



Photo by Kerri Stephenson

"Our mission is to create opportunities and encourage, educate, and mentor women's responsible participation in the recreational sport of fly fishing. We support the policies/goals of the Federation of Fly Fishers, are open to women, men, and children from beginner to experienced through programs sponsored by women from the Texas Women Fly Fishers."

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TWFF Business Update

Submitted by *Cynthia Jose-Sudds*

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TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Glenna Noret, the financial statement from October 2007 was given out. The group has stayed well within budget. Expenses have been less than expected with \$3046.00 available. Expenses still to be paid for 2007 are the CFR and Guadalupe Bass Recovery payments.

FUNDRAISING: This report was provided by Lavene Jones at the November Broken Bow outing. Items are always needed for the silent auctions, which bring in funds for CFR and the club itself. Members are encouraged to ask for donations when they visit their favorite stores.

The November raffle of a shawl and flies netted \$108 for CFR. Michael Dymond graciously matched this amount so we now have enough funds to send two people to CFR in 2008. Thank you so much Michael!!

OUTING COMMITTEE: Glenna Noret accepted the job as Outing Committee Chairman at the November outing. Sheila Anderson, Kathy Goodlett, and Frances Estes, Linda Love, and Betty Burleson volunteered to assist her. Members suggested the BACK 40 for the April 4, 2008 outing. If you have a suggestion for a future outing, please contact Glenna at outings@twff.net

Welcome New Members!

Paula Givens, Ingram, TX

Debbie Haynie, Liberty, TX

Sherri Sullivan, San Antonio, TX



Art by Sheila Setter

Membership Report: We had several new member sign up at Expo! (Thank-you, Sheila Anderson, Mary Rohrer. Cindy and Will Sudds, and Kerri Stephenson for operating the booth there!)

Currently, we have 118 active members with 16 members who have not yet paid their 2007 dues. These members will become inactive in January 2008.

Don't forget...2008 membership dues are due in January! You can mail your membership renewal to Kerri Stephenson or pay at the Guadalupe outing.

For more information, contact Kerri at membership@twff.net



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From the President

By *Mary Rohrer*

Dear Anglers,

The holiday season has arrived, and, yikes, I haven't even begun my Christmas shopping! My mailbox is filled with great catalogues, filled with all sorts of fine fly-fishing equipment, clothes and exotic places that I'd love to travel to and fly fish. Corners are turned down...hmmm, Santa, are you listening?

One of the best things about fishing with TWFF is I always learn new things at the outings, and most times, my education is from other TWFF members. For those of you who were at the Broken Bow outing, Jesse King, of Three Rivers Fly Fishers came to the Mullet Mixer on Friday night, provided us with a great update on the fishing conditions at Broken Bow, and taught us the 16-20 knot. This knot greatly simplified putting together the dropper rig...indicator, lead weight, egg pattern, nymph, that was so successful at Lost Creek. Learning knots and how to put these rigs together helped us improve our "catching vs. casting" ratio and gain our confidence and independence. We'll demonstrate assembling this rig and the 16-20 knot again on Friday night at The Summit Outing, since these dropper rigs work well on the Guadalupe River too!

Along Lost Creek, many of our members were within "WOO-HOO" shouting distances. Sheila Anderson was a pro at the "High Stick" technique with the dropper rig and worked with many of our members to learn this style of fishing. When lines were taut and "fish on" was heard, our members were at the quick with their cameras and landing nets. Our website and newsletter show some of the pictures of the hefty fish that we caught in that little creek.

Sheila kept bugging for me to have a "fish photo" for the TWFF newsletter. Argh, the pressure was on. The first fish I caught was a little guy, it squirmed so much, and I released it before we could get a good photo. OK, a new dropper, some more high stick fishing, a few more casts, patience, then whomp, the line went taught. It had a good pull; maybe this one was a big one. "Fish on," I called, and over came the photo crew. Since her Alaska trip this summer, Sheila is a pro on getting fish landed and taking photos. She helped me using the techniques she learned from one of her guides. "Mary, get the trout turned around so it is fishing upstream." OK, a little easier said than done. "Get the net behind the fish...the tail in first". What? I'm thinking, rod in my one hand with a very mad trout sort of facing upstream, the net in my other hand working to get it behind the fish. "Slowly, with control, let the fish downstream into the net". Alright, I understand now, the fish doesn't see the net to bolt, and the trout is secure in my landing net! "WOO-HOO," I landed a real nice trout, and a great photo for the newsletter. Those are Sheila's extra hands in the picture and Robert gets the photography credit. What a great time and a great fish photo! And I learned how to net a real nice fish.

I wish you and your family a very happy holiday season, with many blessings to all. Please enjoy the love and sharing that comes with the holidays. I hope Santa finds the corner I turned in the Cabela's catalogue for a new landing net that I can use at the Guadalupe this winter...I can hardly wait!

Happy Fishing,

Mary Rohrer



Upcoming TWFF Events

January 18-20, 2008

Guadalupe River Outing, The Summit, Sattler, TX

Coordinators: Sheila Hood, Audrey Ambrose, Coco Davenport, and Sarah Valentine

April 4-6, 2008

Fly Fishing at the Back 40
Fredericksburg, TX

Coordinator: Sheila Anderson



Art by Sheila Setter



Photo by Janice Togal
Sheila and Mary net the trout!

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Election Results—Meet your new officers and trustees!

By *Mary Rohrer*



Art by Sheila Setter

At the Broken Bow Outing Membership meeting, elections were held and the slate of officers that were selected by the Nominating Committee was approved. We all thank all the 2007 officers for a great job, and we thank the 2008 Board members for volunteering their time and supplying the leadership skills for the continued success of TWFF.

