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TWFF Business Update. The nominating committee was formed: Sherri Ray, Sheila Hood, and Coco Davenport have proposed the following slate of candidates for voting by email or in person at the January meeting:

- First Vice President:** Audrey Ambrose (Two-year term)
- Secretary:** Lavene Jones (Two-year term)
- Treasurer:** Mary Rohrer (Two-year term)
- Trustees (two):** Kerri Stephenson, Jo Schauf, Barbara Booth and Julie Sieh (One-year term)

The following appointed positions have been filled:

- Newsletter Editor:** Sheila Anderson
- Conservation Chair 2004:** Betty Burlison

If you are interested nominating anyone for a position, or in being nominated as a candidate, please email Coco Davenport, Sheila Hood, or Sherri Ray. Deadline for nominations is November 8th, we will announce the final slate after that and open the polls for email voting. If you have any questions about these positions, please contact Sherri Ray.



From the President

Sherri Ray

In case you haven't heard, Congratulations go out to member Ellen Matthews and fishing partner Kimberly Guido on their first place Grand Slam win at the Red Fish Rodeo at our last outing held at Port O' Connor.

With the slight drop in temperatures, comes an exciting time and season for fishers. It will become easier to stay on the water longer and also there are a number of events to attend. In October, there will be two events TWFF members will be participating in. The first being the Texas Parks and Wildlife EXPO and the International Women's Fly-Fishing Festival. In November TWFF will be holding the final outing of 2003 at Beavers Bend State Park in Oklahoma for a fun fill weekend of trout fishing. The 2004-year of outings will start with the Guadalupe trout outing to be held at The Summit.

The EXPO is held on October 5th and 6th this year. Coco Davenport and Linda Love are organizing a fly tying table and Sheila Anderson is organizing the staffing of our booth for meeting and greeting. We have met several of our members at EXPO and are looking forward to meeting more. Several members have volunteered to participate in teaching fly-casting. If you are interested in participating/volunteering for any of these activities it is still not too late. EXPO is always a fun and exciting experience. There are so many learning opportunities in all aspects of the outdoors offered in a very small place. It is fun for kids and kids at heart. The fly fishing tent will be buzzing with fellow fishers/tiers, which historically seems to have a "family reunion" sort of atmosphere that has been thoroughly enjoyable.

It is a rare happening that the IWFF Festival is being held in Texas. There will be women attending this festival from all over the world. It is slated to be a wonderful event. It will also be an additional opportunity to use saltwater fly fishing skills that we have experienced in the past year for those of you that braved the waters of Port O'Connor for the Red Fish Rodeo. South Padre is a beautiful and handy location for meetings and fishing. The IWFF Festival is not a regular TWFF outing but some members are making plans to attend. At this time Sheila Hood, Coco Davenport, Audrey Ambrose and myself are planning on being there. We would love know if you are interested and encourage you to email anyone of us and let us know so that we can all get together. October is the normal "off" season on Padre so hotel rates are much better and with proper weather cooperation the weekend should be a blast. The schedule of the IWFF Festival is on the IWFF website. Check it out and make plans to attend!

Oklahoma was the last place on earth I ever thought would be a trout fishing area. After my trip two years ago to Beavers Bend State Park and surrounding areas my mind was changed forever. This outing was planned because of the closeness to our Dallas members. They have had to do a lot of traveling much further than most of the rest of us that are more centrally located and we wanted to give those members a chance to attend an outing closer to home. The stocked river at Beavers Bend Park proved to be a picture perfect place to fish. My trip there was in July but the water was cold and begged for breathable waders because shorts were just too cold. The fishing was good to great and absolutely beautiful. There are two local fly shops very convenient to the park area and both have the most helpful and friendly owners and staff one could ask for. They were one of the main reasons the fishing was so pleasant and gratifying. One of the big points each of them made is that we should come back during the fall if we liked the summer. Beavers Bend State Park is in a forest setting which promises to be full of fall colors and great scenery. Contact Becky Hand if you need to make arrangements for accommodations.

If you attended our previous outing on the Guadalupe held at The Summit then you know what a treat those accommodations are. TWFF is lucky to have Sheila Hood as our member and friend for many reasons. She has always been a behind the scenes worker bee and organizer and her Summit membership is also the reason we are able to take advantage of The Summit. Thanks Sheila!! There are quaint cabins located on the water and also a RV Park. We will have a catered dinner on Saturday night in the Meeting room located by the cabins and will have a speaker for some evening entertainment and education. We are grateful to everyone who has helped in keeping and rebuilding the trout fishery of the Guadalupe. Last year we were unable to fish the Guadalupe due to flooding and are thankful that the area is restored for our outing.

