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TWFF Business Update

Submitted by Cynthia Jose-Sudds

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Presented by Gretchen Neubauer. Before this outing, there was about \$7900.00 in account. The fundraising efforts of Roz are paying off.

FIRST VP REPORT:

Report given by Roz Orr.

- Proceeds for TWFF from silent auction: \$782.00
- Hat Sales for TWFF: \$308.00
- Fly Sales for CFR: \$121.00
- Chums Sales (Fish Tip Sunglasses Retainer) for CFR - \$40.00
- Guess the Number of Flies for CFR: \$112.
- Waters Fishing Co., Dallas, TX , 3/1/08. (total = \$187.00)
- Lunch proceeds for CFR: \$160

There will be another silent auction at Mueller’s in Bandera. We are asking for everyone to bring something to auction for which you are good at (your talent within). Examples are quilts, pies, photography, etc. Will list things on post it notes for outside bids. Next auction after Bandera will be at Lake Texoma. Great Job Roz!!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Report was presented by Kerri Stephenson. Currently we have over 120 members. Most have paid dues. Cards or reminders will go out to those that have not paid soon. Send Kerri an email at membership@twff.net if you want a copy of the membership list.

I would like to thank all of those members who have renewed their TWFF membership. For those members who have not renewed their membership (TWFF Individual Membership: \$20/TWFF Family Membership: \$25) and would like to do so, please go to www.twff.net and click Start the fun - Join today!

When the “Join Us” page opens, click Select our print-friendly membership form and complete the form. Then print the form and mail it, along with your check, to:

Texas Women Fly Fishers
ATTN: Kerri Stephenson, Membership Chairperson
11322 Pompey Ct.
Austin, TX 78739





From the President

By Mary Rohrer

Dear Anglers,

At our Back 40 outing last month, Sheila Anderson, Greg Neubauer and I had an informal class on Loops. One of the important aspects of fly fishing and casting is understanding how we manage the motion of the rod and the resultant path of the fly line to form loops....those beautiful tight loops that we all covet.

About five years ago, I took a casting course from Ed Jaworowski, one of the premier casting instructors, author, and a guru of the cast. One of the participants included Captain Sally Moffett of Rockport, and her question to Ed was "How do you learn to cast so that it is effortless?" Since the class, I've been on my own path, and worked on developing my own casting knowledge and technique, and, I've taken Sally's question to heart. My desire is like Sally's, I yearn for an effortless cast so that I can fish all day with out getting fatigued, a cast with speed and accuracy to hit those sweet spots where the fish are lurking, a cast with those crisp, tight loops. Is this too much to ask of my body and my equipment?

My journey continued from that humid August weekend five years ago to include plenty of time in my backyard, working on casting in a horizontal plane, watching the rod load and unload, and making progress on improving my cast. Ed's book, "Troubleshooting the Cast", was opened on my picnic table. Boy, I had plenty to troubleshoot! After our TWFF outing to Galveston in 2005, was frustrated with my casting ability. I was certain that the double haul would solve all of my casting problems. Again, starting in my hotel room at Gaido's and more practice in the backyard, I worked step by step through the double haul section of the "Fly-Casting Handbook" by Macauley Lord, and taught myself the mechanics of the double haul. Increasing the line speed didn't help. I was not casting well. I was the tailing loop queen, my accuracy and distance suffered, and my cast certainly wasn't effortless.

I continued on my journey to improve my cast and in 2006, on another very hot August weekend, I traveled to Al Crise's place in Glen Rose with Sheila and Karen Gebhardt. We went there to learn about teaching fly fishing, but, the three of us learned as much about ourselves and our casts as we did about teaching. Al is a great supporter of TWFF and a Master Certified Casting Instructor with FFF. He and his staff helped us diagnose our casts. Our heads were filled with new terms- rod arc, straight line path, legs of the loop, rod loading. I overpowered

my rod causing the fly line to shock, my rod arc was large and my stroke was too fast. Karen was diagnosed as a "creeper and jabber". We all came away with much improved casts and a better understanding of the mechanics of casting. I highly recommend Al's casting class for our members, particularly if you have reached a plateau in casting as I did. Since the class, my cast has greatly improved, my loops are better formed, and I'm aware of the interaction of the rod, the fly line and the power of my stroke.

