



“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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Upcoming 2020 TWFF Outings:

- March 20-22** - Latham Springs Camp, Aquilla, TX
- May 1-3** - Nueces River Bud Priddy Tournament w/ Alamo Fly Fishers, Camp Wood
- June 5-7** - Texas Hill Country, Hunt, TX
- September 11-13** - Saltwater Texas Coast
- November 6-8** - Broken Bow, OK

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Message from the President - Dana Williams

January brought us more beautiful winter weather in central Texas and a fun outing on the Guadalupe. Big thank you to hosts Kathy Smart and Linda Leal (who unfortunately could not attend) for organizing a successful get together as well as Carol Olewin for her support as Outings Coordinator. We had several new members attend and enjoyed a great presentation by Donovan Kypke from Reel Fly. Instead of tracking the number of species we caught, this year we decided to track who caught the largest fish of the outing (as of Saturday night) and who caught the most. Congratulations to Carol Olewin with her personal best trout of 21” (see page 7) and also congratulations to Jud Cherry for catching the most fish (25 with his daughter Deighan included but personally about 15).

At the business meeting, I noted I was proud we could donate \$1,600 from 2019 fundraising to Casting for Recovery. I would like to share this thank you letter addressed to our club from Sherri Purselley from Eustace, TX, a recent CFR participant.

“Dear President Williams and the Texas Women Fly Fishers,
Thank you so much for your sponsorship of the Casting for Recovery retreat! I was an alternate who was chosen to attend the week before the retreat. I was not sure if I should attend.

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BRAZOS/NOLAN RIVER OUTING, Aquilla, TX – Outing March 20-22, 2020!

When: March 20-22, 2020

Where: Latham Springs Camp & Retreat Center, Aquilla, TX

Fishing Waters: Freshwater Brazos and Nolan Rivers

TWFF Outing Hosts: Paula Fink (Paula_Cadena@hotmail.com) and Doug Fink (djfink53@yahoo.com)

Contact Information: Carol Olewin (twffoutingcoordinator@yahoo.com)

Dinner and Mullet Mixer (no potluck): Friday night, 6:00-8 PM.

TWFF Outing Fee: \$10/person, this fee covers expenses the club incurs for outings, e.g., speaker,

Meals Fee: \$30/person — This covers Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast & dinner, and Sunday breakfast.

LODGING and MEALS: An all-inclusive outing at Latham Springs Camp & Retreat Center in Aquilla, TX. <http://www.lathamspings.com/>.

Options for lodging include hotel rooms, shared cabin, or RV park. Details for the lodging costs were provided in the outing notice sent January 26. Contact Paula Fink at Paula_Cadena@hotmail.com

TWFF Weekend Schedule

Friday – March 20

You can arrive at the camp as early as 10:00 a.m. Check-in will occur in our designated cabins adjacent to the meeting room (TBD later). You can move things into your accommodations and begin fishing the camp's lake or check out the river at Dick's Canoes on your own.

Friday Night Mullet Mixer: Dinner and Mullet Mixer 6:00-8:00 pm. Dinner in the dining hall (**NO POTLUCK, MEALS INCLUDED**). The Mullet Mixer/speaker will begin after dinner in the meeting room adjacent to the TWFF cabin (not the dining hall). Feel free to bring your own

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Message from the President (cont'd)

Due to severe osteoarthritis in my knees and the cancer treatments making me so weak. I was not sure I would be able to keep up with all the activities or stand long enough to fish. I decided I was chosen for a reason and should go anyway. I am so glad that I did! What an amazing experience!

The time spent with the other attendees opening up and sharing our stories was so beneficial! The connections we made and the friendships we built were bridges to healing! My river guide Joy was so awesome!!! She held my hand every step of the way! Once I stepped into the cool waters of the running creek with the leaves falling overhead, anything became possible! With the help of Joy and a walking stick, my experience became all that I could hope for and more! I gained so much strength and confidence through the encouragement and help of those at the retreat. By the time I left, I googled Dinosaur Valley Park which has been on my bucket list. When I found that it was so close, I had to push myself to go beyond my limits and go see it for myself! With the help of a walking stick and a stranger, I made it down into the river and saw the dinosaur tracks. I have been so blessed by the retreat. I took my confidence farther and went to Alaska for Christmas to see my son! Thanks so much!"

