

TWFF FLY-LINES



“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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September 11-13 - Saltwater: Corpus Christi/Mustang Island

November 6-8 - Broken Bow, OK

January 15-17, 2021 - Guadalupe River, Sattler, TX

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Message from the President - Dana Williams

The COVID-19 pandemic has turned 2020 into a doozy. Our thoughts and prayers are with front-line responders and those with families directly impacted by the virus. For those of us working, we have to adapt to significant change in working at home or are still out at the workplace with others, risking our health to get the job done. For those of us fortunate enough to be in the retirement phase of life, we have the added stress of being in a high-risk category. At the same time many of us are cherishing more time spent with our immediate household we find ourselves more separated from our extended families, especially the elderly. This makes running a state-wide fly fishing club seem like a very trifling concern.

We had a great January Guadalupe River outing, but then cancelled our March, May, and early June planned outings due to the pandemic. In the meantime, we offered our first-ever TWFF webinars. In May and June, we hosted author Aaron Reed in May over Webex and young Deighan Cherry demonstrated her fly tying prowess with the Cherry family pattern Woolly Ghost online for members. As time passed and it became apparent the coronavirus era was not going to pass quickly, I realized the reasons many of us fish are now more important than ever - finding the peace of the river and the fellowship of other anglers. I was determined to find some way to offer an outing opportunity safely within COVID-19 protocols so that our members who were

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Camp Arrowhead Outing Recap June 26-28, 2020

A much-needed outing by all fishing the Brazos and Paluxy Rivers. With the Covid-19 virus blossoming around us, we fly fishers needed a time out from the pressures of a life in quarantine. Camp Arrowhead provided the ultimate venue. TWFF was the only group at the Camp, and the Camp made special arrangements for our group due to coronavirus. Each participant had their own room, the camp prepared delicious breakfast and dinner, and we all ate outside. Some folks enjoyed the large swimming pool in the heat of Saturday late afternoon. We also played horseshoes – Camp Arrowhead has many outdoor activities available including basketball, volleyball, corn hole, tetherball, etc.



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Message from the President (cont'd)

willing and able could meet these goals.

As fly fishing is the ideal socially distant pastime, we put together a modified but successful outing in late June for 14 attendees at Arrowhead Camp in the Cleburne/Glen Rose area. Carol Olewin reports on the outing (see above). We also hosted a Central Texas mini-outing July 11th which 9 people attended. We were thrilled that outside of the immediate Central Texas area we had Cody and Julia Bell from North Texas attend. We spent a long morning out on the Lampasas River at the Old Maxdale Bridge mentioned in Aaron Reed's *Fly Fishing Austin and Central Texas* as his favorite waters. The fishing was not stellar but everyone caught something, and we enjoyed a late picnic lunch socially distant at the Maxdale Cemetery pavilion across the road. Congratulations to Adrienne Barnett for largest fish caught (bass about 12 inches) and Jud Cherry and Beverly Gordon who each caught "dozens." I encourage members outside of central Texas to organize a one-day outing for your area's members to keep active together.

Now that some restrictions related to COVID-19 have eased, we have also launched into full-scale planning for a safe September 11-13 saltwater outing in Corpus Christi/N. Padre Island. We will not be offering any shared lodging or indoor meals, but we will tentatively hold a Shrimp Boil and Bonfire with S'mores on the beach, something I am very excited about. Please note that travel restrictions or closures of fishing locations could impact this outing, so "Semper Gumby" - "Be Flexible Always." Also, don't forget to block your calendars for the Nov. 6-8 Broken Bow outing, a club favorite. Keep fishing on if you can!

Finally, I was excited to hear a shout out for TWFF from Jen Ripple, head of DUN fly fishing magazine on the latest Wet Fly Swing podcast episode entitled "History of Women in Fly Fishing, Texas, Redfish." When the host asked if Jen had been to Texas, she said she had spent a lot of time there and "Texas has one of the greatest group of women anglers there are – the Texas Women Fly Fishers, The TWFF'ers – they're amazing!" It was wonderful to hear her cite our youngest member, Deighan "Lil' D" Cherry, age 10 on the podcast as one of three up and coming young women in fly fishing to watch for thanks to Deighan's international online fly tying group Fly Girl Global. I have never met Jen but she offered to meet up with me when I swing through Nashville later this month on vacation. I will report back on that meeting next newsletter. Keep on fishing if you can! Tight Lines, Dana



Camp Arrowhead Outing Recap (cont'd)

The weather was perfect with an occasional shower, and the Camp provided a fire each evening. President Dana led the evening discussion, but no official club meeting was held. Treasurer Britta paid all the bills.