We all enjoy watching anglers who have beautiful casts. The fly line magically moves back and forth, the legs of the loop parallel to each other, graceful loops, the fly unrolls to that bubble line on the stream, a fish rises to the fly, the fly line tightens, ahhh, fish on. Effortless....

Happy Fishing!

Mary Rohrer



Karen Gebhardt, me, Al Crise, and Sheila Anderson

Upcoming TWFF Events

MAY 30-JUNE 1, 2008
Purtis Creek State Park

Contact TPWD at 512.389.8900 and make reservations asap if you are camping. Sites are \$16.00 and fill up quickly at this small park.

Coordinator(s):
Rozlynn Orr & Kathy Goodlett
mzfishin@yahoo.com

JULY 18-21, 2008
Junction, Llano River
Coordinator(s) needed

SEPTEMBER 12-14, 2008
Muller's Ark Ranch, Bandera
Coordinator(s):
Glenna Noret & Kelley Kazura
michael.noret@suddenlink.net

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 2
Aransas Pass- Saltwater
Coordinator: Gretchen Neubauer

DECEMBER 5 - 7
Texoma - Striper fishing
Coordinator(s): Rozlynn Orr, Frances Estes and Mary K. Janco

Welcome New Members

Vicki Andrews San Antonio, TX

Diana Kunde Arlington, TX

Paul Sather San Antonio, TX

Welcome also our new Casting for Recovery members that joined TWFF at the Joshua Creek CFR Outing. They are as follows:

Carrie Madden Dripping Springs, TX
Chan Buckley Buda, TX
Cindy Organ Spring Branch, TX
Sandra Hicks Schertz, TX
Barbara LaBruzza Austin, TX
Lori Grube Austin, TX
Shereen Bickham Portland, TX
Margie Olivarez Lubbock, TX
Debra Denise Wright Sachse, TX

NEXT OUTING: Purtis Creek State Park

MAY 30, 2008 – June 1, 2008

Purtis Creek State Park is 80 miles southeast of Dallas.

Purtis Creek State Park: 903.425.2332 – Regina for general questions

TPWD: 512.389.8900 – for reservations

R.S.V.P. to Rozlynn Orr at mzfishin@yahoo.com as soon as you have reservations.

Angling Opportunities

Purtis Creek State Park is best known for its largemouth bass fishery. This species has been subject to a special catch-and-release-only rule since the lake opened to the public in 1988. Channel catfish are stocked annually and grow rapidly, providing an excellent fishery from both fishing piers. Crappie anglers frequently catch daily limits of these popular fish.

Species	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Largemouth Bass				
Catfish				
Crappie				
Sunfish				

Fishing Cover/Structure

This state park lake was designed specifically for fishing. Much of the inundated timber is still standing in the upper half of the lake and in the back of most coves. Native aquatic vegetation (coontail and pondweed) is abundant. Hydrilla is occasionally a problem, but the park staff currently has this invasive plant under control.

This is a great small lake for kayaking, canoeing and kick boating. (There is also a designated swimming area.) There are two lighted fishing piers, a dam with a concrete ledge walkway and bank accessibility for land bound fishers.

Fees

\$2.00 entrance fee to park or free with Texas State Park Pass (up 15 free in a car load).

\$16.00 sites with water and electric – camping and RV. They reserve a site for you but not a specific one. The coordinators will arrive early and try and get the TWFF sites together. There is a maximum of 8 people per campsite so we may share sites if necessary.

Cancellation Policy

If notification is made within 48 hours of reservation, all money is returned except for a \$5.00 reservation fee. Any later notification results in a forfeit of all money.

Fly Recommendations

(similar to Fredericksburg outing)

- Deer Hair Bass Bugs
- Bunny Streamers
- Poppers
- Wooly Bugger & Clousers

Equipment Recommendations

- 6 wt. - 8 wt. rod with floating line for bass with
- 1X, 2X or 3X Leader and matched Tippet
- 5 wt. - 6 wt. rod with floating line for sunfish with
- 3X or 4X Leader and matched Tippet

Canoe/Kayak/Paddle Boat Rental - thru PCSP in person

- \$11.00 – 1 hour
- \$14.00 – 2 hours
- \$17.00 – 3 hours
- \$21.00 – 4 hours
- \$28.00 – all day - This would be ideal for a small group to rent and share

Directions

From the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, travel 65 miles east on US Highway 175 to Eustace, then left (north) on FM 316 for 3.5 miles.