Please welcome our 2008 Executive Board for Texas Women Fly Fishers.

President—Mary Rohrer has been a member of TWFF for six years. Prior to becoming President, she was the Treasurer for two terms. She enthusiastically embraces fly fishing, getting more women involved with angling, and is a volunteer for the Texas Casting for Recovery (CFR) program as a fly-fishing instructor. Besides fly fishing, Mary enjoys flying and traveling. She and her husband, Dan, live in Fredericksburg.

First Vice President (Speakers, Raffles, and Banquets)—Rozlynn Orr joins TWFF from the Dallas area. She is off and running on getting our fundraising and outreach started for 2008. Roz describes in her words her fishing experiences. “I can’t remember a time in my life when I wasn’t on the water trying to fish. I come from fishin’ stock, with a noodling dad and sunfish-catching mom. I was intrigued with fly fishing early on, but it wasn’t until Fly Fish Texas in 2004 that I truly had the good fortune to experience fly fishing first hand. From there, opportunities came quickly: joining TWFF in 2006, going to outings, learning and sharing with new friends. I am happy to serve TWFF and hope to deepen and expand my love of the sport with others.”

Second Vice President (Membership)—Kerri Stephenson has done an outstanding job during her two terms as Second Vice President. Her enthusiasm and communications with our new members is a great asset to our club. Kerri has been a member of TWFF for almost six years and lives in Austin with her husband, Jim, and two happy dogs, Mishka and Lacy. She has served on the TWFF board in some capacity (first as a trustee and then historian) since she became a TWFF member. She enjoys the babies that she takes care of at work and also fishing with the fabulous friends she has met since joining TWFF. She has said that she is very grateful for everything she learned early on from the founding members of TWFF and wants to thank them for taking the time to make fly fishing fun for her.

Secretary—Cynthia Jose-Sudds If you plan on fishing with Cindi, make sure you are ready for a full day. She is first on the water, last to leave, and a very productive angler! Cindi joined TWFF four years ago at Expo. She has fished all of her life and taught herself fly fishing about 18 years ago. Cindi and her husband, Will, live in San Antonio and enjoy fishing, hiking, and camping. They are active with their son’s Boy Scout troop, and Cindi teaches Scouts the fly-fishing merit badge. She is planning a trip with her son’s troop to Alaska next summer.

Treasurer—Gretchen Neubauer is a new member to the Executive Board. She and her husband, Greg, live in Houston and are avid fly fishers. They spend their weekends and time off chasing those wily trout. Winter weekends are spent on the Guadalupe River and a few weeks in the summer are spent on the banks of the Madison River in Montana (outside West Yellowstone). We welcome Gretchen’s energy to the Board as our Treasurer.

Trustee—Glenna Noret represents our members from West Texas. She has graciously volunteered this year to be our “Outing Committee” Chairman to help sort through and organize the locations of our outings for 2008 and 2009. She and her husband, Mike, live in San Angelo where they both work at Goodfellow Air Force

Base. Glenna plans to retire this year, spend more time with her grandchildren, and relax after a career with the Air Force.

Trustee—Betty Burleson has been a member of TWFF since the start of the organization in 2002. She and her husband, Buster, are happily married, have three married children all living in Waco, and six grandchildren. She is very proud of all they have accomplished. Betty is a cancer survivor and shares with us, “Strange things I’ve done after age 60—becoming an EMT; learning to knit; and fly fishing, which includes driving all over the country to do this, and meeting lots of wonderful friends.”

Trustee—Sheila Anderson has been a member of TWFF for six years. She is a realtor living and working in Austin and has been fishing for 11 years. She and her husband, Robert, enjoy traveling, sailing trips, and fishing. She is our Past President and currently the historian for TWFF. At The Summit, spend some time looking at the great scrapbooks that Sheila and previous historians have put together on our outings. It is quite a treat!



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The Guadalupe Bass Restoration Project

A joint venture between fly-fishing enthusiasts and local, state, and federal governments

Submitted by *Coco Davenport*



Photo by Sheila Anderson
B.F. Summers nets her catch.

What started as a research project in 1992 by Texas Parks & Wildlife biologist Gary Garrett, PhD, has grown into a five-year program. The goal: to raise funds to reintroduce the Guadalupe Bass into the Guadalupe River system. Dr. Guy Harrison, a member of the Hill Country Fly Fishers Club, learned of the program and enlisted the help of many of the state's fly-fishing clubs, as well as the Federation of Fly Fishers in Livingston MT and the Southern Council of Fly Fishers in Mountain Home, AR. As word spread, the Upper Guadalupe River Authority threw their support behind the project, as did several Kerrville entities like the Kerrville Visitors & Convention Bureau and the Hill Country Shooting Sports Center. Additionally, Texas Women's Fly Fishers contributed \$1000 to this program. With all this support and funds raised from private donations, Texas Parks and Wildlife enlisted the help of the Uvalde National Fish Hatchery to raise the fingerlings from the pure-breed brood stock collected by Texas Parks & Wildlife. Currently, over \$65,000 has been raised or committed to the program.

Additional Resources :

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/species/qdb/>

www.tpwd.state.us

www.hcff.org

www.ugra.org

www.kerrvilletexascvb.com

The project goal is to stock 250,000 fingerlings annually for five years in an effort to reduce the hybridization that has occurred between smallmouth bass, an introduced species, and the Guadalupe Bass, a native of several Hill Country streams. The Guadalupe Bass is one of the scrappiest game fish in our rivers. It does not reach the size of the big lake bass but is a superb game fish on light-weight fly or spinning tackle. It also has the honor of being the Official State Fish of Texas.

