MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have already had several successful events this year and there are many more planned. Please make arrangements to attend one or ALL, if you need help or have any questions please email me or one of our board members.

Last Month Steven Woodcock gave a very informative talk on fly fishing Alaska. We had a record “almost” crowd to hear Steven, we were all impressed with the turnout and look forward to see you all at the rest of our meetings.

This is the time of year that all of you should have renewed your memberships for the year, if you haven't please do so at the meeting this coming Tuesday, March 3. PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT WE CAN PROCESS YOUR PAYMENT BEFORE THE MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 PM.

There are several exciting developments we will see in the VERY near future. We will have our first “Local” fishing event on Saturday, March 7, 2015 led by Les Jackson, if you are interested please call me at 214-679-2682 or Email me. We need some of our more experienced members to come and help with the program as we have many who have expressed a desire to attend. The second thing you will see is that our May Meeting will be dedicated to our first “Skill/Learning” event. More details will be announced in the near future.

Needless to say our Auction will be held on April 28, 2015. Please note the notification in this Newsletter.

ACTION AREAS THE BOARD IS CURRENTLY FOCUSING ON: We are initiating a program in which we are going to contact you to assist in several of our programs, we can do this in one of two ways, you volunteer and or we ask you. Either way is acceptable to me. The following programs that we are currently pursuing and need assistance from the membership are as follows:

MONTHLY MEETINGS
Learning Station Coordinator: Stations for our monthly
Message from the President- Contd.

meetings to enhance advancement of specific skills. Door prize drawing coordinator for each meeting: Select prize and give out tickets and award prize.

OUTINGS Coordinator for our “local” fishing outings: Coordinator shall make sure we have enough equipment for our outings, attendance at each outing is not required just have the event “covered”.

EDUCATING/TEACHING Coordinator to explore ways to help our more “experienced” fisherman “Mentors” become more accessible at our meetings and local events.

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT Coordinator to help ramp up our efforts to attract the youth and women fisher’s to our club, sport and activities.

NEWSLETTER /SOCIAL MEDIA Coordinator to ask for and obtain written articles and photographs for our “social media” and Newsletter publications. THIS IS ALL OF US “ALL THE MEMBERS” YOUR WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS AND PICTURES OF YOUR FISHING RELATED EXPERIENCES WILL GO A LONG WAY TO MAKE THIS A REAL SUCCESSFUL. Please send information to me and Mike Mendez so we can put your material in it’s the appropriate place.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES Rod building class coordinator: Organize rod building classes as interest is expressed. Organizer/Coordinator to plan organized events with our regional clubs (Dallas, Red River and Waco)! This is a long range effort.

AUCTION/ RAFFLE /FUND RAISERS Community involvement Coordinator: Find and implement ways to include the “community” in our events, especially our fund raising events. This also means attracting a wider demographic to attend our Auction. The more we have the better exposure of who we are and what we do, not to mention possible generating more sales at our auction.

CHRISTMAS PARTY Committee of three to help explore ways to include more of our members in this end of year celebration.

SPECIAL PROJECTS Coordinator to help create a yearly “fair” of learning, this may be in place of a meeting OR could be a Saturday community event. This will showcase tying, casting, knot tying, casting techniques, fly rod selection (Fiberglas, graphite, bamboo, etc), entomology, kayak skills, rod building, fly line selection, fish species fishing habitat, river/lake/pond reading, and many more, you name it.

Coordinator and Committee of three to develop reach out to “Steve Harvey’s organization” and offer assistance to his “Father’s Day” event for the under privileged. Rick Haness, first volunteer, need at least 2 others.

Coordinator to explore our involvement with a “Partner” club in one of the other Councils in the United States.

Coordinator to implement our adopt a river program!! Brazos and Trinity Rivers

EDUCATION Assistant coordinator to help plan and man our Education events. One being Fly Fish Texas another will be to assist and help at our “casting” meeting.

FINAL NOTE Coordinator to develop a program/system make some of our equipment available for members to use!

As you can see WE still need YOU, YOUR club needs you! Please step forward and help. The more of you that volunteer the more our club benefits.

Let’s be a GREAT club and have FUN!

Rick Haness
President, Fort Worth Fly Fishers

COME FLY WITH US!
The annual auction is the primary fundraising event for the Fort Worth Fly Fishers, a non-profit club active in the Fort Worth and surrounding communities. We actively support numerous charities, including those listed below. With a focus on education, conservation and community we spend time educating others about the art of fly fishing and the preservation of our natural resources for all to enjoy.

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For more information and a list of supporters visit our website!

www.fortworthflyfishers.org
March Outing – March 28th, Lake Athens Texas
The outing for March will be a combined event with the Dallas Fly Fishers at Lake Athens Marina and RV Park, 5401 Marina Drive Athens Texas 75752 (see below) on March 28th. We will gather at the marina’s ramp about 7:30 am. You will need some kind of watercraft in order to fish the lake. There will be a few motorboats that will host shuttles to various parts of the lake for the kayak and canoes. Another option for those without a watercraft is to fish the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center that is located adjacent to the lake. Lunch will be served at ~1:00 pm and is provided by the Dallas Club at no charge, however, a donation to help with the cost will be appreciated by DFF. You may want to drive over to Athens Friday night and stay in a local hotel and stay through Sunday. Please sign-up at the club meeting on March 3rd or email Bryce Bezant rbbezant@gmail.com. We will need to RSVP to Johnny Martinez with the number of folks from our club so that they can start planning for food and shuttle service at least two weeks before the event. There is no cost for this outing.

Outing Report

The Dallas Fly Fishers invite you to fish with us at our 1st Annual Lake Athens Fish Fest

• On Saturday, March 28th, 2015 join the Dallas Fly Fishers for a day of fly fishing, fun and fellowship.
• Fishing begins at Daybreak and we’ll meet up for lunch at 1pm.
• Lake Athens is a 1799 acre lake with clear water with healthy vegetation and structure Athens produced two Sharelunkers last season.
• Some of our members have caught some nice Largemouth Bass and Bluegills up to 11.5 inches weighing over a pound. Other species in the lake are Crappie, Spotted Bass, Gar and Catfish.
• Some recommended flies and lures are Wooly Buggers, Leach Patterns, Clouser Minnows, Cap Spiders, and Dead Head Minnows on floating or sinking lines.
• Lake Athens offers very little bank access so a water craft is recommended. We are organizing shuttle service for kayaks and kickboats to expand your fishing area and back seat rides for those who don’t have boats but want to fish (limited...so first come, first served).
• If you have a boat and would like to host guest fisher please let us know.
• Please begin to RSVP if your are coming and what kind of watercraft you have.
• Look for more details to come.
• Visit us a our next monthly meet at the Wyndham suites, on Alpha Road or find us on Facebook or at dallasflyfishers.org.

For more info or to RSVP, message us on Facebook or contact Johnny Martinez at johnny2448@gmail.com or 972 697 7096
Let's Go Fishing!
Outing Report - Contd.

April Outing – Brazos River Float Trip – April 24th and 25th.
For those with a sense of adventure and roughing it, the club will take an overnight kayak and/or canoe trip down the Brazos River. The excursion will be from Dicks on the Brazos below Lake Whitney and camping at the TPWD overnight primitive camping site. It is about a four mile trip with some good fishing along the way. If water conditions are right, we can continue down stream to the TPWD Brazos River access/take out (getting mileage for that stage).

Don’t have a kayak or canoe?
Call Richard (soon! He books big groups this time of year.) who owns Dicks Canoe Rentals on the Brazos for rentals (see below). Cost is $60 for an Old Town canoe or double kayak and $32 for a single kayak. There is a $6.00 launch fee at Dick’s and you will have to haul your boat down a hill. We will have shuttle service back to Dicks on Sunday if we decide to go to the pull out. Dicks is located on Hwy 2114 where it crosses the Brazos River- 254.622.8364

This will be fishing primarily for Large Mouth Bass and Perch. April is when the bass are nesting and they become very aggressive. A 6wt to 8wt rod is probably what you will want to use with poppers, streamers and things that imitate those plastic worm-a-ma-gigs that those insane Bass Fishermen use.

Cabela’s Fort Worth
10th Annual Kidsfest

June 13

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for Fort Worth’s largest family outdoor event on June 13 from 9 am – 3 pm. This year’s event will be bigger and better than ever as the U.S. Sportsman Alliance Trailblazer Family Outdoor Adventure Day will be incorporated into the event.

Please let us know if you will be joining us and we will send more details as we get closer. We ask that your organization provide some type of educational or interactive “outdoor” activity, giveaway or information for the families who attend Kids Fest so we can carry on the legacy of families spending time together in the great outdoors for generations to come. Community tie ins are great too like fire trucks or police horse units that show the kids how important these are to our communities and families.

Tracy L. Doty
Retail Marketing Manager, Cabela’s Fort Worth

Fly Fish Texas

March 14, 2015 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Anglers from novice to expert will gather at TFFC to celebrate the sport of fly-fishing. Learn the basics of tying and casting, then fish for rainbow trout in our on-site ponds and streams. Attend seminars and demonstrations led by fly-fishing professionals. Visit with vendors of fly-fishing services and equipment.

Fly-fishing clubs from across Texas will be on hand to help anyone who wants to learn or improve existing skills. Equipment will be provided for casting classes, but participants are welcome to bring their own gear.

Check the links below for details on seminars and presenters. All activities are free with regular admission to TFFC.

Fort Worth Fly Fishers Local Outing

Featuring beginner class Fly Fishing 101
When: March 7th
Where: Southwest Nature Preserve

Contact: Les Jackson (817) 253-0943. keebranch@yahoo.com

Although we are hoping to see novice fly fisherman at the local outings, these get together will have fisherman of all ranks and file. If you have never fly fished, never bought a pair of waders, perhaps not owned a fly rod, we want you to join us on Saturday March 7 at the Southwest Nature Preserve in Arlington Texas at 9:00 am. Once we have gathered all together your host, Les Jackson will make a brief introduction on the lake access and assign fishing partners. If you are new to our sport you will be assigned a fishing partner to help you learn to how to make easy casts and hook ups with warm water species of fish such as green sunfish, blue gills, and largemouth bass inhabiting the two park lakes.

Our primary objective with Fly Fish 101 will be to help introduce you to the basics. A mentor (fishing partner) will stay with you until you feel comfortable with making a basic pick up and laydown cast, stripping line, setting the hook, and most importantly landing a fish. We know some times folks have gear but don't know how to properly use it so bring it – we will help you rig it up. If you don't yet own any tackle we will have all you need on hand to learn. Feel free to ask questions - that's why we're here to walk you through this.
Giving. Learning. Living.

Founded in 1996, Casting for Recovery provides free retreats for women with breast cancer with a focus on improving quality of life through the therapeutic sport of fly fishing.

Supported entirely by donations and a team of over 1600 volunteers nationwide, CfR currently offers 42 retreats across the country, serving nearly 600 women each year. Your generous help makes it possible to enrich the lives of women with breast cancer.

802.362.9181
info@castingforrecovery.org

Casting for Recovery is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
Photo: lorinromneyphotography.com
Casting for Recovery’s mission is to enhance the quality of life of women with breast cancer through a unique program that combines breast cancer education and peer support with the therapeutic sport of fly fishing. The retreats offer opportunities for women to:

- find inspiration
- discover renewed energy for life
- experience healing connections with other women & with nature

To submit your name for a chance to participate in this retreat

Apply online at [www.castingforrecovery.org](http://www.castingforrecovery.org) by the July 31, 2015 deadline. CfR must receive your application by this date.

If you do not have access to the internet, please mail or fax this form— to be received by CfR before the above deadline to Casting for Recovery ▪ PO Box 1123 ▪ Manchester, VT 05254 Fax 802.362.9182 ▪ Telephone 888.553.3500 ▪ Email info@castingforrecovery.org

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All Fish All Waters

Texas Fly Fishing Expo 2015

May 29-31, 2015
New Braunfels, TX
Civic Convention Center

Demonstrations • Workshops • Presentations
Exhibits • Shopping • Youth Activities • And More!