Location

Purtis Creek State Park
14225 F.M. 316
Eustace, TX 75124

903.425.2332

There are 59 camping sites. This is a small park and books quickly. Reservations should be made as far in advance as possible.



Fishing at the Purtis Creek *continued*

Activities

Friday Mullet Mixer

Our Mullet Mixer will be at the Inn on the Hill on May 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in one of their facility rooms. **Be sure to bring a snack and your favorite beverage to the mixer.** The hotel has a full service bar. Our Mullet Mixer guest speaker will be Sean Polk, Fishing Manager of Orvis, Dallas. Sean will be presenting 'Bass Fishing – Tips and Techniques'.

Saturday Activities

We will fish Saturday morning, breaking for an early picnic lunch at the campsite of Rozlynn Orr and Frances Estes. **Be sure and bring a sandwich or snack and plenty of water.** We are tentatively scheduling a behind the scenes tour of the hatchery at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens around 1:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon. The tour should last about an hour then we will return to Purtis Creek for more fishing. Maybe we can car pool to this tour and avoid everyone taking individual cars. The fishery center will confirm our tour as soon as they have their May work schedule in place.

Dinner Saturday Night

Dinner on May 31, 2008 will be at 7:30 p.m. at the restaurant at the Inn on the Hill. The dining rooms are large and we will be seated together. They serve Mexican dishes and more.

Lodging

Lodging in Athens, 14 miles from the State Park:

Inn On The Hill – 903.675.9214, 2050 Highway 31 East, Athens, TX (formerly a Best Western). This will be our headquarters for the outing. They are offering rooms to us for \$69.00 a night.

Contact Roz if you need to share a room at the Inn on the Hill. There are a couple of people wanting to share a room.

Other lodging:

- Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, 877.863.4780 or 903.675.2500, 1119 E. Tyler St., Athens, TX - \$129.99/night, standard room or \$142.99/suite
- Pine Cone Country Inn, 800.449.PINE or 903.479.3807, Jim & Pat Hayes, Innkeepers, P.O. Box 1936, Athens, TX (15 miles north of Athens on State Hwy. 19 North) \$75 –\$95. This is a 4 bedroom home with private baths.
- Oak Meadow Bed & Breakfast, 877.675.3407 or 903.675.3407, Joe & Gwen Mills, Innkeepers, FM 2495, Athens, TX-\$89-\$105. (1 1/2 miles south of State Hwy. 31 East on FM 2495).
- Embracing Acres Country Inn, Mike & Jeri Canatella, Proprietors, 8976 County Road 2800, Athens, TX, 903.675.3252. Private cottages and a private fishing lake, \$95. for 2 and add'l \$25. per extra persons.

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Calendar

Our TWFF event is on the TPWD, Purtis Creek calendar.

There is a Jr. Angling event (ages 6-13) on May 31st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This should not affect our outing.

NOTICE***NOTICE***NOTICE

Our event is the same weekend as Canton First Monday Trade Days. Lodging reservations for Canton overflow to Athens and accommodations become scarce. Please book a.s.a.p. if you are planning on attending this outing!

Please RSVP to coordinators if you are planning on attending:

Rozlynn Orr/Frances Estes at:
mzfishin@yahoo

Kathy Goodlett at:
kgoodusav@yahoo.com



Name the Newsletter

TWFF is having a contest to name this newsletter. It goes like this:

- 1** Each member can submit *up to* 10 names.
- 2** Then in the next newsletter we will publish the list of all names sent in.
- 3** Everyone can then vote on their favorite name.
- 4** We will then publish the top 3-5 names in the following newsletter for a final round of voting.
- 5** By the end of the year, we should have our winner and we can publish the new name.

You can vote by emailing to newsletter@twff.net.

We don't know if there will be a prize but we're sure that seeing your wonderful name chosen and in print several times per year is reward enough.

So the contest starts NOW!

Get those names sent off to me soon and remember a fish by any other name would still smell as...



