



"Our mission is to create opportunities and encourage, educate, and mentor women's responsible participation in the recreational sport of fly fishing. We support the policies/goals of the Federation of Fly Fishers, are open to women, men, and children from beginner to experienced through programs sponsored by women from the Texas Women Fly Fishers."

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TWFF Business Update

Submitted by each officer.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of 9/30/09 the 2009 TWFF budget vs. actual is:

Income

Budget - \$4450

Actual - \$6867

Expenses

Budget - \$4650

Actual - \$2756.38

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

A big "Thank You" goes to all of our generous members that helped support TWFF and CFR at our San Marcos outing! We raised \$773.00 for TWFF and another \$110.00 for CFR with the "Fly Bottle Raffle".

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Welcome to our new members:

Gary Davis - Willis

Mona Nahhas - Rockport

Darla Jean and Larry Neill - San Angelo

WEB REPORT:

Message Board:

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

Facebook and Twitter:

Texas Women Fly Fishers is now on Facebook. Please become a fan at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Texas-Women-Fly-Fishers/178491051604?v=wall>

We have also added TWFF on Twitter.

Remember:

If you have a picture you'd like to share, send it to [webmaster@twff.net!](mailto:webmaster@twff.net)





From the President

By Glenna Noret

Dear Members

Since Mike and I will be moving to Germany in November, this will be my last and final President's Message. Rozlynn Orr will be assuming the president's position for the remainder of my term, so please give her your support and keep TWFF going full speed ahead. Typically, I'm not a mushy type person, and I'm very private with my feelings. I'm trying to work real hard at looking at the adventures ahead instead of what I will be missing; but gosh, I'm going to miss you guys!

I have so many folks to thank. Ladies like Mary Rohrer, who was the first person to meet Mike and me on our way to Homer Martin's, in the grocery store. She welcomed us with opened arms and was always there to help. She is also a wonderful casting instructor; a big hug to Mary. Sheila Anderson - what an outstanding president! She moved the club forward and didn't abandon us after her term was up! She's also a great instructor; and along with her husband Robert they are just great folks! Mary and Shelia were always there to help when I muddled through the duties of president. Group hug! I'm sure they will do the same for Roz!

Thanks to the officers who have served with me. Gretchen Neubauer, regardless of her total lack of accounting knowledge, accepted the job of treasurer and did an amazing job. My special thanks for NOT losing your sense of humor! Susan Dymond, one of the most creative ladies I have ever known and a damn good cook, - thanks for keeping your job, even though you moved to New Mexico! Thanks to Mary K. Janco for accepting the secretary's position. It's so nice to know that the club can depend on you for your memory and minutes! Rozlynn Orr, the new president, what an amazing job you did raising funds for the club and our casting for recovery efforts. No one has ever accomplished what you have done. Thank you for saying yes to taking on the role of president. Big group hug to all.

Thanks to the Trustees. Jan Bates, a skilled, die-hard fly fisher, who finally decided there's more to fly fishing than just trout; Kelley Kazura, my best friend in the whole world, and Mary Kain, an experienced, longtime member, - thank you for supporting and participating in all the club matters! Another group hug!

Thanks to Leslie Davis and Shelia Setter. You ladies rock! We have the best newsletter and website ever!

Thanks to Janice Togonal for chairing the outing committee. I just hate that I will miss all the new places you will be discovering!

Finally, a thank you to so many members who have touched me so deeply. Linda and Betty - I hope Kelley and I can grow up and be just like the two of you! Kerri Stephenson - I wish I had your strength, but I hope I never need it! Frances Estes - I would love to have your laugh and use it as often as you do! Frances and Lavene - for sticking together and always showing up. (Lavene, my husband still misses those cool "lures" you out bid him on.) Debbie Price - stay with the club, learn all you can and make sure to take care of Kelley for me! To the rest of the members, I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity and urge each of you to get involved, sponsor an outing or help with one. Help the club to grow and get better. I am, by far, one of the least experienced fly fishers in the club, but that doesn't matter because our club is all about the love of fishing, making memories and friends. I wish you all the best of fishing!

Glenna

Upcoming TWFF Events

OCTOBER 23-25
Saltwater-
Rockport/Fulton

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



TWFF Membership Renewal Time



Submitted by Susan Dymond

Hi Members! We are approaching membership renewal time for TWFF. You may renew your 2010 membership in person at the October 23rd, Saltwater outing and at the December 31, Guadalupe outing.

You may also mail your renewal (along with an updated membership form available online at http://www.twff.net/media/2009twff_memberform.pdf) before the end of the year to:

Susan Dymond, TWFF Membership Chairperson
1008 Paseo del Pueblo Sur #306
Taos, NM 87571

Annual TWFF Membership: \$20.
Annual TWFF Family Membership: \$25.
Please make checks payable to TWFF.



