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TWFF Business Update

Nominating committee was formed for the upcoming elections. Sheila Anderson, Barbara Booth, and Linda Love will find candidates for the following positions: President, 2nd VP of Membership, and two trustees. If you would like to volunteer your time for an available position, we will add your name to the ballot. Contact Shelia Anderson at sanderson2000@austin.rr.com.

Candidates will be named in September, voting by email and in person in November.

Need volunteers for EXPO: Contact Coco Davenport, cocodav@earthlink.net, or Sheila Anderson, sanderson2000@austin.rr.com. In addition to our regular membership drive, we will sell flies to benefit Casting for Recovery.

Ideas and volunteer coordinators for next year's outings are welcome.

From the President

Sheila Anderson

So here we are in the brutal months of summer, no rain in sight, the year is marching on quickly. This is fly tying weather. It is too hot to be outside, so now may be good time to be productive making flies for our EXPO fundraiser. I have invited all members to my house here in Austin for a fly tying round table on August 19th at 12 noon. We were so successful selling flies at Fly Fish Texas in Athens, I hope to repeat the effort at EXPO in October.

Speaking of EXPO, as always we are looking for volunteers to meet and greet potential new members. If you would like to spend two hours at the table, contact Coco Davenport or me to reserve your spot.



Next month we have scheduled our annual silent auction to coincide with our Port Aransas outing. Members have been busy collecting donations from local vendors, I believe there will be a fabulous assortment of items to bid on. Bring your checkbooks to this one! The auction will be set up at the "house" accommodations at the Neptune Motel. Notify Lavene of any items you will be bringing to the auction so she can prepare bid sheets. Please read the details about the outing and make reservations if you have not already done so. This is kayak fishing, so reserve one if you need to.

November brings us to Oklahoma and surely cooler weather by then. Hopefully the fish will be as friendly this year as they were last November. Most of the year's business will be taken care of by then. I hope the weekend brings lots of luck and fish to all those who attend.

It is not too early to look ahead to next year. We have had great outings this year, most recently our Junction outing. Let's plan to discuss ideas for next year's outings when we get together in Port Aransas. See you then!

Thanks and regards,

Shelia

Welcome New Members

Linda Babb, Arlington, TX
Shirley Fielder, San Angelo, TX
Cindy Bentfield, Water Valley, TX
Pat Menchaca, San Angelo, TX
Marty Edmiston, Mertzon, TX



South Llano River Outing Trip Report

By Glenna Noret

For days leading up to the outing, I had watched the temperatures break record highs and worried about it being too hot for anyone to want to attend our outing on the South Llano River. I guess I forgot what an adventurous bunch the TWFF are!

Kelley and I headed out Thursday to beat the crowd and get the place ready for our group. Kelley's philosophy is do more with more - which meant we packed more! Several members beat us there. Linda and Howard Love already had their camp set up. Betty and Buster Burleson were visiting even though they were staying at some cabins up the river. Cynthia and Steve Nessenblatt had their new trailer all set up and were walking their dog when we got there! Coco Davenport was there with her family and trailer.

Morgan Shady is a beautiful place and so is the South Llano River. It didn't take long for Kelley, Linda Love and me to decide to "scout" the river so we could provide guidance to those wanting to fish and kayak on Saturday. Betty opted out of the long trip because she was still recovering from wrist surgery. The three of

us loaded up the kayaks, rigged up our fishing gear, and put in at the state park. The weather took a favorable turn and provided clouds that gave us some relief from the unrelenting sun. We got on the river about 12:30 and had a great time. It was Kelley's first time to really fly fish and Linda was right there helping her. It was a pair made in heaven; Kelley is great with kayaks and Linda is great at fly fishing. It was great fun to watch Kelley work on her casting and then to finally catch a fish. I'm sure everyone on the river heard how excited she was. We caught several fish, but nothing to write home about. Well, there was this one "fish" I caught, but I didn't know what it was. I yelled for Kelley, and she came over and looked at the fish, and she didn't know what it was. Then we got the expert to come over and Linda said that she thought it was a Guadalupe Perch, but that it was some kind of cichlid. Unfortunately, none of us remembered to bring a camera. We measured it at 9 inches and let it go.

The river was great. The hardest part we ran into was navigating our way through a bunch of Texas Tech freshman campers tubing on the river. Lucky for us they were friendly and very slow moving. We soon left them far behind. We ported around the road leading to the Texas Tech campus called flat rock and finished our trip in about 6 hours.

