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## **TWFF Business Report**

The following women have agreed to accept the nomination for the following positions:

**Mary Rohrer: President**

**Glenna Noret has been appointed to complete Mary's last year as Treasurer**

**Kerri Stephenson: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of Membership**

**Sheila Hood and Betty Burleson: Trustees**

Voting will begin held at the outing in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. You may also cast your vote by email. Write to [info@twff.net](mailto:info@twff.net)

## **TWFF 2007 outing schedule**

**Jan. 12 – 14: Trout fishing on the Guadalupe River.**

Sheila Anderson, Coordinator  
We will stay at the Summit

**March Days TBD Perdenales River in Johnson City**

Karen Gephardt, Coordinator  
Karen has invited the group to stay on her property along the Perdenales. Tent camping will be available there, as well as some local motels.

**May: Bud Priddy One Fly Contest on the Nueces River.**

Coordinator needed.

**July: Llano River at Junction.**

Coordinator needed.

**Sept. Galveston?**

Coordinator needed.

**Nov. Beaver's Bend.**

Coordinator needed.

Thinking about the weekend before Thanksgiving to accommodate those who can't take off earlier in November. Some of our members are teachers and school administrators and it is difficult to take off earlier in the month.

***From the President***

*Sheila Anderson*



This month finds us a few short weeks before our Oklahoma outing. I hope you are all looking forward to cold water fishing, I know I am. I plan to arrive in Broken Bow on Thursday and work with a guide on Friday so I can share the fishing tactics I learn with you all on Saturday. This trout fishing has historically been good for our members, and I hope this year will meet or exceed our expectations.

We had a good turnout for the Aransas Pass outing, the auction was more successful than ever before. The competitive bidding was at an all time high for many of the items. There is a link on our web site with a list of our sponsors, people and businesses that donate items for our auction. Next time you're browsing the web site, go to this link and know who we can thank in part for our successful fund raising activities. I also want to thank the folks who brought their checkbooks to the auction for spending their money; we got some pretty good deals. Thank you!

Coco Davenport organized another successful weekend at EXPO - thank you, Coco! We sold flies to benefit CFR, and two new members joined our group. There were a lot of people interested in the sport of fly fishing, and seeing members from other fly fishing groups is always a blessing. I have arranged to give a presentation to the Dallas Fly Fishers in June 2007. Any of you Dallas gals that would like to attend this presentation, please do. I could use the support.

I will also be presenting at the Austin TOWN group meeting in January. We presented to the TOWN group once before in San Marcos and were received well. Let me know if you are interested in helping me with this one, as well.

As we wind down at the end of another fantastic year, I look forward to getting through the upcoming holiday season and to another group of outings in 2007.

Thanks and regards,

Sheila

***Welcome New Members***

Sandy Behrman Austin, TX  
Pam Dehne Austin, TX  
Diane Zeb, Austin, TX

## **Aransas Pass Saltwater Trip Report**

*By Mary Rohrer*



We had an enjoyable saltwater fishing trip in September to the Aransas Pass area, just north of Corpus Christi. Our headquarters for the weekend was the Neptune Motel in Aransas Pass. The accommodations worked great for the outing. We rented a large three bedroom house for the "TWFF Headquarters" and the participants stayed in the comfortable motel rooms or efficiency apartments around the house.

On Friday night, we had the Mullet Mixer on the patio; of course all sorts of goodies were brought to share. The Austin TOWN group was having a bird watching trip this same weekend, and some of the TOWN group joined us at the Mixer. Lavene Jones and Sheila Anderson pulled together a silent auction filled with great flies and supplies for the weekend ahead. Sheila has become quite an accomplished fly tier, she donated some fly boxes, Jack Lehman and Walter Laaf from Austin FF'ers had great saltwater flies, and Billy Trimble brought along some of his best "blind chicken" flies as well. Dean and Jennifer Thomas of Slowride Guide Service provided us with some local knowledge, recommendations for fishing spots on Saturday, and briefed us on the predicted tides, and winds for our expeditions. We decided to start on Saturday morning in three different spots, the Brown and Root Flats, Lighthouse Lakes area, and wade fishing across from the Aransas Aquatics Center.

Saturday morning, we met at our respective fishing spots, gathered and assembled our gear and started fishing. As is the case at the Coast, even early in the morning, the wind started to build from the southeast. And, as Dean had discussed on Friday night, the water levels were high in the flats. All of us, in all the different areas around the bays had difficulty seeing redfish or tails due to the wind, the high water and, in some areas, the clarity of the water. The fishing was challenging. We did have some success, though! Billy escorted a group on a long tour through the back portions of the Lighthouse Lakes. In the back flats, Greg Neubauer caught onto a small redfish. Julie Sieh, cast to some quiet water and, too, found a redfish up against the banks. Her group heard her squeals of excitement when her line tightened and a redfish was pulling hard. This was Julie's first red. Most everyone else did lots of paddling, saw lots of mullet and not many tails.



Back at the Neptune on Saturday afternoon, the kitchen turned into a seafood house, and the living room and patio turned into a fly fishing shop with all sorts of auction items set out for display. We had a fine seafood dinner, with lots of steamed shrimp, grilled chicken, salad, and pie with all the fixings. Picnic tables were pushed together on the porch and everyone gathered to tell tales of the day, and share fishing stories while peeling shrimp.

Lavene and Sheila put together quite the auction, with great donations by Orvis, Sage rods and reels by Cary Marcus, Sportsman's Finest, Cabela's, Seaworthy Marine. The items also included guided trips by Chuck Scates, fly tying equipment, books, clothes, Sportsman's Warehouse, Academy, and Redbone donated some beautiful artwork and a cookbook. There was lots of bidding action on a bunch of items. The auction filled our club coffers and we raised over \$1450 for TWFF club activities and \$150 for the Casting for Recovery fund. Quite an accomplishment, gals! After the auction, many of the new purchases were field tested out at in the large grass area behind the house, with many satisfied fisher gals.

On Sunday morning, we awoke to another day of wind and overcast. Many sore arms and backs from too much kayaking on Saturday kept us grounded. Breakfast out and about the Aransas area, then on home. The Neptune Motel was a great place to gather, the scenic area of the Aransas Flats was enjoyable, the camaraderie at dinner and the bountiful auction, even with the challenging fishing made the outing a success.

## ***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](mailto:kgoodusav@yahoo.com))**

Hello TWFF members,  
Texas Women Fly Fishers

Our next outing is approaching in just over three weeks. If you have made reservations already, please be sure to 'reply all' and RSVP so Kathy Goodlett can get an accurate head count. If you would like to attend and have not made reservations, please do so in a hurry! And then RSVP to Kathy.

I look forward to seeing you there; here are the details for the outing:

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TWFF will travel to southeast Oklahoma over November 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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 angler 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.threeriversflyshop.com) (580)494-6115

You may also search the internet for additional guide services.

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