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TWFF Business Update

Submitted by Mary K. Janco

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Presented by Gretchen Neubauer. As of January 2009: \$85.00 received in dues; \$452.00 spent in expenses (\$252.00 FFF Dues; \$200.00 Merchandise); \$7,965.64 balance

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

The “Talent Within” Silent Auction at Broken Bow was extremely successful; \$1,312 was raised for TWFF, and \$817 was raised for Casting for Recovery. Another successful year at Fly Fish Texas brought in \$490 for CFR.

Mugs will be on the web site for sale.
Hats and t-shirts may be purchased at outings.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

We currently have 57 members who have paid their 2009 dues. As a reminder to all, TWFF annual dues are \$20 for single members and \$25 for families. They are due the 1st of January each year. Susan Dymond is also requesting everyone’s assistance to help her get a good count on our club’s FFF members. Please email Susan and let her know if you are a current member of FFF. If you’re not a member, now is a good time to join FFF. Under the legacy program, a FFF member can sponsor a new member, and they will receive a discount membership rate of \$15 a year. If you are interested, please contact Susan.

OUTING COMMITTEE REPORT:

San Marcos date has been moved to Sept. 11-13.
Junction date changed to June 12-14. Read more on page 14.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Juli Gilbert, Gina Gilmore, Abby Golman, Elizabeth Griffin, Ingrid Johnson, Suzanne McDaniel, Donilee Rinehart, Karen S. Schlier, Janet Schonefeld, Sherrye Snead, Carolyn Vierheller





From the President

By Glenna Noret

Dear Members,

Another first for me – my first “President’s Message.” That sounded much too formal; hope no one expects to hear “Hail to the Chief” when I walk into a room! I just hope I can live up to the legacy Mary Rohrer left behind.

The first order of business is that I must thank all the officers who agreed to take on this new adventure with me. You guys are just the greatest, and I am looking forward to serving with you. I also want to thank Sheila Anderson and Mary Rohrer, two of our past presidents, who have made themselves available to help me anytime I need it. This may be a long weaning process!

I am all about keeping things simple, streamlining processes, and short sweet messages. Those of you who attended the Broken Bow – WOW! What an outing! We had one of the biggest attendances the club has ever had and raised a lot of money through the silent auction and merchandise sales. Just check out the Roz’s fundraising report! When we (the outing committee) decided to fish Broken Bow in February, a lot of the ladies were sad that they would miss the fall colors. However, Jesse King didn’t steer us wrong – it was great fishing in February. The weather was great, the fishing was great, and the laughter is still echoing in my head! Who wouldn’t want to be a member of this club!

Our new website design will be coming on line before the end of February. Roz Orr and Sheila Setter put a lot of work into it, and it shows! Make sure you check it out. By the way, did anyone see Sheila’s demonstrations of her exercise techniques for her new hip! I just wish I could do that with my old hip!

Keep the lines tight and the laughs coming! Hope to see you at Glen Rose.

Glenna Noret

Upcoming TWFF Events

APRIL 24-26
Glen Rose

JUNE 12-14
Junction, Llano River

SEPTEMBER 11-13
San Marcos

OCTOBER 23-25
Saltwater

DECEMBER 31, 2009
JANUARY 1-3, 2010
Guadalupe River





Left: Leslie DeHay bringing one in at Zone 2.

Below: Scenes from the Lodge – the Mullet Mixer and many auction items.



Broken Bow 2009 Trip Report: Fishing the Lower Mountain Fork River

FEBRUARY 13-15, 2009

By Sheila Anderson

Broken Bow in February? Some thought it would be too cold, not as good as in November. While November has traditionally been the month to fish for trout in Oklahoma, this outing was excellent! The weather was mild, not as cold as it could have been. Not as cold even as the week before the outing. And, there weren't as many people fishing in February as in November. We practically had the place all to ourselves – we needed the space. There were over 40 people at this outing!

The Mullet Mixer at Centennial Lodge

We held the Mullet Mixer at Centennial Lodge, once owned by Jesse and Linda King of Three Rivers Fly Shop. Jesse gave a brief presentation of the health of the fishery, what to fish with, and where to fish. There seemed to be more water, flowing faster than the last time we were at Broken Bow. Jesse explained that the flooding in Missouri and Arkansas last spring affected the reservoir at Broken Bow. It filled it up and the release had to be increased to accommodate all the water. The increased water release blew some of the existing structures downstream, boulders and such, so now there is less there to inhibit the flow and it moves faster. There is a plan to rebuild structures for the fishery.