This is why we are proud sponsors of Casting for Recovery.
Tight lines, Dana



BRAZOS/NOLAN RIVER OUTING

March 20-22 (cont'd)

TWFF Weekend Schedule (cont'd)

Friday – March 20 (cont'd)

Bring your fishing gear to the mullet mixer, as we can fish after the presentation or go check out the Swap Meet at the TWFF Cabin. The presentation will be by Pat Vanek, owner of Bosque Valley Fly Fishing.

Saturday, March 21: Fishing

We'll eat breakfast at 8:00 AM in the dining hall, then head out at 9:00 AM for Dick's Canoes. This is for those who want to kayak/canoe or wade the Brazos River. There is a \$6 parking fee, which is paid directly to Dick's. Be sure to pack all your gear (paddle, life vest, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, water and fishing license and fly gear). Depending on temperatures that day, you can decide to bring waders or wet wade.

Saturday Dinner and Business Meeting 5:00-8 PM

Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Latham Springs is hosting a separate, larger group for dinner this same night, so they would like to serve us at 5:00 p.m. We'll start our TWFF Business Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room adjacent to the TWFF cabin.

Sunday:

Latham Springs will serve breakfast at 8:00 AM. Check out time is 10:00 AM. Feel free to continue fishing the camp's lakes or go back to the Brazos or Nolan Rivers. Fish away with your buds! It's better to not fish alone.

A Few Important Notes From the Camp:

Since this is a Christian camp, NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED ON THE PROPERTY. The contract specifically says anyone caught with alcohol must leave the premises immediately. We do not want to jeopardize our new relationship with the camp should we decide to come back in the future.

Pets are also not allowed.

Smoking is not allowed in the cabins or rooms, only in designated areas.

There are no refrigerators in the cabin or the motel rooms, so bring your coolers.

The camp has ice available for sale for \$2 a bag.

For those who choose to fish the camp's lake, you can use your kayak or float tube on the lake as long as you wear your flotation device. No wade fishing, but you can fish from the banks.

Casting - THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF FISHING. Practicing is the best way to improve your casting skills! Remember, even the experts practice their casting.

Saturday March 21: Moonrise 6:23AM, Moonset 5:24 PM. Moon will be in the Waning Crescent phase, low visibility. Sunrise ~7:30 AM, Sunset ~7:40 PM all weekend

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME—SUNDAY MARCH 8

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BRAZOS/NOLAN RIVER OUTING (cont'd)

Recommended Equipment and What to Bring:

- Texas Fishing License
- 5-8 wt rod, Leaders should be and line appropriate (3-4-5 wt) leaders to match tippet in 7-9 ft lengths, 3-5x tippet, bobbers or indicators, dry fly treatment (there are some huge bass in this area of the river) with either floating or sink tip line.
- Flies: an assortment of warm water flies such as clousers, wooly buggers, bass bugs, poppers, etc. They will be feeding top water as well as sub-surface. Anything white is usually irresistible to white bass.
- Forceps and line clippers
- **Whistle (for signaling that you are in trouble ONLY),**
- Sunscreen, bug repellent, etc.
- Long sleeved shirts, brimmed hat, polarized sunglasses
- Waders, socks. Dress in layers for weather changes.
- Wading boots, wading stick, and
- Net in anticipation of the catch!

Getting There: From Latham Springs

If using GPS, please use **HCR 2202 N, Aquilla, TX 76622**. This will lead you directly to our gates. The actual address will not work: **134 Private Road 223, Aquilla, TX**

Not familiar with white bass? They are fun fish to catch. Plus, when you catch one, there are usually many more nearby. They are a lot of fun to catch on a fly rod. March is usually an excellent month to catch white bass. Many old timers say "when the redbuds (or dogwoods) are blooming, the white bass are running." This old saying usually holds true. April and May can be good months too as this fish returns back down the river to the lakes in which they normally live.

Regulations: As Texas game fish, white bass can be harvested only with pole and line. The state-wide minimum length limit is 10 inches and the daily bag limit is 25 fish. For the most current regulations, check www.tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual

Cleaning and Cooking: White bass are excellent table fare if properly prepared. Mucus secreted from the backbone during cooking causes an off flavor; this can be eliminated by filleting each fish. In addition, the red-meat portion of each fillet should be removed. The two slabs of boneless fish thus obtained can be fried, baked, broiled, smoked, grilled or boiled.

