

News from the President

Hello fellow fly fishers,

It's time for our May club meeting. Last month's program by Steve Hall TPWD Hunter Safety Program Coordinator was well received and he shared a wealth of information on fly fishing in Colorado. This month we will be hearing from Caleb Harris of TPWD as he shares about fishing in Central Texas and the Anglers' Education program through Parks and Wildlife. Caleb has shared with us before and has a real passion for fly fishing and educating future anglers. It's a good time to hear about what's going on in bringing new people into fly fishing-especially the younger folks. This is a very worthwhile and rewarding program and several of our members are trained Angler Ed volunteer instructors.

Area fishing is well under way and now is the time to get back on the water. Come and share your fishing stories with the group and hear where other folks are fishing.

We should have current information on any upcoming outings at the meeting. We are looking at a Llano River outing and it's time to hold our annual "One Fly" event. Once the weather settles down we still plan on holding a San Gabriel River cleanup. This summer we will also have another hamburger/hot dog cookout as one of our meetings so folks can get to know each other better. This is the time of year warm water fishermen look forward to!

Our club fly fishing shirts are in and they are REALLY NICE. Thanks to Brooks for making this happen. The price including the logo wound up being \$49 and we ordered for all the folks who gave us their info as well as some extra shirts for others who will want one after they see them. Since we did not take money up front, if you pre-ordered you will have "first right of refusal" at this month's meeting, and any that aren't claimed and paid for will be available for anyone to buy. We have green shirts and blue shirts in various sizes and should have at least 15 shirts up for grabs and maybe more. Checks should be made out to San Gabriel Fly Fishers.

Remember our membership "year" ends June 30 and dues for 2016/2017 will be due July 1. Don Carlson is taking pre-payments for anyone interested in getting that out of the way early.

We continue to support Bill Adams and the Project Healing Waters soldiers. 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 will soon be scheduling a fishing session now that the fishing is picking up in the San Gabriel, and we will be needing club member volunteers to be "guides" for the boys. Contact Randy Johnson for more information on this one.

Our fly tying group that meets at 9:00 am on Wednesday mornings has taken a break for the Summer, but we will be starting back up in the Fall. If you are interested in learning about tying your own flies contact Brooks Bouldin or me. If we have some beginner interest we can also make arrangements to teach you the basics.

Don't forget to bring your money for the fly raffles. We will continue to raffle 3 boxes of 1 dozen flies each-\$5/ticket or 3 for \$10. Remember this is one of our major avenues to raise the \$ for our programs.

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

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