This effort has seen the joining of forces of diverse groups—private and various levels of government—to accomplish a goal that has benefits to each group, as well as the public. Success will be measured by the smiles on the faces of young and old as they enjoy fishing our Texas rivers.



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Guadalupe River Trout Outing, The Summit on River Road, Sattler, TX January 18-20, 2008

by *Sheila Hood*

Trip Coordinators for this outing are Sheila Hood, Audrey Ambrose, Coco Davenport, and Sarah Valentine

Reminder: You need to send separate checks for cabin and meal reservations.

Your check for cabin reservations should be made out to THE SUMMIT.

Your check for Saturday night's meal should be made out to TWFF.

Please send your checks for cabin (or RV site) and meal reservations to:

Sheila Hood
P.O. Box 219
Kempner, TX
76539

Kyle Hand will once again join us at the Summit. For those who missed last year's outing, Kyle is a nationally recognized tier, and his flies are works of art.

Kyle will be providing instructions in fly tying.

If you do not have a vice or fly tying materials, the club has some extra vices, and these will be available for you to use.

We will be staying at the **Summit Vacation Resort** that is located at Canyon Lake on River Road between the **3rd & 4th River Crossings**.

Reservation will be made and fees paid in advance. Make checks payable to **THE SUMMIT** and mail to Sheila Hood, P O Box 219, Kempner, TX 76539 to secure your reservation.

Include the date of your arrival and all the occupants of your cabin. Cabins will be assigned in the order fees are received.

Please do not contact the Summit individually.

There are six smaller cabins with queen and one bunk bed, linens included, shower and kitchenette with essentials. The fee for cabins due at time of reservation is \$56.00 per night tax included.

There are six larger cabins with a queen sleeper sofa, (2) bunks, and a loft with double bed, linens included, shower and kitchenette with essentials. The fee for cabins due at time of reservation is \$67.23 per night tax included.

At this time, all of the smaller cabins have been reserved. There is one larger cabin available.

If you wish to attend the outing and have not yet reserved a cabin, please contact Sheila Hood.

Schedule

Friday 7:30 PM

Join your fellow Texas Women Fly Fishers at the Summit Clubhouse for the "Mullet Mixer." Bring a drink and a dish to share!

Saturday

Tie flies at the Clubhouse with nationally recognized tier, Kyle Hand or fish the Guadalupe at your leisure. **Do not** wade fish if the flow is above **300 cfs**. You may call **830.964.3342**. Press Option #1 to check the flow.

Join TWFF at 7:00 PM at the Summit Clubhouse for a catered BBQ dinner. An **\$8.50** per person fee should be mailed with your cabin reservation for the catered BBQ—separate check made payable to **TWFF**.

What to Bring:	
Waders, wading boots, and very warm clothes	You will need boots and waders! You will need very warm clothes. The water is cold year round but the air may be cold also. If you have neoprene waders and felt sole boots that will be fine. If you have Gortex waders, wear Polartec or long underwear.
Wading staff	Be sure to bring your wading staff and keep it handy.
Rod size	Bring a light weight fly rod (4 to 6 Weight); reel with weight forward fly line to match your rod
Line	5x leader and 5 x tippet; split shots; strike indicators
Flies	Small nymphs (flies in size 22)
Fishing license	Please make sure you have your fishing license.
Fly tying equipment	If you are planning on tying, bring your vices and any extras you may have to share.

Guadalupe River Guides:

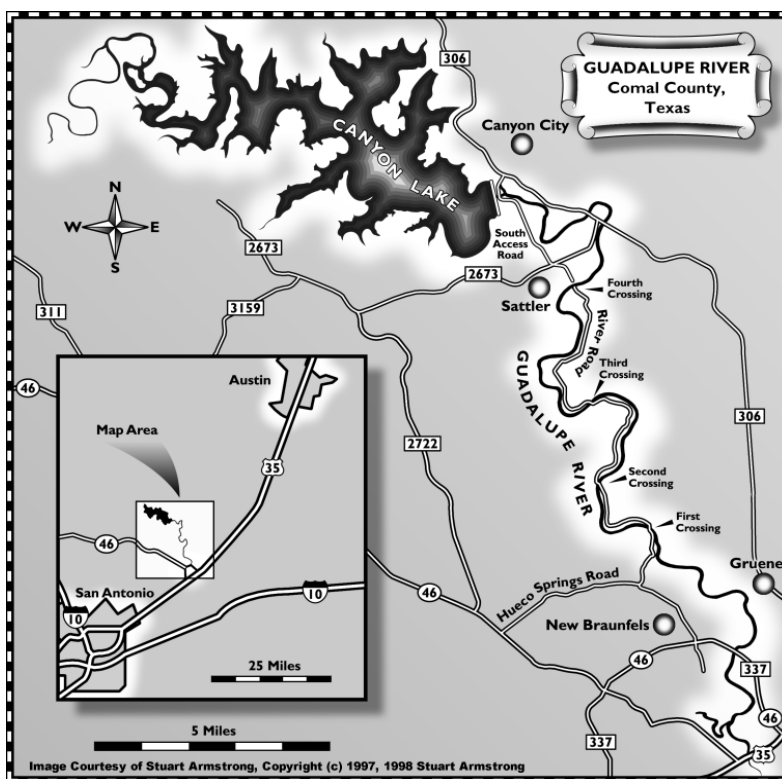
Kevin Stubbs 210-602-9284
www.expedition-outfitters.net

Banning Collins 512-663-1053
www.classv.net

Bill Higdon 830-964-5565
www.inthehillsfishing.com



Photo by Sheila Anderson



Map courtesy of the Guadalupe River Chapter of Trout Unlimited: <http://www.grtu.org/guadmap.html>

Alternate Accommodations:	
Hideout on the Horseshoe	888.405.4433
Maricopa Riverside Lodge	830.964.3600
Rio Raft	877.746.7238



Photo by Janice Togonal

Trip Report: Broken Bow Outing—November 2007

Submitted by *Sheila Anderson*

The fall colors were muted, not as vibrant as in past years, but that did not seem to affect the fishing on the Lower Mountain Fork River. Our outing began Friday evening at Whip-poor-will Cabins with a Mullet Mixer featuring a presentation by Jesse King, local guide, fly shop proprietor, and member of the Lower Mountain Fork River Foundation. Jesse shared a ton of information with us including recent work that's been done to improve the fishery, where to catch fish on the river, and how to rig our lines.

