

News from the President

Hello fellow fly fishers,

It's time for our March club meeting. I will not be able to attend this month's meeting, but our VP Craig Hunter will be filling in for me. Craig will also be presenting the program which will be on fishing the San Juan River below Navajo Dam. Craig's programs are always informative and he keeps things lively with his dry sense of humor. You won't be bored with this program!

We are still working out the logistics on the new club logo shirts as we are replacing the "fly" in the logo with a Red Ear Sunfish and are going back and forth with our design artist on colors. We are "closer than we've ever been" on getting this done, but not quite there yet!

Randy Johnson and I attended the Boy Scout fund raising breakfast on March 1st and pledged our \$100 donation for this year. They raised over \$30,000 at that breakfast!

Several members are still catching trout on the Guadalupe and GRTU recently stocked a load of brown trout in the upper sections of the Guad. Lots of folks are now catching their first browns in the Guadalupe River! Link to Texas Parks and Wildlife site with map and public access points: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/management/stocking/guadalupe.phtml>

Craig reported at the last meeting that the white bass were showing up at Colorado Bend and Don Johnson recently reported a few males had been caught at Tejas above Lake Georgetown. Hopefully the recent rains have triggered the white bass run at Tejas for the first time in several years! We'll put a white bass outing together once the fish are located.

With the approach of Spring several fishing events are coming up. April 8-9 is the "Athens Fly Fishing Festival" at Lake Athens Marina. You can also take in the great Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. There is a Brushy Creek Cleanup scheduled for April 9 as well. The "Bud Priddy Fly Fishing Contest" is April 29-30 at Camp Wood, Texas with fishing on the Nueces River. For more info on the "Bud Priddy Fly Fishing Contest" contact Walter Ross at walter.ross@hotmail.com or Lefty Ray Chapa at leftyray@leftyray.com. After that is the "7th Annual World Championship Bass on the Fly" at Lake Fork on May 7th (I didn't even know they had the first 6 events)! Last, but not least, is the 2016 Texas Council IFFF Expo September 8-10 which this year will be held in Grapevine, Texas. We will have a booth at this event and will be looking for volunteers to help man the booth as we get closer to the event.

Randy will be sharing an update on our work with the Boy Scouts and you should be able to see the bass mount on the wall that we provided to the Boy Scouts as part of our "lease" agreement.

We continue to support Bill Adams and Project Healing Waters by teaching fly tying to the soldiers at the VA Hospital in Waco the first and third Monday each month. If you think you would be interested in helping contact Brooks Bouldin or me.

Don't forget to bring your money for the fly raffles. Once again we will raffle 3 boxes of 1 dozen flies each-\$5/ticket or 3 for \$10. 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. Hope you can make it!

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