If there are any questions don't hesitate to contact Susan at 512.789.3536 (mobile).

Any membership dues and forms received in the last quarter of the year (that means after Oct 1, 2009) will be considered paid in full through December, 2010.

We also urge our members to join the Federation of Fly Fishers. As an affiliate club of FFF, TWFF pays dues for all non-FFF members. The club does not have to pay for members with FFF membership.

Join the Federation of Fly Fishers

TWFF members are invited to join the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). Membership includes the quarterly publication, *The Flyfisher*, as well as the Gulf Coast Council of Fly Fishers newsletter, *Sea to Stream*. (New FFF memberships only – please send renewals directly to FFF when billed).

Annual FFF Individual Membership: \$35.
Annual FFF Family Membership: \$45.

Remember, make your check payable to TWFF and get it in the mail today!
THANK YOU!



Please let us know if you are already a FFF member.



Upcoming 2010 TWFF Officer Elections

Time to start our 2010 officer election process. This is where you can give back to your club and get involved in the future of TWFF.

The following positions for officers of TWFF are available for 2010:

- First Vice President (Speakers, Raffles and Banquets)
- Treasurer
- One Trustee

These positions are two-year appointments and the job descriptions are in the TWFF Bylaws, which are posted on our website at: http://www.twff.net/media/bylaws_012603.pdf. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions and supporting the future of our club. Please send any nominations to nomination@twff.net.

In mid November, the Nominating Committee shall present the slate of officers to the membership. The election will be held a few weeks afterwards via email with the results announced by the first of the year.

Nominations may also be submitted from the floor at the October business meeting at the coast on October 24, 2009.

Thanks for your participation.



San Marcos

Trip Report

September 11-13, 2009

By Linda Love

TWFF members made their first trip to the San Marcos River and proved again that we really do love to FISH. Headquarters were at Leisure Resort in Fentress, between San Marcos and Luling. The rain began a few days before the trip, and continued through Sunday, but most of those who signed up showed up to explore new waters, enjoy fishing, learn more about fishing from a kayak in moving waters and fly tying.

Friday afternoon we gathered in the Club House for the usual good food and fellowship. Added to this was a visit from Kevin Hutchinson, our River Guide and Fly Tier Extraordinaire, who spoke to us about the qualities of this spring fed river, the types of fish we would likely catch, and safety for fishing from a kayak. Afterward he taught some good tying techniques to those interested. Several of our newer members were excited to see how much fun it is to tie the flies you plan to use for catching fish. And it rained and rained. Door prizes were given to all in attendance. Many thanks to Greg Setter and Lavene Jones for the flies they made and donated. Janice Togonal and Mary Kain were busy for weeks before the outing obtaining door prizes and gathering supplies needed for the mullet mixer. Thanks to Jan Bates who jumped right in and helped with kitchen duties Friday and Saturday night. The talent and hard work of these members helped make this event a great success.

Saturday morning the kayak/canoe fishers gathered at 8 am at Shady Grove with our river guides, Kevin Hutchinson and Harrison, to launch the boats for our trip down river to the take out spot [put it and transport fees paid by Kevin]. They assisted us with unloading and getting our kayaks and canoes in the river. Kevin presented each of us a box full of nice flies favorable for catching fish in this river. What a generous friend of TWFF! We were on the river for about 7 hours and caught a variety of fish! There were at least nice 3 Rio Grande Perch caught; that may be a record for our group. Ask Lavene what a big one looks like! Most of the day was overcast with a few sprinkles until about 3 pm, and then we had a full down pour. We concluded that this was better than 103 degrees of heat! Kayak/canoe diehards include Francis, Lavene, Jan, Linda, Sheila and Robert Anderson, Glenna and Mike Noret, Greg and Gretchen Neubauer, Barbara and Rick Booth. Jan Bates caught her first fish from a kayak on moving water! We arrived at our take out spot between 4-5 pm. Kevin had made arrangements for us to park our vehicles and disembark at a private landing [and paid for it].



For those who did not kayak and fish the river, wade fishing was fun. The fish were not very productive but catching is not the only part of fishing. Comments were made about the die-hard wade fishers who would not give up in spite of how much rain was pouring. My brother always says, any time you can fish it is fun, catching is a bonus.

We gathered in the Club House to chat, play games [tons of laughter], check out the auction items, plot and plan how to get a good deal, snack and tie flies. Greg Setter and Mary Kay Janco performed some fly tying demonstrations and gave tying instructions to those interested. Both of these tiers have excellent techniques and are very good teachers. Kelly Kazura was available to help our newer members with wade fishing and kayaking. Dinner arrived at 5:45. The food and drink provided by Luling Barbeque was excellent.