Jesse shared with us what had been working for him earlier in the day when he guided Jim and Kerri Stephenson in the Lost Creek area. He recommended the size of leader and tippet, and suggested we use an egg pattern as an attractor with a dropper tied onto it. Often times, he explained, folks fish the same fly for too long. If you don't get some action after three good drifts, change the fly. So we learned to tie the 16-20 knot, it is not complicated, but it can be challenging because the tiny nymphs are difficult to see and handle.

Saturday morning most women met at Three Rivers Fly Shop to figure out who was going where to fish. Lost Creek turned out to be the honey hole. We had several women relatively new to the sport willing to give it a try. A couple lessons on rigging and the drift cast had most of them catching fish.

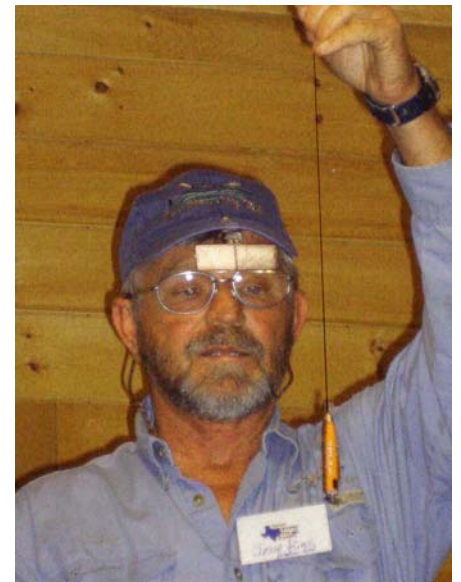


Photo by Janice Togonal
Jesse demonstrates the 16-20 knot.



Photo by Janice Togal
Sheila Anderson shows off her nice trout.

There are not many things better than helping someone catch their first fish on a fly rod. At this outing, we experienced the full extent of trout fishing - from rigging, drift casting, watching the strike indicator and setting the hook, to playing and landing the fish. We learned a new acronym, LDR (Long Distance Release). This happens when the fish gets its own self off and never sees the net or the camera.

A trip to Zone II in the early afternoon by some did not produce very good results, so after striking out there we went back to Lost Creek. Once again, we were back to catching trout. Cindy Sudds had very good results in Evening Hole catching over 20 fish there. Linda Love caught quite a few fish at Lost Creek, while Janice Togal and B.F. Summers each caught fish on their first trout outing in Lost Creek, as well. I was thrilled to catch a trout on a home tied lead wing coachman, a classic wet fly of the Northeastern U.S.

At the end of a very good day of fishing—the weather was gorgeous—we cleaned up and met for dinner at Steven's Gap. I don't think we could have fit one more person in the back room, it was completely filled. Everyone introduced themselves, told where they were from and how their fishing day was. You'll have to meet Marty Peters from Oklahoma—she had the best fishing story. Ask her when you see her. What a great group! What great fishing! I look forward to going again, maybe early 2008?!



Photo by Sheila Anderson
Janice shows off her nice catch.



Photo by Sheila Anderson
Linda Love pulling in a trout.

There was plenty of food and door prizes for everyone and the turnout was very good. Thirty two people signed up for the outing, stretching the limits of the local restaurants to hold us all for dinner on Saturday.
—Photos below by Janice Togal and Sheila Anderson



Members Present for the Broken Bow Outing

Sheila and Robert Anderson	Susan and Michael Dymond	Linda Love
Jan Bates	Frances Estes	Glenna Noret
Cindy Bentfield	Frances Hamm	Rozlynn Orr
Annette Blythe	Kathy Goodlett	Marty Peters
Betty Burleson	Mary and Jack Janco	Mary Roher
Gilbert Caceres	Lavene Jones	Kerri and Jim Stephenson
Lisa Connaway	Mary Kain	Cindi and Will Sudds
Leslie Davis	Kelley Kazura	Janice Togal



Photo by Janice Togal



Photo by Sheila Anderson
B.F. Summers and Annette Blythe trout fishing.

Thanks to Greg Setter for supplying the flies for everyone's goody bag!

TWFF makes affiliation change

On December 9, 2007, TWFF President Mary Rohrer notified Glen Cormier, President of Gulf Coast Council of the FFF, and Ms. Sheryl Knight, President of the Southern Council of the FFF, of TWFF's intention to become affiliated with the Gulf Coast Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers and to support the mission and goals of the new council. This move was made in response to a decision agreed upon by the TWFF membership at the Broken Bow outing.

The Gulf Coast Council Federation of Fly Fishers produces a quarterly publication, "Sea and Stream," which is available to all members of the GCC and affiliated clubs. The newsletter is distributed in PDF format via e-mail to all GCC FFF members.

To download your copy of the "Sea to Stream" Fall 2007 issue, visit their website at <http://www.gulfcoastfff.org/index.php?page=communications>



Artist's Series—A Visit with Kevin Hutchison

Fly fisherman, guide, photographer, and publisher

By *Sheila Setter*



Photo property of Kevin Hutchison
Kevin, his girlfriend, Terri, and a fish with no name.

