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TWFF Business Report

Our web site now provides an email address for interested people to contact us. It can also be used by our members to vote for officers in the upcoming election. Cast your ballots via email to info@twff.net.

The following women have generously volunteered to be nominated for the following positions:

Lavene Jones: First Vice President (Speakers, Raffles & Banquets)

Mary Rohrer: Treasurer

Cynthia Sudds: Secretary

Annette Blythe and Coco Davenport: Trustees

If you would like to add yourself to the ballot for any of the open positions, please submit your name to Sheila Anderson at sanderson1165@austin.rr.com.

Email voting is now open as mentioned above. We will also vote in person at the January outing.

Membership renewal:

Our annual membership renewal begins in January. If you cannot make it to our outing at the Guadalupe to renew in person, please use the form on our website and send your dues directly to Angela Mendoza.

2006 Annual Budget:

Mary Rohrer will complete the budget for 2006 and present it at our business meeting in January.

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Welcome New Members

Deb Dunsford, Bryan, TX
Layne Ober, Fentress, TX
Sheila and Greg Setter, Austin, TX
Penny Skelly, Thorndale, TX
Carolyn Vierheller, Dallas, TX



From the President
Sheila Anderson

The six outings for 2005 have all passed now, and I am looking forward to my next and final year as president of the TWFF. I am grateful for the support our members have provided throughout all our events this year, thank you. I am gearing up for a fantastic 2006, that will hopefully include another trip to Oklahoma. My thoughts on that final trip of 2005 follow:

Wow – I caught trout! For the first time I didn't jinx myself when I boasted, "I have a date with a fish and a camera this weekend." Thanks to the excellent advice and guidance of Rob Woodruff, I was able to learn the correct casting technique well enough to get the trout to bite. Setting the hook was another matter. I missed four or five strikes because I didn't set the hook well. After a short visit with Rob when he came to check on me, I learned a quick snap up is a good motion to make when the fly is struck. Guess what, it worked! And it worked for many other fisher women that day, as well.

We were fishing creases and pools in Zone 1, letting our fly travel the same speed as the current as instructed, and watching our strike indicators. I knew there were fish in the crease in front me, because I missed one or two there before I knew how to set the hook. The fish that intrigued me were parked on the opposite bank, in plain view on the gravel, in the shallow water above the crease. I saw them there all morning long, two of them. They would occasionally turn on their sides and stir up the fine particles of stream bottom by fanning their tails. Rob said they would be hard to catch because they were so shallow and it would be difficult to get the fly over there. I tried several different flies, moved up and down to different areas of the stream, but I kept coming back to that pair of fish. They backed off a couple of times, but always returned to the edge above that crease. I must have cast to them a hundred times, and finally – BINGO!! The larger of the two took the fly and I landed it. What an absolutely satisfying experience.

I was skeptical on that long, eight hour drive to Oklahoma, that I would ever make this trip again. It is such a long way to drive for a short weekend. I was wrong. Although the drive is long, I will fully support a trip to Broken Bow every year as long as our women want to fish there. If fishing our Guadalupe River could be so satisfying, I would go there much more often.

We will have the opportunity once again in January to fish for trout in the Guadalupe. Our annual membership renewal and officer elections will take place at the Summit the weekend of January 13th. Of course we will plan for fly tying and a speaker in case the river flow or weather prevents us from getting our lines wet. I hope to see all of you there.

Sheila

TROUT FISHING ON THE LOWER MOUNTAIN FORK RIVER
Beavers Bend • Broken Bow, Oklahoma
By Linda Love