Jan demonstrates how to remove a fly that gets caught in your arm or leg. A fly lodged in the face should be removed by a physician or hospital. See picture at right.

Wearing a broad brim hat and sunglasses is good protection for the face from wayward flies and the sun. See picture at right.

We fished the upper Paluxy River since we couldn't get into Dinosaur State Park without a reservation and due to capacity limits imposed by TPWD. Our group of 14 broke up into groups and rotated through 4 fishing spots.

First stop was the low water crossing on HWY 1008, where LaJan caught her first bass of the weekend. The creek flowing into the Paluxy River provided a few deep holes for fish. This is an easy access point as you can drive right up to the water. There was one deep hole in the Paluxy where the creek flowed into the river but otherwise downstream was shallow, rocky and not productive.

Next spot was the City Cemetery/City Park Crossing. It did not prove to be a good fishing spot because of the crowds of people frolicking in the water. But it looked like it might be good fishing upstream. Downstream was shallow and flat with no structure for fish. This became the perfect lunch break meeting spot, as it was easy to pull up under the shade trees and have a group lunch.

Then off to Siren Hole (named for the air raid siren located by the road). Siren Hole downstream makes great evening fishing, since there is shade along the western bank, where the fish were hanging out. Occasional swimmers in the area. Upstream was more difficult to access but proved to be productive fishing. Parking is limited to street side and a lot of places to park.

Bakers Crossing proved to be the favorite spot of this outing. There was plenty of room for everyone to spread out downstream of the crossing. Parking was limited. There were a few swimmers, but they didn't stay since this is not a good swimming spot.

Dana Williams' award-winning fish, smallest of the day. The fish were in love with leggy flies. Saturday night we awarded "Most Fish Caught" to Julie Sieh and Carol Olewin tied with 12 fish caught on Saturday.



Jan Bates 2 lb bass.



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Camp Arrowhead Outing Recap (cont'd)

“Biggest Fish Caught” went to a 12-inch bass caught by Beverly Gordon with Jan Bates honorable mention (caught on Friday – would have won if caught on Saturday) with a very large 2-pound bass as pictured on pg 3.

Sunday morning people went their own way, but a group went to Big Rocks Park in Glen Rose. Fishing downstream was good until about noon when the swimmers started coming out.

We welcomed new member Alex Huffman who is an experienced conventional angler but new to fly fishing. She learned how to rig up a leader and tippet and caught several fish. Go Alex Go!



Cool 9” redear sunfish or redear sunfish/crappie hybrid from the Paluxy caught by Dana Williams. The crescent shaped red mark at the tip of the gill plate is smaller than normal on this fish and doesn’t show up well in this photo.



SURF'S UP—SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2020 SALTWATER OUTING

WHEN: September 11-13, 2020

WHERE: The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, Mustang Island Conference Center

FISHING WATERS: Saltwater fishing—Wade fishing, kayak fishing, or fishing with a guide, there are many options in the intracoastal waterway (ICW; a network of canals, inlets, bays, and rivers).