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



Guadalupe Outing Recap (by Kathy Smart and Carol Olewin)

What a wonderful Guadalupe River winter outing in January 2020 – it was enjoyable to see everyone's smiling faces and the rainbow, brown and palomino trout photos! It was a fun-filled weekend with friendship, laughter, and spectacular fishing!!

About 33 members and guests attended our Trout Outing on the Guadalupe River the weekend of January 17, 18, and 19. It was a holiday weekend for some, so many were able to fish late. We are a family-oriented fishing group and are proud to have had two minor girls attend. We also welcomed four new members.



The Maricopa Lodge served as the main lodging location, sitting along the banks of the Guadalupe River. Fishing along the banks of the Maricopa Lodge proved to be productive, easy to wade, and easily accessible. Much to our delight and surprise, the bridge beside the Maricopa was the site of the GRTU (Guadalupe River Trout Unlimited) trout release at 9 am on Saturday morning. The Texas Youth Council was hosting the release. Kids and parents both carried tubs of trout to the river and then gently released them into the river. Some of us met at the Maricopa on Saturday morning to ensure everyone had a fishing buddy, were comfortable with basic rigging and knots and then off to the river! Some folks had booked 1/2 day or full day trips with guides, others waded. The fish we caught were beautiful as you can see from the photos! (Yes.....fattie alert!!)

The Friday night Mullet Mixer and Saturday evening dinner and meeting were held at the Canyon Lake Community Bldg off the Dam Rd. Although the weekend was cloudy and a little bit rainy, that didn't stop anyone from fishing. Rather, it made the fishing more productive since the fish couldn't see us as well.

The Mullet Mixer Friday evening was super fun. There was a lot of great food and the company and camaraderie were the best! Our speaker was Donovan Kypke from 'REELFLY' in Sattler. He shared a wealth of information. He talked about the history of Canyon Lake Dam and the Guadalupe River fishery. He also distributed some extremely valuable handouts that outlined different rigging options for the river, as well as information on reading the water and various fishing techniques used on the river. Donovan told us that trout prefer the water to be below 68 degrees and if they can find holes,



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Guadalupe Outing Recap (cont'd)

Saturday night's BBQ dinner was catered by Coopers BBQ from New Braunfels. Thank you to Britta Herbert for picking up the food and bringing it to the meeting. Dana Williams, President, led the business meeting where we elected Britta Hebert to another term as Treasurer, and adopted our 2020 Operating Budget. Adrienne Barnett led the raffle and silent auction while Marilyn Young sold TWFF merchandise. As always, our fly sales benefit Casting For Recovery.

After the Saturday night dinner and business meeting, folks relaxed on the back patio of the Mari-copa Lodge, around a fire pit and told long stories about the fish they caught or almost caught. Juanita Escamilla organized a campfire and s'mores for Saturday night and a great time was had by all!!!

A big thank you to the many people that helped make this outing a fun and safe event. Carol Olewin, Outing Coordinator, and Linda Leal, Outing Host, did the lion's share of the planning until Kathy Smart returned to Texas. Unfortunately, Linda broke her arm the weekend before the Outing and was unable to attend. So Kathy picked up the last remaining tasks. We all wish Linda the best for a speedy recovery! If anyone has an opportunity to host an outing, don't be nervous. Carol Olewin is our Outing Coordinator and did a great job of helping Kathy feel comfortable with her new 'hosting' role. In reality, this is a great group of folks who were all so helpful in chipping in to make this outing the great success it was!



Adrienne Barnett did a wonderful job on our fundraising efforts. She organized a silent auction with some spectacular prizes. One was a float trip for the Blanco, Guadalupe or San Marcos by Josh Crumpton of Spokehollow Outfitters in Wimberly. Happily, Carol Olewin and Kathy Smart will be splitting this trip and will keep everyone posted on the results! Jan Bates donated a beautiful pink 5 wt rod and reel set. Jan makes fly rods and is glad to share her knowledge about rod building and may even be available to lead a workshop on rod building. The rod was purchased for sweet little Kinley Gerhke, who was beyond excited to fish with it! There were some other packages of line and tippetts and T-shirts that were not bid on and will be saved for the next outing. Adrienne also organized a 'bucket raffle' with many fun giveaways. Both of these will benefit TWFF. Thank you Adrienne!



