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TWFF Business Update

From the webmaster:

If you send something to be published on twff.net, please make the subject: **POST ON TWFF WEBSITE**

If you have not renewed your membership, please send in your dues to Becky Hand as soon as possible. Click on the membership form at our website: <http://www.twff.net/membership.html>



From the President

Sherri Ray

“I wrap this up with two thoughts. First, let’s have fun and second, please everyone join together once again to help with decisions and directions for this wonderful club in this early stage of its life”

The above statement was from a year ago in the President’s message and it stands today. The past year has been a real source of fun. Now that we are three years old going on four I think we are past the toddler stage and on to our adolescent age. It seems our club is developing a really personality of it’s own. We are a fun-loving group evidenced by this past weekends outing. The mullet mixer was attended well and ‘fun’ was definitely a word we could use for the evening. Billy Trimble’s wonderful advice and instruction coupled with experiencing and watching a bunch of girls catching white bass at Reimer’s Ranch was also fun. I have heard from several people that our club can be described as “really friendly” which is always a good compliment to get. We have scaled back from the tight focus on organization but have had just enough of it to insure everyone shows up at the right place to fish. Our coffers are full and perhaps we can enjoy some reaping from the sowing. Several members have suggested that guides for our trips really seem to enhance the fishing experience. I agree we should give this some thought and make it happen if all consent. Our next outing is the Bud Priddy One Fly, which, for you new people is just an incredibly wonderful trip. I always want to say it’s the best and then I remember the Guadalupe and Homer Martin and Oklahoma etc. etc. etc.-you get my drift.

If you have some time on your hands and want something really interesting to do between now and the next trip I am including an email received from the Okieflyfishers who have invited us to come to one of their gatherings. It sounds fun and I wanted to let you all know we have some dialogue going on with our sister state fishers. If you go, take your newsletter and tell him we are the **FUN** Texas Women’s Fly Fishers. If you can’t go perhaps you can use the information for a future fishing trip.

Greetings from the Northeastern Oklahoma Flyfishing Club, known far and wide as the okieflyfishers. We would like to invite everybody to the Smallmouth Rendezvous & Flytying Extravaganza 2004. This is our third year and the event has been growing each year. This years' show promises to be the best yet. We have some excellent featured tyers that are worth coming to see. This is not a warm water

event only but focuses on fly tying of all types of flies. Anyone in your club who would like to come and tie is welcome to. Anyone who wants to set up a vendors table is welcome to at no charge. This event is free to the public. There will be auctions, raffles, drawings, demos, and casting help for anyone who desires it. The show will be held at the community building, 300 W. First St., in historic downtown Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Capitol of the Cherokee Nation. The dates are April 30 and May 1 2004. Everybody is welcome. So, come on up,down, sideways, or whatever and join us in a celebration of flytying and flyfishing this spring. Info is available at www.okieflyfishers.org or you can contact me Richard 'griff ' Griffin, flytying chair SMR&FE 2004 at griff@intellex.com Hope to see you here, griff

I am really glad to get your email. A small group of friends within the Texas Women's Fly Fishers took a vacation to Beavers Bend two years ago. We had a group outing there last November. We have had a great time there each time and we are all hooked on Oklahoma fishing. Can you tell us more about other places within your state to fish. I looked at your pictures and there is obviously some real fun to be had. Thanks for any info and we will put your event in our next newsletter Sherri Ray

