at the next Casting for Recovery clinic. There were 6 people who decided to float the river, another group set up near the shade at the river and fished while others stayed at camp. Around noon it decided to rain and boy, it rained. There were multiple lightning bolts along with enormous claps of thunder and as I stated previously, it rained. Our kayakers beached their boats and took cover beside a cliff along the river to wait out the storm. The group down by the river took cover in their vehicles to wait out the storm, and those of us at camp stayed worried all afternoon until we knew everyone was safe. There were two spots on the road to the river that became impassable due to the heavy rainfall. Finally the rain ended and most of the water began to recede. Cynthia decided to walk back to camp from the river and it took her a few hours wading through high water a couple of times but ultimately making it to camp safely. About the same time the kayakers appeared on the horizon and the people waiting on shore let out a big sigh of relief as our kayakers had made it home.

Everyone made it to dinner Saturday night which was pot luck and there were a number of wonderful dishes to sample from. After dinner the final bids were placed for the auction items and the auction closed. Most people bought something and I think Sheila Anderson was the loot winner this year. The auction made about \$450 - \$500 which was wonderful.

Our meeting was held Sunday morning and the usual business matters were attended to. As we were holding the meeting the first trip was made to the river to retrieve the kayaks and to insure that the roads were passable. Some water still remained in the low water crossings but they were passable.

I think that all in all the weekend a success. Fish were caught before the rains came with Betty catching a nice size bass (15 "I think). A number of fish were caught on the flies we got from Jim, which I think made catching the fish even nicer. This is the very first time I have ever encountered rain like this at Homer Martin Ranch and I have come at least twice a year now for the last 3 or 4 years. It was an amazing weekend and I enjoyed every minute of it with the many good friends I have. Thanks to everyone for a wonderful weekend and especially to Frances and Audrey for all of their hard work on the auction.



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**2005 Outing Schedule**

**September 16, 17, & 18 – Salt Water Outing at Galveston**

**November 4, 5, & 6 – Beaver's Bend Oklahoma**



## **September 2005: TWFF Saltwater Outing, Galveston, Texas**

**September 16 - 18, 2005**

Coordinator: Kimberly Gaido

Come kayak fish West Galveston and Christmas Bay back country with Captain Scott Null of Let's Go Guide Service and Captain Chris Phillip's Guide service for speckled trout, redfish and flounder. This should be an excellent trip and a great way to learn new techniques of flats fishing from a kayak. Trip fee is \$35 per person payable at the Mullet Mixer.

### **Friday September 16th**

On Friday night, the Mullet Mixer will be held at Kimberly Gaido's house on Galveston Island off of Sportsman's Road. Feel free to arrive anytime after 5:00 p.m. There will be a shrimp boil with potatoes and corn. Feel free to bring any other snacks etc. For directions, please contact Kimberly by email and she will forward them to you. Chris, Scott and Ruben will be there to discuss fishing/casting/fly fishing and Kayak safety. Also, Stacy Trimble will present a double haul clinic at the mullet mixer. Stacy said that no one should pass up the chance to go just because they don't have gear. She said that she owns a lot of gear and has access to more so if any ladies need saltwater outfits, saltwater wading boots, etc., please contact her at [stacytrimble@austin.rr.com](mailto:stacytrimble@austin.rr.com) or [www.trimbleflyfishing.com](http://www.trimbleflyfishing.com). 512-750-8661 cell or 512-263-1888 wk (Sportsman's Finest). Thanks Stacy!

### **Saturday September 17th**

Saturday morning we will be out on the water by 7:00 AM. Depending on the group size we will split up into smaller groups and the guides will take us to different areas specified at the Mullet mixer. Between 8-10 Kayaks will be available at no extra charge on a first come first serve basis. Please contact Kimberly Gaido to reserve your kayak if you are not bringing your own.

Plan for a full day of fishing on Saturday. You will need:

- Sunscreen, hat and polarized glasses
- Water, water and water. Other beverages too.
- Lunch, snacks and power bars
- Fly rod 6-8 weight. Leaders 6-12#. Tippet 0X-1X
- Flies- clousers, spoons, crab and shrimp imitations
- Wading boots or tennis shoes. Oyster reefs are a great place to fish and can be rough on your feet without proper shoes.
- The water is still very warm in September. Sting rays and jellyfish are also back in the bay system during the summer months. If you have stingray boots wear them. Wading pants will protect you from jellyfish. You might want to bring Meat tenderizer; it is a temporary remedy to a jellyfish sting.
- Check the weather before coming to Galveston and adjust your clothing to the elements.

