MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our club is doing fine going into autumn and we look forward to getting on the water in cooler weather. Also, we continue to grow with over 67 new members since January. Paid membership stands at 209.

As of this writing, we have over $8500 still in the bank after paying the IFFF for our Charter, making initial contributions to our charities and having excellent paid speakers.

Our Board of Directors will continue to change, adding new ideas to better improve FWFF. In October we will finalize our nominations for each position, then vote in November for the new Board starting in 2015.

Our relationship with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department continues to evolve. Efforts to educate fly fishers in conjunction with TPWD outings has proven beneficial to all involved. And we are pleased that the TPWD Woman of the Year in Texas is our own Keira Quam. Not bad....

Tight lines to you all,
Bill Hodges

OUTINGS FOR 2014

**October 24 - 26** - Rockport and Aransas Pass This is a great time to be fishing Aransas Bay and Light House Lakes.

**November 1** - Conservation- Trinity Trash Pickup- River Park Clear Fork

**November 14 - 16** - Broken Bow- Trout

**December 5 - 7** - Blue River, Tishomingo, OK, Trout and Smallmouth

2015

**January 17 - 18** - TBD

**February 21-22** – Broken Bow – Trout

**March 21-22** – Upper Colorado River - Colorado Bend State Park -White Bass

**April 24-25** – Brazos Float trip below Whitney- Perch and Bass

**May 8-10** – Bill Ward’s Spring Outing- Perch and Bass

**May 29-31** – Destination Texas Fly Fishing Expo

**June** – TBD

**July 18-26** - Colorado Trip-Trout

**August** – TBD

**September 18-20** – Bill Ward’s – Perch and Bass Classic

**October 22-25** - Coast trip – checking tides. SeaTrout, Redfish etc

**November 13-14** – Broken Bow

**December 5-6** – Blue River

UPCOMING COAST OUTING

Read more on page 3.

WARD RANCH OUTING REPORT

Read more on page 6.
Autumn is finally here. Line up your rods, set up your tents and enjoy the best time of year on the water.

Jack Daniels Fishing Story

I went fishing this morning, but after a short time I ran out of worms.

Then I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in its mouth.

Frogs are good bass bait.

Knowing the snake couldn’t bite me with the frog in its mouth, I grabbed it right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. Its eyes rolled back, and it went limp.

I released the snake into the lake without incident and carried on fishing, using the frog.

Not long after, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that damn snake ... with two more frogs.

Life is good.

Again, some are just better at this than others.

Now that’s my kind of retirement!

Watch out for ticks while fly fishing along the banks. Be sure to check under your arms!
Outings Update

Rock Port and Aransas Pass - October 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th

This is a great time to be going to fish Aransas Bay and Light House Lakes. The tides are right and fish are moving around in their migration movements before winter. We have reserved a house on the Inter Coastal Water Way just across from Estes Flats. You can see it here: http://www.vrbo.com/606094

The house will sleep eight people (2 kitchen areas, 4 bdrms, 3.5 baths, 8 beds) for $375/nt plus tax and a $200 clean fee. The cleaning fee will be divided among all that stay at the house (~$20). Make your checks (preferred instead of cash) out to the FWFF. We can put some people on cots and make it 10 to 12. The house is filling up fast so secure your spot with a $50 deposit at the October meeting. There will also be a signup sheet.

This is always a good time with Red Fish Willies on Friday night and a CAJUN SHRIMP BOIL on Saturday night. The Shrimp Boil will be held at the house.

IMPORTANT!!! PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING TO ATTEND THE BOIL. We need to buy the supplies and the shrimp.

Check out the trail maps for Light House Lakes (just off the Port Aransas Causeway) at this website: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/boat/paddlingtrails/coastal/lighthouse_lakes/

Conservation- Trinity Trash Pickup- November 1

At River Park on the Clear Fork at the Bryant Irvin bridge.

9:00 am - Meet for trashing

Noon - Meet for pizza at Mama's Pizza: 5811 Bryant Irvin - 817-346-6262.

Call Bill Stewart - 817-875-2110 for information.
Kayak Story

During our drive home from the great Alaska trek, we were in the middle of Montana where it is flat-flat plains, badlands, and some wheat fields and Indian reservations (Blackfeet Tribe). The 2-lane road (US Route 2) was in good condition and we were able to tool along and pass some of the slower traffic because there weren't many vehicles out there.

