

News from the President

Hello fellow fly fishers,

It's time to start the new year with our January club meeting. This month's program will be presented by your's truly sharing our trip to New Zealand last February. I'll show you the fish, waters, landscape, some cities, and the "tourist" activities we enjoyed during our trip. New Zealand is a truly unique country and the trout fishing was amazing.

We had a great Christmas party and everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship, as well as many silent auction items and raffles. Susan Gaetz and a Casting For Recovery participant were our guests and speakers for the meeting. I believe we took in over \$700 with our auctions and raffles which will help with our donations to Casting For Recovery and Reel Recovery. If you weren't able to join us, I hope you can make it next December.

Don't forget this is our first meeting at the Boy Scout Hut next to the Georgetown Community Center in San Gabriel Park. The Community Center is located at 445 E. Morrow Street and the Scout Hut is a small brown house on the left as you turn into the drive leading up to the Community Center. It's really not hard to find. Our meeting times have not changed with the business actually starting at 7:00 sharp.

GRTU has had 3 stockings in the Guadalupe River and while the flows have been high they are now wadable if you are careful. I have been catching some really nice fish there the past couple of weeks.

Troutfest at Rio Raft on the Guadalupe has been cancelled this year. These types of events are hard to sustain year to year as they depend so heavily on volunteers. Hopefully we haven't seen the last of Troutfest.

We continue to support Bill Adams and the Project Healing Waters soldiers with fly tying at the VA hospital in Waco the first and third Mondays of each month. If you are interested in joining this worthy cause contact Brooks Bouldin or me and we can set you up.

Another project we have is teaching the Boy Scouts about fly fishing and fly tying. We had one session before Thanksgiving and will be having more now that the holidays are behind us. Contact Randy Johnson for more information on this one.

We have a group of fly tiers that meet at 9:00 am on Wednesday mornings to enhance our tying skills. If you would like to join us let me know.

Don't forget to bring your money for the fly raffles and if you want a nice fly box with our insignia on it. We will continue to raffle 3 boxes of 1 dozen flies each-\$5/ticket or 3 for \$10. 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 Tuesday!

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