Saturday we hit the water. Newer, less experienced fishers were paired up with those who had more experience to learn and practice the drift method of trout fishing. There was some success at catching trout on Saturday, although members who came earlier in the week caught more fish on Thursday and Friday. Most of us used the dropper combination choice of flies – egg pattern attractor with a tiny nymph attached to catch the fish. Some used the good 'ol woolly



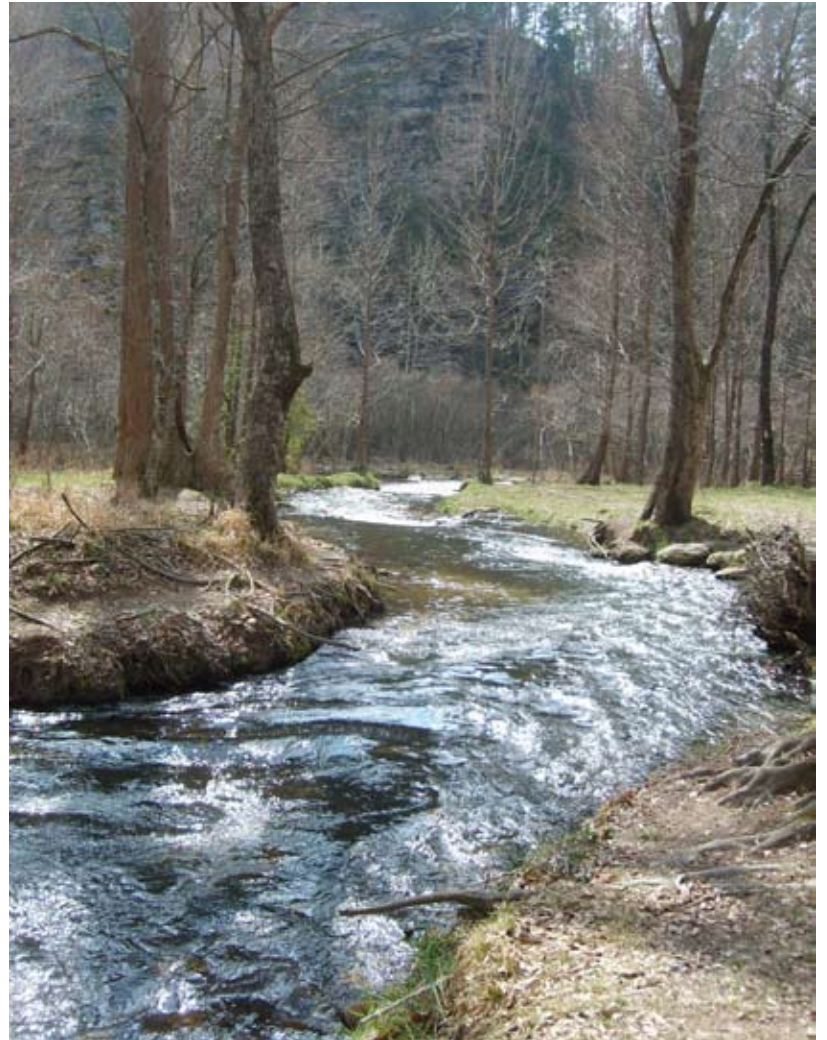


With rainbows as big as their smiles, our happy twffers are clockwise from the top left: Frances Hamm, Kerri Stephenson, Leslie DeHay, Betty Burseson, Sheila Anderson, and Julie Gilbert.

bugger as a streamer, strip fishing for trout. Both methods were successful for most of the fishers. Around the corner from Lost Creek, in the very cold shade, we were able to experience a full cast with drift and strip for some more fun catching trout.

Saturday evening we all met at the Park Restaurant for dinner, meeting and silent auction. In past years our growing membership had trouble fitting into the side room at Steven's Gap for dinner, but we had plenty of room this year. The restaurant closed early and allowed us to be a private party for the evening, staying open past normal hours for us. The restaurant staff was professional and the service was great. We really enjoyed ourselves. There were many items in this Talent Within auction, all made and donated by our members. We raised quite a bit of money, almost our whole budget for the year, in this one very remarkable auction! In all, I believe we had a very successful outing.





Scenes of Lost Creek
Beavers Bend



NEXT OUTING: The Dinosaur Capital of Texas with a Few Good Fishin' Holes

Glen Rose, TX

April 24-26, 2009

Outing coordinator(s): Jan Bates, Carolyn Hill, Mary K. Janco, Frances Estes, and Rozlynn Orr

We are about a month away from our Glen Rose outing and have a little over 40 members coming to this event. Most of Country Woods Inn is booked except for the Sante Fe Railroad Car at \$165 per night and the Cabin in the Woods at \$226 per night. These rates include tax and breakfast for both Saturday and Sunday. The Railroad Car sleeps 6 in 2 bunk beds (2 lower beds are double futon sofas). It has a full kitchen, sitting area, and an old-fashioned bathroom with a claw foot tub. This is a great space to share with other members. The Cabin in the Woods is a small house with a double bed and all the amenities of home, including a TV. This is a perfect romantic getaway tucked on the border of the woods. This also could be shared if you're willing to floor or couch camp. You can still make reservations at **Country Woods Inn**, www.countrywoodsinn.com, by contacting Helen Kerwin at **254.396.5248** or 817.279.3002.



Courtesy of
Dinosaur Valley State Park

Glen Rose has many other hotels, bed and breakfast inns, and for camping or RVing, there is Dinosaur Valley State Park, just 10 minutes away.

