

San Gabriel Flyfishers July Newsletter
News from the President
Hello fellow fly fishermen,

Our July meeting is this Thursday the 3rd. The Fly Fish Texas expo in New Braunfels was a success and was pretty well attended for the first expo in a while. Thanks go out to Chris Turner, Brooks Bouldin, Don Carlson, Don Johnson, and Richard McIntyre for helping to "man our booth". We were able to sell a few more tickets for our rod and reel raffle this Thursday. And, of course, Bill Adams always pitches in to cover for us along with his Project Healing Waters booth. There were a lot of good classes and activities in fly casting, fly tying, and local areas of interest with information from area experts.

Speaking of the rod raffle, our ticket sales have been a bit disappointing so far. After the Expo weekend we had only sold \$190 worth of tickets. Remember, we purchased a \$200 gift certificate from Living Waters fly shop to go along with the TFO rod of your choice that was donated by Brooks Bouldin after he received it from Project Healing Waters for being the volunteer of the year. Chris Johnson and Matt have been helping us by selling tickets to the raffle at the shop in Round Rock, but we really need to step it up at the meeting to make the raffle worthwhile. We have dedicated all of the profits (of which there were NONE a couple of weeks ago) to go to our annual contributions to Casting for Recovery and Reel Recovery. These are programs to help both women and men recovering from cancer through fly fishing activities. In the past we have typically tried to sponsor a person for each program. That is \$700 for just the Reel Recovery. I certainly believe our group can do better than what we have done to date, considering we now have 42 paid members. To "prime the pump" I am personally buying \$40 worth of raffle tickets and considering this my donation to each of these excellent life changing programs. If I actually win the raffle that will just be a bonus! I would just ask that each of you consider what you might be able to contribute to these great causes. The leadership council has agreed that we will not have a fly raffle this month and only have the rod and reel raffle to maximize our contribution. Please join me in this endeavor.

I understand the Broken Bow outing was a great success and we had at least 14 in attendance. Chris Johnson did a great job of tutoring the group on the water and everyone had a super outing. Because of the obvious interest in this fishery, our program this month will be on the Lower Mountain Fork River. Chris Johnson will be presenting information on the fishery and outing, and we would like for those who went to come prepared to share some of your experiences with the rest of the group. This can be an interactive educational program where the club members are actually part of the presentation. It is a real asset having Chris as an active leader in our club!

July is 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

The SGFF membership for 2014-2015 has already 8 paid members

The SGFF has 14 credits from the FFF for a TFO fly rod.

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.

Our July outing is tentatively planned to be the annual "One Fly" tournament scheduled to be August 2
(technically still in our July window), at Steve Doering's lake. Hopefully the details will be worked out
and we will have a sign-up sheet along with information at the meeting Thursday night.

Brooks is ready to start another intermediate fly tying class. The last class was a great success and
this one should be just as good. We will be limiting this class size to 6 students and the cost is \$25 to
cover materials. We want to start in mid July and have about 6 classes. Classes will be held on either
Tuesdays or Thursdays depending on the schedules of the participants. Sign up sheet will be available
at the meeting and you can also contact Brooks or me. Brooks will be tying his shrimp fly prior to the
meeting this Thursday night so come early and see how to tie this fly!

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.

Lastly, we are working on developing a "mentoring" or "buddy" program whereby a current member
will be assigned to help acclimate a new member when they join. We want to put 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.
More details will be coming on this one. I think that about covers it and I hope to see each of you at the
meeting Thursday night!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual "One-fly" tournament