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Guadalupe Outing Recap (cont'd)



*My first TULFF outing!
Guadalupe 2020*

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Guadalupe Outing Recap (cont'd)



Calgary, Alberta for the trip of a lifetime!

New and enthusiastic member Cherie Mixon is seeking other TWFF members to join her on an Orvis (San Antonio) trip to Calgary (in Canada) this August. Cherie is getting back into fly fishing after 15 years away, and you can see she is going all the way with it! She has already been in touch with the Out Fly Fishing shop in Calgary that is guiding the trip, and she thinks it will be an exciting trip. Please contact Cherie Mixon directly at 210-852-5966 with any questions or if you want to go.

This is not a TWFF outing. However, we are providing information on opportunities for our members to go to different places to fish.

Fish in Calgary, Alberta for the trip of a lifetime! 6 days guided fly fishing for rainbow, brown and bull trout on some of the most beautiful water in Canada!

Where: - Delta Hotel, Calgary, Alberta

When: - August 8th -15th 2020

Cost: - \$2799 USD (double occupancy)

What's Included: 6 days guided fishing, \$40 per day meal voucher at hotel, lodging at Delta Hotel.



How do I sign up? - Call Out Fly Fish at 403-278-6331 and pay a 50% deposit.

For more info contact Orvis San Antonio, 210-812-3017, retail-sanantoniostr634@orvis.com

BEGINNER FLY FISHING, Kerrville, TX — April 4, 2020

Do you know anyone who has always wanted to learn fly fishing or maybe you just need a refresher course. Learn the basics with this Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's 3-hour course. All course materials and equipment will be provided. Items to be covered are casting techniques, equipment, rigging the rod, safety, aquatics, lure selection, basic fly tying, reading the water, knots, conservation and stream manners.

Members of the Hill Country Fly Fishing Club will assist in the instruction. A certificate and pin will be awarded to those completing the course. Come get acquainted with the sport of fly fishing. All students must be at least 16 years old to participate in class.

Course fee: \$35.00, cost covers use of facility and printed material. Reservations required.

Course date and start time: APRIL 4, 2020, 1-4 PM

Class size: 10

Location: THE DIETERT CENTER, 451 Guadalupe Street, Kerrville, TX

Contact: Dorothy Beene, Dietert Club Ed, 830-792-4044, www.clubed.net

INSTRUCTOR: Daniel Wheat

Certified Volunteer Fly Fishing Instructor. Texas Parks and Wildlife Angler Education. Assisted by members of the Hill Country Fly Fishers Club on the banks of the Guadalupe River.



2020 Texas Fly Fishing Related Events (by Capt. Stacy Lynn)

February

- **Dr. Ed Rizzolo Annual Fly Tying Festival** - Bethany Church on Westheimer Rd in Houston (historically)
February 8
Hosted by the Texas Fly Fishers
<https://texasflyfishers.org/annual-events/dr-ed-fly-tying-festival/>
(Pulls active fly fishers and FFI members, and Houston area CI's from E. Tx)

- **Troutfest** - Lazy L & L Campground on River Rd in Seattle's
February 21-23 Hosted by the Guadalupe River Chapter of Trout Unlimited (GRTU)
<https://www.grtu.org/troutfest/>
(TWFF will have a booth; held on the river; large event; well attended by new and active fly fishers, the local community, and FFI members and CI's; attendees from all over Tx; free admission; family friendly; vendors from all over Tx and out of state; education and entertainment elements; major fundraiser for GRTU)

March

- **Houston Fishing Show**—George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston
March 4-8
<https://www.houstonfishingshow.com/index.php>
(This is a conventional fishing and boating show with a fly fishing component and local fly club participation; well attended mostly by E. Tx community – especially on the weekend; small and large brand vendors and travel exhibitors; presentations)

- **Fly Fest** - Clear Fork of the Trinity River in Fort Worth
March 14
Hosted by the Tarantino Regional Water District (TRWD)
<https://trwdflyfest.com>
(Held on the river; large event; very well attended; free admission; family friendly; attendees from the Dallas & Ft Worth but also all over Tx; mostly area vendors but some from all over Tx and out of state; fishing tournament; education and entertainment elements; very professionally organized and executed by employees of TRWD)

- **Texas Fly Fishing & Brew Festival**
March 21–22
Plano Center in Plano
<http://txflyfishingfestival.org>



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May 1-3 - Nueces River, Camp Wood, TX. Bud Priddy Tournament May 2nd w/ Alamo Fly Fishers. Hosted by Beverly Gordon, Debbie Williams, and Merlyn Evans.