Hi, my name is



2008 TWFF Coordinated Outings		
Month	2008 TWFF Coordinated outings	Coordinators
May 30 - Jun 1	Purtis Creek	Rozlynn Orr & Kathy Goodlett
July 18 - 21	Junction, Llano River	Coordinator needed
September 12 - 14	Muller's Ark Ranch, Bandera	Glenna Noret & Kelley Kazura
October 31 - November 2	Aransas Pass	Gretchen Neubauer
December 5 - 7	Texoma, Striper fishing	Rozlynn Orr, Mary K Janco

2008 Optional Outings without Coordinator		
Month	2008 Optional outings - no coordinator	Point of Contact
May 16 - 18	FFF Gulf Coast Council, Lake Charles	www.gulfcoastfff.org
Jun 20 - 22	Port Aransas, Alamo FF	http://www.alamoflyfishers.org/
Jul 18 - 20	Port Aransas, Alamo FF	http://www.alamoflyfishers.org/
Oct 17-19	Oktoberfish, Junction	www.fredericksburgflyfishers.org

Outings Update

Submitted by Glenna Noret

Mission: To boldly explore and establish new and exciting outings for the TWFF tht will incorporate new waters and offer reasonable samplings from across the wonderful state of Texas!

We are working on the 2009 outings also. If you have any ideas let us know but be sure you are familiar with the area before recommending something. Remember we will need lodging or camping, and a place to eat. Looking at Broken Bow in Feb 2009. Understand that it is cold but fishing best. We are also trying to get Jesse to do 2-3 classes for us over the weekend. Several people have taken this class and it is excellent. Only one hour in class and the rest of the time on the water. We are also trying to set up a week long outing to the White River in Arkansas during the fall of 2009.

Outing cards may be done again to place in fly-fishing shops and such. These will list places we have been. Will only get enough as allowed by budget.

Outing Committee Update- Change in Location for July 18 to 21 Outing

After the Fredericksburg outing, several members of the Outing Committee went to Bastrop to checkout the Colorado River and our upcoming trip in July. Shelia Anderson, Rozlynn Orr, Frances Estes, Mike Noret and I put in the river at Fisherman's Park in downtown historical Bastrop around 10:30 a.m. Monday morning. The access point is a nice, concrete boat ramp with a lot of ducks and geese. The water looked like it was moving swiftly, but after talking to someone who was getting out of the river after sculling; he assured us that it wasn't too swiftly. Roz almost backed out on us, but we twisted her arm and Mike promised to rescue her, that and the fact that we all wore our lifejackets – just in case. The trip which was approximately 6 miles long, took us about 4 1/2 hours and we took our time.

The Colorado River is wide, with mostly high banks. Most of us have only seen it when it was the color of red mud, but this day it was a light green. Visibility was only about 2 or 3 feet. There were a few sandbars and islands where we stopped and wade-fished, but no real access from the banks. The river is also deep for the most part, 15 to 20 feet. The fishing on the day we ran the river was terrible. No one even got a bite; and believe me with Shelia, Roz and Frances, if they can't get the fish to bite, no one can.

After a collective discussion, we decided that Bastrop wasn't for us and decided to move the July outing to Junction. The good news is that the water in the South Llano is always running, cool and great to fish. Once again, the City of Junction is welcoming us with opened arms. The outing will be headquarters at the Best Western Dos Rios. For anyone planning on attending, please make your reservations by July 1st. The TWFF rate if \$72 a room for up to 4 persons in a room. They can be reached at 325-446-3700. Our Mullet Mixer will be held in their breakfast room – did I mention that there's free breakfast every morning? Of course, additional details will be forthcoming, and we could use a few volunteers to help coordinate the trip.

Don't forget to let me know if you find an outstanding fishing place. We'd love to check it out.

Glenna



Trip Report: Back 40 Fredericksburg Outing

APRIL 4-6, 2008

By Sheila Anderson

This outing had all the charm of our first visit to Fredericksburg, plus extras! Not too early on Saturday morning, Martin Pursch conducted lessons on warm water rigging and fly selection. Martin is a friend and supporter of TWFF and we love him dearly. The idea here is to help the beginners learn the differences between trout rigging and warm water rigging. Trout fishing often uses the drift method of presenting the fly, while warm water fishing can use the cast and strip, jigging, or popping methods to present the fly. Leaders and tippetts are typically larger in diameter for warm water fishing.

In the casting field we had two classes scheduled, beginning casting by Mary Rohrer and Greg Neubauer, a Certified Casting Instructor (CCI) candidate, and intermediate casting, as well. We had several women fly fishing for the very first time attending the beginner class. The intermediate class contained examples of loops, and diagnosis of individuals casting strokes, for both the intermediate and less experienced members.