Q: How and when did you get into fly fishing? How and when did you get into guiding?

A: Life can be full of “false starts,” and my fly fishing career is no exception. At age 13, I saw a kid in my Boy Scout troop fly fishing and fell in love. Without proper instruction, no equipment, and the attention span of a thirteen-year-old boy, I soon gave up on fly fishing. At age twenty, I started dating a girl whose father was into fly fishing and, with his instruction and encouragement, I was off to the races. As for guiding, that came when I moved to Texas in 1987. At that time, I was still working as a professional photographer, but I really wanted a change in my life, and I was trying to figure a way to turn my passion for fly fishing in to a career. Guiding and commercial fly tying seemed to be the logical route.

Q: Which is your favorite Texas river for fly fishing? Why? What is your go-to fly for that river?

A: My favorite river has to be the San Marcos. I love that it’s close to home and can be amazingly productive. I have floated the San Marcos hundreds of times, but every trip is different, and I usually see something new every time that keeps it fresh for me and my customers. My “go-to” flies would have to be the Llano Bug for surface action and the Swamp Monster for subsurface. Both have been good to me, and I always have a dozen in the fly box.

“My favorite river has to be the San Marcos. I love that it’s close to home and can be amazingly productive. I have floated the San Marcos hundreds of times, but every trip is different...”

~Kevin Hutchison

In 2006, Kevin Hutchison secured the publishing rights to *Fly- Fishing the Texas Hill Country*, which was originally written and published by Dr. Bud Priddy.

Over the past year, Kevin has completely restored and updated this 1987 classic. The newly revised book now includes regional information from fly-fishing clubs and guides, as well as full-color plates illustrating “go-to” flies and tying recipes, GPS navigation coordinates for the most productive sites, and local-source contact information for the locations described in the book.

Fly Fishin the Texas Hill Country, Fourth Edition will be available from FISHHEAD Press in 2008.

Q: What are the differences between men and women fly fishers and how do these differences affect your guiding techniques?

A: Loaded question but I'll give it a try. In my opinion, based on 11 years teaching in the Becoming an Outdoor Woman program, women are easier to teach and to guide for two basic reasons: #1—women don't seem to come to fly fishing with an ego; they tend to be more open to instruction without feeling like their skills and abilities are being called into question; and #2—fly fishing is a sport of finesse and timing, not necessary "power". In general (I'll get in trouble here), women understand that more can be done with finesse than brute force. Guiding women is much the same as men, with one very important exception: pocket-size Charmin—enough said.

"Writing the book has really opened my eyes to the challenges facing Texas rivers and anglers alike."
~ Kevin

Q: If you could fish anywhere with four other people, living or dead, where would you go, and who would you take?

A: I have always wanted to go Peacock Bass fishing in the Amazon—beautiful fish caught in a beautiful surrounding.

Who would I take? First and foremost, I would take my girlfriend Terri. I truly love watching her catch fish. Next, I would take my friend, Harrison Nash. At age 14, he is one of the best fly fishers and fly tiers I know. For the third, it would have to be Ernest Hemingway. If the fishing was bad, you could always count on a great "after party." Lastly, I would take Dave Whitlock. The day I read the *L.L. Bean Fly Fishing for Bass Handbook*, I knew that there were other folks out there that were chasing bass with fly rods, and my fly-fishing life truly began.

Q: After traveling the state preparing the data for the book, what are your thoughts and/or concerns about conditions of Texas Rivers? Should fly-fishing organizations be working in any specific areas of conservation to address your concerns?

A: Writing the book has really opened my eyes to the challenges facing Texas rivers and anglers alike. First and foremost, we need to get pollution under control by enforcing the laws already on the books and addressing new pollution threats with creative solutions. A large part of this effort can only be achieved by changing people's attitudes towards our rivers. Land owners need to understand that they don't "own" the river, and it can't be used as they see fit. On the other hand, anglers and other users need to respect landowners and their rights. Most of the conflict here is simply a lack of education on both sides. Our rivers are a precious gift that we all need to protect for future generations; the longer we fight over who owns these rivers, the more they suffer. All our fishing clubs should be working with landowners to clean up the rivers, protect the surrounding land, and educate everyone on proper river etiquette.

Q: Now that you've revised the text for Dr. Priddy's book, have you devised a strategy for winning the Bud Priddy One Fly, and if so, what is it?

A: Strategy for winning the "One Fly"—good question. Well, if history has taught any of us a lesson, it is that to "win," having a good fish story helps. Let's take a few years back, 250+ fish to win? An 8 hour day has 480 minutes in it. Divide that by 250 (fish), and that means you have to be casting, hooking, fighting, and landing a fish every 1.92 minutes for 8 straight hours. I always thought I was a good fisherman, but I guess not. Seriously, if I ever did try my hand at the One Fly, I would be sure to have a size-8 Swamp Monster tied on.

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(512) 589-3474



Well....How did I do?

By Kevin Hutchison



Photo by Gary Mitchell
Kevin Hutchison



Art by Anne Couteau from *Fly Fishing the Texas Hill Country, Fourth Edition*

To preorder *Fly Fishing the Texas Hill Country, Fourth Edition*, contact Kevin Hutchison at fishhead@texas.net

"Well, how did I do?" I asked, looking to my girlfriend for any positive affirmation.

"You hit it out of the park, there is no way she will say 'no,'" she answered.

