



# News from the President

Hello Mates,

I'm wrapping up my New Zealand experience and returning to the U.S. on Tuesday. Our 5 days of fly fishing were everything we expected with MANY Browns and Rainbows in the 20-25" range and several larger fish caught or "lost". The highlight was a helicopter fly out to a remote river with very limited public access. My personal largest was a 25", 6# Rainbow while my fishing partner landed a 26" Brown while sight fishing. Maybe the best part of it was it was all dry fly or dry/dropper fishing with size 8 and 6 dry/terrestrial patterns--you could actually see the flies! It was New Zealand fishing at its finest!

Last month's program by Colonel Craig Hunter was really amazing! You really have no idea how many different areas of responsibility our TPWD game wardens have.

This month's program will be presented by another one of our club members. "Big Bass" Bob Poole will be sharing his knowledge and experience on how to catch "BIG" bass. While some of the details you may have seen in an earlier version, Bob has totally updated his "presentation".

Not only will you gain a wealth of knowledge, you will be thoroughly entertained as well! If you want to catch bigger bass this is the meeting for you.

Don Carlson says we will be chasing the elusive white bass in March with more details to come--keep an eye on the website and upcoming emails.

Living Waters Fly Fishing has an Alaska fishing information day scheduled for March 7th--check out their website for details.

Thanks to Chris Turner and all the folks who helped man our booth at the recent Troutfest at Rio Raft on the Guadalupe. We were paired with Bill Adams and the Project Healing Waters booth, and Chris Turner said there was a record crowd on Saturday with a noticeable drop off on Sunday. This has been the pattern each year. It is always an interesting activity if you like fishing for trout.

We have had great participation in our fly raffles and once again we will raffle 3 boxes of 1 dozen flies each--\$5/ticket or 3 for \$10. We still have plenty fly boxes with our SGFF insignia on them. Boxes are \$6 for a clear streamer box and \$10 for a nice black waterproof fly box. We want to bring in some guides as speakers during the year and this is one of our major avenues to raise the \$ for these programs.

I think that covers it for this month. See you Thursday!

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