A lot of people from Texas make Beaver's Bend. We have a lot of different kinds of fishing in Oklahoma. Tahlequah sits in the Cookson Hills which are part of the foothills to the Ozark Mountains. We are surrounded by several lakes and the streams that feed them. Just outside of town is the Illinois River. It is a very popular canoeing stream in the summer. Last year at our event, one of our tyers caught a 4 and half pound smallmouth out at Sparrowhawk camp where he was staying. There are many places to camp out on the river or out on the lake if you prefer camping. If you prefer a hotel, I would recommend the Holiday Inn or Oak Hill. Hotel rates in our town are not very high in comparison to other places. The Lower part of the Illinois River is our local trout stream. It is a purely put and take stream. It is also where the biggest strippers in Oklahoma are caught where the stream runs into the Arkansas River. They love trout. To the north of town is Spavinaw Creek, which forms lake Eucha and lake Spavinaw. My favorite stream is the Baron Fork. I grew up on it and have caught many smallmouth bass out of it. The bass in it usually run small although I do catch the occasional big one. I love the stream because it is secluded and I rarely see other people on it unless you fish at the Welling or Eldon Accesses. I have fished this stream from it's headwaters to where it joins the Illinois River. There are numerous watersheds and small lakes in this area that a person can walk into and drop a float tube in the water and have a great time fishing. Fishing is just a small part of the Rendezvous. We will have door prizes and raffles along with our tyers. We have some of the best tyers in the country tie for us. Mike George is supposed to come. He was on the cover of Fly Tier Magazine. Walt McClendon and Slim Mitchell from down your way. Skipp Shorb and his super small midges. He usually ties 32's. There will be other tyers. This is the home of the Cherokee Nation so you can visit Tsa La Gi and I think the River City Players are starting up about then. This is a great town in a beautiful part of Oklahoma. Come and I am sure you will enjoy yourself



Conservation News

Betty Burluson

Summary – Reprinted with permission from American Rivers Most Endangered Rivers for 2002

As Texas continues its statewide water planning effort, the Guadalupe River and its tributaries are threatened by growing demand for their water. A conservation organization is seeking to preserve the ecological resources and rural economy the river sustains by securing water rights, which it will leave in the river.

If the state of Texas awards the remaining water rights to water developers instead, the river's water will be siphoned off and sold -- with profound consequences for the river and its estuary, which support thriving commercial and recreational fisheries.

The River

The Guadalupe River basin encompasses a variety of rich and diverse ecosystems. From its spring-fed headwaters between Austin and San Antonio, the Guadalupe River crosses rugged limestone hill country until it reaches the Balcones Escarpment, where the hills give way to rolling prairies.

Here the river is bolstered by the San Marcos River, a spring-fed tributary. Both rivers are favorites with anglers, boaters, and other outdoor enthusiasts, and support diverse aquatic plant and animal life. Unfortunately, the high quality and the reliability of the water makes it an attractive target for water supply development.

The Guadalupe reaches the Gulf of Mexico through San Antonio Bay, and the influx of fresh water is crucial for the health of this estuary as well as the adjacent Aransas Bay.

These two estuaries are ecologically very productive, and the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge provides one of the last toeholds for the endangered whooping crane.

A 1998 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department study found that water-related recreation and commercial and recreational fisheries brought in an estimated \$575 million each year to communities around the two bays.



Reimer's Ranch White Bass Run – Trip Report

By Pam Vestal

Wow! What a great trip! There were lots of white bass caught on this trip!

Many of us gathered at Becky Hand's home for the Friday evening Mullet Mixer!

THANK YOU BECKY!!!

Billy Trimble, our volunteer guide, was on-hand and provided a slide presentation and gave us excellent instruction on how to fly fish for white bass. He also provided us with flies tied just for white bass fishin'.

Some of the dedicated early risers were at the Pedernales River at Reimer's Ranch with Billy at approximately 0630. Billy helped folks get their lines strung and flies on. He stayed around all morning and as the rest of us found our way to the river, he helped us get set up and in the water, too!

It was fun seeing all of us spread out up and down the river! I was one of the few that did not get a white bass this year! But, I really enjoyed watching others catch them! Tiffany and I counted up twenty-six on this trip, but there may have been a few we missed!

Some of us found our way over to the Sportsman's Finest Fly Shop! We spent some money there! I hope someone hits them up for a fishing cap or gift certificate or something for our auction this summer!

Our TWFF President, Sherri Ray was the coordinator for this trip. She scouted out a new hotel and the El Arroyo, an excellent Mexican Food Restaurant. We all had a fun time telling our fish stories and catching up with each other!

On Sunday, some of us found our way over to the Shallow Water Expo and ran into some friends, tied some flies and bought some fly fishing stuff!

We missed all of ya'll who were unable to make the May Outing, but hope to see you at the Buddy Priddy Outing In May and/or at Homer Martin Ranch in July!