The next morning, Linda, Betty, and I made the shorter trip from flat rock to Morgan Shady. This was a much shorter float, and it was a good thing because there were no clouds to provide any cover on Friday. The South Llano is a beautiful river with very little hazards to navigate around. The fish wasn't as cooperative Friday morning, but I caught another one of those fish! Betty got to see this one. It was almost exactly the same size, but it wanted to fight. Linda must have done some research after we got back to camp because she told me later that it was a Rio Grande Cichlid. Sure enough I looked it up on the Texas Parks and Wildlife website and there was a picture of it. It said that adult males may develop a pronounced "hump" on the head and they usually range up to about 6 inches in length. The Texas state record was caught in the South Llano River in 2001 and weighed 1.59 pounds. Sure wished I had a camera and scale with me!

Friday evening's Mullet Mixed was great! Kelley smoked a turkey and a couple of chickens and made a pot of beans. Everyone brought their specialties. It was a food fight between us and the flies! I can personally attest to the fact that sandwich bags filled with water do NOT scare flies away! Neither do two middle age women flapping their arms and waiving red plastic plates! Somehow, we managed to enjoy the food despite the fly attacks. A short business meeting was conducted after supper. Then everyone visited and got ready for the next day. Howard Love taught several ladies some knots and he even rigged Kelley's leader to her fly line! Of course, this was after he and Linda had to redo my handy work on both Kelley and Cindy's reels since I had done everything backward! Shelia brought her fly tying equipment out and showed several new members how to tie some flies.



Saturday morning, started about 0830. Only Julie Sieh and Cynthia Leigh-Nessenblatt decided to make the long float trip. The rest of the group put in at Morgan Shade and fished around the immediate area. Gene Smith from

the Fredricksburg Fly Fishers club arrived and gave casting lessons to 5 or 6 of our beginners. He did a great job and even took the folks out to the water and helped there as well. Kelley put her recreational degree to work and taught folks kayaking techniques. Julie and Cynthia made it in about 10 minutes before the rain storm hit and from all reports, they had much better luck than anyone. Can't wait to see their pictures - they took a camera with them!



We wrapped up the evenings with a dinner at Isaak's and we filled their banquet room! The food was great, the fellowship was super, and I think everyone enjoyed making new friends and signing up new members. Wished everyone could have been there!

Keep fishing!



2006 Outing Schedule

September 15-17, TWFF Saltwater Trip, Aransas Pass, TX

November 3-5, Trout Fishing, Broken Bow, OK

TWFF Saltwater Trip
Aransas Pass, TX
September 15 - 17, 2006



Coordinators: Mary Rohrer and Stacy Trimble

Come kayak fish Port Aransas Lighthouse Lakes or Brown and Root flats for speckled trout and redfish. This is TWFF's second salt water trip to this part of the Texas Coast and should be an excellent trip and great way to learn the tools and techniques of flats fishing at the Coast. Check out the very informative and easy to

use website www.aransaspass.org for information, maps and links to the lodging and guide services below.

On Friday night, The Mullet Mixer will be held on the patio of the house at Neptune Motel, TWFF Headquarters, for the weekend at 1330 S Commercial St, Aransas Pass, TX 78336, and (361-758-3766). Bring hors d'oeuvres to share, and any of your saltwater questions about fish, flies and equipment. TWFF members Stacy Trimble and Mary Rohrer will be available to check out your equipment, lines, leaders and knots to prepare for a successful weekend of salt water fishing. In the early evening, casting instructions and techniques will be demonstrated Stacy. She'll teach us techniques for casting in the wind, presentation of the fly, hooking, playing, and landing that gorgeous redfish you've been stalking in the flats. Stacy will also provide the all important "local knowledge" on where to fish on Saturday. The launch point and departure time on Saturday morning will be provided at the Mullet Mixer.

Kayaks are the preferred method of gaining access to the flats and to areas where the fish congregate. Dean Thomas of Slow Ride Guide Service has kayaks available for rent and can bring them to the launch point on Saturday morning. Give him a call to reserve a kayak, if needed

Slowride Guide Services
[Dean](#) and [Jennifer](#) Thomas Owners
821 South Commercial in Aransas Pass, Texas 78336
1-866-856-9477 (toll free) or, 361-758-0463
www.slowrideguide.com

If you are bringing your own kayak or renting one, here is a good list of paddling accessories to have along:

PADDLE-CRAFT EQUIPMENT

Kayak/ canoe	Binoculars
PFD	Dry bag
Paddle Soft sided ice chest	Seat with back Bungee cords
Anchor with rope	Large sponge/ bilge pump (for sit-inside style kayaks)
Bow line	Boat light/ head lamp/ flashlight
Compass; GPS unit	Maps and charts

Saturday will be a full day of fly fishing and kayaking. We'll meet at the launch point around dawn, and continue fishing and paddling until the wind blows too hard for casting in the mid afternoon. Bring a hat, sunscreen, polarized sunglasses, to keep protected from the elements, and water and lunch/snacks for energy. Fly fishing equipment should include six weight or heavier rod and 12# leader and tippets. Good flies to have in your fly box would be clousers, spoons, topwater poppers, and crab and shrimp imitations. Wading equipment should include booties, or wading boots with good soles, not sandals. Some of the areas of the flats are oyster shells, so the footwear needs to be sturdy. Depending on water temperature and the weather, bring along some light weight waders, if you have them available. Remember also that the wind always blows at the Coast, pack a long sleeved shirt or windbreaker. The Lighthouse Lakes area is a great place to try that new handheld GPS for navigation. Bring it along and see how good your skills are!