Beaver's Bend State Park was a blaze of color as 6 women from the Texas Women Fly Fishers club arrived Thursday November 3 to begin the last official outing of 2005. We successfully fished Spillway Creek for several hours Thursday, visited the local fly shops and picked the brains of the local fishers, then checked out the best places to eat. All of us were awestruck by the beauty of this place. The trees were every beautiful color imaginable and the weather was perfect! We were joined by 12 more fly fishers Friday at the Whip Poor Will Resort where we had our head quarters and the Mullet Mixer Friday evening. Rob Woodruff, fly fishing guide and educator, joined us for the Mullet Mixer and presented a slide show of the Spillway Creek (Zone I) and Zone II where we would be fishing Saturday. During the slide show Rob explained that we would be using various techniques for catching trout depending on the type of water we were fishing. He explained the difference in Zone I, which is fast water and Zone II which is slower water, and the size limits and other state restrictions about barb less hooks, etc. Seeing the actual area we would be fishing brought a lot of excitement to Texas Women Fly Fishers

the group! Questions were asked and answered. Rob taught us how to tie some knots and helped us rig our line for fishing Zone I and he instructed us how to fish fast water. We brought out our fly boxes and he helped us select the flies most apt to be taken by trout in this area. Then he instructed us how to rig our line and what flies to use in Zone II, which is slower water, where we would fish Saturday afternoon.

We met at Three Rivers Fly shop at 7 a.m. Saturday morning and we picked up the flies or supplies we needed and headed out for the water. Rob placed us in strategic places where he knew the trout would be holding. The trout were very cooperative and big! Sheila caught her first ever trout and it was a whopping 15+ inches! Betty snagged one that got away that Rob estimated to be about 5#'s! Will and Cindy's son caught a lunker! It was 18+ inches long and so big around you could not put your fingers together around the girth. A lot of trout were caught but only a few were landed. Some lines were broken off and some hooks were straightened. We learned more about how to land a fish successfully. Rob was working up and down the creek giving instructions to individuals all morning long. He is an excellent teacher and guide. Everyone felt like they learned a lot about fishing fast waters. We fished here until noon then we met at the restaurant in the park to eat lunch.

After lunch we went below the park dam to Zone II where the fish were really big! Rob was there to rig our lines up properly with the right fly and taught us how to work the fly for the best results. Sheila hit the jack pot again, catching 2 large trout. Betty, Kathy, Linda and Karen caught trout here but Karen caught the largest one, being 19+ inches. We had one brand new member, Carolyn, and 2 relatively new fly fishers that Rob spent ample time teaching how to cast and retrieve the fly. The big trout swimming around our feet reminded me of the San Juan River at Navajo Dam. It was exciting just seeing them on the bottom as well as rolling over feeding on top late in the afternoon. We successfully fished this area until about 3:30 p.m.

Saturday evening found us at Abednigo's restaurant where we enjoyed telling our fish stories and reminiscing about many of the things we learned. After dinner we had a drawing for an Orvis fly fishing vest and several door prizes. The winner of the vest was Annette Blythe. Door prizes consisted of neck/body buddies (made by Allison Love), slipper socks and a vest fly holder. Winners were Will, Cindy, Jane and Linda.

Many thanks to the Houston Orvis store for donating a very nice vest for which we sold raffle tickets to benefit "Casting for Recovery". Due to the generosity of our members we raised \$126.00. Way to go ORVIS! You are one of our Super Heros!

We were glad to have Annette join our group again and fish with us. Will and Cindy brought Cindy's mom and their 2 boys. Tiffany joined us Saturday and it was good to see her. We all feel very fortunate to have had such good instruction for this area and we agreed this was the most educational outing we have had in a very long time. You may think it is a long way to drive, but ask Sheila if it is worth it. Meanwhile, have fun, outdoors. See you at the Summit.

Linda Love, Trip Coordinator



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2006 Outing Schedule

January 13, 14, & 15 - Guadalupe River at The Summit
March 3, 4, & 5 - Fly Fish Texas 2006, Athens, TX
May 19, 20 & 21 - Bud Priddy Memorial One Fly Contest -
Big Oak River Camp, Camp Wood, TX

January 2006: Guadalupe River Trout Outing and TWFF Annual Elections

The Summit on River Road in Sattler, TX near Canyon Lake

January 13-15, 2006

Outing Coordinator: Sheila Hood

Email: sahood1@earthlink.net

We will be staying at the Summit Vacation Resort that is located at Canyon Lake on River Road between the 3rd & 4th River Crossings. Reservations will be made and fees paid in advance to Sheila Hood or her designee. Checks made payable to THE SUMMIT and mailed to Sheila Hood at P. O. Box 219 Kempner, TX 76539 will secure your reservation. If you need to contact Shelia, you can call her at 512-734-5086 or email her at sahood1@earthlink.net. Cabins will be assigned in the order fees are received GET YOUR RESERVATION IN QUICKLY. Please do not contact the Summit individually.