BUD PRIDDY MEMORIAL ONE FLY CONTEST / TWFF LOST CANYON OUTING

May 14, 15 & 16, 2004
Camp Wood, TX

Coordinators: Barbara Booth, boothbarbara@hotmail.com and Sheila Anderson, sjand1957@hotmail.com

Join us for a great weekend of fly fishing a fun contest in a wonderful river among beautiful countryside.

For the article 'Bud Priddy Memorial' written by David Sikes for the Corpus Christi News about Dr. Bud Priddy (author of 'Fly-fishing the Texas Hill Country') click on the link:
<http://www.caller2.com/2001/july/08/today/davidsik/4783.html>

We have two cabins left available to book. Please make your reservations by April 25 to [Sheila Anderson, sjand1957@hotmail.com](mailto:sjand1957@hotmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there.

What to Bring: Gear - hat, sunscreen, wading shoes, sandals or booties, rain suit, lightweight waders (if desired - it will be hot), nylon or quick dry clothes, sun gloves, warm clothes (for possible chilly nights), camera and film,

binoculars (for great birding and wildlife), swimsuits and water bottles. If selecting self service for lodging (see below), you will need to bring linens and towels.

Suggested flies and lines: Bring your 5, 6 or 7 weight rod and tie on some heavy fluorocarbon or monofilament leader and tippet. Flies such as clousers, jig head nymphs, wooly buggers and poppers can be used but remember only "one fly" all day. You won't need a sinking line, just use your regular weight forward floating fly line.

Food: Dinner for Friday night, breakfast/lunch for Saturday, and breakfast/lunch for Sunday. Restaurants are also available in Camp Wood. Saturday night's dinner is provided as part of the entry fee for the contest.

Check In is available after 1 p.m. on Friday. **Check Out** is by 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Facilities: Each kitchen is fully equipped with pots, pans, utensils, coffee maker and microwave. Ice is not available on premises. Smoking is not permitted in buildings. This facility covers 200 acres, including a crystal clear creek and two large ponds, one for boating and fishing, the other for swimming, beyond which are hills, draws, pastures for hiking amidst abundant wildlife and great birding. A barn has been converted into a well-lit and comfortable library that holds over 2,000 books and current periodicals. In addition, there is a tennis court, basketball court, volleyball net and a canoe. A new dining hall has recently been constructed conveniently located in the center of the cabin area. Log onto Lost Canyon's website for additional info www.lostcanyon.org

Schedule of Events:

Friday 7 p.m. Mullet Mixer at Chama Cabin at Lost Canyon.

Saturday: 7 a.m. Registration in Camp Wood at the City Park (\$10.00 entry fee includes dinner at Casa Falcone at 6 p.m., a map, measuring tape, pencil & zip lock bag). **Confirmation of entry fee amount has not been confirmed by Alamo Fly Fishers yet.**

Sunday: You are on your own for fishing or enjoying the resort.

Directions from San Antonio: (2.5 hours) Take Hwy. 90 to Uvalde. Go north from there on Hwy 55 (this involves a right turn at the town square, then a left turn at the north edge of town just after the railroad overpass). Take Hwy 55 through Camp Wood to Barksdale, where the only right turn you can make is County Road 211. Take the County Road 211 (also known as Dry Creek Road) 4 miles to resort gate on the left and has a sign for resort. **From Austin:** Lost Canyon is 3.5 hours from Austin. Check www.lostcanyon.org/directions.htm for map and directions.

Lodging: Make your reservations with Sheila Anderson, sjand1957@hotmail.com and specify which cabin, roommates, and whether you want full service or self service (all cabin mates need to agree on pricing choice). Please send payments plus 6% tax in by April 25, 2004 to: Sheila Anderson.

There are six cabins each with a fully equipped kitchen and all but Lago Vista are air-conditioned. There are two rates listed for each unit for per night rates: full service (FS) includes linens and cleaning after your departure; self-service (SS), which is significantly less expensive, means that you provide sheets, towels and clean the cabin before leaving. Cleaning supplies are available in each cabin. Tax is additional 6%. Cabin descriptions available @ www.lostcanyon.org

Chama: Is booked.