June 5-7 - "Texas Tried and True" in Hunt, TX - Host Karen Gebhart.

August 8-15 (unofficial TWFF outing) - Calgary, Alberta Canada with Cherie Mixon.

September 11-13 - Saltwater Texas Coast. Fishing organized by Capt. Stacy Lynn. [Need a logistics host.](#)

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

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.

.2020 TWFF Membership Report as of this February Publication

Please **renew your membership for 2020** if you have not done it already.

Here are the directions for online renewal:

- Go to TWFF.net
- Hit the tab for "Become a Member" (even if you are renewing)
- Complete the online form entirely, also **make sure your city and state** are added after your street address
- Click "submit", This will take you to second page for payment with credit card/pay pal.

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Other 2020 Events (cont'd)

Texas Fly Fishing & Brew Festival (cont'd)
(Held in a small convention-style facility; large event but not well attended; attended by new and active fly fishers, FFI members and CI's; attendees from across Tx; \$20 daily admission fee; family friendly; vendors from Tx and out of state; education and entertainment elements)

April

Fly Fish Texas

April 18, 2020

TPWD Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens
Hosted by Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD)

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/texas->

[freshwater-fisheries-](https://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/texas-freshwater-fisheries-center/Fly%20Fish%20Texas%202020)

[center/Fly%20Fish%20Texas%202020](https://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/texas-freshwater-fisheries-center/Fly%20Fish%20Texas%202020)

(Attended by mostly new fly fishers; presentations and education; free fishing; volunteers of active fly fishers and FFI members, and CI's from mostly E. Tx)

May

• **Flies & Flame Expo**

May 2

Location TBD

<https://www.austinflyanglers.com>

(This is a new event – 2020 will be the second year; mostly a local vendor and attendee event; not well attended - ?; we'll see how this show grows and matures)

• **Babes on the Bay Tournament**

May 15–16

Rockport

Hosted by Coastal Conservation Association-Texas

<https://www.babesonthebay.com>

(Women's tournament; largest fishing tournament on any coast; over 1,200 female anglers; vendor booths at event site; huge awards party; the fly fishing division was new in 2019)

October 16-17 - Octoberfisch. Junction, TX



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To pay by check:

Go to TWFF.net

Hit tab for "Become a Member" (even if you are renewing)

Highlighted area at top of this page – you can print the TWFF form

Complete the printed form

Mail to me with check: Julie Sieh, 426 Eagle Landing Dr, Belton, TX 76513

*After March 1st your name/email will be removed from the email list **AND** you will not receive further emails about upcoming events and activities. You will also lose access to TWFF GroupMe. We don't want you to miss out on all the great adventures coming up.*

The directory will be made up from active members on the roster as of March 1st and shared with the active member list via email. The directory allows members the fantastic opportunity to find other members they may want to contact for outings or small group outings. Unfortunately, we only formulate the directory once a year. If you are not an active member on March 1st you won't be on the roster even if you join later in the year.

There are currently a total of 73 memberships for 2020 including 40 individual memberships and 22 family memberships. Of these, there are 8 honorary memberships, 12 new memberships and 2 Casting for Recovery memberships (1 was a previous member).

Welcome to our new members for the 2020 membership year. The first four joined late last year but are pulled forward so to get a full year of membership: Paige Fish, Shirlene Chadick, Kim Bulta, Alexandra Huffman, Juan Shepperd, Beth Bierman, Susan Wells Jenevein, Cherie Mixon, a'Lisa McAnally, Jo Taylor, Julie Myhre, Daniel Nicole Rose, and Lisa Averbeck

Thank you for your support. Spread the word that membership in Texas Women Fly Fishers is awesome. Julie Sieh, TWFF VP-Membership