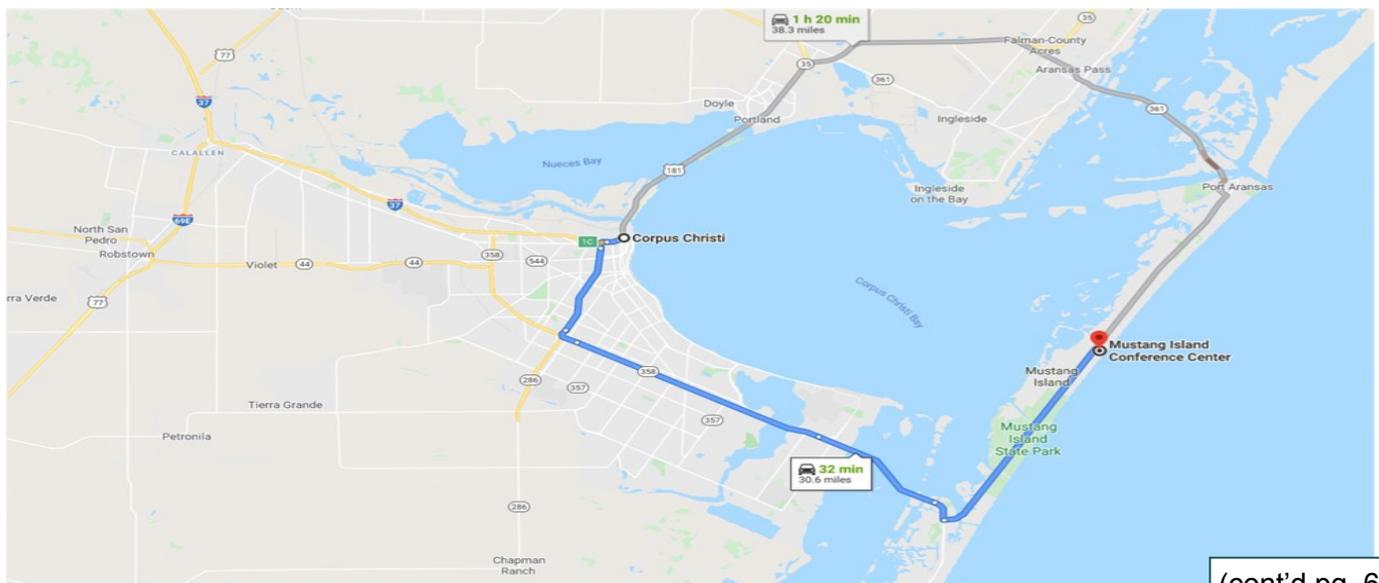
TWFF Outing Hosts and Contact Information: Dana Williams 512-791-5323 or info@twff.net and Carol Olewin, Outings Coordinator, 512-789-0419. Lodgings Coordinator is Beverly Gordon, 214-336-1094

Dinner and Mullet Mixer: Friday 7:00-10:00 PM. Catered Low Country Shrimp Boil with a bonfire and both traditional and key lime s'more's at Windward Beach (details pg. 8)

Our September outing is at the Mustang Island Conference Center. We will be following COVID-19 safety protocols as will the camp staff, and we ask that folks do not attend if they are sick in the 2 weeks prior to the outing or if they are in contact with someone with COVID-19. Come join us for outdoors fellowship and fishing!

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the center will require some paperwork to be completed. This protocol is still being worked out and will be sent at a later date or will be completed at your arrival. Also, everyone will be asked to take their food to dine outdoors on the covered patio unless there is severe weather. Weather permitting, casual outdoor meetings may be held Friday night with a speaker and Saturday night as well, but again, everyone is asked to maintain 6' distance.

[Mustang Island Conference Center](#) is located in Port Aransas and at the center of Mustang Island, a barrier island off the South Coast of Texas, bordered by the Gulf of Mexico and Corpus Christi Bay. The Conference Center is 10 miles north of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Causeway and 9 miles south of the Port Aransas ferry landing.



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SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2020 SALTWATER OUTING (cont'd)

Fishing Details

Wade fishing, kayak fishing, or fishing with a guide, there are many options in the ICW, the surf, and at night time off the docks located around the area. Since this is early September the weather will still be quite warm. Sun protections is a must and waders might be considered for protection from jellyfish and other critters. The stingray shuffle is also good practice when wading. As always personal safety is a concern when fishing in some of the less visible areas, especially at night. Fishing with others is strongly recommended as is a wading staff.

An 8 wt rod is ideal but, a 5 or 6 wt can be used in a pinch. Saltwater leaders and tippet are recommended. Saltwater flies are best as they are stainless steel and will not rust. Expect to catch spotted sea trout, red fish, black drum, lady fish, flounder and other species. Make sure your fishing license includes saltwater. Fishing licenses expire August 31 so make sure you have your new license for the September 1, 2020 period.

The beaches may or may not be open to motor traffic. At this time, the beaches are only open to foot traffic until August 17th. If they do open, driving on the beach is by permit only, which can be purchased at any convenience store in the area. The Conference Center is on the beach and foot accessible. We will have the use of the Conference's beach chairs and pop-up covers as well as 4 beach cruiser bicycles and surfboards.