### **Fishing Contest**

Kimberly and Ellen are putting together a little competition for the trip.

There will be prizes for: Big Trout, Big Redfish, Big Flounder, Most fish caught by one person and one team and Best story told on Saturday night.

### **Saturday Night**

Group dinner at Gaido's Restaurant 7:30 PM

### **Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>**

- TWFF Board meeting TBA
- Fishing on your own

### **Lodging Information**

Gaido's Seaside Inn	\$59.00 Beach front	\$45.00 Non-Beach
39 <sup>th</sup> & Seawall Blvd.	1-800-525-0064	409-762-9625
Galveston, Texas	Mention TWFF and the dates in September	

## Campers/RV Park

Galveston Island State Park  
14920 FM 3005  
409-737-1222

Dellanera Park  
10901 FM 3005  
409-744-2952

Please send an email to Kimberly Gaido ([gaido@pdq.net](mailto:gaido@pdq.net)) if you are planning to attend so we can get an accurate count for dinner and guides. This is going to be a fun trip. The one you don't want to miss.



## **November 2005: TROUT FISHING ON THE LOWER MOUNTAIN FORK RIVER**

**Beavers Bend • Broken Bow, Oklahoma**

**November 4-6, 2005**

Outing Coordinator: Linda Love

Email: [lovelncc@ev1.net](mailto:lovelncc@ev1.net)

(Just a note from the editor - Linda Love is getting very nervous because so few have signed up for her trip, so make those reservations and let Linda know!)

TWFF will travel to southeast Oklahoma over November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> to fish for brown and rainbow trout in the stocked waters of the Lower Mountain Fork River at Beavers Bend Oklahoma State Park and Resort, near Broken Bow, OK. Broken Bow is approximately 200 miles northeast of Dallas.

The Lower Mountain Fork flows south out of Broken Bow Reservoir. This tailwater is the most noted year-round trout fishery in the state. Brown and rainbow trout are stocked regularly and may be found throughout the stream and its tributaries. The designated trout area includes a 12-mile reach of the Lower Mountain Fork River extending from Broken Bow Dam downstream to U.S. Highway 70 bridge. About 5 miles of this designated trout stream lies within Beavers Bend State Park, which offers excellent fishing access.

Spillway Creek is a tributary of the Lower Mountain Fork River that is a part of the designated trout area. When you hike along Spillway Creek you feel as if you are in a Rocky Mountain stream. This 1 ½ mile stretch is the first section of the 12 mile designated trout stream and is one of the most popular fishing areas on the Lower Mountain Fork River. Several of our members have enjoyed successful trout fishing in this area. Several fish habitat structures have been installed throughout this section of stream to improve fishing quality and angler success. Trout are stocked near these structures, providing excellent places for angler to begin their trout fishing adventures. Habitat structures include boulder clusters, rock weirs and veins and medium stage check dams. These improvement areas are being stocked with trout on a regular basis to make your fishing better. A state record 9 pound 12.8 ounce brown trout was caught January 13, 2003 from Zone II of the Lower Mountain fork River.

Below Beavers Bend State Park there are public access points at the Regulation Dam and Presbyterian Falls as well as a fee access site located near the Highway 70 bridge. You will need a map and good instructions to get to Presbyterian Falls. Both of these places are more difficult to fish than Spillway Creek. If you have felt sole wading shoes with cleats, they will be very helpful as these rocks are extremely slick. Some guides will not even take you here without them. You must at least have felt soles. Be sure to bring your wading staff and keep it handy. Rob will give you more instruction concerning safety in these areas.

**TWFF Outing Headquarters** will be at Whip-Poor-Will Resort (<http://www.texhillcntry.com/whippoorwill/>), located 6 miles from Beavers Bend State Park (<http://www.beaversbend.com>) adjacent to the Ouachita National Forest.

Numerous other cabins and tent/RV campgrounds are located in the vicinity. For a listing of these and additional information about the area including other activities, see the [Beavers Bend Oklahoma State Park and Resort](#) web site.