So, sitting in the dark parking lot of a Georgetown bar-b-q joint, I was about to finally see the realization of a nine-year quest. I was about to become the owner of a masterwork, *Fly-Fishing the Texas Hill Country*. Little did I know that not only was I getting the rights to rewrite and republish the book, I was also becoming the de facto caretaker of Bud Priddy's legacy and a friend to Pat Priddy, his widow. I also had no idea how much work this little adventure was going to require, but for now, in this moment, none of that mattered. The book deal was "on," and I was going to write it my way.

That was last November, and since then, I have learned a lot about writing a book, more about what talented friends I have, and even more about myself. I had nine years to plan how I would rewrite this book, but now that it was upon me, I had to sit down and come up with a real game plan that I could actually execute. Over the next few months, I was able to assemble an amazing writing, editing, and design crew and get everything off the ground.

It didn't take me long to realize that I had either made the best deal of my life or the worst. Rewriting a masterwork—and Bud's book is a masterwork—is no easy task. Everyone's eyes are on you and expectations are high. For a dyslexic, "C," English student, the thought that I could pull this off seemed a bit far fetched, but with a gentle hand and a firm kick in my rear, my family and friends kept me moving forward.

To add new life to the book, I came up with a list of changes that needed to be made in the fourth edition. First, we needed to update the access points and re-cross reference them with the new version of the *Roads of Texas* atlas. I also realized that we could take advantage of technology and add GPS readings to each chapter to help locate access points as well as dangers.

Another area of the book that desperately needed updating was the legal section—the chapter that explains both landowner and access rights. This chapter has proven to be the most tricky and frustrating to research. It seems that that old saying is true: "water is power," and everyone wants to control the water and access. It also became clear that Texas water law is very fluid, pardon the pun. When finished, this chapter will be the most up-to-date review of Texas water access law available.

With those updates to the book and the edition of color and a return to the original size, binding, and paper, all that was left to add was an expanded "recommended fly" section. The fourth edition will have 12 of the Hill Countries' most productive flies featured in full-color photographs, complete with tying instructions.

So there you have it, the road map is there, the writing is well underway, and although I will miss my original release date, it will be done in time for the prime spring fishing season. If you would like updates on the book's progress, please check my website, www.fishheadpress.com.

From that first night in the dark parking lot, the die was cast. I have no doubt that when this adventure is over, I will have learned more that I ever wanted to know about writing and publishing a book. A week before my mother died, we were sitting at the dinner table talking about the book, and she looked me in the eye, not knowing what lay ahead, and made me promise that I would finish the book. She understood, maybe better than me, that this book needs to be redone, not only for the fly-fishing community, but for me and Bud's family. I hope that when the book is finished, you will all agree that I have met everyone's expectations and that Bud's legacy will live on with a bit of a "Kevin twist."

Tight Threads—Winter Tying Activities

By Kyle Hand

Thanksgiving is over and as a commercial fly tier, now is the time of year to get busy and get all those orders done. Since most of you are not commercial fly tiers, there is still plenty you can do.

This is also the time of year to refill your fly boxes. Remember that day on the Guadalupe when you lost most of your Size 18 Pheasant Tails to the rocks and trees? Now is the time to replace them. It is also that time to work on all the new flies you have seen in the fly fishing and tying publications over the past few months.

Regardless of your level of expertise, now is also the time to get in some quality time at the vise (translation, practice). Again, set up your tying area to tie a number of one type of fly in different sizes. When you get those done, put those materials away and get out materials for your next set of flies. Tie up a dozen of each type of fly until you get into a good tying rhythm. You may only need half a dozen size-16 Adams Parachutes, but tie a dozen. This way you can keep six of them for yourself and donate the other six to TWFF for an auction, give them as a gift, or swap with one of your fly fishing friends. Speaking of swaps, contact a couple of your fishing partners and each one of you do some different flies to help fill each other's fly boxes. In other words, one person tie nymphs, another person ties dries and another ties streamers. When you are all done, simply swap the extra flies with the other two tiers.

Another great thing about this time of year is the Show season. Fly tying and fly fishing shows are springing up all over the place. As a matter of fact, the East Coast shows have started with a flourish with the International Fly Tying Symposium in New Jersey and another fly fishing show in Connecticut in November. Our local show season will start in the middle of January with shows at Lake Texoma, Houston, Athens, Mountain Home, Tahlequah, OK, Lafayette and Lake Charles. Unfortunately, the show in Arlington has been cancelled this year. I would encourage you to attend one or more of these shows to expand your piscatorial knowledge. Take a notebook and ask lots of questions. When I go to a show as an observer, I always have a notebook to jot down notes or make drawings.

Also, most of your local fly shops are starting up their winter tying and casting programs. If you can, get involved with a tying class or tying symposium at your local shop. If you live in an area where there are no shops, try to set up some type of tying event with some fellow tiers at your house. Contact an experienced fly tier to set up a private lesson. Most private lessons are going to cost around \$50-75 per hour, but prior to spending that much money, I would try to check with some folks to find out how good the instructor really is. As with anything in life, there are some folks out there that are not that good wanting to demand top dollar and you are not going to get your money's worth. Heck, some of you are competent enough tiers to offer to start up your own classes if you have not already done so.

Lastly, don't forget about fly tying gifts or fly fishing related gifts for the holidays. In my opinion, they have much more meaning than a tie or something silly like that. I would get more use out of a rod and reel outfit than a tie anyway.

Have a wonderful holiday season, and I will see all of you on the Guadalupe in January.

Kyle

Kyle will be at the TWFF Guadalupe Outing in Sattler, TX, January 18-19!

Other venues where you can see Kyle include:

Beginning Jan. 5	Weekly Saturday tying forums Tail waters Dallas, TX
Jan. 26	Featured Speaker Texoma Tie In
Feb. 2	Houston, TX
Mar. 8	Featured Speaker Fly Fish Texas Athens, TX
Mar. 13-15	Sowbug Mountain Home, AR

Visit Kyle's website at:
<http://www.handsfly.com>



Mark your calendar for this upcoming TWFF outing!!!

