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On The Water

by Dave Smith

Good day flyfishers as I write this Halloween is just around the corner. Cooler temperatures will soon be here and the fishing temps are about to get better. Be sure to get out on the water and enjoy nature. A fish or two may be in your future. November is here and a number of members have put their names forward to fill out the 2026 DFF Board.

Membership Chair - Jonathon Ramirez

Casting Chair - Bill Slaughter

Trustee 2027 - Shawn Henderson

Trustee 2028 - Al Plamer

Vice President - Colby Burke

During the business portion of the November meeting the election for the 2026 Board took place. The Holiday Party will

be Sunday December 7th at Besa's Italian Restaurant, Jupiter Rd. Garland. Be sure to plan for this by adding your name now; the deadline is Sunday November 16th. If you have something in mind to donate for the Holiday Party bucket raffle please let me know. We are heading into a busy time of the year so be sure to mark the dates for events on your calendar so you don't miss out. Until next time I hope to see you on the water or at the tying bench.

Dave Smith
President, Dallas FlyFishers



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2025 Calendar

The 2025 Programs and major events calendar. We are having another great year at the Dallas Flyfishers. **Danny Soltau** has been hard at work setting things up.

November 3rd: Monthly Meeting, FUMC

November 18th: Third Tuesday Fly Tying, 6:30 at Bass Pro Shops (formerly Cabela's), 1 Cabela Dr., Allen, TX 75002

December 7th: Annual Holiday Party, TBD

Beginner Fly fishing Classes Hosted by the Dallas Fly Fishers

November 8, 2025 • The CORE • 234 Parkway Blvd, Coppell, TX

Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM • What to Bring: Water, and a snack or lunch

Contact: Paul Locklear • Education Director, Dallas Fly Fishers • 318-518-8945

October Outing Report

Jeff Gannon's Ranch

Sixteen club members enjoyed a fantastic day of fishing at Jeff Gannon's beautiful ranch on Saturday, October 18. Attendees included:

Larry Abrams, Cathy Candler, Rusty Ketz, Dan Montayne, Dave Smith, Al & Maria Palmer, Terry Sullivan, Dave Shatzer, Gary Threadway, Chuck Willis, Dan Inns, Jon Boettcher, Steve Jackson, Keira Quam, and Jeff Ziehm. My apologies if I omitted anyone.

If fish count is the measure of success, this outing was a grand slam. Everyone caught fish — many caught lots of fish, and several landed impressive fish.

Pond-by-Pond Highlights

- North Pond (closest to the road):
Water was off-color but moss-free. Dan caught sunfish on a Red Ass fly. I got skunked.
- Small Pond (just southwest of the house):



Clear, healthy water with some moss. I landed 3 largemouth bass in 20 minutes. Larry Abrams said he wouldn't have fished anywhere else — it was that good. Rusty also had success with bass here.

- **Big Pond:**

Dave Shatzer and Keira Quam caught a large number of bass, many of them good-sized. Dave Smith and Dan Montayne did well using a Red Ass fly as a trailer behind a streamer.

- **Tennis Court Pond:**

According to Dave Shatzer, the sunfish were so plentiful and sizable you could catch them until your arms gave out.

- **Barbed Wire Pond:**

Water level was low and the banks muddy — watch your footing! Despite the moss, it produced bass and a few sunfish. Mariya had good luck with a sunfish imitation.

Looking Ahead

Jeff Gannon has generously invited us back for the same weekend next year. Mark your calendars — October 17, 2026!



To Join DFF, complete the form below and mail along

with your check to:

Dallas Fly Fishers
8349 Club Meadows Dr.
Dallas, Tx 75243

You can also join or renew online at

<http://www.dallasflyfishers.org/membership.html>

MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL

New Member ☐ or Renewing My Membership ☐ (Check one) Date _____

Name: _____ Spouse's name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Are you a current member of the Federation of Fly Fishers? Yes ☐ No ☐ (check one)

New Members:

Annual membership dues: \$36 per year
After July 1st, pay \$18 for half year
After Oct 1st, just pay for the following year

Renewing Members:

Annual membership dues: \$36 per year