So just west of a little town called Malta, mid-morning, Guy steps on it to pass an 18-wheeler, and as he does he hears a bump sound, but just thought it was something in the road. I was half-sleeping but remember passing the truck. We go on for about 40 more miles and pull over for a pit stop, and along comes the truck we had passed; he stops and says “You lost something off your roof when you passed me back there!” We look and the kayaks have disappeared, roof rack and all. The back cab window of the truck where the tailgate goes up is shattered and all the glass in a million pieces, and nothing is on the roof except 4 little stubs where the rack had been.

The kayaks were chained and locked to the roof rack so they went all-in-one. The trucker says as far as he knows, no one got hurt.

We dial 911 and the dispatcher says, “Oh, yes, the kayaks! The police are there, you should go back and meet them on the highway, in a ditch, a little west of town.” So we turn around and on the way back, the dispatcher calls us to say “Don't go all the way back, just come into the courthouse in town.”

We arrive at the courthouse in Malta and go inside where the dispatcher is sitting behind a glass window, and she says “The kayaks are gone.” We are dumbfounded. She gives us paperwork/reports to fill out, and where it gives a choice about something being damaged, stolen, or whatever I don't know what to check. She says, “Put that they were LOST.” The sheriff arrives and talks to her behind the glass where we can't hear, and then he comes out and says he's been looking for the kayaks 17 miles back and can't find them. He says there's a boundary to the Indian reservation 17 miles to the west, where he does not have jurisdiction, and he says it's likely that if it happened on the reservation, the people have taken the kayaks.

The dispatcher says, “I'm so sorry! It's all my fault!” and we say, “Why?”. And she says, “I gave you false hope.”

The sheriff does not encourage us to go back and look ourselves. The dispatcher says she got a call from someone driving a big wheat combine who saw it happen, but that she can't reach that person. I did not have the presence of mind to ask her why she didn't know the location of the combine. She's a 911 operator, for pity's sake!

So we finish filling out the forms, and I call our insurance agent and file our information, and then we go on our way, sans kayaks!

Is that not a VERY STRANGE event?? As we thought about it all day afterward we tried to imagine what had happened, and as far as we can figure, the sheriff probably did not tell us the whole truth. Might he have been part of the theft? Might he have watched the Indians haul the kayaks off and not told anyone? Why did the dispatcher tell us such a different story than what she said when we first called in? It's a mystery!

So that's our kayak story! We think we could make a novel or movie about it... a plot with Indians, a little Montana town with secrets, and Guy and I wouldn't even be the main characters, just victims of a scam...!

Our deductible will definitely not allow us to recoup much for the damage/loss, but we are grateful, in the larger scheme of things, that no one was hurt.

End of story ; )

Judy Groulx

P.S.

Last May getting ready to leave Fort Worth for Michigan and then Alaska, I installed the Yakima roof rack. Both roof rack bars are locked in place by latch and by key. Both kayaks are then put on the rack and strapped down at the front and back using the Yakima straps that I left too long so that I can tie a series of knots and figure 8 to ensure that nothing is going to move. The strap tying tangle is so tight that when I take the kayaks off the roof, I have to use pliers to untie them. Once it's all tied down, I then use security locking cables to lock the kayaks on the roof rack. Nothing was to go anywhere.

- Guy Groulx

Another P.S.

By the time we were in Montana, we had already carried the kayaks more than 10,000 miles, without incident. We had last taken them down and used them on Vancouver Island, B. C. and they were then strapped on and secured as before.

- Judy Groulx
Oktoberfisch

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Fishing the S. Llano River.
Ward Ranch Outing Report

In the seven years I have been a member of the FWFF, I cannot recall a better outing than last week’s Ward Ranch experience on September 26-27. The 11% of our membership who attended, 23, can only say to the others, “You shoulda been there”.

Highlights: the weather in the 80’s with a nice breeze, cool tent and RV camping, huge quantities of fish, great food, friendships made with new members, funny war stories, Bill Ward’s always entertaining presence with his sons, Roy, John and Clint... all the ingredients of a good time among friends doing what we do best: enjoying our sport amongst friends.