We had our final and successful silent auction for TWFF at this outing. Thanks to Roz Orr, the contributors, and those who worked hard to obtain the contributions, as well as those who bid. Barbara Booth won the CFR raffle, a huge jug of flies, which she shared with those around her.

To all those who did not come, we missed you and hope to see you in October. Thanks to those who gave ample advance notice they were not coming. When we have a catered meal and a guide it is very important to have an accurate head count, at least 5 days in advance or we spend club money we should not have to spend.

Lastly, Glenna Noret, TWFF president gave us a farewell talk. They are moving to Germany for a few years. She was presented some appreciation gifts and given lots of hugs. She and Mike will be missed!

See you on the water.



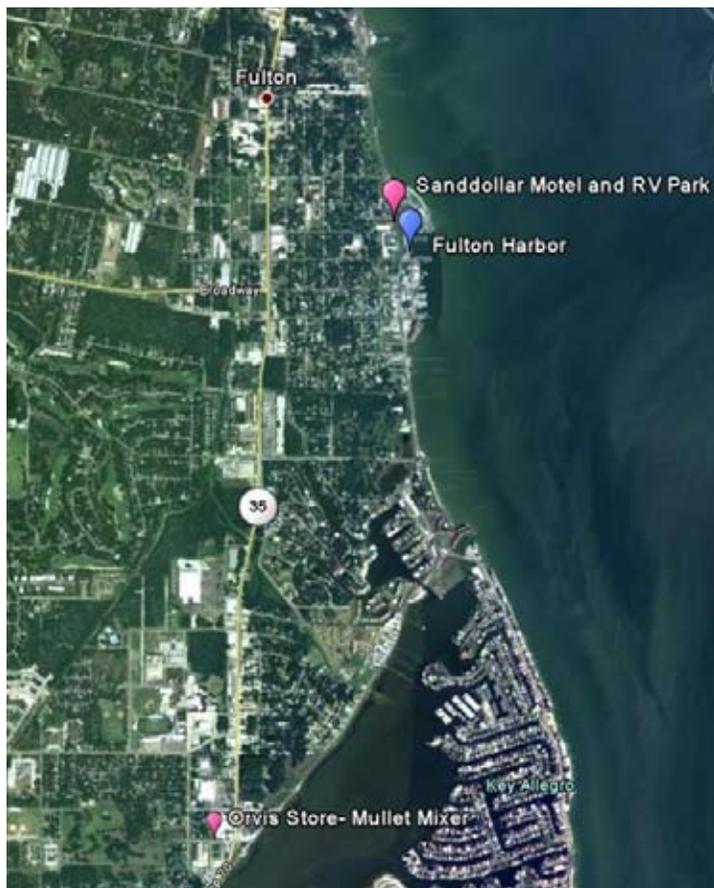
Information on the Saltwater Outing October 24 and 25- Rockport/Fulton Area

Coordinators:

Mary Rohrer mary_l_rohrer@yahoo.com
and CJ Vaughn cjvaughn53@yahoo.com

This year, our saltwater trip will be based in the Rockport/Fulton area, about an hour north of Corpus Christi. Our plans are as follows:

Our Outing headquarters will be the Sanddollar Resort in Fulton. The resort has motel rooms, kitchenettes, RV sites to choose from and a small recreation room. We recommend the kitchenettes north of the office. The Sanddollar does not have food services; plan to bring your supplies for breakfast and to pack lunch. The RV sites are nestled in old windblown oak trees, a real pretty spot. The location is just across from Fulton Harbor, where the Skimmer boat will depart on Saturday morning.



The Sanddollar Resort

919 North Fulton Beach Road
Rockport, Texas

361-729-2381 or Toll Free 877-463-4747

The Rockport-Fulton area has many choices for accommodations. Contact the Rockport Chamber of Commerce for additional information at 361-729-6445 or go to: www.rockport-fulton.org

6pm to 9pm Friday Evening at the Mullet Mixer

The newly opened Swans Point Landing Orvis store in Rockport has graciously volunteered to assist TWFF for this outing by hosting the Mullet Mixer. The store is providing the food and beverages for us (whoo-hoo!). No need to bring an appetizer to share for this event. The store is located in Rockport close to the HEB. The address is 1723 Cherry Street. (Phone 361-729-7926), about 10 minutes south of the Sanddollar Resort. Mona Nahhas, our host, will have the shop open for us and she suggests that we all bring some chairs and we can sit outside if the weather is nice. The Mullet Mixer will be from 6pm to 9pm.