The programs will begin at **5 p.m.** on Friday, with Al Crise presenting an advanced casting class, "Casting and Line Control". **The Mullet Mixer is at 7 p.m.** Be sure to bring a dinner dish to share and your favorite beverage. **At 8 p.m.**, Al will present, "**Flies for Texas and How to Fish Them**". About **8:30 p.m.** we'll have "**Pick ol' Al's Brain**", an open Q&A on Fly Fishing. Be sure and bring some fly fishing questions for Al. This should be fun and informative!

Bring a new fly or \$1 and receive a ticket to play "**Fly Giveaway**" at the Mullet Mixer. You can give as many new flies or dollars to buy as many tickets as you would like. You'll put your fly or dollar in a pot and there will be a drawing with the winner taking all the flies and money!

Saturday morning is **breakfast at the Barn** and **lunch is B.Y.O.B.B.**, or 'bring your own brown bag' to the Barn and dine with the group around **12:30 p.m.**

Saturday morning at **9 a.m.**, Al will instruct, "**Fighting, and Releasing your Fish**". At **10:30 a.m.**, he'll present "**Basic Fly Casting – Building a Loop**". You may attend these classes or hit the banks and fish.

We recommend sturdy water shoes or your wading boots and nylon shorts for wet wading. Bring your breathable waders if you prefer not to wet wade. **Country Woods Inn is on the Paluxy River** and there is plenty of wadeable water to fish. There is also a kayak launch on the property for those wanting to kayak. **The Brazos River** is nearby and **it has limited access**. Camp n' Fish is an access point for the Brazos that charges a \$5 entrance fee to park and kayak. It is about 15 miles from Country Woods Inn. Should you kayak this area, we suggest you take a buddy and not kayak/fish alone.

We will be selling lots of good flies and proceeds will benefit Casting for Recovery!



Dinner Saturday night is outdoor grilling of either steak or chicken. The full meal is **\$12.00** for meat and all the sides plus dessert and tea. Please bring your own beverage if you'd like something else. Be sure to RSVP what you would like for dinner.

We'll be having a small **auction** of some flies tied by notable tiers and professionals from Texas and beyond. We'll also have a few other items for the silent auction.

For directions to Glen Rose and Country Woods Inn and the complete trip report, please visit <http://www.twff.net/Outings/Outings.htm> and select Glen Rose.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Jan Bates, Carolyn Hill, Mary K. Janco, Frances Estes, and Rozlynn Orr

RSVP:

Mary K. Janco – jack.janco@sbcglobal.net

Rozlynn Orr – fundraising@twff.net

What to Bring

- Kayak and pfd
- Hat
- Sunglasses (always wear when fly fishing)
- Sunscreen
- Wading Boots or sturdy water shoes
- Breathable waders or nylon/quick drying shorts
- Long-sleeve shirt
- Water bottle
- High protein snack, nuts
- Rod – 3wt to 6 wt with floating line
- Reel – to match rod weight
- Leader and Tippet – 9 foot, 4x
- Glen Rose Bug Box

Flies for sunfish and river bass-

SURFACE:

size 12-14 poppers, Elk Hair Caddis, parachute Adams and Joe's hopper,

size 12 BWO/Blue Winged Olive, and gurglers, spiders, foam bugs

SUBSURFACE:

size 12-14 conehead or beadhead wooly buggers in olive, black and white;

Briminators, GRHE/Gold Ribbed Hare's Ears, clousers, micro-jigs, San Juan

worms, trout chow, nymphs, sm. leeches



Other Area Accommodations

For those wanting to fish bigger water, **Camp 'N' Fish on the Brazos River**, is available for day use kayaking and fishing for a \$5.00 entrance fee. The site has big, shady pecan bottoms with easy access for the river. (Travel directions are provided below.)

RV and Camping:

Dinosaur Valley State Park – www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/dinosaur/ or 254.897.4588 - \$5.00 entrance fee and 46 campsites with electric and water hook-ups for \$25/night.

Make plans to attend this outing and share time with your fishing club buddies!
Be adventurous in Glen Rose!

Additional Lodging Options:

- Inn on the River – 800.575.2101 \$139-219/night
<http://www.innontheriver.com> - walking distance to County Woods Inn
 - Wild Rose Inn - 254.897.4112 - downtown Glen Rose
and close to Country Woods Inn
Email: www.info@wildroseglenrose.com
 - Bussey's Something Special – 254.897.4843
downtown Glen Rose and close to Country Woods Inn
 - J's Country Cabins – 877.898.9533 \$75-95/night
<http://www.cjscountrycabins.com>
 - Trickle Creek Cabins –254.396.0000 \$135/night
<http://www.tricklecreekcabins.com>
 - Paluxy River Bed Cabins – 800.0235.2004 \$164/night
<http://www.paluxyriverbedcabins.com>
- America's Best Deluxe Inn – 888.315.2378 \$81/night
Best Western Dinosaur Valley Inn – 254.897.4818 \$137/night
Comfort Inn – 254.898.8900 \$119/night
Holiday Inn Express – 254.898.9900 \$125/night
La Quinta Inn – 254.898.0680 \$119/night



Glen Rose Directions

From Dallas:

I-35 South - toward Waco.
 From I-35 take Hwy 67 South to Cleburne/Glen Rose.
 From D/FW Airport - Arlington or Fort Worth:
 Hwy 360 South to I-20. I-20 West toward Fort Worth.
 Hwy 377 South to Granbury.
 From Hwy 377 to Granbury, take Hwy 144 to Glen Rose.
 Stay on Hwy 144 to Hwy 67.
 At Hwy 67, turn right.