As usual with this outing, James Parker was first to arrive, followed by me. J.C. Cunningham showed up with his wonderful large octagonal canopy which provided lots of shade from the sun as well as the main gathering spot.

Bryce Bezant, Outings Director extraordinaire, set up the trip and brought most of the cooking supplies. James Parker again brought his RC airplanes, but this time with dual controls. Bill Ward’s son Roy and Bill Hodges had a blast flying the electric powered F-22. In short, James provided the entertainment for us all, especially his carrier landing attempt on the dock. As our Governor famously said, “Oops”.

The water-filled quarry at Bill’s ranch provides good size bass and perch, the latter of which mostly congregated around the rock island just off shore. Every third cast brought in anything from a baby gilly up to a palm sized bluegill. The biggest fish were caught at the large quarry just down the road from Ward’s ranch, or at Bill’s friend Kent’s place just south of Highway 84. Check out the pictures of Harold Hilley’s huge stringer (giant bass unshown), or James Parker’s large bass.

A fishing contest was in full swing. Those who anted up $5 in the kitty had a shot at the winnings:

BIG BASS

First Big Bass:
Upon review by the judges and authentication of a picture taken, the judge’s committee agrees that Joe Ashcraft did in fact hold the distinguished honor of “BIG BASS” at the Bill Ward Perch and Bass Classic. His catch was estimated to be 5.8 lb., 21 inches. Joe released this beautiful fish for further breeding of hogs like this one. The Ward rule was that bass bigger than 3 lbs should be released. ANY fish under three pounds were to be harvested for the fish fry.

Second Big Bass:
James Parker - 2.9 lb.

HEAVIEST 5 PERCH BASKET

First Place:
Harold Hilley - 2.33 lb.

Second Place:
Frank Huneycutt 1.3 lb.

Congrats to the winners.
Ward Ranch Outing- *Contd.*

The Saturday night fish fry was delicious, with more fish than we could handle. The breakfast burritos served each morning were well received (Hodges’ first attempt with the giant plowshare cooker that was welded into the Ward ranch wok).

Bill Ward is a fine friend of our club. He encourages us to use his place to fish and camp anytime. The waters around Mexia (pronounced Ma HAY a to you non-Texans) is teeming with largemouth bass and you should take advantage of Bill’s hospitality to share the experience we all had this weekend. However, please go through Bill Hodges who can set up a time with Bill. His number is 817-528-1157, or email him at president@fortworthflyfishers.org.

I am sure I speak for all who attended our best outing ever, and those unfortunate souls who regretted their absence, we shall return!

Bill Hodges

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**Catch Corner**

Member Lew Duckwall’s tiny little trout on the Lower Mountain Fork River near Broken Bow. Just can’t beat those Marines!

Nice Colorado Brown caught on Dale Smith’s 6- wt.
Casting for Recovery

FUNDRAISER EVENT

Save the Date
Saturday, October 25, 2014

Stop by for a local brew and support a great cause!!!

1:00 – 3:00 PM; Saturday, October 25th, 2014
Rahr & Sons Brewing Company, 701 Galveston Ave, Fort Worth 76104
$10 Entry Fee/Souvenir Pint Glass – 3 Refills

Rahr & Sons Brewing Company is hosting a FUNdraiser to benefit the North Texas Casting for Recovery Retreat, held November 14th–16th 2014. Come on by and taste the seasonal beers and participate in the CFR raffle. Local businesses’ generous donations will be raffled off and proceeds used to offset retreat costs. Items collected so far: Dirk Nowitzki autographed picture, Brahmans Hockey tickets, $20 Gourmet Gift Basket, Blue Sushi Sake Grill and Rosas Café gift cards, admission tickets to Theatre Arlington, Casa Manana, Billy Bobs Texas, Arlington Improv Comedy Club, Stockyards Championship Rodeo, Ripley’s Believe It or Not, Four Day Weekend, Scarborough Faire, Medieval Times, Fort Worth Museum of Science & History, Fort Worth Zoo, Dallas Arboretum, Fly Fishing lesson, Area Stream Guided Fly Fishing Trip and more coming from Cabela’s, the Dallas Stars, Texas Rangers and Chadra Mezza & Grill.