Capt. Sally Ann Moffett, a saltwater guide based in Rockport, (www.captainsally.com) will join us at the mixer and share local knowledge and provide a fishing report. She'll review the fishing at Fence Lake, give us some pointers for our excursion and provide a handout of some of the areas local hot fishing spots. The newly formed Rockport TOWN group and Rockport Fly Fishers have been invited to join us and mingle.

We will also reconfirm and discuss the Saturday Skimmer boat departure schedule and update on the wind and weather, so please plan to be at the Orvis shop by 6:30 pm if possible.

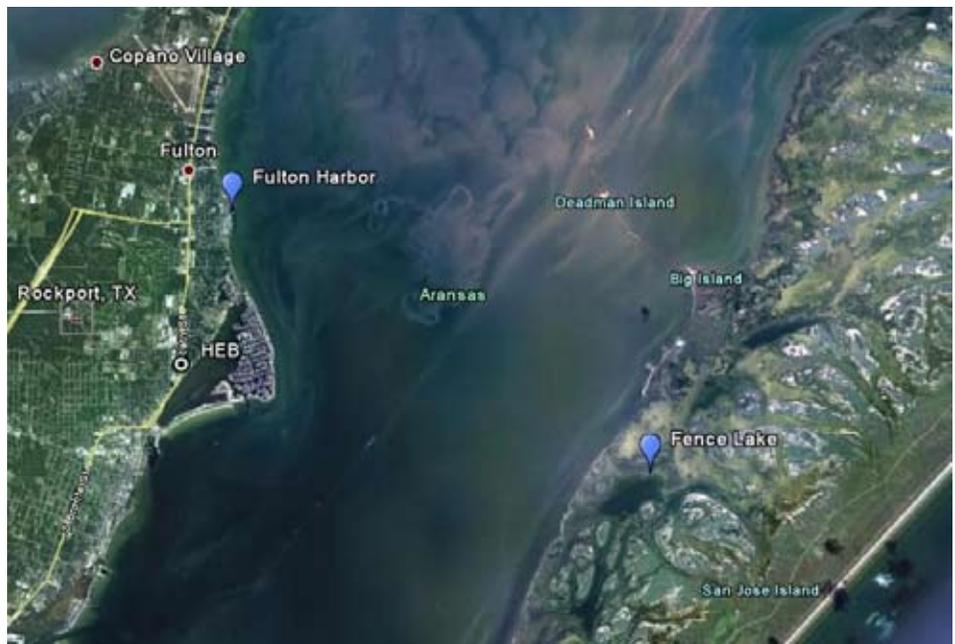
6:00 am to 3:00 pm Saturday - Fishing at Fence Lake

6:00 am - Arrive at Fulton Harbor at Captain Tommy Moore of Rockport Birding and Kayak Adventures. Dock (generally along the docks behind Charlotte Plummer's Restaurant, 216 North Fulton Beach Road). We'll load our kayaks onto the "The Skimmer" a comfortable 38 foot double deck boat typically used for bird watching. All of us will help load the kayaks and equipment. (The loading and unloading is the hardest part of the journey). Please have your equipment and gear organized for easy on and off. Since we will be lifting the kayaks into the boat and stacked do NOT leave anything outside the kayak. Loading and unloading the kayaks will be easier if your kayak is light. Please have your kayak gear and fishing equipment packed separately from your kayak. Bring a flashlight, since it may be dark while we load the boat. The transport cost is \$45/per person, and pay Capt Tommy directly when you board the Skimmer.

We have filled up the Skimmer boat with 15 TWFF members. If you are interested in coming and haven't signed up, please contact Mary to be added to the waiting list.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON RENTING A KAYAK FROM CAPTAIN TOMMY, PLEASE CALL HIM AT 877-892-4737 TO MAKE A RESERVATION.

Captain Tommy will transport us and our kayaks 10 miles across Rockport Bay to Fence Lake on St Joe's Island. The boat ride is about 35 minutes. During the ride over we'll have time to rig our rods, apply sunscreen, and get ready to fish. Once we get to Fence Lake, we'll off load the



kayaks from the Skimmer a few hundred feet from the oyster reef shoreline in shallow water. We'll rig our kayaks and head through a small cut into the Fence Lake back bay complex. There is plenty of room for all of us to fish comfortably at this remote location. There are NO facilities where we are going. Bring with your usual kayak-fishing gear, food, water, supplies, sunscreen, fishing equipment, extra clothes and hat. Don't forget the



polarized sunglasses and this year's fishing license as well! A list of suggested items to bring is on the TWFF message board and emailed to those with reservations.