Tree Tops: This is a cabin on stilts, with a single large and many-windowed room perched among the oak trees that shade it. There is a queen and two single beds, and a spacious deck outside. (Capacity: 4) \$95.00 / \$80.00.

Lago Vista: This cabin is cantilevered over the upper pond and is on three levels, the lowest a long, screened-in living and sleeping area with a queen-size bed and day bed. The kitchen and bath are on the top level, and there are two single beds on the middle level. This cabin is not air conditioned, but it has several ceiling fans and wonderful breezes from the pond. In winter there is a heavy clear-plastic awning that closes the cabin to the elements. This is many people's favorite cabin. (Capacity:5) \$95.00 / \$85.00.

Escondido: Is booked

Manana: Is booked.

Los Jefes: Is booked.

Additional Accommodations Available: (Please make your own arrangements for these)

Nueces River Motel 830-234-3648 (Closest to Lost Canyon Resort)

Woodbine Inn 830-597-2310

Hill Country Motel 830-597-3278

Lost Canyon Retreat 830-234-3250

Ledge Water Camp 830-234-4178



July 2003: Homer Martin Ranch On the Llano River

July 9 – 11, 2004

Coordinators: Sheila Anderson and Kerri Stephenson

We love Homer Martin Ranch so much we're going back in July!

Join TWFF at this historic 3500 acre ranch and hunting lodge in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. We'll have a variety of activities — including good food and friends, silent auction, wade fishing and kayak fishing — so there will be plenty to do regardless of the weather. In addition to scheduled activities, the ranch is a wonderful place for nature walks, hiking and bird watching.

Share your favorite pot-luck dishes at evening meals in the Lodge and join us around the fire (maybe not in July) or cooler to swap fish tales.

The ranch has nine cabins with air conditioning that will book quickly. Tent camping is also available. The rustic Lodge House provides a fully equipped kitchen, dining room, social room and game room.

SILENT AUCTION

Great items will be up for bid in the silent auction. The auction will be set up in the living area of the Lodge. Stop by any time from 8:30 – 5:30 on Saturday to look at the booty and bid on your favorite auction items. Silent auction winners will be announced after dinner on Saturday evening.

To contribute items to the auction, or to help with setup, etc., contact Lavene Jones, lavenejones@sbcglobal.net

MEALS

Bring a favorite dish and join in on the fabulous potluck dinners on Friday and Saturday evening.

Breakfast and lunch you'll be on your own. The lodge's full kitchen is available to use for all meals. The kitchen refrigerator and personal ice chests should be used for food storage only. Beer and wine can be kept icy cold in the deer locker. Our use of the kitchen and lodge is a community effort; please do your part to care for our shared space by picking up after yourself and sharing in area cleanup chores. It never hurts to bring some extra napkins, paper towels, and don't forget plastic wrap to put away all those great leftovers.

RESERVATIONS

Cabins rent for \$60 per night with a 2-night minimum. Tent spaces are \$15 per tent, per night. If you would like to bunk in a cabin but do not have roommates, let Kerri know and she will try to book you into a shared cabin.

Please contact Kerri Stephenson to check on cabin availability. All reservations must be paid in advance by check payable to Homer Martin Ranch. Checks will be held until the outing – if you need to cancel before June 15th, we will return your check. Cancellations after June 15th will depend on our being able to fill your cabin reservation.

Please do not call the ranch to make reservations. Contact Kerri Stephenson to make your reservations.
(kstephenson1@austin.rr.com)

Cabin configurations are as follows:

Cabin one: 2 single beds

Cabin two: 2 double beds

Cabin three: 1 queen and 1 bunk bed
Cabin four: 1 double and 1 single bed
Cabin five: 2 single beds
Cabin six: 1 queen, 1 double, 1 single
Cabin seven: 2 single beds - ***no bathroom***
Cabin eight: 2 double beds
Cabin nine: 2 double beds

An outside bathroom with shower is available for tent campers and Cabin 7 inhabitants.

Please note that no pets are allowed.

TENTATIVE OUTING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY EVENING

Check in and socializing at Lodge Dining Hall

SATURDAY

Silent Auction and Raffle, 8:30 – 5:30

Wade fishing

Self-Guided River Trip (9 am - ?) (we are still looking for someone to lead the kayak trip)

Hiking and bird watching

SUNDAY

9 am General membership meeting in lodge dining. Please plan to attend.