More details for each of these "adventures" will be discussed in larger detail in the rest of the newsletter. If you are taking advantage of the fall fishing opportunities and have a story to tell please email me and perhaps we can share some fishing updates in our futures newsletters. Tight lines, Sherri.



OUTING REPORT –Red Fish Rodeo (August 2003)

Sherri Ray

Ellen Matthews and Kimberly Guido were the TWFF's contribution to the winner's circle at the 2003 Redfish Rodeo. Ellen and Kimberly were guided by Scott Summerlatte who put them on fish which added up to the Grand Slam First place win. The "slam" consisted of Redfish, Trout, Jack Crevelle and flounder. There was one other "slam" but the 19-inch trout made the girls the prevailing team.

There were about approximately twenty members who attended the outing. Many of our members had not fished the coastal waters previously. Lots of fun was had and lots of new experiences were enjoyed. The day was hot but it was perfect for fly-fishing in the protected areas especially in the morning because there was essentially no wind. This is a rare opportunity in my experience and am really glad that so many people were able to experience Port O'Connor during a calm weather period. The hurricane had been through POC earlier in August but things were pretty much back to normal for the outing.

Some members brought bay boats and were able to go out on the bays and fish. That proved to be a good fishing experience. Lots of members were fishing from kayaks and fished the area behind Charlie's Bait Camp. In the early morning there were lots of tailing Redfish to be seen and trout were caught in this area.

The Friday night Mullet Mixer turned out to be a great idea to get everyone together. Most all TWFF members in POC attended the Mixer for the Redfish Rodeo. It was held at Sheila Anderson's Condo at Pirates Cove. Thank you Sheila A. for your hospitality and gracious hosting.



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Pam Vestal at the Red Fish Rodeo



It's Expo Time Again!

Sheila Anderson

"Begun in 1992 as a tribute to hunting, fishing and the Great Outdoors, the Texas Wildlife Expo will celebrate its twelfth anniversary this year! Saturday and Sunday, October 4 & 5, Texas Parks and Wildlife headquarters in Austin will once again be transformed into the site of the largest event of its kind in the nation. Last year over 44,000 visitors enjoyed Expo!

What is the Texas Wildlife Expo? It's an outdoor experience where visitors fish, shoot, kayak, rock climb, mountain bike, see and touch wildlife, learn about recreation in the Great Outdoors and see and buy the latest in outdoor gear and services. Most importantly, visitors can learn how they can help to conserve this precious resource. Presented by Texas Parks and Wildlife and a coalition of conservation organizations, agencies and sponsors, Expo celebrates the diversity of the outdoors experience in Texas. From camping and outdoor skills to shooting sports and fishing, from bird watching to paddle sports, Expo visitors have an opportunity to try their hands at two full days of fun in the outdoors."

Getting to Expo

The intersection at IH-35 and Ben White Blvd. (Hwy 71) is under construction. Please use caution near this area and observe all traffic signs. There are several options to get to Expo using the map provided in the link below. Click on map to view larger printable version. http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/expo/expo2003/travel/travel_map.html

FREE Shuttle & Parking

Like admission, parking at Expo is free! Weather permitting, limited on-site parking is available, but for convenience and comfort, use the free shuttle. Buses leave from Nelson Field (Reagan High School) on Hwy. 290 East at Berkman Drive, just 2 miles east of IH-35, and run from 8:30 AM until 6:00 PM daily. Click on map to view larger printable version.

An accessible shuttle service is available from Nelson Field to Expo and accessible parking is available on site at Expo.

THANK YOU EXPO VOLUNTEERS

A sincere thank you to all the members that volunteered to work the booth. Thanks also to Coco Davenport and Linda Love, as well as others that will donate their time for fly tying demonstrations.

CALL FOR EXPO CASTING COACHES

Texas Wildlife Expo Fly Fishing Tent is seeking Casting Coaches for Saturday & Sunday. We will sign coaches up right now because we need as many as we can get. This year the casting instruction will be organized and lead by the new Fly Casting Coordinator, Roger Simonsen (North Texas Fly Casters). Contact Sheila Anderson with your interest and availability.



TROUT FISHING ON THE LOWER MOUNTAIN FORK RIVER

Beavers Bend • Broken Bow, Oklahoma

November 8-10, 2003

Outing Coordinator: Becky Hand
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TWFF will travel to southeast Oklahoma over Veteran's Day Weekend 2003 to fish for brown and rainbow trout in the stocked waters of the Lower Mountain Fork River at Beavers Bend Resort, near Broken Bow, OK. Broken Bow is approximately 200 miles northeast of Dallas.