From Austin:

I-35 North toward Waco.
 Exit Hwy 6 West toward Meridian.
 Turn right on Hwy 22.
 From Hwy 22, take Hwy 144 to Glen Rose.

From Houston:

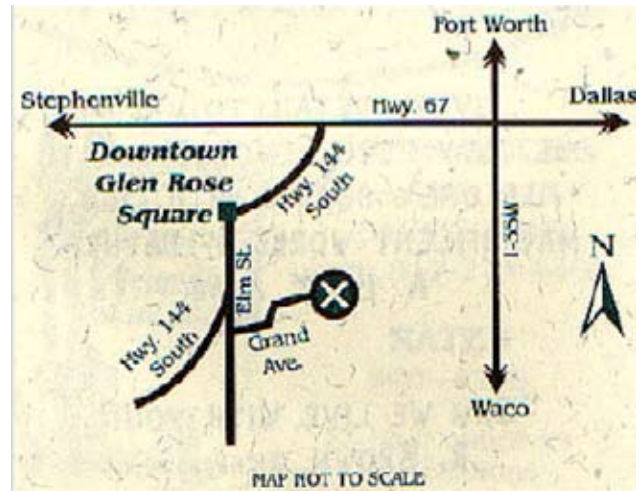
I-45 North to Hwy 290 toward Austin.
 At Hempstead, exit onto Hwy 6 and continue through Bryan/College Station to Waco.
 Continue on Hwy 6 West toward Meridian.
 Turn right on Hwy 22.
 From Hwy 22, take Hwy 144 to Glen Rose.

Inside the Glen Rose City Limits

After arriving inside the Glen Rose City limits, proceed to the downtown square.
 At the red light, take 144 South 1/4 mile and look for the Citgo gas station in the fork of the road.
 Stay left, then turn left on Grand Ave., turn left at HERITAGE ESTATES, continue on Grand to end.
 Continue through the cattle guard and you will see the farm house and cabins at the end of the lane.
 For the Chapel, Railcar, and Cabin in the Woods, Turn Right immediately.

Camp 'N' Fish Directions –

- From Hwy 67 - turn north on FM 200, then right on County Rd 304.
- From Hwy 144 - turn north on FM 200, then left onto County Rd 304.
- Once onto CR 304, you will go through three cattle guards. You will see a white, two-story building. Turn on the gravel road just past the building. Stop and register at the walk-up registration window. If no one is in the office, use the night registration.



Courtesy Country Woods Inn





South Llano River Outing

Junction Texas
June 12 - 14, 2009

Coordinators: Glenna Noret michael.noret@suddenlink.net
and Kelley Kazura 5paws@verizon.net

Any member who attended last year's outing at Junction, can tell you it was one of the best outings we have ever had; in fact, it was so good last year, we decided to have a "do over" this year. Outing headquarters will, once again, be at the Best Western Dos Rio. It is located at the junction of Hwy 377 and I-10 (behind the Dairy Queen). They have been great to us in the past and this year they have offered us a special rate of \$72 a room with up to 4 folks staying in the room. They have also agreed to allow us to use their special function room Friday evening for our Mullet Mixer at no charge. Another added benefit of staying there is that the hotel offers a free, full breakfast every morning! What a great way to start the day. The special rate is only guaranteed until June 1st, so make your reservations early and let's fill up the whole hotel! Their telephone number is 325-446-3929. Make sure you ask for the TWFF rate.

Don't forget the folks at Cavu Canyon Ranch (325-446-9135) who hosted us for our Saturday evening dinner. Looks like they will be doing this again, so think about them for your lodging needs as well. The wonderful folks at South Llano River Lodge (877-999-3026) are again opening their place as a Saturday lunch stop for us; so don't forget to consider their bed and breakfast too.

More Lodging

If you choose not to stay at the Best Western, there are other numerous places to stay in Junction. Everything from tent camping to hotel rooms is available, but please make your reservations early. This is vacation time. Once you make your reservations, please email either Kelley or myself and let us know you are attending the outing and where you are staying - that will give us a good count of the attendance's and we will have a handout that lists all the attendees and where they are staying at the mullet mixer.