Gear to bring:

- Texas Fishing License with saltwater stamp.
- Saltwater Gear: 8-10 weight rods and reels with 8-10 weight line. (7 will also work, however 8 wt seems to work best for the winds and larger flies.) 9 ft length, minimum 12-15 lb leader, 12-15 lb tippet. Don Alcala recommends 20-30 lb leaders to withstand the bite of fish with teeth. Otherwise you may lose a lot of fish. You may also use the steel bite guards, but probably not necessary.
- Good flats wading boots for potential oysters and mucky mud. No open toes or water shoes that will pull off in the mud. Sting ray chaps if you plan to wade, (Always do the sting ray shuffle). Wading belts, stringer and large landing net.
- Good clippers that can withstand saltwater environment.
- Optional: Large saltwater forceps or needle nose pliers that can withstand saltwater and fish with TEETH.
- Long fishing pants or waders (optional) in case of jelly fish. Water will be warm enough for wet wading.
- Fishing (sun) gloves, broad brim hat, sun glasses and lots of cover and sun protection of course.

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SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2020 SALTWATER OUTING (cont'd)

Gear to bring (cont'd)

- Drinking water, drinking water and more drinking water.
- Ice chest for any fish you want to take home.

*Remember this is saltwater and you'll want to wash **EVERYTHING** off every time you use it when you're done.

Recommended flies:

- Saltwater Clousers (any color), Crazy Charlies – Heavier for piers, weedless for wading & kayak fishing.
- Crab imitations – Heavier for piers, weedless for wading & kayak fishing
- Shrimp imitations. Crab/shrimp combo imitations. My favorites over the last year have been the Corona Crab & Chartreuse Clouser. Spoons- red/gold

Casting - Remember we're on the coast so you'll want to be able to cast in the wind, and you'll want to be able to cast some distance; at least 50–75 ft, that means you will need to double haul. It also helps to have your back cast be as good as your forward cast. Often the position you're in on the pier, wading or kayaking, may require you to back cast to where the fish are.

Recommended leaders/tippet: 12 lb. leader, 12 lb. tippet (20-30 lb recommended for toothy fish)

Guides available:

Capt. Stacy Lynn, TWFF member and extraordinary casting instructor! Check out her website: wowflyfishing.com for guide services and give her a call: 512.750.8661. Capt. Stacy is a fly fishing industry professional and will be our speaker at the mullet mixer!

Doc's Guide Service (docsfishingclinic.com) 361-443-6993 – recommended by Corpus Christi Fly Fishers

Ken Jones (kenjofly.com) 361-500-2552 – recommended by Corpus Christi Fly Fishers
Slowride Guide Service, (<https://www.slowrideguide.com>) 821 S Commercial St, Aransas Pass. 361-758-0463. Recommended by Texas Fly Fishers.

There is a fly shop in Rockport whose guides might meet people in Corpus. Boat guides are running about \$600.00 for all day 2 people. It's Swan Point Landing. 361-729-7926.

WEEKEND EVENTS

The Mustang Island Conference Center is located at 6981 TX-361 Hwy, Port Aransas, TX, (361) 749-1800. <https://www.dwtx.org/what-we-do/mustang-island-family-camp>

Rooms all have double beds but, as part of COVID—19 protocol, we ask that everyone stay one person to a room unless a family member is joining you. Unless there is severe weather, due to COVID-19, we will be holding our evening gatherings outdoors. We are only going inside the Dining Hall for service of food. Note that masks are required indoors. We will dine outside on the covered patio which has tables and chairs.

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SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2020 SALTWATER OUTING (cont'd)

Costs:

- Single attendee package: \$262 for the 2-night weekend. Includes private motel room, dinner Friday and Saturday night, breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Linens are included except bring an extra blanket if needed as they have removed comforters due to COVID-19. They are laundering sheets and one blanket between guest stays.
- Double room attendee package: \$358 for the 2-night weekend in total for the couple. Must be members of same household due to COVID-19. Includes private motel room, dinner Friday and Saturday night, breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Linens are included except bring an extra blanket if needed as the conference center has removed comforters due to COVID-19. The Conference Center is laundering sheets and one blanket between guest stays.

An optional sack lunch for Saturday at \$12 per meal must be ordered at the time of registration/ payment.

Friday check-in is at 3 PM.

Mullet Mixer Speaker: Capt. Stacy Lynn, TWFF member and fly fishing industry professional!

We are planning a catered Low Country Shrimp Boil with a bonfire and both traditional and key lime s'more's at Windward Beach from 7:00 – 10:00 PM. Chairs and everything will be provided except bring your own drinks, ice and cups. Location: Windward Beach (Beachside in front of the Windward Public Parking Lot @ 15000 Windward Drive). This is about 15 minutes' drive south on 361 from the Mustang Island Conference Center.