There are seven smaller cabins with queen & one bunk bed, linens included, shower, and kitchenette with essentials. The fee for cabins due at time of reservation is \$49.00 per night tax included.

There are 5 larger cabins with a queen sleeper sofa, (2) bunks, and loft with double bed, linens included, shower, and kitchenette with essentials. The fee for cabins due at time of reservation is \$59.00 per night tax included.

Currently, we still have 7 smaller cabins and 5 larger cabins available along with RV pads. But, don't wait too long or those cabins will be snatched up. A couple of people are looking for roommates – so do not hesitate to sign up if your party can't fill up an entire cabin. I will work to help everyone find a roommate. There is also other lodging available near the river – but soon there will be no vacancies – this is a popular season for us fly fishers. RV spaces are \$15.00 per night tax included.

What to Bring

Bring a light weight fly rod (4 to 6 weight); reel with weight forward fly line to match your rod; 5x leader & 5x tippet; split shot; strike indicators; small nymphs (flies in size 22); wading boots; waders and very warm clothes. If you have neoprene waders and felt sole boots that will be fine. If you have Gortex waders and felt sole boots, wear Polartec or long underwear. You will need boots and waders! You will need very warm clothes. Please make sure you have your fishing license.

Friday 7:30 PM

Join your fellow Texas Women Fly Fishers at the Summit Clubhouse for the 'Mullet Mixer'.

Saturday

Tie flies at the Clubhouse or fish the Guadalupe at your leisure. Do not wade fish if the flow is above 300 cfs. Join TWFF at 7:00 PM at the Summit Clubhouse for a catered BBQ dinner and swap tales of the day. A \$8.50 per person fee should be mailed with your cabin reservation for the catered BBQ - separate check made out to TWFF or cash.