Several of our members brought kayaks to use for fishing the entire 20 acre lake. Jack and Mary K Janco tried out different kayaks because they may be interested in purchase one. Annette Blythe brought her brand new Native Watercraft Ultimate 12 ft, weighing less than 30 pounds. This boat is not only light weight, but very stable too.

Lunch was served as a benefit for Casting for Recovery, and we held a small silent auction to raise TWFF funds. The fishing was pretty good, many folks caught perch, crappie, and bass. Dinner was held at Friedhelm's later Saturday evening and most of the participants attended. Some stayed back for the best fishing of the day. Something about sundown gets those fish active!

Lost and Found from the Back 40, Fredericksburg Outing

Lost: Tan, lighted TWFF hat with Janice embroidered on the back.

Found: Small fly box with flies.

Please contact Rozlynn Orr at mzfishin@yahoo.com if you have information on either of these items.



Martin Pursch imparting words of warm water wisdom.



Mary K Janco is her ride.



Mary Rohrer and Greg Neubauer talking loops.



Does it get any better?



TWFF Outreach

Casting for Recovery at Joshua Creek Ranch, April 18, 19, and 20th

The peaceful setting at Joshua Creek Ranch outside of Boerne was the perfect location for the fourth Texas retreat for Casting for Recovery. The scenery is all “Hill Country”, rolling hills, a rustic rock lodge and beautiful Joshua Creek. The creek has beautiful large cypress trees on either side of the banks. A perfect setting for 14 very enthusiastic breast cancer survivors to come enjoy, what we women fly fishers already know, that observing nature, learning new things, meeting new folks, and sharing laughter are powerful healing forces. This year TWFF sponsored two women to this retreat.

The participants were from all over Texas, varied in ages and experiences, and now living their lives to the fullest, because of their encounters with cancer. What an inspiration these gals are! What a great time for them to have a weekend to share their medical experiences with others who had often times been through many of the same things.

The participants had a “crash course” on fly fishing throughout the weekend. Sheila Anderson showed them how to tie a foam beetle fly Friday night. On Saturday, Sheila, Mary Rohrer, Stacy Trimble and Cindy Stewart conducted classroom lessons on equipment and knot tying, and a morning and afternoon session on casting. By before dinner on Saturday, the participants were all casting well, knew the difference between a leader and tippet, and learned how to land a fish in anticipation of Sunday’s activities. We could see the trout, bass, plenty of perch and a few catfish lurking about as we walked the stream beds.



Sunday was on-the-water day! The participants were provided with “full” fly fishing outfits- rods, reels, vests with lots of stuff in all of those pockets, waders and boots. All the participants were paired with local fly fishing “river guides” as we headed to the creek to finally FISH! Hushed tones were interrupted with laughter on the creek as lines tightened and fish were landed. What a great experience for all of us, participants and staff included.



Thank you, TWFF for understanding the meaning of this retreat by generously sponsoring two of these women to participate in this wonderful event. Some photos of the 2008 retreat are posted on the TWFF website in the photo gallery, and more information on the program can be found at the CFR website, www.casting-forrecovery.org.



Guess the Number of Flies in the Bottle

We all played and enjoyed this guessing game at our last outing. I am very pleased to report that we raised \$187.00 for Casting For Recovery!

The winners were Frances Hamm and Frances Estes. The winning number was 231 and they each guessed 230.

Congrats girls!

We had such fun that we are now in the process of creating a Traveling Fly Bottle that will go with TWFF members to various outreach programs and expos throughout the remainder of the year to earn more money and awareness for CFR. This means that we need more fly donations! The flies may be hand tied or purchased and of any variety such as freshwater, trout, salt, bass bugs, etc. The more the merrier!

I'd like to thank all of our members that participated and showed their support for Casting For Recovery! Please contact Rozlynn Orr at mzfishin@yahoo.com to donate flies.



Hats, Hats and Hats

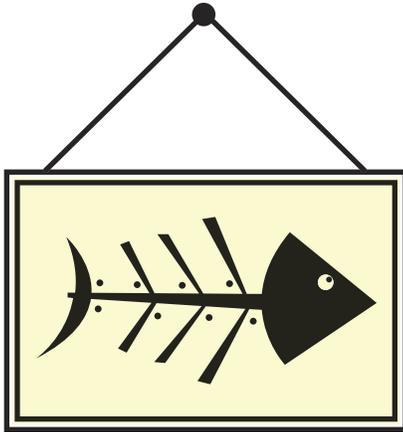
"Hats off to all who ordered hats!"