Morgan Shady Park

For tent or RV site reservations
600 South 6th St., Junction, Texas
325-446-2580 or 325-446-2071

Area Motels

Comfort Inn Located at I-10, exit 456 (325) 446-3572
800-228-5150

Day's Inn Located at I-10, exit 457 (325) 446-3730
800-329-7466



The Hills Motel, 1520 Main Street (325) 446-2567

Econo Lodge at Exit 465 on I-10 (325) 446-2475

La Vista Motel, 2040 Main Street (325) 446-2191

Lazy T Motel, 2043 Main Street (325) 446-2565

Slumber Inn, 2343 Main Street (325) 446-4588

Sun Valley Motel, 1611 Main Street (325) 446-2505 or 866-446-2505

The Legends Inn, 1908 Main Street (325) 446-8644
877-445-8444

Local Canoe & Kayak Rentals.

If you plan to rent a canoe or kayak from a local outfitter, please make your reservations early.

Peacemaker River Expeditions, 325-446-2363, 365 River Road Junction

South Llano River Canoes (& kayaks), 325-446-2220, 6 miles south of Junction off Hwy 377

Sonny's Canoes, 325-446-2112, 214 Patricia, Junction.

GUIDELINES & SUGGESTIONS

Bring your fly rod, reel, flies and extra equipment for those who may forget or need help. If you want to bring a spinning rod, that's fine too, but you make get funny looks; after all we are the Texas Women Fly Fisher!

Suggested Flies: Wooly Buggers, Jig Head Nymphs, Clousers, Sponge Bugs, Zonkers, Tarantulas, Miss Prissy, Spider Legs or use your warm water imagination.

Bring sunscreen, camera, rain jacket, polarized sun glasses, warm clothes because even in June it can get chilly in the evening. You will not need waders, but if you prefer wearing waders, wear breathable rather than neoprene. Nylon shorts and tennis shoes work just fine. Remember your hat too!

Watch for more information on the Junction outing in the next newsletter and on the message board.



FUTURE TWFF OUTING: San Marcos

September 11-13, 2009

TWFF will be fishing the San Marcos River between Martindale and Staples, Texas, September 11-13, 2009. Our Headquarters will be the **Leisure Resort** which is located on the river near Fentress, TX . Web site is www.leisureresort.net for more information and photos. *They are giving us a 30% discount off the regular prices and they are holding all cabins until March 31, 2009.* After that date, the cabins will be available to the general public and you may not get a cabin. This is a very popular area and the only one of its kind so get your cabin or RV site reserved if you plan to come. If you are not sure, go ahead and register, then cancel at the required time. No pets are allowed in the cabins.

Please e-mail me at L.Hlove@yahoo.com as soon as you know if you plan to attend and after you get your cabin reserved.

Kevin Hutchinson will be our guide along with 2 other licensed guides. His letter is attached with lots of detailed information of what you need for fishing, where to rent a kayak or canoe and much more.

Friday evening, we will meet in the Clubhouse for the Mullet Mixer. Kevin will present a slide show of the river and will have flies available for purchase. Also, he plans to tie flies if we have time so bring your fly tying equipment and make some of your own. Nothing like catching with flies you made! He has just completed a revision of the popular book "Fly-fishing the Texas Hill County" and will have those books available for sale. He will gladly autograph your book.

Saturday, plan on taking a lunch, water, sun screen, camera, etc.; all the usual stuff. This will be a long trip, depending on how much you fish. You may need an anchor for your kayak and a rope to tie off if you want to stop to fish. Do not take more in your boat than necessary, you will be glad later.

Saturday night we will have bar-b-que dinner in the Clubhouse, furnished by some one nearby. More details on that later along with any update information. Be sure you contact Kevin if you have any questions about the river, kayaks, etc. He is the expert. E-mail me if you have other questions or call me at 281-351-8935 or Janice Togonal – Jtogonal@kmlp.com. 214-789-9368 cell phone.

From Kevin Hutchinson:

I'm really happy that you have chosen to fish with me and my guides on the San Marcos River in September. The stretch of river I have chosen to float with you is a 5.5 mile run between FM 1979 in Martindale and FM 1977 in Staples, Texas. I picked this float in order to give all of you, no matter your paddling experience, a safe and enjoyable fishing experience. This run contains no dangerous water and can easily be navigated with basic paddling skills.

Along with the calm nature of this water, it also holds fish along its entire length and after all, isn't that why we fish? You will have an opportunity to catch all the species of fish available in the Hill Country. Largemouth Bass, Guadalupe Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Rio Grande Perch, Red Ear Sunfish and a variety of Panfish call this water home and all will come to a well presented fly.



Like most fly fishers, I'm sure you love to get that **top water** bite but the well stocked fly box should have a wide variety of flies to fish the river from top to bottom. A few of the flies that we have found effective are poppers and hopper imitations for your top water flies. Krystal Buggers (white, olive and black), Clouser Minnows (white and olive and white and chartreuse), Swamp Monsters and Tap Spiders work well when fishing shallow to medium depths in the water column. Deep Clousers, Flippin' Flies and Tungsten Krystal Buggers work well for those of you brave enough to bounce the bottom. The most productive fly sizes range from size 4 on the large side to size 10 on the small. One last word on flies: expect to loose flies. The river is full of timber and other subsurface obstructions that just seem to reach out and grab your flies.