There is a possibility that the beach may still be closed to vehicular traffic at this time. If so, the Low Country Shrimp Boil will be canceled, and we will have our Mullet Mixer as a camp-provided dinner rather than our traditional potluck at the Conference Center at 6:30.

Saturday Fishing

More details on fishing locations and opportunities to be provided later (check emails). Beach access is also available on site.

Saturday breakfast - will be provided at the camp at 7:30 AM so that folks can get out early fishing when cooler.

Saturday lunch - pack your own, purchase locally, or order the optional sack lunch for \$12 at time of registration.

Saturday evening - dinner prepared by conference kitchen staff and eaten outdoors on the patio at 6:30 PM.

After dinner, we may have a short business meeting. Walking on the beach or fishing at one of the many piers are just a few activities to enjoy after dinner.

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SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2020 SALTWATER OUTING (cont'd)

Sunday Fishing/Go Home

Breakfast will be provided by conference kitchen staff at 7:30 AM. Fish or enjoy the beach until checkout or go home. Check out is no later than 4 PM.

Reservations

Reservations or cancellations must be made no later than **Tuesday, September 1st**. We may be able to add people later but we need to confirm by then that we have at least 10 people for the event to “make it happen.” If we don’t have 10 people paid by then, we will have to cancel this event.

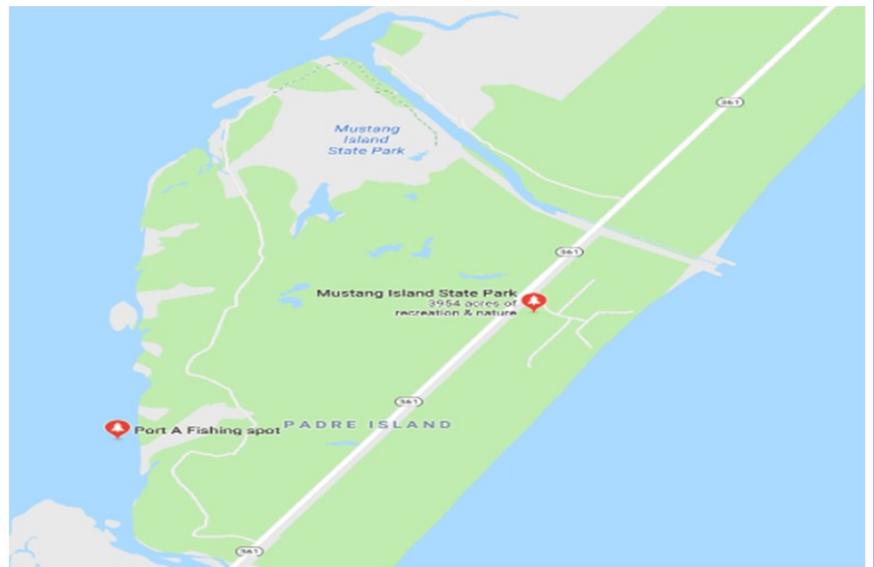
To reserve your spot, email twffoutingcoordinator@yahoo.com with the following information and send PayPal payment in full to tightlines@twff.net by Tuesday, September 1st. Follow detailed payment instructions provided in the email sent August 15th.

Please pay Britta Hebert, TWFF Treasurer, directly to tightlines@twff.net. Payment due by Tuesday Sept 1st. Lodging is not guaranteed until full payment is received by TWFF.

Causeway (Cos Way)
Fishing Pier. Lighted night
fishing. \$10 per pole



Mustang Island State Park –
the big blue channel is the
very fishy Fish Pass.



OKTOBERFISCH IS A PREMIER TEXAS HILL COUNTRY FISHING EVENT

Enjoy professional fly casting and fly tying lessons at Oktoberfisch in 2020. Oktoberfisch will be held this October 16-18 at the new 140 acre Edgewater Springs Resort in Fredericksburg, which is located in the heart of the Texas Wine Country.

The resort and event headquarters offers over a mile of private fishing access to the Pedernales River. Located just 3 miles away from the event waters is the City of Fredericksburg, Texas. Fredericksburg has been described by Texas Monthly as the "Aspen of Texas." Named as one of the top 10 resort destinations in Texas. Fredericksburg offers more than 100 restaurants with a wide range of cuisines.