Fly Fishing at the Back 40 of Fredericksburg, B & B Ranch

APRIL 4 - 6, 2008,

SHEILA ANDERSON, COORDINATOR

Welcome to a weekend in the Heart of the Texas Hill Country, the beautiful Back 40 B & B Ranch of Fredericksburg. You will find forty acres of serene settings with lakes, trees, and great fly fishing on a private lake surrounding the property. We can bank fish, wade, or kayak on the lake.

<http://www.back40-fredericksburg.com>

We have reserved this beautiful setting exclusively for the Texas Women Fly Fishers for the entire weekend. There is a spa and massage therapist on site available to us by reservation. The sauna is ours to use once it's fired up on Saturday.

Also available at the Back 40 Ranch is the Garden Suite, which includes a private living room that is 12 X 25 with a twelve-foot French door that looks out to the west. The bedroom is off the living room with queen-size bed and cozy make-up corner. The bathroom is off the bedroom. The suite is all done in a light, floral décor. Full breakfasts are enjoyed in the Garden Suite.

Additional accommodations in Fredericksburg:

The Dietzel Motel
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Fredericksburg, TX 78624
830.-997.3330
<http://www.dietzelmotel.com/>

Holiday Inn Express
1220 N. US 87
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
830.990.4200

Sunset Inn
900 S. Adams
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
830.997.9581

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RV grounds
432 Lady Bird Dr.
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
830.997.4202
<http://www.fbgtx.org/other/rvpark.htm>

Additional details will be added, so watch the website for more information early next year.



TWFF Outreach

by *Sheila Anderson*

Red River Fly Fishers invite Sheila Anderson to present "Fishing the Nueces River"



The Red River Fly Fishers graciously welcomed Sheila Anderson to speak at their monthly meeting in Sherman, Texas. They meet the first Tuesday each month at Gander Mountain in the group conference room at the back of the store. RRFF members, Jack and Mary K Janco, invited Sheila to a wonderful dinner at their home prior to the meeting, where a gourmet feast of baked grouper, saffron rice, and balsamic carrots was being prepared. Jack and Mary K had enjoyed fishing the Lower Mountain Fork River with the Texas Women Fly Fishers, their first outing as new TWFF members.

Jeff Tomlinson, the current president of RRFF, had made some pink foam bass flies with gills as a gift to our group for a future Casting for Recovery fundraising opportunity. What a wonderful gesture from someone we've never met before.

The presentation includes some slides about the Texas Women Fly Fishers, our efforts to support Casting for Recovery, and beautiful photos from our most recent float trip on the Nueces. No one from the RRFF has ever been to the Nueces, so it was quite surprising for them to see how beautiful these headwaters are. Afterwards, many of their members told me how much they appreciated the presentation and thanked me for taking the time to speak with them. They are an enjoyable group of people.



Jeff Tomlinson's gift to Sheila on behalf of TWFF: pink foam bass flies for a future CFR fundraiser!

Expo 2007

This year's Texas Parks and Wildlife EXPO was successful in a number of ways. First, the-fly fishing tent won the award for best TPWD Exhibit or Activity, Ronnie Ray was presented the award at the BBQ on Saturday evening. Congratulations, Ronnie! Second, we had a successful fundraiser for Casting for Recovery. Gary and Cindy Hanson of Mountain River Fly Shop in Cotter, AR, donated a 9 ft, 4 pc, 5-wt Scott rod to us. We sold raffle tickets Saturday and Sunday, and drew the winner on Sunday afternoon. We raised \$270 from the raffle to go into our CFR fund. Additionally, three new members joined our club!

We demonstrated fly tying to many people, tying Cypert minnows on Saturday and wooly buggers on Sunday. Lots of kids wanted to try tying, so once again Ronnie arranged for a separate table for the kids. They could learn how to use the materials and tools on large, "hookless" hooks and tie their own creations.

We were situated between the GRTU and the Fredericksburg Fly Fishers, two of the clubs represented in the tent. Gene Smith of Fbg Fly Fishers was there both days, and we spent some time with Martin Pursch on Sunday. It's always nice to visit with other clubs and swap fishing stories. Ann Miller of TPWD stopped by to see how we were doing and to chat for a bit. Walter Laas from the Rockport Fly Fishers visited with us, and he spent lots of time giving casting lessons. Jim from the Austin Fly Fishers helped out Saturday getting us started tying the Cypert minnows. Austin Fly Fishers also let us borrow some Mylar tubing when our supply ran out. Thank you!



Photo property of Ronnie Ray
Ronnie Ray shows off his award at EXPO.

We went a little high tech with a computer display of a slide show of photos from our past outings intermixed with CFR photos from the 2006 retreat.

Special thanks go to Mary Rohrer, Cindy and Will Sudds, and Kerri Stephenson for volunteering their time at our table and for helping to teach fly tying to our visitors. Mary also gave a casting lesson or two. Greg and Sheila Setter stopped by to visit while they checked out EXPO. Thank you, everyone!



Photos by Sheila Anderson
Mary provides tying instructions to interested visitors.



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A Big Thanks goes out to the following Friends of TWFF

In this holiday season, we reflect on our many blessings, and all who have supported us over the past year come to mind. We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the following individuals and businesses for their support of TWFF and our efforts to raise funds for Casting for Recovery.

Thank-you for your generosity. Your kindness to us and the CFR participants is so appreciated. You help us help others change people's lives.