Along with a well stocked fly box, you will need to change out your Trout fishing leaders to something more suited for your warm water prey. The size of your leader is always determined by the size of flies you are throwing, so for the fly sizes I recommend I would go with a 1x-2x leader. I would also recommend that you fish a shorter leaded that you may be used to, there is no reason to fish here with a leader longer than 7'.

That covers the *nuts and bolts* of the trip, so now let me address a few other details you might be wondering about. We will begin our float at Shady Grove Campground / Spencer Canoe. They will have canoes and kayaks available to rent. If you plan on renting from them, you will need to make arrangements in advance. You can reach Pat or Jack at 512-357-6113. Something to think about BEFORE you make arrangements: carefully consider whether you want to fish from a kayak or a canoe. Keep in mind that this water is moving and kayaks are NOT always the best craft out here. As a matter of fact, I recommend that you leave them at home. It has been my experience, in over 20 years of guiding, that most kayakers spend more time trying to control their boat and not lose their gear, and much less time fishing. By using a canoe you and your partner can switch off paddling duties and you are guaranteed at least 50% fishing time and much less risk of losing your gear. You have been advised!

As for what you can expect from us during the trip, Hill Country Flyfishers will provide you with 3 licensed guides to help guide you down the river. We will start the morning by arranging shuttles before we blast off, checking your gear and making sure everything is ship shape before we hit the water. While floating down the river, my guides and I will make sure that everyone is safe and that if you have questions or problems we are there to help you. We are there to make sure that you have the best time possible.

Well, there you have it. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly at fishhead@texas.net or call 512-589-3474. I look forward to showing all of you what a true "blue ribbon" guided experience can be. Thank you for the opportunity.

REMINDER:

The main thing to remember is to get a cabin reserved before the end of March. This is a very popular place and will fill up quickly. The discount will still apply but there may be no cabins.



2008-2009 TWFF Coordinated Outings

Month	2008 TWFF Coordinated outings	Volunteers
April 24-26	Glen Rose	Rozlynn Orr, Mary K. Janco, Carolyn Hill, Jan Bates, Frances Estes
June 12-14	Junction, Llano River	Glenna Noret, Kelley Kazura,
September 11-13	San Marcos	Linda Love, Janice Togonal
October 23-25	Saltwater	Mary Rohrer
December 31, 2009, January 1-3, 2010	Guadalupe River	Gretchen Neubauer

The 2010 Outings Committee has been busy investigating a number of potential new fishing destinations including all of the recommendations and suggestions received from our members. One of the locations we are in discussions with is Raye Carrington's place on the Llano. More to come as we complete logistics and prepare a proposed calendar to present to our board. Due to the enthusiasm held for some of the old faves like Purty Creek, we hope to return - providing members like Sheila Anderson a chance to continue her pursuit of the 'big one' that got away last year.

Have questions about destinations under consideration or have lodging recommendations? Feel free to contact an outings committee member or post on the Forum under Future Outings.

Let us hear from you!

Janice Togonal, Leslie DeHay, Jan Bates, Gretchen Neubauer



REDESIGNED WEBSITE

Thanks to Sheila Setter and Rozlynn Orr for the beautiful new TWFF.net site.

It is up and running.

Message Board:

If you have any problem getting on the board contact Mary Kain at pwinfo@twff.net

Lost at Broken Bow, OK

Lost: Orvis, Battenkill, BBS III, reel, titanium color with line.

Contact: fundraising@twff.net



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Courtesy TPWD

Fly Fish Texas March 7, 2009

Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center - Athens, Texas

Texas Women Fly Fishers were well represented in Athens at Fly Fish Texas. Let's all thank the following women for volunteering their time for our service: Rozlynn Orr, Frances Estes, Glenna Noret, Mary K Janco, Jan Bates, Debbie Price, Sheila Anderson, and Karla Grimwood. We sold flies, cookbooks, chums and took monetary donations for Casting for Recovery and earned nearly \$500. Fly fish Texas has historically been one of our best public fundraisers benefitting CFR, and this year was no exception.



At this all-day event, anglers from novice to expert, including two of our own – Jan Schonefeld and Carolyn Vierheller, gathered at TFFC to celebrate the sport of fly-fishing. One could learn the basics of fly-tying and casting, then fish for rainbow trout in on-site ponds and streams. TPWD held seminars and demonstrations led by fly-fishing professionals. Fly-fishing clubs from across Texas were on hand to help anyone who wanted to learn or improve existing skills. TWFF had volunteer casting coaches working with Al Crise, FFF Master Casting Instructor, and also with a handful of FFF Certified Casting Instructors. We were given the opportunity to learn to teach from some of our state's best casters.

It is the generosity of the visitors to this event that make it so successful for us. We had the largest selection of flies to sell ever, mostly tied by our members – Roz Orr being the biggest donor this year. Thanks again to all the ladies who made this year so successful.