Shoppers will love the boutique shops and museum buffs will delight in the National Museum of the War in the Pacific and the Pioneer Museum. Lodging choices include tent & RV sites at the event. If you are staying in town there are also motels, hundreds of unique Bed & Breakfast options, as well as numerous RV Parks. Participants will enjoy fine event details such as access maps and shuttle service to fish local waters. Other amenities include access to the all of the classes, fishing on site, Saturday night cookout, RV hookups, campsites, and parking for those not staying onsite.

Located at Edgewater Springs Resort on the Pedernales River, Fredericksburg, Texas
See website for a complete list of activities. www.fredericksburgflyfishers.com/oktoberfisch
EVENT EMAIL: OKTOBERFISCH@FREDERICKSBURGFLYFISHERS.ORG

Address: 3587 E US Hwy 290, Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Time: Fri and Sat from 9 AM to 5 PM; Sun from 9 AM to 12 PM.

Price: \$40 per participant; \$10 per spouse; under age 18 free

CALCULATE THE WEIGHT OF A FISH by Jan Bates

If you've ever wondered how much your fish weighs, here is a handy formula you can use to estimate the weight of many different types of fish. All you need is a tape measure and a calculator, available on your cell phone.

Fat Bodied Fish (Bass and Salmon)

The formula is this (inches): $(\text{Length} \times \text{Girth} \times \text{Girth})/800$. This will give the approximate weight in pounds.

Slender Bodied Fish (Trout and Pike)

The formula is this (inches): $(\text{Length} \times \text{Girth} \times \text{Girth})/900$. This will give the approximate weight in pounds.

Here is a website: <https://www.bassresource.com/bassfishing/fishcalculator.html>



2020 TWFF Outings

September 11-13 - Saltwater Corpus Christi/Mustang Island.

November 6-8 Broken Bow, OK - Hosted by Marilyn Young and Stormi Johnson.

January 15-17, 2021 - Guadalupe River, Sattler, TX

We welcome new ideas or locations near your home or elsewhere. Consider hosting an outing. A \$25 fee per person for TWFF outings will be collected during the Mullet Mixer. Thank you.

Idaho fishing is good in August on the Teton River! Cutthroat trout caught by LaJan Barnes



Purchase Your Columbia Items at a Discount - by Marilyn Young

Hi all, here's another reminder that we are able to purchase apparel items from Columbia at approximately a 40% discount and enjoy other discounts as well. These do not have to be items that ultimately get embroidered, although the total cost of an embroidered item is almost always less than the cost of the plain individual item in the store. It's a good time to buy fleece jackets and vests and other warm items for the cooler weather or look ahead to warmer weather in the spring and summer. The turnaround time for embroidered items is usually 2 to 3 weeks. Please call or email if there are any items you would like to order or with any questions at all. It's a great month for fishing!

Email: mkyoung@suddenlink.net

Other 2020/2021 Events

October 16-17 - Octoberfisch. Fredericksburg, TX (see page 10)

February 27-28, 2021 - The 4th Annual Texas Fly & Brew, Mesquite

Karen Gebhardt's large mouth bass on the Lampasas.



TWFF Membership Report as of July 2020

There are currently 90 total memberships including 60 individual memberships and 30 family memberships. We have 23 new members for the 2020 year.

Thank you for everyone's membership. Hopefully, we will be able to get together this fall.

Julie Sieh, TWFF membership chair

Idaho fishing is good in August on the Teton River! Rainbow trout caught by LaJan Barnes



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Texas Fishing License Information

For many people, their fishing license will expire on August 31, 2020. Check the expiration date on your fishing license as we get ready for the September saltwater outing. If you plan on fishing in saltwater, be sure you have a license that includes a saltwater tag.

Resident Fishing Licenses—Required of any [resident](#) who fishes in the **public waters** of Texas.

If you purchase any valid freshwater fishing package, you can also purchase a saltwater endorsement. If you purchase any valid saltwater fishing package, you can also purchase a freshwater endorsement. For more information on fishing license, see Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept website: https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/licenses/online_sales/

Resident Fishing Licenses	Item #	Fee
Freshwater Package	231	\$30
Saltwater Package	232	\$35
All-Water Package	233	\$40
Senior Freshwater Package	234	\$12
Senior Saltwater Package	235	\$17
Senior All-Water Package	236	\$22
Special Resident All-Water License	244	\$7
Year-from-Purchase All-Water Package	237	\$47
One-Day All-Water License	213	\$11