Located in the scenic pine-covered Kiamichi Mountains, the Lower Mountain Fork flows south out of Broken Bow Reservoir. This tailwater is the most noted year-round trout fishery in the state. Both brown and rainbow trout are stocked weekly and may be found throughout the stream and its tributaries. The fast moving-water of the lower Mountain Fork is not only excellent for year-round canoeing, but offers twelve miles of excellent rainbow trout fishing. A trophy brown trout area offers a catch and release program. Oklahoma's state record brown trout was caught at Beavers Bend -- by a Texan! Below the dam, the river flows through Beavers Bend State Park for a six mile section, and then extends downstream another six miles to the U.S. Highway 70 bridge. Below Beavers Bend State Park there are public access points at the Reregulation Dam and Presbyterian Falls as well as a fee access site located near the Highway 70 bridge.

TWFF Outing Headquarters will be at Whip-poor-will Resort (<http://www.texhillcntry.com/whippoorwill/>), located 6 miles from Beavers Bend State Park (<http://www.beaversbend.com>) adjacent to the Ouachita National Forest. Numerous other cabins and tent/RV campgrounds are located in the vicinity. For a listing, see the Beavers Bend State Park web site. (Click on Park Lodging and Dining/ Beaver Bend Cabins/ Rates; the table at the bottom of the page has contact information for other cabins in the area.)

Whip-poor-will has 18 rental cabins with rates ranging from \$55 to \$155. Cabins 1, 2, 3, 5, 17 and the house are available now (as of 1 October), but please **make your reservations soon because the cabins will book up quickly**. (Whip-poor-will cabin reservations can be cancelled without penalty up until 7 days before your reservation date.) All cabins are air conditioned, and have fully equipped kitchenettes, charcoal grills, country decor, and cable TV. Reservations can be made by phone (580-494-6476) using Master Card/Visa, American Express, or Discover cards. **Please make your reservations directly with Whip-poor-will or the resort/campground of your choice. Send an email to Becky Hand when your reservations are confirmed, she needs a head count of persons attending.**

RV/Tent Camping is available at Beavers Bend State Park (no reservation required – however the park will fill up quickly and there are no guarantees that sites will be available for a Friday arrival during a busy time of year.) as well as the nearby Lake Pines (\$17/ night for full hook ups). Lake Pines is approx. 5 miles from Whip-poor-will, and is located approx. 1-2 miles outside of the park just past the turn on the park road. Tel. 580-494-6464 (no website).

Beavers Bend State Park

Two nearby fly shops are very helpful with fly information, fishing places etc--one fly shop is located on the highway at the entrance to the park; the other shop is in the park on the river. The park has several beautiful locations for wade fishing with convenient parking nearby, and good kayaking. The park also has a park store and a restaurant with a really good breakfast for your convenience. Located adjacent to the restaurant is a wildlife rescue shelter where injured wild animals are being nurtured back to health. For the non-fishers, Beavers Bend is also popular for eagle watching and golf.

Fishing License. You will need a temporary (3-day or 7-day) Oklahoma Fishing License, which can be purchased at the park office of Beavers Bend State Park. Cost is around \$15.

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

Remember waders and long johns. The water is cold year round but the air will be cold also. This is best time of year for trout fishing in this area. So be prepared to reel in lots of fish but also to be patient and courteous as the streams will most likely be filled with other fishers. Bring your trout fly rod weight 5 or below. Small Wooly Buggers in all colors are a sure thing. Standard trout flies and rigs will also work well. The best bet is to stop in the local fly shops and purchase the flies that are working that have been working the past week.



TWFF Outings & Events Calendar

- October 4-5** **TPWD Expo.** Enjoy EXPO and **help at TWFF exhibit table, fly tying and/or casting.** Two-hour shifts. Contact Sheila Anderson, sjand1957@hotmail.com.
- November 8-10** **Beavers Bend/Broken Bow, OK** • Outing Coordinator Becky Hand, 512/301-7658, rhand@austin.rr.com
- January 23-25, 2004** **Guadalupe River (The Summit). Trout fishing and TWFF annual elections.** Mark your calendars now – coordinator and reservation details to be announced soon.

Statewide Events

- October 24-26** **7th Annual Intl. Women Fly Fishers Festival at Padre Island.** Details below. For info on TWFF participation, contact Sherri Ray, 979/242-3411, rsray@cvtv.net
- Nov. 8** **Spend the day with Lefty Kreh!** Austin Fly Fishers Banquet. Day sessions on Casting with Lefty, 101 Fly Fishing Tips, How to Hook & Fight a Fish, Understanding Knots and How to Use Automatic Camera's; Evening banquet dinner, presentation by Lefty Kreh, live auction. For ticket information, call 512-635-1880 or check the Austin Fly Fishers website, www.austinflyfishers.com.



