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Fishin' Tales

by Julia Bell



Fall provides some great days on the water, even if the days are shorter—cooler temperatures, aggressive takes, more sight casting and topwater bite opportunities, multi-species days—aspects that just add to a fishing outing. For these opportunities, I am thankful. When it comes to fly fishing, I am most indebted to my Dad, for it was he, after watching Peter Jennings host Dr. Susan Love on ABC World News Tonight in 1996, who introduced me to fly fishing. In this interview, Dr. Love discussed how fly fishing and its casting provided the most constructive rehabilitation for people recovering from

various stages of breast cancer treatment, which included a restorative to the soul that medicine could not provide. While this would be the beginnings for Casting for Recovery and the subsequently developed, similar programs associated with healing through fly fishing, Reel Recovery and Project Healing Waters are two other examples, it became my entry into the world of fly fishing.

I only have one memory of my paternal grandfather, and though I never knew him, as he died when I was two years old, many people often shared stories with my brother and me about our grandfather. One aspect of his life that others shared often was that he was a very good fisherman and well-known on Caddo Lake for his angling skills, both conventional and fly fishing. My Dad, an only child, possessed much of his Dad's fishing equipment, and one June, Saturday afternoon, after hearing the Dr. Susan Love interview, my Dad put his Dad's bamboo fly rod in my hands and encouraged me to learn everything there was to know about fly fishing.

I rewatched *A River Runs Through It*; Dad bought me books; Mom checked books out of the library for me. My parents invested in a couple of magazine subscriptions for me, and they ordered some scissors from the Feather-Craft catalog (which Mom still receives to this day, even though I haven't lived with my parents for over 20 years). I read and read and read. I practiced casting on my parents' front lawn for three years before I ever went fishing and caught fish. My induction into fly fishing was such a fun journey and learning experience (for four years I thought only trout could be caught on a fly rod), and as I began chasing fish and going to the places where they lived, my parents delighted in my postcards mailed home and dinner-table stories of adventures and photos, as if they had been on

the trips with me. Though my Dad passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Father's Day 2020, the legacy of his gift is something for which I am graciously indebted, as it has shaped much of my adult life.

My parents gifted me a fly tying bench (the same one I use today) and a Waspi Fly Tying Starter Kit, Beginner Approved, one Christmas, and that led me to meet John Peterie who led me to the Dallas Fly Fishers. John helped me tie my first flies, a Woolly Bugger, and John's cricket pattern with that black foam body, rubber legs, and red thread. It was the DFF that really improved my fly fishing skills and knowledge. I am deeply thankful and proud to be a part of the DFF, helping others learn about and enjoy fly fishing. While I am selfishly sad to see Rex Walker step down from the DFF Casting Director's position, I understand that it's time for Rex to enjoy his own, personal fly fishing adventures (he's even invited us to come along). I am also grateful for the time that Steven Pirtle gave as a three-year Trustee, helping represent the member voice on the board. Jim Latshaw will be your new 2024 Trustee. Jack Gillis is not leaving the DFF, as he will continue as Vice-president, but Jack is passing the reigns of Programs to LaJan Barnes. I am gratified by the lessons I've learned from the speakers Jack brought to the DFF these past several years. We do have positions we are seeking to fulfill. If any of them sound like your area of fly fishing fun, please sign on to a board position. Joining in having more fun than anyone are our newest DFF members: Becky Daniels, Tyler Walker, and Sarah Moody. Welcome! We are glad you are here.

**Here's to bent tips
and happy days!**

- Julia

President, Dallas FlyFishers

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DFE Speaker Details

New Meeting Location.

The Dallas Flyfishers regular meetings are on the first Monday of the month. We have moved to a new location. Starting with this November, our meetings will be at the First United Methodist Church Richardson, at 503 N. Central EXPY, Richardson, TX. The Tying will be at 5 PM, with the General Meeting at 7PM.

November Meeting Speaker is Chris Johnson.

Chris is the owner and founder of *Living Waters Fly Fishing*, a fly shop and guide service based out of Round Rock, Texas. He has guided the Texas Hill Country for over a decade and has fly fished the heart of the state for 20 years. Chris has been a licensed guide in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Alaska. Chris is an FFI Certified Casting Instructor, Umpqua Signature Fly Designer, Tenkara USA Guide, and TPWD Angler Educator. He is also a pro team member for Whiting Farms, Scott Fly Rods, and Scientific Anglers.