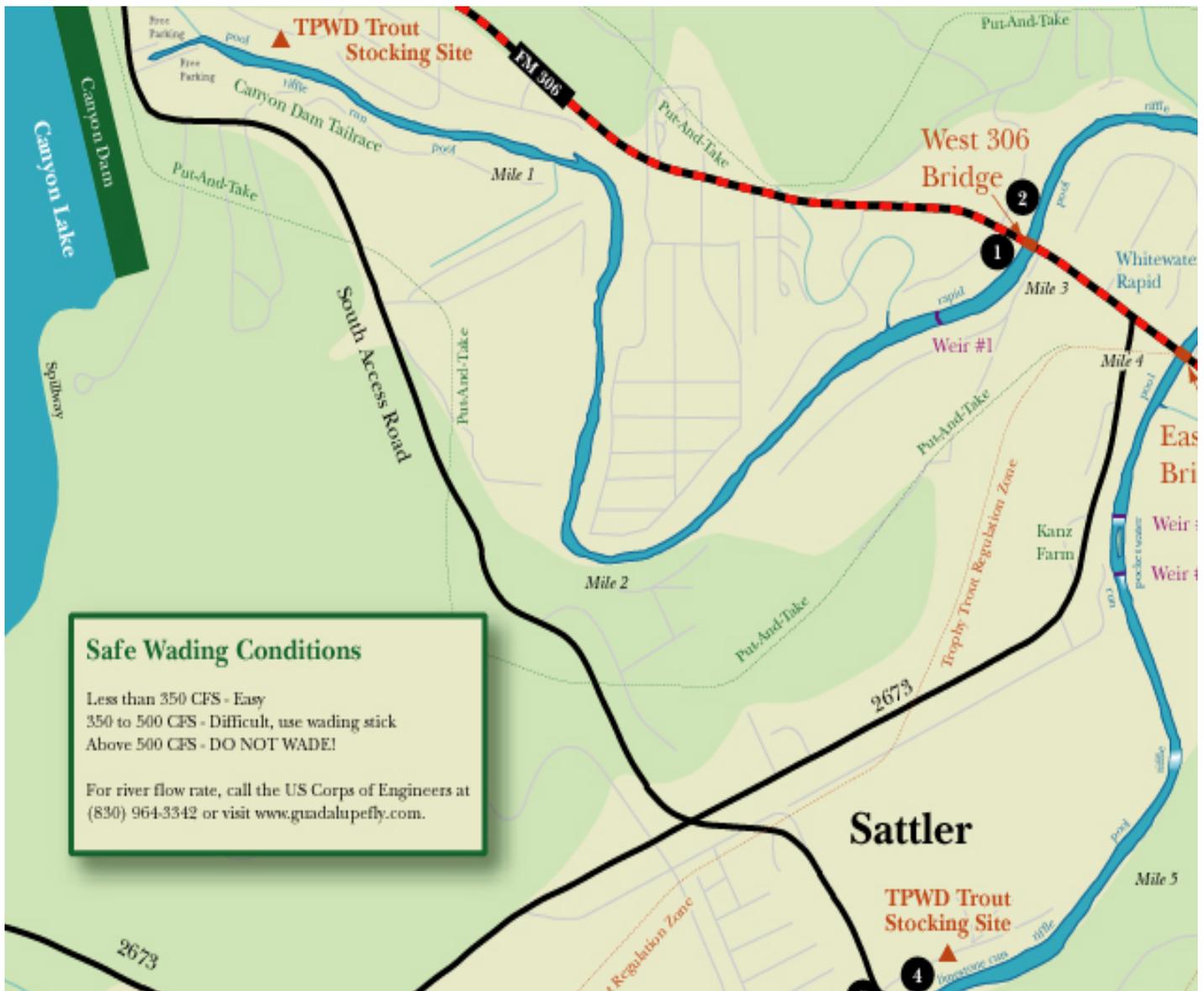
Summary

Mail Reservation Fee of \$49.00 per night for a small Cabin, \$59.00 per night for a larger Cabin, or \$15.00 per night for RV spaces. Checks made out to the Summit. Mail to Sheila Hood or designee.

Include names of persons staying in the cabin. This is a gated resort. The office is open 24 hours a day, they will have your name and cabin assignment. You will be given a code for the electronic gate.

Mail \$8.50 per person for Saturday evening's catered BBQ meal.

Here's a link to a great map of the Guadalupe River: <http://www.grtu.org/guadmap.html>



March 2006: Fly Fish Texas 2006

Athens, TX

March 3, 4, & 5, 2006

Coordinator: Sheila Anderson

Email: sanderson1165@austin.rr.com

Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center Athens, Texas 9 am to 4 pm

It's easier than you think!

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

Seminars and classes begin at 9:00am, March 4, 2006 as the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center hosts Fly Fish Texas - an all day fly fishing festival. Our 6th annual show, it just keeps getting bigger and better each year. Until 4:00pm, fly fishing enthusiasts from beginner to expert gather at this great Texas Parks and Wildlife facility to share skills and stories

about this exciting outdoor sport offering a variety of activities for all levels of anglers. Learn to cast the fly and then actually fish for rainbow trout, discover where to fly fish in Texas, check out the latest gear and even kayaking.