In the late afternoon, before dinner, we'll meet at the Neptune Motel Patio for a very short TWFF business meeting.

Saturday night dinner will be in Rockport at one of the many seafood restaurants, like the Boiling Pot or a catered dinner or shrimp boil at the motel. Sunday is time for fishing on your own.

LODGING INFORMATION:

We have arranged for hotel rooms for the TWFF group at the Neptune Motel. Please get your reservations in, as space is filling quickly! Six rooms are reserved for TWFF members. Sheila Anderson has rented the small house at the Neptune for TWFF "headquarters" with the picnic area for our use. The cost of the rooms (two double beds in each room) is \$55.50/night. Rooms in the "new wing" have an efficiency kitchen and front porch and are \$72.50/night. To reserve a room, please call Eva directly at Neptune at 361-758-3766.

Other accommodations are available in the area if we fill the Neptune. The Aransas Pass website, www.aransaspas.com, has links to the local hotels and the phone numbers are listed below.

Hawthorne Suites	800-527-1133
Microtel Hotel	391-758-8000
Super 8 Motel	800-800-8000

For campers - Please contact the Ransom Road RV Park 361-758-2715. The RV park is within walking distance of the Neptune Motel and is adjacent to the Hampton's Landing boat launch. Their fee is \$30/day.

Please send an email to Mary Rohrer (mary_l_rohrer@yahoo.com) or Stacy Trimble (stacytrimble@cableone.net) if you are planning to come and we can get a good count of the attendants. This should be a great trip for those interested in learning more about saltwater fly fishing.

GUIDE INFORMATION:

You may wish to arrange personal guide services with local guides in the Aransas Pass area. Here is a partial list of guide services available. Check the web for additional guide services.

Trimble Fly Fishing	Captain Sally's Reel Fun Charters	Let's Go Guide Service
Billy Trimble Guide Service	Captain	Captain Scott Null
www.trimbleflyfishing.com	P.O. Box	1571
Stacy and Billy Trimble	Rockport, TX	78381
1-361-205-1266	361-205-0624	www.letsstofishing.net
	www.sally@CaptainSally.com	

TROUT FISHING ON THE LOWER MOUNTAIN FORK RIVER

Beavers Bend • Broken Bow, Oklahoma

November 3-5, 2006

Outing Coordinator: Kathy Goodlett and Karen Mitchell (email: kgoodusav@yahoo.com)

TWFF will travel to southeast Oklahoma over November 3rd-5th to fish for brown and rainbow trout in the stocked waters of the Lower Mountain Fork River at Beavers Bend Oklahoma State Park and Resort, near Broken Bow, OK. Broken Bow is approximately 200 miles northeast of Dallas. Last years trip was incredible and the fall foliage was at its peak.

The Lower Mountain Fork flows south out of Broken Bow Reservoir. This tailwater is the most noted year-round trout fishery in the state. Brown and rainbow trout are regularly stocked and may be found throughout the stream and its tributaries. The designated trout area includes a 12-mile reach of the Lower Mountain Fork River extending from Broken Bow Dam downstream to U.S. Highway 70 bridge. About 5 miles of this designated trout stream lies within Beavers Bend State Park, which offers excellent fishing access.

Spillway Creek is a tributary of the Lower Mountain Fork River that is a part of the designated trout area. When you hike along Spillway Creek you feel as if you are in a Rocky Mountain stream. This 1 ½ mile stretch is the first section of the 12 mile designated trout stream and is one of the most popular fishing areas on the Lower Mountain Fork River. Several of our members have enjoyed successful trout fishing in this area. Several fish habitat structures have been installed throughout this section of stream to improve fishing quality and angler success. Trout are stocked near these structures, providing excellent places for anglers to begin their trout fishing adventures. Habitat structures include boulder clusters, rock weirs and veins and medium stage check dams. These improvement areas are being stocked with trout on a regular basis to make your fishing better. A state record 9 pound 12.8 ounce brown trout was caught January 13, 2003 from Zone II of the Lower Mountain fork River.

