

# *News from the President*

Hello fellow fly fishermen,

Well it's almost time for our September club meeting and they say the 100 degree days will soon be over. Time to get ready for Fall fishing! We have two outings in the works. September 13 we are planning a club outing to Mankins Crossing on Highway 29 toward Circleville. The best fishing is probably via some sort of floatation going up river, but there is some wading available for a short distance up river of the bridge. Then we are working on an outing to the Lighthouse Lakes in Aransas Pass for our saltwater flats outing on October 19-22. The tentative plan is to travel on Oct 19th, fish the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, and return on the 22<sup>nd</sup> (unless you choose to come back early). This week looks like the best combination of Moon phase and Tides for fishing the flats (per our saltwater gurus). Don Carlson is working feverishly to research the logistics of motel rooms and possibly kayak rentals for those who might be interested but don't have a kayak. We should have an update available at the meeting. In addition to OUR club outings, the Austin Fly Fishers club is inviting other clubs to attend their outings as long as you are an IFFF paid member.

We had a great program last month with Jim Gray sharing his new presentation on the Colorado River. This is similar to the one he has on the Llano River and was very interesting and informative. Jim is the current President of the Austin Fly Fishers and is a regular guest and supporter of our club.

This month's program is Rob Gonzales presenting on Tenkara. He will have rods available for casting before the meeting so show up in time for that!

Remember that July was the start of our "new year" for membership during 2014-2015 and we revised our dues:

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

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.

Don Johnson was the only SGFF member to help out at Berry Springs Park last month, but he told me there was plenty of help with the youth they had involved.

We are just about wrapping up the latest Intermediate Fly Tying class with Brooks Bouldin and everyone has enjoyed working on improving our skills. If you are interested in a future class I strongly encourage you to sign up at the next opportunity.

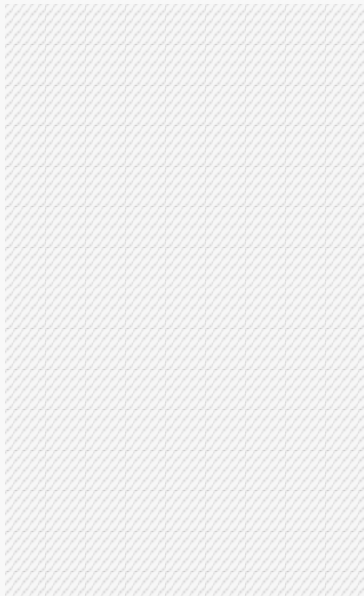
That's about it for the local news, but there has been a lot going on with the Texas Council. At the recent national IFFF the state of Texas was well represented. The Texas Council was the fastest growing Council in the Federation with a growth rate of 35%, the Austin Fly Fishers won a conservation award for their work with TPW on the Kyle Lake project, and our own Chris Johnson was the newest "Certified Casting Instructor" in Texas. In addition to that, Living Waters Fly Shop won the "Fly Shop of the Year" award for all the hard work and support Chris and Matt provide for the Central Texas area fly fishermen! Congratulations to Chris and Matt! [You may not know, but Living Waters Fly Shop has been donating the flies we have for our monthly fly raffles. We need 6 fly tiers who would be willing to tie and donate 6 flies each month for our raffles. We currently have 2 people so that leaves 4 more-please let me know if you would be willing to help out so Living Waters can take a break from this monthly contribution. With 6 people we can have 3 dozen flies to auction which should provide a lot of incentive to buy tickets!] The Ft. Worth club was the "Club of the Year" in the IFFF with over 200 paid members and they recently converted to a "Charter Club" (which is what SGFF is). The IFFF is asking for all clubs to focus more on "Conservation" projects to improve the fish habitat throughout the country.

You can go to the Texas Council website and they will soon have a new Google calendar with events from all over the state listed. The Texas Council is looking for new people interested in joining the Board as there will soon be some folks rotating off. Let me know if you are interested and I'll give you the contact information.

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.

I think that about covers it for this month. I will be in Breckenridge, Colorado this upcoming week, so Chris Johnson will be leading the meeting. Hope you can attend.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- September 27 "Texoma on the Fly" at Lake Texoma
- October 31-November 2 the "Rendevous" at North Toledo Bend State Park with approx. 40-60 fly tyers in attendance
- February 7, 2015 the "Fly Tying Texas" event
- March 14, 2015 "Fly Fish Texas"
- May 29-31 the next "Texas Expo" again in New Braunfels. This year's Expo was well attended for the first one and netted approx. \$12,000.