

## Broken Bow, Oklahoma

November 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 hosted by: Marilyn Young, Janet and Emery Baca

The Broken Bow outing turned out to be another good one! The weather cooperated and everyone had to reacquaint themselves with the area and their favorite fishing holes or lack thereof after the flooding from the spring. Even with the changes to the trout stream, every visit to the Lower Mountain Fork River of Southern Oklahoma seems better than the previous one! Even though we had an extreme amount of rain and thunderstorms roll through the area on Thursday night, the lady's and a few gentleman that came up early for the outing still met up at the Grateful Head for pizza and some stories to share. The fall colors in the area did not disappoint nor did the fishing, it was as beautiful as ever and we all enjoyed being out on the water over the long weekend! Everyone seemed to be having a great time!



This weekend's outing experience was shared by the following individuals: Merilyn Evans, Mary Kain, Beverly Gordon, Mary Rohrer, Stormi Johnson, Kate Allen, Carol Scamman, Carol Olewin, Annette Blythe, Debbie Williams, Lori McElroy, Sharon Leissner, Sheila and Robert Anderson, Kerri and Jim Stephenson, Janet and Emery Baca, Marilyn and Harris Young, Lindy and Bruce Wilks, Chris and Emily Johnson, Mary Leiberman and Amber Day, and new club members Diane and Tom Flowers.

We would like to thank Janet and Emery Baca for the great goody bags containing leaders and tippet and several great flies and many other items that were presented to all the members and guests at the Friday night Mullet Mixer and to everyone for all the great food and delicious desserts.

We were thrilled to have Jenny-Mayrell Woodruff, a local guide, as our featured speaker at our Mullet Mixer on Friday night. Jenny's slide presentation detailed trout fishing in the Lower Mountain Fork and her insight on future improvements to the areas affected by the flooding. Jenny also talked about where to fish and the different types of flies to use and how to be safe on the water and safe in all the areas where the flooding has changed the depths and steepness of the banks and where the fishing could be treacherous. Her talk was very informative and greatly appreciated.



We also had six lucky winners of the free club drawing on Friday night at the Mullet Mixer. The drawing was for two half-day guided trips on Saturday with T.A., from the Beavers Bend Fly Shop. The six winners were Stormi Johnson, Kate Allen, Merilyn Evans, Mary Rohrer, Annette Blythe, and Mary Leiberman.



Several caught fish other's didn't, but the reports afterwards were, they loved the club drawing and learned a lot from the guided experience!

But that wasn't the only thing happening on Saturday morning!



We were again privileged to have Chris and Emily Johnson from Living Waters Fly Fishing in Round Rock, join us! On Saturday Chris and Emily spent the morning hours sharing their knowledge of fly fishing. Chris taught a clinic at Evening Hole that covered basic fishing strategies, how to read the water, how to tie on the nymph dropper rig and proper presentation of the fly. Chris and Emily put in some extra one on one time with ladies needing more detailed instruction with rigging and presentation!



Members that attended the Saturday morning clinic; Kate Allen, Carol Olwein, Carol Scamman, Janet Baca.



Chris's fly box.

We caught up with Chris later on Saturday afternoon for a second clinic "Tailwater Tenkara"!

With Tenkara being the new interest to a lot of fly fishers in the club! Chris covered the techniques of rigging, and the different Tenkara lines, how to rig using dry flies, nymphs, and streamers, and how to play and land trout on Tenkara in fast moving water. The group then put their newly learned skills to the test on the fast water with success at the Evening Hole Bridge. This clinic was both informative and fun as we watched Chris prove his techniques do work with proper presentation and his nice Rainbow caught on a Tenkara Rod in the net!



Members attending the Tenkara Clinic were Mary Rohrer, Mary Kain, Marilyn Young,



Beverly Gordon, Carol Olwein and Janet & Emery Baca





**Awesome Clinic and Nice catch Chris!**



Saturday night as Chris lead us in pray we thanked the Lord for our many blessing this weekend of good food, good friends and good fishing! The Blue Rooster's fried chicken and cold slaw with the addition of new potatoes, green beans and rolls to the dinner made our day and we topped it off with a delicious dessert of blackberry and peach cobbler.



After dinner Chris Johnson was our guest speaker where he gave a very informative and educational slide presentation on "How to take Outdoor and Wildlife Photographs". This also covered the techniques of photographing your fish on the water, and what type of camera to use. We concluded the night with the club business meeting; raffle and silent auction which helped raise \$800.00 in proceeds for this year. The highlight of the Saturday raffle and auction at Broken Bow was the drawing of the winning ticket for the Pink CFR Sage Rod combo. Following the drum roll, the ticket was read. "PAT CARLSON" Congratulations Pat! We are all envious!