The new TWFF hats were a big success with everyone. We have different colors of hats with our names on the back. We only have 6 more hats to sell at \$20.00 each. Be sure to get one if you didn't order earlier. These are our new spring bonnets! Don't forget we have a big inventory of TWFF t-shirts. Wear one to your tying lessons or out fishing, It's a great way to produce some visibility for TWFF and recruit members for our club!

To order your hat(s), contact Roz Orr at mzfishin@yahoo.com.



The Talent Within



As I was looking through our great scrapbooks put together by Sheila Anderson, I was amazed at the talent and artistic beauty in so many of our club photos. I was even more amazed by the consistency of the artistic eye of our photographers. I dreamed of having these pictures of my favorite fishing spots on my walls at home. As I pondered these artistic achievements in their own rights, I wanted to see more expressions of art from our members. Like good fish art! With this idea, I would like to have a special auction dedicated to our membership and entitled 'The Talent Within' to showcase our member's talent. I am inviting our membership to donate fish art for the auction. I would like framed photographs, drawings, watercolors, paintings, needlework and stitchery, fish prose and poetry, calligraphy, whatever your creative vein will give you. Can you teach your talent to someone? Consider donating a lesson for the auction. The theme simply needs to be fish and/or water. Let's not be shy about our donations as beauty is in the eye of the beholder.....and what is more beautiful than a stream, a fish and the lush outdoors? Or a jar of canned preserves.....make the most of your imaginations!

Please contact me for further details. I would like to hold this auction in the next couple of months.

Rozlynn Orr
 TWFF Fundraiser
 mzfishin@yahoo.com

CFR: Begins in a few weeks.

Committee voted to continue to donate T-shirts and 1 year free membership to those we sponsor. Many from previous years come to the outings and maintain membership.



The following letter was sent to Susan Gaetz, Mary Rohrer and Stacy Trimble after Frances and I participated this past weekend as river helpers at the CFR Retreat at Joshua Creek.

Hey Ladies,

We would like to thank all of you for giving us the opportunity to be river helpers for this event. It was an event of great beauty and warmth. Frances and I truly enjoyed getting to be part of this celebration and renewal process. It is tremendous to watch such a small gesture affect the lives of so many women in such a profound way. You have put together a great retreat and we feel very fortunate to have gotten to participate as river helpers.

Thanks to each of you for the experience and for all you have personally given to make this event so rewarding! I can only imagine how touched the participants must feel.

Rozlynn Orr
 Frances Estes



Gulf Coast Expo 2008 May 16-17 in Lake Charles, LA

They have something new this year: Online registration (credit card, check). There will be a \$2.00 processing fee for online registration. Mail-in registration is available as well. Registration materials and all information about GCC Expo 2008 can be found at:

<http://www.gulfcoastfff.org/index.php?page=Expo-2008>

The spring 2008 issue of the Gulf Coast Council-FFF newsletter "Sea to Stream" can be found at:

<http://www.gulfcoastfff.org/index.php?page=communications>

This page also has links to registration materials for the GCC Expo as well.



Gulf Coast Council
Federation of Fly Fishers

Sea to Stream



Volume 2 Issue 1, January 2008, of the newsletter of the Gulf Coast Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers

Second Gulf Coast Expo & Conclave scheduled for May 16 & 17, 2008 at Lake Charles Civic Center in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Start making your plans to attend now!!

TWFF members Frances Hamm, Lavene Jones, Gretchen Neubauer will be attending. Frances is helping organize the women's luncheon. TWFF will have a booth. Come by and say hello if you are at the Conclave.

They are also taking nominations for "Woman of the Year". You can submit these to the GCC of FFF on line.



2008 Bud Priddy Memorial One Fly Contest

The Alamo Fly Fishers will be hosting the 2008 Bud Priddy Memorial One Fly Contest on Saturday May 3rd from Camp Wood, Texas on the Nueces River. Entry fee is \$20 plus a duplicate of the fly you intend to fish. Registration will be from 7:30am to 8:30am on May 3rd at Lindbergh Park. The entry fee also includes dinner and door prizes. A buffet dinner will be served starting at 6:00pm at the Casa Falcon Restaurant in Camp Wood.