International Women Fly Fishers Festival 2003

October 24 – 26, 2003

The International Women Fly Fishers would like to invite all women who fly fish (beginner or advanced) to join them on South Padre Island, TX for their 7th annual Festival on October 24 – 26, 2003.

Treat yourself to a long weekend of fishing, fun and learning in one of the fishiest places in Texas! Redfish, black drum, sea trout, tarpon and many other species are here for the catching!

Friday – October 24th

The Festival begins with a day of fishing in the Lower Laguna Madre area at the southern tip of Texas. You may fish from sea charter boats, guided flats boats or by wading the beaches.

Registration 2pm – 5pm

An evening BBQ with a cash bar will be held at the Convention Center and will allow for ample opportunity to get to know fellow fly fishers. The day's fishing tales will be told here!

Saturday – October 25th

The day will be filled with a wide variety of exhibits and workshops to include fly tying, knot tying and photography to name a few. Fly-casting instruction will include the basics as well as casting into the wind, casting heavy flies and the double haul.

Box lunches will be provided during the busy day.

An evening cocktail party and banquet will finish off the day.

Sunday – October 26th

This day ends the Festival. Many may choose to take in some time on the water before packing up and heading home. Hopefully we'll go home knowing that we have new friends who share our same interests and goals. Hopefully we'll all go home with some new casting or tying skills and will soon test these skills in our own home waters.

For more information, see the IWFF website <http://www.intlwomenflyfishers.org>, or contact Pat Magnuson at pemagnuson@attbi.com. Registration can be sent to: Angie Chestnut, 4961 Vincennes St. #1, Cape Coral, FL 33904

FIRST WATER RIGHTS DONATED TO TEXAS WATER TRUST

News Media Contact: Kristen Everett (512) 389-8046 or kristen.everett@tpwd.state.tx.us

EL PASO, Texas -- A West Texas rancher and attorney has donated 1,236 acre-feet of water per year to the Texas Water Trust to provide water for fish and wildlife in the Rio Grande.

The donation marks the first water rights ever deposited in the Texas Water Trust. The trust was created in 1997 by the historic water reform law Senate Bill 1 as a way to protect river instream flows, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, or bay and estuary inflows. As an ancillary benefit, it also safeguards river flows for outdoor recreation such as fishing and boating. The trust is part of the Texas Water Bank, a water rights marketing clearinghouse also created by SB1.

"I donated to the water trust because I wanted to see the Rio Grande running," said Colquitt "Kit" Bramblett, who grew up on his family's ranch in southeast Hudspeth County. The ranch has 23 miles of river frontage and about 500 acres of farmland with associated water rights. Bramblett is the county attorney for Hudspeth County, although he's had a longstanding law practice in El Paso and still keeps an office there.

"The river ran from the 1970s until this spring, when it dried up and all the fish died," Bramblett said. "I'd like to see some more people donate water. I'd like to see some water in that river." The stretch of the Rio Grande from El Paso to Big Bend National Park dried to a trickle this summer, shutting down popular rafting trips.

Bramblett first conveyed his water rights to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, which then deposited them in the Texas Water Trust. The Texas Water Development Board administers the trust.

"This sets a wonderful example for others to follow," said Larry McKinney, TPWD Resource Protection Division Director "There are many incentives to place water in trust, not only for fish and wildlife protection, but for water quality, for aesthetics, for whatever reason people would want to have water flowing in a river. A secondary benefit for the donor can be a tax deduction for a charitable donation."

For more information about donating to the Texas Water Trust, contact Colette Barron with TPWD at (800) 792-1112, ext. 7008 or by e-mail at colette.barron@tpwd.state.tx.us. General information is also on the water development board Web site (<http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/assistance/waterbank/wtrust.html>). The TWDB currently waives all fees for deposits to the water trust.

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Guadalupe River Trout Outing and TWFF Annual Elections The Summit on River Road in Sattler, TX near Canyon Lake January 23-25, 2004

We plan to be back on the Guadalupe River in January for trout fishing, our annual elections, and more. Becky Hand is the cabin coordinator for this outing. Please email her at rhand@austin.rr.com to make reservations. Sheila Anderson is also helping to coordinate the event, you may email her as well at sjand1957@hotmail.com. More information about the speaker, mullet mixer, and BBQ dinner will appear in the next newsletter.

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