In addition, to fly fishing, Chris is passionate about film and photography. He co-produced the short film "Unspoken," to raise awareness for Rio Grande Cutthroat trout conservation. As a result, Living Waters is working with Trout Unlimited as a Gold Level endorsed TU Business to restore Rio Grande Cutthroat throughout their native range.

The Holiday Party December 5th.

The return of our always fun holiday party will be at <https://www.dallasflyfishers.org/christmas-party-reservation.html>, and registration is required.

January Meeting is our 50th Anniversary Meeting

featuring Dave Whitlock who spoke at our first Meeting. Due to New Years, the meeting will be January 10th. While it is hard to believe anyone does not know and respect the Whitlock Family, Dave is going to speak at our 50th

Anniversary Meeting. He also was the program for the first formal meeting of the club, so this is quite a milestone. Dave Whitlock books and art work is too good to not own some of it. His beautiful coffee mugs and paintings are some of the best anywhere. Be sure to be at this one.



February Meeting Speaker is Landon Meyer.

Landon Meyer's angling success is fueled by an addiction to pursuing selective quality trout on the fly. Meyer enthusiastically teaches and demonstrates his techniques and on-river knowledge to fellow anglers and has developed innovative strategies for sighting, hooking, and landing selective trout. He shares these tips and secrets in his books *101 Trout Tips: A Guide's Secrets, Tactics and Techniques (new for 2015)*, *Colorado's Best Fly Fishing*, *Sight Fishing for Trout (Second Edition)*, and *The Hunt for Giant Trout: 25 Top Locations in the US to Catch a Trophy*, in addition to a new instructional video *Mastering the Short Game (www.mastertheshortgame.com)*.

Meyer is a contributing writer for *Fly Fisherman* and *High Country Angler* magazines. His contributions also have been featured in publications such as *Fly Fusion* and *American Angler* magazines.

Meyer has been guiding in Colorado full time on the South Platte River for the last 21 years, and one full season on the Nak Nek River in AK. He resides with his wife, Michelle, and their four children in Florissant, Colorado.

— Jack Gillis

Program Chairman, Dallas FlyFishers

2022 Election of Officers Candidates

Opportunities to Help the Club

The club is looking for assistance with the Newsletter, Programs, and Casting. If you would be interested in chairing or co-chairing any of these areas, please contact **Jeff Ziehm** (214-202-2826) or any club board member.

November is when we have our annual club elections. Here is the slate of candidates for the club officer positions for 2022.

President – Julia Bell
Vice President – Jack Gillis
Past President – Jack Janco
Secretary – Jim Woodman
Treasurer – Steve Jackson
2022 Trustee – Dave Shatzer
2023 Trustee – LaJan Barnes
2024 Trustee – Jim Latshaw

If you wish to be added, let any officer or committee chair know about your interest.

The DFE Board also includes appointed committee chairs. The club has 10 major committee chairs.

Auction – Dave Shatzer & Finny Kahn
Casting – Open
Conservation – Jere Anderson
Education – Richard Johnson
Fly Tying – Dan Montayne
IT – Jeff Ziehm
Membership – Mike Becker and Dave Shatzer.
Newsletter – Jere Anderson
—(Jere is looking for a Newsletter Co-Chair)—
Outings – Jim Woodman
Programs – LaJan Barnes

We will finalize this list in October, and then have the election as part of the November Meeting. We install our new Leaders for 2022 at the Christmas Party in December.

2021 CALENDAR:

November 1st - November DFF Meeting is **Chris Johnson** whose subject will be fishing for Rio Grande Cichlids.

November 5th-7th - The FFI Virtual Expo. This is a new event, and hopefully will be too good to miss. Hurry to **Fly Fishers International** info@flyfishersinternational.org and signup. The best classes may be already gone.

November 16th - Warm Water Fly Fishing, Cabela's conference Room, reserve your space with **Dan Montayne**.

December 5th - Our beloved Holiday Party. *See the announcement on page 2.*

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January 4th-5th - DBU Outdoor Experiences Class.