Food for Thought

By Rozlynn Orr & Sheila Setter



We know we have a lot of talented women in our club, and after looking at some of the other women's fly fishing sites out there, we realized we needed a place for you to share your stories, drawings, or anything else you'd like to share. So we've added a page to the new Web site called "Food for Thought" ([http://www.twff.net/TWFF_Collectibles/Food for Thought.htm](http://www.twff.net/TWFF_Collectibles/Food_for_Thought.htm)). It's a place for you to share whatever you'd like to share... and that includes your talents in the kitchen...especially if you didn't get a chance to include a recipe in the Mullet Mixer Magic cookbook!

We're looking specifically for fish stories and fish and sides recipes. If you have a great story about the one that got away...or that you caught, or if you have a favorite recipe (or one from your mom), send it to us at webmaster@twff.net. Artwork is also welcome! (Please provide the source for recipes you submit.)

We thank Susan Dymond for giving us this idea. Her Mullet Mixer Magic, TWFF's first cookbook, has been a huge success and has already gone on to a second printing. Mullet Mixer Magic includes some terrific recipes, great art, and best of all, proceeds from sales of the cookbook benefit Casting for Recovery (www.castingforrecovery.com). If you don't already have your copy, you can order one for \$15 (plus shipping costs) at cookbook@twff.net.

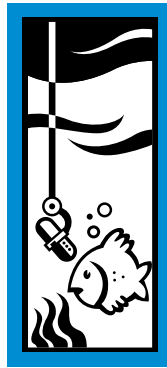
We'd like to make your [Food for Thought](#) page a fun place filled with cool stories and recipes...a page you'll bookmark and return to often. So send us your art, stories, and recipes...and who knows, they may end up in Susan's next cookbook!

Congrats Leslie

By Janice Togonal

Several TWFF members competed in the 2/21 Bob Henke Measure Two Tournament (sponsored by Fredericksburg FF Club) held at Crab Apple Creek. Mary Rohrer and Karen Gebhardt competed as a team. Team Leslie DeHay and RW Spencer (Cabela's) won the tournament, receiving among other things, bragging rights for the next year and possession of the tourney's unusual "Oscar."





Why Do We Fish?

By Karla Grimwood

Why do we fish? Fishing began as a way to obtain food, but even after food became easier to obtain, people still fished. Why? Because they liked it. So, what is it about fishing that people like? What keeps them going back to the water in pursuit of those elusive, piscatorial creatures?

Well, there are still those that love the taste of fish. I admit that I'm one of them, though I usually practice catch and release. It's not always a duty of conservation. It's actually one of convenience, since I'm not overly fond of a skillet or deep fryer full of splattering grease. However, if someone else is willing to fry up the catch, I'll gladly contribute my share and give my compliments to the chef!

Competition seems to be a common motive in all sports, including fishing. We usually think of fishing tournaments or competition between friends for bragging rights. However, there is also a competition that can exist between the fish and the person fishing for it. I think nearly everyone who fishes can identify with this one. We are always trying to determine where the fish is most likely to be found, when it is going to be there, what it will eat, at what depth, etc. Sure there is some science behind the answers, but even then, we could be incorrect at any point. So fishing is actually a well-researched treasure hunt with no guarantee.

Fishing can be a wonderful way to spend time with friends and family too. Long-standing traditions of children fishing with parents and grandparents help to perpetuate the sport. Fish stories that grow with time and the re-telling are symbols of how much those interactions mean to us. Time measured by how many years you've been fishing together. Fishing is a good, wholesome way to spend time with those you enjoy.

There's also a science to fishing, particularly fly fishing. Learning to form a loop and cast properly, understanding some entomology, perhaps even learning how to tie the flies that you cast are all intellectual challenges. You can't help but feel smug satisfaction when you finally catch a fish on a fly you've tied yourself. Knowing that you figured out the right combination of colors to use on the correct pattern and cast it to just the right spot for that particular fish is success indeed.

I suppose the main reason that I fish is because I love being outdoors. I enjoy fishing with friends, but I'm also content to fish alone. While I love the thrill of catching fish, it's not imperative for a good day of fishing. Fishing gives you something to do so you don't look suspicious just standing there enjoying the birdsong and gentle breeze. I hope that everyone who spends time fishing also takes in some of nature's beauty and wonder. It's the icing on the cake of a good day out fishing.



Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events

FLYWATER ANGLING ADVENTURES

Steve Hollensed

When: May 16-17,
Nov 14-15, 2009

Where: Mountain Fork River, OK

Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide
FFF Master Certified Casting Instructor
flywaterangling.com

903.546.6237

When: April 3-4, 2009

Where: Near Sherman, TX

For 2009, the fly angler will have many opportunities to improve his or her fly fishing skills. I will be conducting casting classes and species specific fly fishing classes. Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide Rob Woodruff continues to offer his very popular and informative entomology class. Rob and Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide Doc Thompson team up together this year for a new Trout Lab. This class will focus on various natural science disciplines as they relate to fly fishing. Listed below is the current schedule:

Entomology for Fly Fishers with Rob Woodruff:
May 16th & 17th, November 14th & 15th,
Mountain Fork River, OK

When: April 25, 2009

Where: Near Sherman, TX

Warmwater Fly Casting School with Steve Hollensed:
April 3rd & 4th, near Sherman TX (see story)

Learning to Fly Cast with Steve Hollensed:
April 25th, near Sherman TX (see story)

When: May 30, 2009

Where: Mountain Fork River, OK

Dry Fly School with Orvis Dallas:
May 30th, Mountain Fork River, OK

Trout Lab with Rob Woodruff and Doc Thompson:
June 6th & 7th, Cimarron River, NM

When: June 6-7, 2009

Where: Cimarron River, NM

Gift certificates are available for these schools.
Feel free to contact me for more information.