"I am inspired by our business partners' and individuals' ability to impact the lives of so many through a simple donation of goods and/or services to those sharing the same passion for fly fishing and dedication to Casting for Recovery. We truly thank all our 2007 donors and look forward to a continued relationship in 2008 with those supportive of women in fly fishing and the advancement of breast cancer healing and recovery through Casting for Recovery."

~ Rozlynn Orr

TWFF—Vice President (Speakers, Raffles, and Banquets)

Members, please acknowledge these sponsors when you have a chance. Their donations are listed below.



Academy Sport, Brodie Lane, Austin, TX

<http://www.academy.com/>

Thank-you for the fly-fishing backpack and T-shirt!



Gaido's Seaside Inn and Restaurant

<http://www.gaidos.com/>

We extend special thanks to Michael and Kimberly Gaido for their hospitality to TWFF during our September outing to Galveston. The accommodations were wonderful and Saturday evening's dinner was stellar!



<http://www.orvis.com/>

Special thanks to Don Benasich, Natalie Guida at Orvis Corporate Headquarters, along with the Orvis Stores in Dallas, Houston, and The Woodlands for 20 spools of tippet, a fly box, fishing instruction tape, book, chest pack, blouse, and camera.



<http://www.cabelas.com/>

Genesis rod, reel and case, fly line, 24 flies



Gander Mountain, Highway 290, Houston, TX

<http://www.gandermountain.com/>

Thank-you for the Gander bucks!



<http://www.sportsmansfinest.com/>

We thank the great staff at Sportsman's Finest for their donation of a beautiful Sage rod.



Billy and Stacy Trimble

<http://www.trimbleflyfishing.com/gallery.html>

Thanks for the fishing clothes, jetty tackle pack, and generous gift of your time and talents!



www.mtnriverflyshop.com

Our sincere thanks to Gary and Cindy Hanson of Mountain River Fly Shop in Cotter, AR. for their donation of three Scott rods to TWFF and another to Stacy Trimble and TWFF for CFR.



<http://www.sportsmanswarehouse.com/>

Special thanks to the staff at Sportsman's Warehouse in Austin for the RR reel!



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www.geocities.com/rrdoctor
flysoup@itexas.net

Thanks, Al, for the casting instructions and for your friendship!



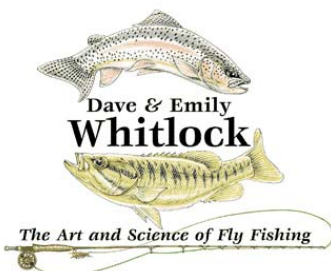
www.rrff.org

Special thanks to Jeff Tomlinson, President of the Red River Fly Fishers, who donated two big bass flies that he tied in pink foam with gills. Thanks, too, for the hook with the CFR ribbon!



Stacy Trimble, FFF certified casting instructor

Special thanks for the auction items collected and for the casting instructions!



<http://www.davewhitlock.com/>

Dave and Emily—Thanks for the beautiful, signed bluegill print!



<http://www.royalwulff.com/schools.html>

Special thanks to Joan Wulff for the autographed 1st edition copy of her book,

Joan Wulff's Fly Fishing—Expert Advice from a Woman's Perspective



<http://templeforkflyrods.com/index.html>

A big thanks to Lefty and Temple Fork Outfitters for the TFO rod!



http://www.junctioneagle.com/new_site/

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Thank-you for the gorgeous purple angora shawl!



Fly tied by Mr. Puglisi

Thank-you Enrico!

<http://www.epflies.com/checkyourflyhome.html>

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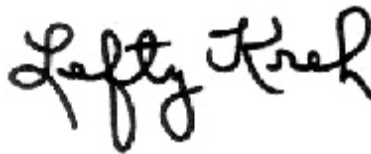
A very special thanks to Kyle Hand for donating two of his beautiful hand-tied salmon flies and for the generous gift of his time and talents in providing articles and fly instructions to our club this year.



<http://www.threeriversflyshop.com/>

We thank Jesse King for his presentation, guide services, and the car-top kayak carrier.

Special thanks go to Kimberly Gaido and Karen Gebhardt for their hospitality. Thank-you for so graciously opening your beautiful homes to us for outing events.



<http://www.leftykreh.com/>

Autographed hats for TWFF—thanks, Lefty!



Special thanks to Michael Dymond, who provided matching funds for the last CFR fundraiser of the year.



<http://www.simmsfishing.com/>

Thanks to Eric Kramer, Simms Rep, for the tackle bag!



<http://www.girlonthefly.com/>

Ladies, we thank-you for the tops and T-shirts!



http://www.basspro.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/Shop_10151_-1_10001

Thanks-you Lorraine Lawrence for the great wader bag!

A big thanks to all the TWFF members who worked tirelessly making flies for us (Sheila Anderson, Frances Estes, Greg Setter), lanyards (Greg S), and other wonderful raffle items (Betty Burleson—hand knitted scarf—and Linda Love—loon chest pack, embroidered hand towels), and for presenting interesting programs (Mary Rohrer and Sheila Anderson) where we could learn more about our passion--fly fishing. We also thank everyone who donated their time, considerable talents, and energy to organize the outings and create the wonderful goodie bags we treasure.

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TWFF Publishing Dates

This is last issue for 2007. The publishing schedule for 2008 has not yet been set.

I'd like to thank everyone who submitted photos, stories, art, and information for the newsletter in 2007. This is your newsletter, and I appreciate your willingness to share your time and talents with us. You make the newsletter what it is, and I am grateful for your help.

If you would like to submit articles, photos, or art, please send them to newsletter@twff.net

As you celebrate this holiday season, we hope it is a time of blessings and great joy, shared with family and friends. Until next year...

Happy Holidays!

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