Sunrise is at about 7am and we should have favorable tides - falling from high tide to low tide later in the afternoon- good for holding fish. The water depth in this area is knee deep or less, there is plenty of room to fish and explore. The Fence Lake area has calm and clear water and mostly firm sandy bottom, a few deeper channels and some protected mangrove areas. Once you kayak through the cut start looking for nervous waters along the small island and those tails! Redfish and black drum are in the lake complex and speckled trout hang out just outside along the cuts. There are lots of fishing opportunities here.



Suggested fly fishing equipment includes:

- 7 to 8 wt fly rod and reel designed for the salt water environment
- Heavy saltwater leaders and tippet, 15# to 20# test.
- Lightweight Saltwater flies, such as clousers, spoon flies, VIP poppers, easy to cast in the wind and use in shallow waters, smaller flies ok, like #4
- Larger fishing pliers and boga grips for handling the redfish
- Good sturdy wading boots, with either rubber or felt bottoms- no sandals or water slippers

At about 1:30 pm, weather and wind permitting, Capt Tommy comes back out to Fence Lake, we'll reload the kayaks and return to the Fulton Harbor and unload the equipment back to our cars. The boat should be back to the harbor around 3:30 pm, then some R&R time before dinner.

Those not wanting to go on the Skimmer boat can fish on their own at Lighthouse Lakes in Aransas Pass or head to some of Captain Sally's recommendations. A kayak or boat is the preferred method of fishing along this part of the Coast. Wade fishing is not as productive.

6:00 pm Saturday Evening Dinner - Come join us for dinner at Fulton's favorite seafood restaurant- Charlotte Plummer's. Their seafood and selection is great. We have a room reserved for TWFF and if the weather is nice, we'll be on the patio. You may want to consider keeping one of your fish (black drum is good eating!) and have Plummer's prepare it to your liking! After dinner, we'll have a short business meeting and share fishing stories.

Sunday Morning - (Time to be determined) Breakfast across the street from the Sand dollar at Alice Faye's Restaurant then, an informal excursion to the Lighthouse Lake trails in Aransas Pass for kayak fishing. We'll head south to the Crabman, Brown and Root, or public kayak launch and parking areas. For lunch we'll plan to meet at the new Key West Restaurant on the Causeway before heading back home.

For a comprehensive saltwater gear list, please visit:

http://www.twff.net/Fly%20Fishing%20Resources/resource%20pages/Stacy's%20EQUIPMENT_LIST_FOR_SALTWATER_FLY_FISHING.pdf



Announcement for the April TWFF Event at the Gulf Coast FFF Conclave in New Braunfels, TX - April 8 - 10, 2010

By Frances Hamm

Multitudes of workshops and the best fly tyers on the planet await us at the 2010 Gulf Coast FFF Conclave in New Braunfels on April 8-10.

Go to the website www.gulfcoastFFF.org to see more of the offerings. The registration form should be available there by November

The main building for the event is the New Braunfels Civic Center and the main hotel is the Courtyard Marriott at a negotiated rate of \$99/night. The contact information to make reservations (soon!) is:

Courtyard Marriott – New Braunfels
750 IH 35 North
1.800.321.2211 for reservations
1.830.626.4700 direct to hotel

The event for women is a reception on Saturday at 5pm. Our special guest Roxanne Wilson will talk about her skills and interesting times as a woman fly fisher. We will have a small silent auction that will be dedicated to Casting for Recovery. Tickets for the event will be available on the registration form.

Bring to the conclave:

1. Rod and reel if taking a casting class OR taking advantage Of some of the great fishing around New Braunfels
2. Fly tying equipment if you want to tie with the masters
3. A gift, if desired, for CFR's auction – no obligation

I look forward to seeing as many of y'all as can make it in April. Come to have A GREAT BIG GOOD TIME.





by Karla Grimwood

Do you like tying flies or would you like to learn? Do you enjoy good food and nice people in a relaxed environment? Then you need to come on down to Cajun Country for the annual Louisiana Rendezvous!

The Louisiana Rendezvous, held each November, is my favorite tying event of the year. Everyone is welcome and feels welcome. This year, the Texas Women Fly Fishers have been officially invited by the organizer, Walter McLendon. Though there were several women there last year, he said he would love to have more show up. Walter is also our contact for Fly Fish Texas in Athens each year. His invitations are sincere.

Last year was my first Rendezvous. Being an amateur tyer, I wanted to learn more, but was afraid to ask potentially "silly" questions and was certainly hesitant to tie in a room full of other tyers! Those concerns quickly passed. As soon as I arrived, I was invited to a table where a couple of Dallas Fly Fishers were already set up. Jack and Mary K. Janco arrived soon after too. The whole area is open and people float from table to table, sometimes sitting a while to watch or visit. Throughout the weekend, other tyers would stop by and ask about what I was tying and where I liked to fish. I was pleasantly surprised that everyone assumed I knew what I was doing! They were willing to explain their patterns and materials too and took the time to sit down one-on-one and walk me through tying particular flies. Other times, we'd all gather around one person for a mini-class on a fly or technique. I made a lot of friends that weekend. Time was irrelevant and the pleasures were simple.