More events ahead ...keep reading!



When:	May 15-17, 2009
Where:	Lake Charles, LA

Gulf Coast Conclave

May 15-17, 2009

Lakefront Civic Center, Lake Charles, LA

Friday, May 15 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (workshops only)

Saturday, May 16 8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 17 8:30 am - 3:30 p.m.

The Gulf Coast Council's third annual conclave will feature celebrity guests Stu Apte, Nick Curcione, Bob Popovics, and Wanda Taylor. Activities include fly tying demonstrations, workshops, FREE seminars, product exhibits, rod tryouts, on-premises fishing for reds and specks, raffles, silent auctions, live auctions, Friday night crawfish boil and a Saturday banquet featuring Cajun delicacies. Women's outreach will have a booth.

- For more details, visit <http://www.gulfcoastfff.org/index.php?page=conclave-2009>
- Seminars on all species, all waters including the Gulf Coast's best fishing
- Fly-tying demos and instruction by dozens of the best tiers in the country.
- Workshops covering fly tying, casting, kayak fishing and rigging, shooting lines and leaders.
- Casting instruction for beginners to experts.
- Exhibitors with great products, deals and information about fishing and species.
- Auction and raffle items including one-of-a-kind collectibles.
- Youth activities including fly tying, casting, and programs - all free of charge!
- Great local food including the conclave's own Friday night crawfish boil and Saturday Cajun Banquet.
- Great local fishing for redfish, spotted seatrout, flounder, drum. Bank and kayak opportunities abound.

12th Annual Women's Wine and Waders Retreat

June 14 - 20, 2009

4UR Ranch, Creede, Colorado

Attention Women Anglers!

Have I discovered the place for you! I recently returned from a week at the Wine and Waders Retreat at Colorado's beautiful 4UR Ranch. Here is just the answer for women who love the sport – and also women who would love to learn the sport. The location is a guest ranch located on Goose Creek at the point of confluence with the Rio Grande River in Southern Colorado. The ranch has seven miles of private fishing waters on both sides of Goose Creek and also Rio Grande access. The scenery is striking with snow capped mountains and high meadows covered with wildflowers. 4UR Ranch features luxury accommodations: your own private room with bath, hot springs spa, horse back riding and the best fine dining in this part of Colorado. The ranch is surrounded by the Rio Grande National Forest and is only seven miles from the fun old mining town of Creede.

When:	June 14-20, 2009
Where:	Creede, CO



The Wine and Waders Retreat is a program which includes three levels of instructional support for women. You can choose the amount of instruction and guidance that fits your own abilities and interests. Are you looking for a challenging fishing get-away, or a place to learn better casting, fly selection and knot tying? This program offers it all. And at the same time, meet others with your interests with whom to share the fun. Instruction is given by Karen Denison and Jan Crawford, both well known, longtime fly fishing guides with certification as casting instructors by Federation of Fly Fishers.

I have invited Karen to our meeting on November 10th to share in presentation of a program on the Wine and Waders Retreat at the 4UR Ranch. Please join us for an evening of beautiful photos and fun adventures.

Helen Zagona

[Instructors Karen Denison and Jan Crawford have been inviting more women to enjoy the fly fishing “world” for over twenty years. See more about this program at <http://www.WesternWomenInWaders.com>]



Lydia Ann Fly Masters Tournament

July 18, 2009

Aransas Pass, Texas

Hello friends of Casting for Recovery,

I want to tell you about a saltwater fly fishing tournament that will be held for the first time this summer. It's called the “Lydia Ann Fly Masters Tournament” and will be held July 18th in Aransas Pass. The proceeds are being given to the Texas CFR program! We are very pleased to be the beneficiary of the tournament.

The tournament is being organized by Palmer Simpson (www.lighthouseflyfishing.com) and the Alamo Fly Fishers. The tournament is catch-and-release only. There will be separate divisions for boaters and kayakers, the option to “launch and load” from anywhere, and an “Open Species” division (included with the registration fees) that should provide for interesting results. Guides are welcome. And of course, there will be great prizes!

When: July 18, 2009

Where: Aransas Pass, TX

You can find more information, download an application, and read the complete rules and format by going to the tournament web site: www.lydiaannflymasters.com

This tournament should be a lot of fun and it's for a great cause. I hope to see many of you there!

Susan Gaetz (Duarte), Texas Program Coordinator
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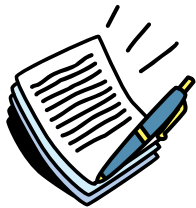




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Thank-you!