Interactive seminars, classes and demonstrations led

by Texas fly fishing professionals will highlight the show. Day long activities will include:

- ✚ A fly tier's round table (demonstrations of tying all types of flies)
- ✚ Fly action/fish pursuit demonstrations (actual fish taking the fly right before your eyes)
- ✚ Casting lessons (learn to cast or improve on what you know)
- ✚ Fishing for rainbow trout (we furnish the rods and flies)
- ✚ Basic Flyfisher Classes (kids 12 and up are introduced to fly tackle, rods, reels, flies, proper casting techniques, aquatic habitat, safety and ethics)
- ✚ Intermediate Flyfisher Classes (kids & adults identify fish, fish habitats, tie fly fishing knots and flies, learn fishing regulations, proper fish handling and safely perform 4-part casting)
- ✚ Product demonstrations (vendors with their goodies)

All these Fly Fish Texas activities are available at regular admission rates to TFFC: adults \$5.50, seniors 65 and over \$4.50, children 4-12 \$3.50.

The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center is an innovative aquatic nature center and hatchery complex operated by Texas Parks and Wildlife located 4 miles east of Athens, TX on FM 2495. The Center is open to the public Tue-Sat from 9am-4pm and Sunday 1-4pm. Call 903-676-2277 or go on-line at www.tpwd.state.tx.us and click on fishing.

Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center is a unique facility which includes a 23,000 square foot visitor's center, 300,000 gallons of aquaria and a state-of-the-art hatchery with 45 rearing ponds covering 38 surface acres and is home to the ShareLunker and Angler Recognition Awards Programs. A new half mile long fly fishing stream meanders through and around several wetlands ponds before it meets a one-acre wadeable wetlands pond at the rear of the property. Kayaking and wade fishing will be done in this shallow pond. Other shorter bass streams join the main stream and all will possibly be stocked with bream, bass and/or trout for this event. A new fly fishing pavilion will be available. This promises to make this Center the envy of all Texans and fly fishers in the future.

SPECIAL HOTEL RATES IN ATHENS – RSVP to Sheila Anderson sanderson1165@austin.rr.com if you plan to attend!

Best Western on the Hill has special rates for our event, call and ask at 903/675-9214

Super 8 for special rates ask for Gari 903/675-7511

The Spanish Trace 903/675-5173 is offering \$44 single, \$49 double (regular rates are \$79/\$89)

Fishing on Lake Athens

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fish/recreational/lakes/athens/index.phtml?print=true>

This is the link to Lake Athens. The crappie and white bass or supposed to be really good March to May. For those who may want to split their time between Fly Fish Texas and fishing consider fishing Lake Athens.

More information about Athens, TX

<http://www.tourtexas.com/athens/>

Don't miss reading this, click on the link! Consider a day of shopping at Athens many specialty food stores, restaurants, and unique gifts & antique shops. Stop by the famous **New York, TX Cheesecake** bakery and get a taste of your own little piece of heaven. Athens is an old town and the houses are worth driving around and looking at. You'll feel nostalgic about the old Texas days

Austin-Athens approx 190 miles
San Antonio-Athen approx 260
Waco - Athens approx 90
Houston-Athens approx 180
Dallas-Athens approx 70
College Station-Athens approx 130

May 2006: BUD PRIDDY MEMORIAL ONE FLY CONTEST

Big Oak River Camp – Camp Wood, TX

May 19, 20 & 21, 2006

Coordinator: Volunteer needed

Join us for a fun weekend of fly fishing the "one fly" and enjoy the crystal clear waters of the Nueces River. Visit www.bigoakrivercamp.com for further information about the campground or call (830) 597-5280. There are log cabins, full service RV sites and tent sites. The campground also has wonderful river access for those who prefer to wade fish. There is also 2-3 hour float trip from the bridge below Lake Nueces to Big Oak River Camp with wonderful fishing along the way, or you can take an all day float from the bridge to the next crossing provided the river has had recent rain. We had a great day on the long float last year, but remember to disembark at Big Oak River Camp unless you want to spend the whole day on the river.

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* & Sarah's former internist ☺) click on the link:

<http://www.caller2.com/2001/july/08/today/davidsik/4783.html>

The Alamo Fly Fishers are located at <http://www.alamoflyfishers.org>

If you would like to view a video clip of fishing on the New Nueces go to:

<http://www.laughingbass.com/riggins.asp>



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