For 18 years, Casting for Recovery, a national 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, has been the leader in providing opportunities for breast cancer survivors to enhance their quality of life. Its visionary program model, with a focus on survivorship issues, was developed long before other cancer recovery organizations. Casting for Recovery knew, based on personal testimony and participant evaluations, that the 2½ day retreats present life-changing opportunities to these women. Annual retreats are held across the country, providing support and education for 14 women in any stage of breast cancer, while introducing them to fly fishing.

For more information, call Kelli Trostel 817 907-2661 or visit www.castingforrecovery.org
Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from all forms of cancer. Combining expert fly-fishing instruction with directed “courageous conversations”, the organization offers a unique experience for men coping with cancer, a time to share their stories; learn a new skill, form friendships and gain renewed hope as they confront the challenges of their recovery.

Retreats are conducted over a two-and-a-half day period at a fly-fishing facility/lodge with onsite or nearby fishing access. **All meals, lodging and fly-fishing equipment are provided at no cost to the participants.** Retreats are led by professional facilitators and expert fly-fishing instructors. A maximum of 12-14 men are invited to participate, to ensure the quality of the instruction and to create a powerful small-group dynamic.

**GOALS**

- **Provide a safe, reflective environment** for the participants to discuss their disease and recovery with other men with shared experiences, thereby providing support and information to help them in their recovery.
- **Provide expert fly-fishing instruction** that enables the participants to learn a new skill, form a healing connection with nature, and participate in a sport they can continue throughout their recovery and lifetime.
- **Provide participants information about cancer-related resources**, both in the local community and nationally to facilitate networking and enhanced management of their recovery.

*If you would like to be a participant, volunteer, or make a donation please contact us.*

National: Toll Free 800-699-4490  [www.reelrecovery.org](http://www.reelrecovery.org)  info@reelrecovery.org

Texas: 817-894-7832 Mike Emerson  mgemerson1944@gmail.com  [www.texasreelrecovery.org](http://www.texasreelrecovery.org)

Oklahoma: 405-808-7116 Martin Weaver  okieflier@att.net
Club, what an exciting way to end the year. Our last two speakers will really help us understand how to fish more and better in Texas.

In October Timothy Birdsong from Texas Parks and Wildlife will be joining us. Timothy will be informing us about access on Texas Rivers, and the partnership with the Texas Council on the TP&WD lease access program. Texas has many access points for anglers to use, with new sites being explored and developed. Currently TP&WD has 3 new river access sites, and looking for an additional 10 more.

Timothy is also involved with SARP. The Southeast Aquatics Resource Partnership. This non profit group is working with TP&WD, along with the Texas Council to promote bass fishing, and to grow and conserve our bass and bass waters. Together these three organizations will help us enjoy better fishing days ahead.

In November, Chris Johnson will be coming back to discuss trout fishing on the Guadalupe River. Trout fishing on the Guad can be tough, but Chris seems to have broken the secret on how to successfully catch trout on one of Texas’s famous rivers.

Chris is the owner of my favorite fly shop that resides in Round Rock, Texas. Living Waters Fly Shop. Chris’s shop was voted as the Top Fly Shop in the nation by the IFFF. Chris’s techniques will greatly help your chances of hooking up on a beautiful rainbow.

Don’t miss the chance to see these two great speakers. Hope to see you there.

Russell Husted
Speakers Chairman Fort Worth Fly Fishers
TIP OF THE MONTH

Fishing Dirty

Dirty water should prompt you to do two things with your fly selection: go bigger and go brighter. A little flash and a little more profile are usually all you need to turn the fish on.

From The Little Red Book of Fly Fishing

Bill Hodges

Member Ralph Simmans is relocating to Ruidoso, NM to assume the Presidency of Pioneer Bank. On September 23, his fellow Board members presented Ralph with this fly to thank him for his service with the club. The Evening Star was a favorite salmon fly in mid nineteenth century Britain. Ralph will be missed!

Fly of the Month — Ultra Shrimp

By Bob Popovics

Hook: #2/0 – 04 Tiemco 8115
Thread: Clear UNI Mono or Tan UTC 140
Mouth: Shrimp Slinky Fiber
Eyes: Black EP Crab Shrimp Eyes
Flash: Pearl Krystal Flash
Legs: Tan or Natural Brown Strung Saddle Hackle
Back: Shrimp Slinky Fiber
Head: Thick Loon UV Fly Finish

Tying Instructions: