

## San Gabriel Flyfishers August Newsletter

# *News from the President*

Hello fellow fly fishermen,

Our August meeting is this Thursday the 7th. Our program this month will be Jim Gray sharing his new presentation on the Colorado River. This is similar to the one he has on the Llano River and will be very interesting and informative. Jim is the current President of the Austin Fly Fishers and is a regular guest and supporter of our club. If you want to learn the basics on fishing the Colorado river don't miss this meeting!

Remember that July was the start of our "new year" for membership during 2014-2015 and here is Richard's update on membership:

[Report of the SGFF membership by Richard](#)

Change in SGFF membership dues for 2014-2015:

Member is \$25, Family is \$30, Youth is \$5

Bring your check to the SGFF meeting or mail your membership check to: PO Box 1366, Georgetown, TX78627

The SGFF membership total for 2013-2014 total was 42. So far since last meeting we have 28 paid members for 2014/2015 and 18 members who paid last year but have not yet paid for this upcoming year. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so. We want to be able to fund the activities of the club!

There will be a " FFF TFO Fly Rod Raffle for the SGFF paid membership"  
Starting 3 Jul SGFF meeting to the Dec SGFF meeting.

**FFF TFO Fly Rod Raffle Rules:**

Rule 1: SGflyfishers member (dues paid up) will get one raffle ticket for each sanctioned SGflyfisher club event attended, Jul-Dec, (i.e., meeting, fishing outing, or other club event)

Rule 2: The SGflyfisher member will print their name and telephone number on the ticket. This ticket will be put in the raffle container.

Rule 3: The raffle drawing will be held at the SGflyfishers meeting in Dec 2014. The SGflyfisher member need not be present to win.

Don't forget if you are on the regular Texas Fishing License schedule you will need to purchase a new license Sept 1.

Our July outing was our annual "One Fly" tournament August 2 (technically still in our July window), at Steve Doering's lake. The weather was unbelievably great for August! Overcast, a slight breeze, and it was only 82 degrees when we stopped fishing and ate Bar-b-Q for lunch! Don chose wisely for the date! Thanks to Don and Pat Carlson and Randy Johnson for heading up a great event. We had 20 in attendance. Don Johnson caught the most fish and Al Desjardin caught the largest fish! Al most graciously donated his \$50 gift certificate back to the club for future use-thanks to Al for his support of the club!

Thanks to Don and Pat Carlson, Don Johnson, Bruce Moring, Richard McIntyre, and George Kimmel for helping clean out weeds at Berry Springs Park. These guys answered the call for help from Susan Blackledge and here is her response:

"Thank you, thank you, thank you. The guys and Pat were awesome. We had a great time as well and really accomplished a lot. We may be doing this again on Wed. Aug. 13th. I have the Juvenile Services kids again and if the pond is still flowing we will hit it again. We will have a lot of compost made from this project for the spring if any body wants some."

Thanks to everyone who entered our fly rod and reel raffle with the proceeds going to

"Reel Recovery" and "Casting for Recovery". We finally ended up netting \$435 over our cost! That was great work for two worthwhile organizations.

Brooks has started another intermediate fly tying class. The last class was a great success and this one should be just as good. We have 5 students meeting on Tuesday nights.

Look on our website at the "Outings" page and the "Photo Gallery" to catch up on the recent outings, and don't forget to send Don Johnson your fishing reports so he can put them on the website.

Work on our "mentoring" or "buddy" program whereby a current member will be assigned to help acclimate a new member when they join is proceeding nicely. We are putting together the guidelines so both the current member and the new member know what to expect, and we hope each of you will consider participating to help bring our new members on board and make them feel welcome. If you would like to have a "mentor" help you get acclimated to a fly fishing or fly tying activity, contact Randy Johnson, Richard McIntyre, or myself and we will get you paired up.

Along the subject of learning more about fly fishing, Jim Gray of the Austin Fly Fishers has invited all area fly fishermen (and women) to attend the Austin Fly Fishers Club meeting on August 21 for an educational opportunity. Here is the information from Jim:

"There will be casting tutorials outdoors, and we will have a dozen or so tables set up inside, each teaching a fly fishing skill. There will be fly tying, rigging demonstrations, fly casting (outdoors), tenkara, leader building, wire weed guard construction, etc. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers (while they last). There is no charge, we just want to get together and talk fly fishing. Please pass our invite on to your officers and members.

Logistics - we will meet from 6 - 9 PM on August 21 at the at The Northwest Recreation Center, 2912 Northland Dr (aka FM 2222), Austin Texas".

I think that about covers it and I hope to see each of you at the meeting Thursday night!

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