The Texas Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers represent all aspects of fly fishing from the art of casting instruction and fly tying, to the protection of our fisheries. Formed in 2012, the Texas Council unified the fly fishing clubs in this great state to promote and protect the sport and waterways.

www.txflyfishexpo.com
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  info@reelrecovery.org
Texas: 817-894-7832 Mike Emerson  mgemerson1944@gmail.com  www.texasreelrecovery.org
Oklahoma: 405-808-7116 Martin Weaver  okiefler@att.net
Tying News From The International Federation of Fly Fishers

The IFFF has recently implemented a fly tying skill award program. The program consists of three levels of merit: Gold, Silver, and Bronze. The Bronze level requirements are in place at this date. The Silver and Gold are under construction.

For the Bronze level tiers are required to present to an IFFF certified evaluator three examples of the five required patterns as well as three examples of each of three patterns of the tiers choice. The flies will be examined for accuracy, proportion, and consistency. The tier must also convey that he or she also has a working knowledge of the tools and materials used to tie the selected patterns.

The patterns to be tied for the Bronze level are the Grey Goose Midge Emerger, Dry Pheasant Tail Variant, Orange Partridge Soft Hackle, Wooly Bugger, and the Gold Ribbed Hare’s Ear Nymph. The Bronze Award evaluators in our area are Fred DuPre’ and Jere Anderson who are members of the Dallas Fly Fishers. The cost of evaluation is $30.00.

For more information, submission forms and a full outline of the program please visit www.fedflyfishers.org. Click on the tying header. It also features detailed written, photographic, and video tutorials of the patterns mentioned above. In the future a member of the Fort Worth Fly Fishers may consider becoming an evaluator in this program. There is information on the IFFF tying page regarding this. Who will be the first FWFF to achieve Bronze? It could be you!

Mark Kolanowski
FWFF Tying Coordinator

Tip of the Month

Mend, Don’t Cast

When fishing weighted nymphs, the best cast is the one you don’t make. If it takes your fly five seconds to sink to the bottom, and you cast every five seconds, the fish will never see your fly. Extend the drift by mending instead of making another cast.

Bill Hodges

Broken Bow

Caught two of these 15 inchers in 5 minutes.

Feeding the Evening Hole mooch, Darrel the Dear, in Beaver’s Bend
March Speaker- Rex Walker

Rex Walker is an IFFF Certified Casting Instructor, a member of TFO Rod’s Pro Staff, and he is the casting instructor for the Dallas Fly Fishers and the Red River Fly Fishers.

Rex’s presentation will cover fly line differences and selection. There is a wide variety of fly line types and designs available to today’s fly fishers. Rex will explain these differences to help you select the best fly line for your fishing conditions, so that you can catch more fish.

Come listen to Rex speak to the club at 7PM on March 3rd.

Local Fly Tying Events

One of the best ways to improve and learn new tying skills as well as make new friends is to attend one of the tying events held in our area on a weekly basis. If you are a seasoned and experienced tyer, many of us would be glad to learn a new pattern or technique from you. If you are new to the whole mystifying ordeal of putting thread and feathers on a hook, do not be intimidated. Come and watch, enjoy a cold one, and catch up on recent fishing reports. If you would like to try your hands at fly tying, no investment is needed, plenty of our club members have an extra vise and necessary tools to get you started. Try before you buy....

Fort Worth

Backwoods:
2727 W. 7th St.
Fort Worth TX 76107
817-332-2423
Wednesday nights @ 7pm
Call ahead for details and information.

Stephen Woodcock is the Backwoods fly fishing manager and go to guy for all your fly fishing needs. Stephen was instrumental in getting my fly tying off to a good start a few years ago. He was kind enough to loan me a vise and tools at a Wednesday night tie session. He didn’t laugh to loud when I put my dumbbell eyes on the wrong side of the hook and then had to show me how to whip finish at least a dozen times! Backwoods fly tie nights are well attended with lots of knowledgeable tyers that are willing to help and share.

Arlington

Cafe Acapulco:
4001W. Green Oaks Blvd. Suite 121
Arlington TX 76016
817-483-4171
Thursday nights: Dinner and drinks @ 5:15-5:30 pm
Tying starts @ 6:30 pm

This group is growing in attendance. Usually headed up by FWFF members Les Jackson and Mike McCorkhill. We enjoy the Mexican cuisine and cold drinks served by Lynda before making the fur, feathers and lies fly. If you don’t mind a bit of rabbit fur in your salsa or peacock herl in your PBR come join us!

Our Local Cabela’s 817-337-2400 and Bass Pro Shops 972-724-2018 have in the past hosted fly tying sessions. Contact their fly fishing departments for details.
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Resources and Fun Stuff

Website: [www.ginkandgasoline.com](http://www.ginkandgasoline.com). You might have seen the Scientific Anglers ad for Sharkwave fly lines with a U-Haul pulling a drift boat down a dusty road on the way to some trout Valhalla. That's Louis Cahill and Kent Klewein living the life. Kent is a full time guide and owner of Reel Job Fishing. Louis is a renowned advertising photographer. These guys have put together a great website with solid information, a weekly blog newsletter and lots of current content with outstanding photography. One article I enjoyed was about saving money on road trips. The idea of renting a U-Haul? It makes for a great rolling base camp that sleeps four with plenty of room for gear and wet waders! Consider whether you mention this aspect of your move to the U-Haul booking agent. Subscribing to the blog is free and puts their latest news right into your inbox.

Fly of the Month

**Cable Tie Craw**

Original Pattern by Tim Flagler / Bill Ninke

Tied by FWFF Seth Lewis

- **Hook**: # 6 Streamer w/45 degree bend / Bead 5/32 Brass
- **Wire**: .015 Lead Free / Thread: .140 Brown or Olive
- **Eye & Stem**: 4” cable tie & Glass Micro Rattle 3mm
- **Dubbing**: Brown or Olive Rabbit / Claws: Pine Squirrel Zeonkers
- **Antennae**: Black and Pearl Krystal Flash
- **Hackle**: Brown or Olive Hen / Tail: Brown Hen or Partridge
- **Glue & Finish**: Zap a Gap & Sally Hansens Hard as Nails
- **Black Sharpe** used to make eyes on Micro Rattle

**Onine Video Tutorial**: Tim Flaglers Tightline Productions

[www.vimeo.com/114126157](http://www.vimeo.com/114126157)

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Crawfish are a preferred food of most predatory fish species. Crawfish when available are valued for their high protein content and make for a substantial meal. This fly pattern mimics all of the crawfishes body parts with claws, antennae, legs, and tail. With the addition of the glass rattle eyes the Cable Tie Craw also adds the element of sound. The rattles mimic the clicking sound that a crayfish makes and will help fish locate your fly in stained or murky water. Seth Lewis has had success fishing this pattern on some of our local creeks and rivers around Fort Worth. Look for Seth to be doing a tying demo of this pattern at the March meeting of the FWFF. Stop by the tying table and see how this unique and effective pattern is tied. Recipe cards will be available. For a detailed on line video tutorial visit Tim Flagler's Tightline Productions. [www.vimeo.com/114126157](http://www.vimeo.com/114126157).

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Mark Kolanowski
FWFF Tying Coordinator

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Book: Carp On The Fly by Barry Reynolds, Brad Befus, and John Berryman. Probably the first book devoted exclusively to catching carp with a fly rod. No excuses here! I'm a carp hunter that practices CPR (catch, photograph, release). Carp are widely available, wary, strong, and at times will actually eat a well presented fly and then explode upon hooking them in shallow water. At some point you begin to wonder if your fly line to backing knot is intact and well tied. Sight fishing combined with stalking at its best! This book got me started in pursuing the elusive "Golden Bones". The pages of my edition of Carp on the Fly are well worn. It has a place on my book shelf next to Ozzy's Diary of a Madman LP.

Streamsise Tool: Scissors. These might be a older pair of retired tying scissors or one of the small titanium carbide types suitable for cutting braided fishing lines. They come in handy for clipping your fly free from that bush or tree I always manage to catch on an errant back cast. They can be used to quickly modify a bushy dry fly into an emerger. Free yourself from that old trot line you waded into. Hang a pair on your zinger.

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