Mary K. and Jack Janco





A room full of fly tying action.

Now, let me tell you about the food! The other half of the community building where we all tie is a commercial kitchen. The kitchen itself becomes a gathering place too, just like a large family home. Everyone who attends brings something to cook and share for each meal. From daylight til after dark, there is

a steady stream of wonderful food coming out of that kitchen. Then everyone takes a few turns helping to clean up for the next round of cooking...which puts you in the perfect place for taste-testing the next yummy dishes!

When your eyes are blurry and your tummy is too full to stay awake any longer, all you have to do is walk around the corner to the bunkhouse. There are several options to choose from, including the women's only and couple's only bunkhouses. One of the things I really like about this outing is never having to pack up my tying gear until I'm ready to go home on Sunday. Then if you wake up with an idea at 4am, you're all set!



Bunkhouses are convenient and offer several options.

So, are you ready to go? This year's dates are November 6-8 at North Toledo Bend State Park near Zwolle, LA. Zwolle is south of Shreveport on Hwy 171. Everyone gathers on Friday afternoon, gets set up, and then ties, eats, and relaxes the rest of the weekend! For more detailed information, go to: <http://pages.suddenlink.net/w/Rendez/indexR.html>. Hope to see you there!





Al Crise Receives the Legends Award

FFF Southern Council Conclave was held Oct. 1-4, 2009 at Mountain Home, AR. Not only was the weather cool and clear, the fishing good and the event well attended, but also our very own TWFF honorary member, Al Crise received the Federation of Fly Fishers, Legends Award. Al was on the phone to receive his overwhelming standing ovation as the award was presented. Fort Worth Fly Fishers nominated him for this prestigious award.

Congratulations to Al and many, many thanks for all he has done for fly fishing, TWFF and CFR!



Al's name is at the bottom of the center column.



A story by Marcus Rodriguez

A good friend called me to go fly fishing. It was a Sunday and the temperatures were to be in the 100(s). He figured that the high temperatures along with the next day being a work day that there would be no traffic on the river. He also figured that that we would float and fly fish the longest point to point stretch on the San Marcos River. I started going over logistics in my head. By the time I got dressed, loaded up the canoe, loaded up gear, stopped by the local store for drinks and snacks, drove to San Marcos, drove to the take out, park my friend's truck, get my friend's gear out of his truck, load his gear in my truck, get my friend situated in my truck, drive to the put in, unload the canoe, unload gear, and finally get into the river....it would take at least two hours. It was already ten in the morning and I figured that we would not be on the river until after noon. My good friend figured that we would paddle the first half of the river and fly fish the second half. He only wanted to catch a few good fish. I only wanted to catch a few good fish. We had it all figured out. What we did not figure on, was that as I was walking out of my house, my beautiful, brown eyed, brown haired, six year old daughter asked me if she could come along.

Aurelia is my oldest daughter. She has walked, waded, and floated several rivers in her young age. I have a two year old daughter named Ava and another daughter on the way. I cannot wait to teach them about fishing and about loving rivers, but for now Aurelia is my fishing partner. When Aurelia was three years old, my wife who is also an avid fly fisher, bought her a fly rod. The rod was a six foot long, three weight. We had many laughs as Aurelia sneaked around the house and made casts to imaginary fish in the shadows. After a while, I found a nice reel to fit the rod and I loaded it with a five weight bass taper fly line. I started taking Aurelia into the backyard or to local rivers and ponds to practice her casting. I used a heavy fly line so that Aurelia could feel the rod load up while she cast a hookless red yarn fly.

Aurelia is still not strong enough to cast a fly rod properly. She gets around her weakness by using two hands to cast. It did not take her long to start casting well enough to be able to catch a fish, but I was always afraid to let her use a real hook. When we fished together I would cast, and hold the rod. I would let her strip the fly line through my fingers and if a fish hit, I would hook it and then hand her the rod. Over the past few years, Aurelia has been in on catching hundreds of fish.



Before the trip.



I do not like to tell Aurelia no, especially when it has to do with joining daddy on a fishing trip. Since I was not officially guiding and my good friend Gerardo Huerta loves to share rivers with Aurelia it was an easy decision to allow Aurelia to tag along. I grabbed the few things that I needed to keep Aurelia comfortable and safe while in the outdoors and we jumped in the truck and headed north to San Marcos, Texas. While I was driving, I realized that I had forgot Aurelia's little three weight rod. I had a very fast five weight rigged up and strapped in the canoe. I figured that it was time for Aurelia to learn how to cast a bigger rod and finally cast a real fly on her own and possibly catch a fish on her own.

The fishing was great. Even in the hot, hot weather, the fish were aggressive and actually jumping out of the water as they inhaled flies. Not only was the fishing great, but the river and surrounding landscape was alive. Cicadas screamed in the woods. Hawks swooped from tree to tree. Throughout the day we saw all types of shorebirds, a huge flock of turkeys, deer, and we even saw a coyote run up a steep bank, look back at us and disappear into the woods. For me it was a perfect day. Being down in the river, between cutbanks, and under the shadows of cypress, pecan, elm, and oak trees the hundred degree temperatures were not felt. The fishing was exciting and the low water made it a challenge to float through rapids full of boulders, sweepers and strainers.

Aurelia had been patient throughout the trip. Gerardo and I had caught a few nice fish and Aurelia was happy to help us land and unhook the fish. Aurelia would wet her hands, land the fish and gently unhook them. She would hold them up and examine them for a few seconds and remark just how beautiful they were. She asked questions and we tried to answer them. Once



The drift.



The first strike and hookset.



Fighting and hookset.





Fighting and hookset.

we paddled a little more than halfway, I decided that it was time to let Aurelia cast and possibly catch a fish. I pulled the canoe over near a nice run that I knew was full of fish. We got out of the canoe. The water in the run was deep and swift. I handed the rod to my daughter. She unhooked the fly and let it fall into the water. The current caught the fly and it drifted downstream. Aurelia pulled a few feet of line from her reel. I told her that she should make a cast at a little cutbank that was no more than twenty feet away from her. Aurelia made a cast. The fly plopped on the water. Surprisingly, nothing struck the fly. Aurelia made another cast. The fly floated high along the cutbank. Aurelia let the current take the fly downstream. The main current caught the fly and it swung out to the middle of the river. The fly started to drag in the water. As soon as the fly started to drag, two Guadalupe Bass struck the fly. Luckily, there was no slack in the fly line and Aurelia had the rod tip close to the surface of the water. Aurelia strip set the hook and she had her first strike and hook up on a fly. She fought the fish. I wanted to help her, but I stood back and let her handle the situation. After a minute or two, Aurelia brought her fish to hand. I was very proud that she hooked up on her first ever strike. I was also very proud that Gerardo had pulled out my camera and took photos of Aurelia casting and catching the fish. Aurelia's first fish will be one that I will never forget. We congratulated Aurelia on her first fish. We were all so happy and excited and we figured it was the perfect time to get back into the canoe and paddle back to Gerardo's truck. Gerardo and I both caught bigger fish than Aurelia that day, but we both agreed that Aurelia's fish was the best fish of the day.

As we drove home, Aurelia and I talked about our adventure. In the rearview mirror I could see the tiredness creep into my daughter's eyes. Her eyes closed and our conversation ended for a few minutes. As I pulled on to a bumpy county road, Aurelia woke up for a few moments and said, "I love you daddy." "I love you too mamma," I replied. I looked back to see Aurelia asleep again.

I am looking forward to see how my little girl develops as a young woman and an angler.



Editor's note: Marcus Rodriguez is with The Guides of Texas, Aurelia will hopefully be a future TWFFer.



2008-2009 TWFF Coordinated Outings		
Month	2008 TWFF Coordinated outings	Volunteers
October 23-25	Saltwater	Mary Rohrer
December 31, 2009, January 1-3, 2010	Guadalupe River	Gretchen Neubauer

Members, we need your opinions...

We would like you to participate in a poll. What types of items would you like to see in next year's auctions? Email your responses to fundraising@twff.net.

This will help us a lot in getting items donated that you, the members, actually want. We are thinking about categories, such as:

- Fly fishing equipment (rods, leaders, flies, etc)
- Fly tying equipment (vises, tools, tying materials, etc)
- Books, videos, DVDs, or magazine subscriptions about fly fishing or tying
- Clothing (hats, vests, waders, gloves, etc)
- Trips and accommodations – Texas
- Trips and accommodations – US
- Trips and accommodations – International
- Gifts & home decor

Please speak up and let us know any other suggestions as well as which of any of these you may prefer. Again, email your responses to fundraising@twff.net.

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North Texas Outdoor EXPO

Nov. 14, 2009

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There will also be merchandise vendors and food vendors. Something for everyone!

EXPO Villages:

Fitness Village - including: Youth Fitness Ultimate Obstacle Course, Frisbee Golf, Bounce house, Rock Climbing Wall, Lots of Great Prizes and Fun

Archery Village - Including: Crossbows, Youth Archery Range Experience

Dog Village - Including: Big Air/Agility/Field Trial Retrieving Dog Games, Floating Duck Blind, Gator Display, Duck Calling Competitions

Water Village - including: Kayaking, Water awareness (pollution, safety), Canoeing (?)

