

Good Times on the Guadalupe River

This year's outing on the Guadalupe brought superb weather and turnout. We had 45 people attend the outing, including many Texas Women "TRY" Fishers – guests of members – who came to see what TWFF is all about. It was a great way to kick-off the 2016 TWFF outings season.

Several members arrived a day or more in advance of the outing to take advantage of the good weather and fishing conditions. We had a nice contingent of those with campers, who stayed near each other which provided a lot of fun and fellowship around the campfire at the end of each day.

Our Mullet Mixer had lots of great food, as usual. **Chris Jackson**, owner of Action Angler which is a long-time fly shop on the river, was our guest speaker. He shared his vast knowledge of the Guadalupe which he has been fishing for many years. Some members were fortunate to book a guided trip with Chris prior to the outing: **Sharon Leissner, Lori McElroy and Kay Jackson** had great days on the river with lots of fish to the boat.

The next morning, we had a great classroom discussion on knot tying and rigging, led by **Sheila Anderson** of Austin. After we discussed the techniques, **Chris Johnson**, CCI and owner of Living Waters Fly Fishing in Round Rock, led us to the river for some on-the-water techniques and demonstration. A wonderful Mayfly hatch occurred in the middle of Chris' demos—perfect teaching aids who showed at the right time!

Once the group was properly briefed, the fishing began. We were fortunate to have several Lease Access Members from the Guadalupe River Chapter of Trout Unlimited (GRTU) who escorted groups to the best private access areas along the river. A very special thanks to **Chris Johnson, Mark Dillow, and Rob Gonzalez** of GRTU for donating their time and sharing their access membership. We also want to thank TWFF members, who are also GRTU members, who shared their access as well: **Pat and Don Carlson, Karen Gebhardt, Sheila Anderson and Janet and Emery Baca**. TWFF and GRTU's Women's Initiative paid for the visitor access passes for the weekend.

Saturday evening was a yummy BBQ dinner, organized by Karen Gebhardt. It was followed by a membership meeting where we said thanks to outgoing board members **Sheila Anderson** and new board members and trustees **Ellen Matthews**.

Outings are the lifeblood of TWFF and would not happen without the work of our local outing committees. A very special thanks to **Lori McElroy, Carol Olewin, Karen Gebhardt and Kay Jackson** who served as hosts for this outing.