Below Beavers Bend State Park there are public access points at the Regulation Dam and Presbyterian Falls as well as a fee access site located near the Highway 70 bridge. You will need a map and good instructions to get to Presbyterian Falls. Both of these places are more difficult to fish than Spillway Creek. If you have felt sole wading shoes with cleats, they will be very helpful as these rocks are extremely slick. Some guides will not even take you here without them. You must at least have felt soles. Be sure to bring your wading staff and keep it handy. Rob will give you more instruction concerning safety in these areas.

TWFF Outing Headquarters will be at Whip-Poor-Will Resort (<http://www.texhillcntry.com/whippoorwill/>), located 6 miles from Beavers Bend State Park close to the golf course (<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 of these and additional information about the area including other activities, see the [Beavers Bend Oklahoma State Park and Resort](#) web site.

Whip-Poor-Will Resort has 18 rental cabins that we can rent at last year's rates. Make certain you tell Cathy you are reserving for the TWFF outing to get the special rates. **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 Kathy Goodlett when your reservations are confirmed, she needs a head count of persons attending.

RV/Tent Camping is available at Beavers Bend State Park. 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. There's also camping at 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

The park has several beautiful locations for wade fishing with convenient parking nearby. It also has a park store and a restaurant with a really good breakfast for your convenience. There is a great museum there that tells some of the history of the area.

Fishing License:

Go to wildlifedepartment.com for a lot of information. Information for 2006 may change.

Non Resident License Fee for 2005 as follows:

Annual \$37.00

5-days \$18.50

Trout \$10.00

Legacy \$ 5.00

Texas residents 64 or older pay only the \$5.00 Legacy fee.

Online fishing license can be obtained at:
Wildlifedepartment.com - an additional \$3.00 fee will be charged.

Plan on attending the Mullet Mixer at a location to be determined a little closer to the outing date on Friday night at 7:00. 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 (if you do not already have them) 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 Saturday night at 7:00 at a restaurant near by followed by a brief business meeting. 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 may 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.

What to Bring:

Rod size: Spillway Creek 5-6 weight. You can also use 3-4 weight fly rod for a bit more action with smaller fish. (Pam had good action on #3 weight rod early this year.)

Flies:

Olive wooly bugger, with/without bead head size 8-10. Black/olive also good.

Streamers: white or silver & white minnow style and white Zonker #6 long

Nymphs: Prince nymph #16; Pheasant tail, with/without bead #14-16. Flash back OK too. Gold rib hares ear #14-16.

Brassie and Copper John #14-16

Red fox squirrel tail size #14-16.

Midge - red, pearl, #20-22. Soft hackle in orange & olive are good colors.

Dry fly: Parachute Adams 14-16; Caddis in tan or gray #12-14. Blue wing olive #18.

San Juan worm - tan #12-14.

There are two fly shops in this area. One is The Beaver Bend Fly Shop located in the park, and the other is the Three Rivers Fly Shop, 3rivers@pine-net.com, phone 580.494.6115, located near the Whip-Poor-Will cabins. You can obtain your license there, or you can get it online at their web site prior to arrival. Sid at The Fly Shop is very helpful and is well stocked with flies.

More information will be provided Friday evening at the mullet mixer beginning around 7 PM (exact time will be provided later), including orientation to Beaver Bend, OK, fishing, how to read the water, fishing different kinds of water, flies to use, techniques, and where to fish.

Saturday morning those with previous experience here may want to help those who are new to the area. Trout fishing is a bit different than bass and pan fish. You may want to hire a private guide for this day.

Information about available guides:

Rob woodruff is a full-time licensed fly fishing guide. He holds a B.S. in Entomology from Texas A & M and has over 30 years fly fishing experience. He has been featured twice on ESPN's Fly Fishing America. Rob's techniques and flies have appeared in magazines such as Fly Rod & Reel, Warmwater Flyfishing, Fly Fishing and Tying Journal, Outdoor World, Flyfisher, Texas Fish and Game, Bassmaster and Southwest Fly Fishing. Rob hosts Salmon and Trout trips to the remote and beautiful Chilcotin district of British Columbia every July and September. He also guides on the fabulous Lake Fork, where he lives, and where you can fish for lunker bass. Also guides on Lake Monticello, Texas which is a power plant lake and on Glass Lake, Texas, a private access 73 acre lake. His rates are most reasonable

(check out his web site). He is a very easy person to talk to and get acquainted with and his instructions are easy to follow. You can visit his web site at www.flyfishingfork.com for more information or to book his services.

Jesse King has 30 years of guide experience. He will first teach you all of the ins and outs of fly fishing, and then as he will lead you to fishing spots that are sweeter than the ones you dream about! He can provide fly fishing supplies, world class instruction, and equipment rental.

Rates: \$125-Half Day \$225-Full Day \$25 Each Additional Person
 3 Person Limit
www.threeriversflyshop.com (580)494-6115

You may also search the internet for additional guide services.

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