Whip-Poor-Will Resort has 18 rental cabins that we can rent at last year's rates. Make certain you tell Cathy you are reserving for the TWFF outing to get the special rates. **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. Send an email to Linda Love when your reservations are confirmed, she needs a head count of persons attending.**

**RV/Tent Camping** is available at Beavers Bend State Park – (the park will fill up quickly and there are no guarantees that sites will be available for a Friday arrival during a busy time of year.) as well as the nearby Lake Pines (\$17/ night for full hook ups). Lake Pines is approx. 5 miles from Whip-poor-will, 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**

The park has several beautiful locations for wade fishing with convenient parking nearby. The park also has a park store and a restaurant with a really good breakfast for your convenience. There is also a great museum there telling some of the history of this area.

### **Fishing License:**

Go to [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com) for a lot of information.

Non Resident License Fee for 2005 as follows:

Annual \$37.00

5-days \$18.50

Trout \$10.00

Legacy \$ 5.00

Texas residents 64 or older pay only the \$5.00 Legacy fee.

Online fishing license can be obtained at:

[Wildlifedepartment.com](http://Wildlifedepartment.com) - an additional \$3.00 fee will be charged.

Plan on attending the Mullet Mixer at Linda Love's Cabin #10 on Friday night at 7:00. We will probably head out fishing early Saturday morning around 8:00 with a stop by the local fly shops and the State Park to purchase fishing licenses (if you do not already have them) and get maps. The area is best for wading. Kayaks can be used in some locations but not necessary for the best fishing. Plan on going out to eat on Saturday night at 7:00 at a restaurant near by. Then, more fishing on Sunday with meals on your on that night.

Remember waders and long johns. The water is cold year round but the air will be cold also. This is best time of year for trout fishing in this area. So be prepared to reel in lots of fish but also to be patient and courteous as the streams will most likely be filled with other fishers.

### **What to Bring:**

Rod size: Spillway Creek 5-6 weight. You can also use 3-4 weight fly rod for a bit more action with smaller fish. (Pam had good action on #3 weight rod early this year)

Flies:

Olive wooly bugger, with/without bead head size 8-10. Black/olive also good.

Streamers: white or silver & white minnow style and white Zonker #6 long

Nymphs: Prince nymph #16; Pheasant tail, with/without bead #14-16. Flash back OK too. Gold rib hares ear #14-16.

Brassie and Copper John #14-16

Red fox squirrel tail size #14-16.

Midge - red, pearl, #20-22. Soft hackle in orange & olive are good colors.

Dry fly: Parachute Adams 14-16; Caddis in tan or gray #12-14. Blue wing olive #18.

San Juan worm - tan #12-14.

There are 2 fly shops in this area. One is The Beaver Bend Fly Shop located in the park and the other is the Three Rivers Fly Shop, [3rivers@pine-net.com](mailto:3rivers@pine-net.com), phone 580.494.6115, located near the Whip-Poor-Will cabins. You can obtain your license there or you can get it online at their web site prior to arrival. Sid at The Fly Shop is very helpful and is well stocked with flies.

Rob Woodruff will present a program Friday evening at the mullet mixer beginning around 7 PM (exact time will be provided later), including orientation to Beaver Bend OK. fishing, how to read the water, fishing different kinds of water, flies to use, technique and where to fish.

Saturday morning he will place us in strategic fishing spots, tweak the skills of those who are interested, i.e., mending the line, etc., and help with casting presentation. He will rotate to each group during the day to help as needed. Those with previous experience here may want less help than those who are new to the area. Trout fishing is a bit different than bass and pan fish and he will help us learn to fish for trout. Rob will tell us regulations regarding size, catch and release, etc.

#### **Information regarding our guide:**

Rob woodruff is a full-time licensed fly fishing guide. He holds a B.S. in Entomology from Texas A & M and has over 30 years fly fishing experience. He has been featured twice on ESPN's Fly Fishing America. Rob's techniques and flies have appeared in magazines such as Fly Rod & Reel, Warmwater Flyfishing, Fly Fishing and Tying Journal, Outdoor World, Flyfisher, Texas Fish and Game, Bassmaster and Southwest Fly Fishing. Rob hosts Salmon and Trout trips to the remote and beautiful Chilcotin district of British Columbia every July and September. He also guides on the fabulous Lake Fork, where he lives, and where you can fish for lunker bass. Also guides on Lake Monticello, Texas which is a power plant lake and on Glass Lake, Texas, a private access 73 acre lake. His rates are most reasonable [check out his web site]. He is a very easy person to talk to and get acquainted with and his instructions are easy to follow. You can visit his web site at [www.flyfishingfork.com](http://www.flyfishingfork.com) for more information.