Contest prizes will be awarded in three categories to the lucky fly fisher who catches either the most fish, largest bass, or largest perch. Contest rules require that you use only a single fly, and count only the fish you bring to hand with that fly until you loose it or change to another fly. You may continue fishing after you change your fly, but caught fish will no longer count toward your contest totals. Fishing hours for the contest are between 7:30am and 5:00pm.

For area accommodations, please check out the following motels and campgrounds:

Woodbine Inn (Camp Wood) - (830) 597-2310

Nueces River Motel (Barksdale) - (830) 234-3648

Big Oak River Camp (South of Camp Wood) - (830) 597-5280

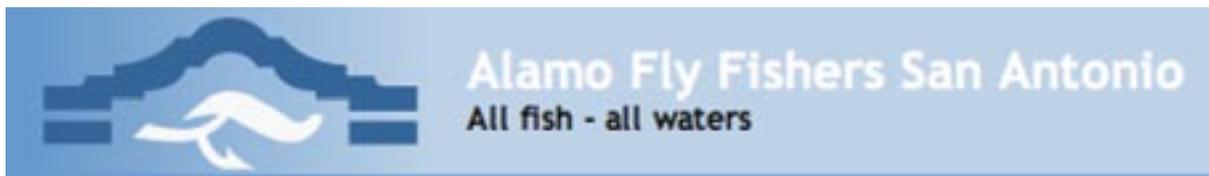
Wes Cooksey RV Park (South of Camp Wood) - (830) 597-3223

I hope to see you on the river in Camp Wood!

Todd Fleming

Alamo Fly Fishers - 2008 Outings Director

<http://www.alamoflyfishers.org/>





Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events

When:	May 16, 2008
Where:	Gulf Coast Conclave Lake Charles, LA

Gulf Coast Federation of Fly Fishers

The Spring 2008 quarterly newsletter of the Gulf coast Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers, 'Sea to Stream' has information on the upcoming FFF Conclave in Lake Charles in May, news on other local clubs and some fly tying techniques.

Since the newsletter is quite large, we thought it would be better to have a link to it in this and our next newsletter, rather than sending it out to the membership list. The newsletter can be found at <http://www.gulfcoastfff.org/index.php?page=communications>

When:	June 21, 2008
Where:	Lake Texoma, TX

Texoma on the Fly

This event is hosted jointly by Red River Fly Fishers in Sherman and Texas Parks and Wildlife at Eisenhower State Park at Lake Texoma. There is free fishing in the Park that day and the morning is filled with lots of fly tiers and the afternoon session is full of seminars for fishing and trying the area waters. It is a great little get together.

Saturday, June 21, 2008.

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Free of charge and includes free access to fishing Lake Texoma in Eisenhower State Park.
- Fee lunch.
- Free casting lessons from CCI's and casting coaches.

Emphasis is on Striper and warm water fishing in Texas. TWFF members Mary K and John Janco will be at the event.

When:	June 28, 2008
Where:	Lake Texoma, TX

Certified Casting Instruction Clinic

Al Crise, FFF master casting instructor is holding his casting class on Saturday, June 28. His focus will be on teaching casting to those with physical limitations such as participants of Project Healing Waters and Casting for Recovery. Contact Al at oldflysoup@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events *continued*

Everything Kayak! Expo and Texas Kayaking School

When:	Oct 25, 2008	<p>These cool items will float your boat, so add them to your calendar. 10/25 <i>ONLY</i> is the Everything Kayak! Expo with a swap meet, demos, classes, guides, speakers, vendors, casting field, manufacturers...like they say, everything kayak! The Rockport Fly Tying Club and Rockport Fly Fishers will be there too. Find out more at www.everythingkayakexpo.com</p> <p>There's also the Reel Paddling Film Festival in Aransas Pass Sept 24 - 27 to promote the Expo in October.</p>
Where:	Aransas Pass, TX	
When:	Oct 31-Nov 2, 2008	<p>October 31- Nov 2, the Texas Kayak Fishing School is taught by Capt. Dean Thomas of Slow Ride Guide Services, http://www.slowrideguide.com/</p> <p>They have donated a kayak fishing trip to us. Yippee!!!!!! Read more about one of the world's pioneers of kayak fishing right here in Texas and what his company has to offer.</p>
Where:	Aransas Pass, TX	



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