11 am Clean up Lodge, fishing/hiking/socializing etc.

WHAT TO BRING

Pot luck dinner contributions and personal breakfast/lunch food

Fly rod, flies (woolly buggers, poppers, clousers etc.) - 1x, 2x or 3x leaders or your own personal preference

Sunscreen & hat

River shoes & or wading boots

Waders or other weather-suitable fishing attire

Camera

Sense of humor

If you plan to go on the river trip, don't forget:

Canoe or kayak, paddle, pfd, Dry bags for storage on your kayak or canoe, Insulated food bags/small cooler to carry lunch and snacks on river, Water/beverage containers

Neoprene waders or layered, water-resistant clothing recommended

DIRECTIONS TO HOMER MARTIN RANCH

From Austin: Take TX 71 to Llano then TX 29 to Mason. (From north Austin, take US 183 north then TX 29 west to Mason.) As you enter Mason on Hwy 29, you will turn left at the Courthouse Square and go south on Hwy 87. Watch for RR 1723 on your right on the south edge of town (1.3 miles from the 29/87 intersection). Follow Ranch Road 1723/Simonsville Road for 9 miles to the ranch entrance, which is on the right, 1/2 mile after crossing the river.

From Dallas: Take I-35 to Georgetown then TX 29 to Mason. As you enter Mason on Hwy 29, you will turn left at the Courthouse Square and go south on Hwy 87. Watch for RR 1723 on your right on the south edge of town (1.3 miles from the 29/87 intersection). Follow Ranch Road 1723/Simonsville Road for 9 miles to the ranch entrance, which is on the right, 1/2 mile after crossing the river.

From Houston or San Antonio: Take I-10 to Comfort, then US 87 toward Mason. Go 8.5 miles past the 87/Llano River Bridge to RR 1723 (on your left as you approach Mason). Follow RR1723/Simonsville Road for 9 miles to the ranch entrance, which is on the right, 1/2 mile after crossing the river. Upon entering Homer Martin Ranch, go past the ranch house and follow the signs to the camp. Please check the bulletin board outside the Lodge for information on cabin assignments, event schedules, and other information. See the Homer Martin Ranch website for a map and other detailed information about the ranch.

www.homermartinranch.com/

Medina River Bandera Texas

September

Coordinators - Linda Love & Jo Schauf (Dates & details to be announced)

<http://www.texasillcountrymall.com/riverfrontmotel/>

Coastal Paddling Trails on the Texas Coast with Dr. Bill Harvey

October 22, 23 and 24th in the Aransas Pass area

General info site <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/news/news/020617b.htm>

Coordinators Mary Rohrer & Julie Sieh (Dates & exact location & details to be announced)



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Mary Rohrer and Kerri Stephenson at Reimer's



2004 Spring Llano River Cleanup

On May 22, the Llano River Protection League will be holding our 2004 Spring Llano River clean up. The event will start at 9 am and will last until 4 pm. Each participant will receive a t-shirt and are invited to join us for some Cooper's Bar-B-Q starting at 2 pm with live music to follow. The meeting point for this year's event is the east pavilion at Badu Park, which is located immediately behind the American Legion Hall in Badu Park.

Our goal for the spring cleanup is to have 120 participants help clear trash and debris from at least 20 miles of the Llano River in both Llano and Mason Counties. Each participant is asked to give about 2 hours of their day to cleaning, and the remainder of the day to enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Llano River.

There are both walking and floating sections for the cleanup, so those with canoes and kayaks are encouraged to contact the cleanup coordinator early to secure their section. You don't have to call ahead, but if you can give us a call or email in advance to let us know you are coming, it would help in making carpool and meal arrangements go more smoothly.

If you are interested in participating, or you know someone who might be interested, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Email: llanoriverprotectionleague@hotmail.com

Dan Cone @ 325-423-0045
Cleanup Coordinator

Thomas Pinckney @ 325-248-0868
Volunteer Coordinator

To see our flier, with a map to Badu Park, go to the link below:
http://www.ctff.org/forums/download.php?f=5&file=Spring_Flier.doc

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