### ***OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST***

#### **Oktoberfisch Fly Fishing Festival**

Oct 21, 22 and 23 - sponsored by the Heart of the Hills Flyfishers  
Casting Clinics, Vendors, Camping & Kayaking, Fishing, Dinner, Raffle & More  
Please visit their website at [www.fredericksburgflyfishers.org](http://www.fredericksburgflyfishers.org) for more information.

#### **TPWD Expo Oct 1 & 2 - <http://www.tpwd.state.ts.us/exptexas/promos/expo/>**

There will be a TWFF table. If you are interested in helping with the table, teaching fly tying, fly casting, recruiting new members or just sitting at our table talking about what we do and show our scrapbooks to visitors, please contact Coco Davenport at [cocodav@earthlink.net](mailto:cocodav@earthlink.net). We need workers for only 2 hours each day.



### ***CONSERVATION/FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY***

#### **Guadalupe Bass Restoration Initiative**

**Goal:** To restore the Guadalupe Bass population in its native habitat of the Upper Guadalupe River System to a healthy state.

**Background Information:** The Guadalupe Bass (*Micropterus treculi*) Is a Central Texas native, endemic only to the Edwards Plateau region. The native range includes streams of the Guadalupe, San Antonio, Colorado and Brazos river

systems. The Guadalupe Bass has been and still is considered a popular sport fish in the Texas Hill Country. In 1989, the Texas Legislature recognized the unique character of both the Guadalupe Bass and its habitat by designating it the State Fish of Texas.

The numbers of Guadalupe Bass have decreased in recent years due to various factors, primarily the hybridization with the Smallmouth Bass (*M. dolomieu*) that were introduced into the Upper Guadalupe River more than a decade ago. Smallmouth Bass are similar in life history to the Guadalupe Bass, and the two species lack reproductive isolating mechanisms. An unforeseen result of the stocking program was the hybridization between the two fishes. This genetic introgression may ultimately prove to be the most serious threat to the existence of the Guadalupe Bass.

The non-native Smallmouth Bass that were previously stocked in the Upper Guadalupe River are now minimal in population. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has undertaken remedial stocking of a pure strain of Guadalupe Bass into genetically contaminated areas in an effort to reduce or replace hybrid strains. A tributary of the Guadalupe River, Johnson Creek, was chosen as the primary test site to determine the effectiveness of remedial stocking, because it was found to have 34% hybrids in a downstream section, and none in an upstream section. This location was judged to have the highest probability of success among known genetically contaminated streams, as there was only a partially hybridized population.

This effort has proven effective, but to ultimately succeed, it must be expanded to the main stem of the Upper Guadalupe River, as well as to the tributaries of the North and South Forks. Annual stocking of 225,000 fingerlings in the river annually will be necessary to complete the program. In this way, a pure strain of the Guadalupe Bass will be restored and remain secure in the Guadalupe River.

**FIVE YEAR PLAN:** The plan is to stock 225,000 pure strain Guadalupe Bass fingerlings per year for five (5) years.

The TPWD would breed, raise and stock the fingerlings. They would also assess the effectiveness of the stocking program by periodic sampling and genetically testing the bass population in the streams.

The Hill Country Fly Fishers Club ( HCFF) and the Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) will seek and secure funds to assist in the implementation of this initiative. They will communicate with other organizations such as The Federation of Fly Fishers, The Southern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers, multiple Fly Fishers Clubs in Texas, and the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Kerrville, Texas, to request funds, as well as to promote public awareness concerning the Guadalupe Bass restoration project.

**Cost:** The Guadalupe Bass fingerlings can be raised and stocked for \$0.07 each. Raising 225,000 fish will cost \$15,750 annually, or \$78,750 for five years. If possible (with additional funding) a display with a fish tank, photographs, and printed information will be used to assist with educational programs for area schools and other interested groups.

**Sources of Funding:**

- TPWD: \$25,250 ( committed)
- Federation of Fly Fishers: verbal commitment
- Southern Council : verbal commitment of \$750 for the first year
- Hill Country Fly Fishers: verbal commitment of \$1,000 /year for 5 years
- Kerrville Convention & Visitors Bureau: verbal commitment of \$1,000/year for 5 years
- Alamo Fly Fishers Club ( San Antonio, Tx) verbal commitment of \$1,500 for the first year



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