Fishing Village - including: Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, Casting, ShareLunker Trailer, Kid Fish, Fishing Entomology/Bugs

Target Village - Including: Laser Shot, Muzzle Loading, Clay Target Challenges, BB Gallery, Sling Shot Gallery etc.

Bike Madness Village - Including: Mountain Biking, BMX Racing Exposition, Moto Games, Cutting Edge Equipment

Nature's Village - including: Butterfly Tent, Falconry, Wildlife Management hosted by Texas Parks and Wildlife, Petting Zoo, Reptiles/Bugs of the World, Camping Expo, Geocaching



Open Letter to the Texas Woman's Fly Fishers

On behalf of the entire staff of Hill Country Flyfishers I would like to thank TWFF for allowing us to be part of your recent San Marcos River outing. Along with the folks you saw, Harrison Nash and me, it takes many others to pull a trip like this off and we were all glad that it turned out as well as it did.

Although the weather was harsh at times, 18 brave souls floated the river with us and I'm overjoyed to report that all of them caught fish! As with every trip, some caught more fish than others but I feel that everyone learned something and improved their skills and that's what these outings are all about.

In addition to the great day of fishing, I would also like to extend my appreciation for your undivided attention to my presentation Friday night. I hope that my Q and A session about the river helped everyone understand the river and its unique fishing opportunities more fully. I also hope my short presentation on selecting a fishing guide will help all of you get more bang for your fishing buck.

I wish TWFF continued success in the future. Please keep Hill Country Flyfishers in mind any time you need any guide or instructional services in the Hill Country.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hutchison
Owner
Hill Country Flyfishers



Bellingham, WA - After several months of working, planning, and yes, fishing -- we are pleased to announce The Flyfish Journal is currently shipping to subscribers, fly shops and bookstores from Biloxi to Belgium to Bozeman. With incredible demand for this launch issue, and a limited printing, we encourage a subscription as the best way to secure yours. Subscribe at www.theflyfishjournal.com-- it will sell out.

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We've all waited a long time for a publication like this. Haul in your subscription today.



Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events

When: Oct. 30, 31, Nov. 1, 2009

Where: South Llano River, TX

First Annual Couples Fly Fishing Workshop

Hill Country Flyfishers and the South Llano River Lodge are proud to announce the First Annual Couples Fly Fishing Workshop on the Beautiful South Llano River - October 30th, 31st and November 1st

Do you have a Spouse that wants to learn how to fly fish? Is your Son or Daughter interested in learning to fly fish but you don't know where to start?

Are you smart enough to know that you're the last person that should try and teach them?

This workshop is for you!

During our two and a half days together we will cover basic fly tying, fly casting and reading the water. To test these skills everyone will be guided on a II day wade trip, a full day float trip and casting games (with prizes!)

Total cost, including room and board at the Fabulous South Llano River Lodge, is \$900.00 per couple.

This workshop will be limited to 4 couples and will fill fast
E-Mail us for further information
or to make reservations.

fishhead@texas.net

FLYWATER ANGLING ADVENTURES

Entomology for Fly Fishers with Rob Woodruff:

November 14th & 15th, Mountain Fork River, OK

When: Nov 14-15, 2009

Where: Mountain Fork River, OK

Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide Rob Woodruff continues to offer his very popular and informative entomology class. Rob Woodruff is an Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide. He has a degree in Entomology from Texas A&M. Rob guides fly anglers for largemouth bass on lakes in East Texas, including world famous Lake Fork, and for trout and smallmouth bass on the Mountain Fork River system of Southeastern Oklahoma. Rob's techniques and flies have appeared in magazines such as Fly Fishing and Tying Journal, Fly Fisher, Bassmaster, Fly Rod & Reel and Southwest Fly Fishing. He has been featured on two episodes of ESPN's Fly Fishing America.

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Gulf CoastFFF Conclave, 2010

Multitudes of workshops and the best fly tyers on the planet await us at the 2010 Gulf Coast FFF Conclave in New Braunfels on April 8-10. Go to the website www.gulfcoastFFF.org to see more of the offerings. The registration form should be available there by November.

When: April 8-10, 2010

Where: New Braunfels, TX

Read more in the full article in this newsletter.





Calling all writers, photographers, and artists!

We are looking for stories, articles, photographs, and illustrations. If you'd like to submit something for the newsletter, please send it at least three (3) weeks prior to the upcoming publishing date.

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TWFF Publishing Dates

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Next publication date: Dec. 4 Submissions due in by: Nov. 27

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Thank-you!