January 10th - The meeting to celebrate our 50th year as a Fly Fishing Club.

January 22nd - Carrollton BFF Class.

February 1st - February DFF Meeting. Our speaker will be Landon Mayer.

February 4th-5th - Red River Fly Fishers host the Red River Rendezvous, Eisenhower State Park.

February 12th - Dr. Ed Rizzolo Annual Fly Tying Festival, Houston.

February 18th-20th - TU Troutfest, Lazy L&L Campground.

February 26th-27th - 5th Annual Fly Fishing and Brew Festival, Mesquite TX

March 7th - DFF Fund raiser Auction.

March 11th-12th - Gulf Coast Sweetwater Classic.

March 24th - Sow Bug Roundup, Baxter County Fairgrounds, Mountain Home AR.

March 26th - Instructing the Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge at the TFFC. Lots of help needed.

April 5th - The April DFF Meeting.

April 9th - Gannon Ranch spring wildflowers and fishing.

April 11th-16th - A spring repeat of the fall Trout Trip. White River, Chapter 4, Return to the Caddis Hatch. We have just completed another great trip to the White River in Cotter, Arkansas. Huge fish count with several large rainbows and browns. We have decided to feed our trout addiction during the caddis hatch in early spring. Home base for the RV crowd will be Denton Ferry RV Park - dentonferryrv.com. Home base for guides is Dally's Ozark Fly Fisher - theoarkflyfisher.com. Book early. For more information contact Mike Becker, 214-288-3885, kuduguy@verizon.net.

April 28th - Third outing to the Latham Springs Encampment in Aquilla, Texas. The outing costs will be \$8.00 per person, since we are renting this facility for the day. The two previous trips fished well.

May 3rd - The May Meeting of the DFF.

May 7th - Bud Priddy any Fly Event, led by Alamo Fly Fishers.

May 22nd - Carrollton Basic Fly Fishing Class.

June 10th-11th - For the Lake Athens Fly Fishing Festival.

July 16th-23rd - Joint DFF / FWFF Colorado Outing. The DFF part is coordinated by Jeff Ziehm.

September 29th-October 1st - Southern Conclave, Mountain Home, AR.

2021 DFF Holiday Party

Date: *Sunday December 5, 2021*

Where:

Time: *6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.*

Activities: *Dinner, Raffle,*

Silent Auction, Officer Induction

Cost: *\$50 per person, **Pre-pay only!** Pay on-line via the DFF website, by check, or in-person at November meeting*

Registration deadline: *November 30th; no day-of sales will be made*

Contact: dallasflyfishers@gmail.com; *Jeff Ziehm 214-202-2826;*
Julia Bell 214-980-9978

Vila Brazil Steak House
518 Arapaho RD, Ste. 133
Richardson, TX 75080



Keep Top portion; mail in bottom portion with check

2021 Dallas Fly Fishers Holiday Party Registration

Attendee Name(s): _____

Make check payable to:
DFF Holiday Party

Mail form and check to:

DFF Holiday Party
8349 Club Meadows DR
Dallas, TX 75243

November Outing

Where: Samuell Farm-East
100 US-80
Mesquite, TX 75149

This is the eastbound, south side of US 80, just east of Belt Line RD.

When: Saturday 13 November 2021
9:00 a.m. -- ?

Fee: Free



Float tubes and kayaks can be used on some of the water bodies at Samuell Farm, as well as fishing from shore. Both 135/150 grain sinking lines and floating lines are both successful, as well as topwater and sub-surface flies.

Bring your own lawn chair, drinks, and sack lunch. We'll meet around noon to enjoy a lunch together.

Fly Fishing Opportunities

by Jim Woodman, Outings Chairman

I have three ponds within walking distance of my home that are easy to fish from shore. I invite members to join me on the evening of Friday, November 12 from 7am – 11am at 4201 Eider Dr, McKinney 75072. Please RSVP to my email (lakebud002@gmail.com) or txt me at 651-226-7690.

Trout Fishing. Texas Parks and Wildlife plants trout throughout Texas from mid Nov. to mid Feb. TPWD will post planting locations and planting dates on its website starting in mid Nov. For detailed info, please see https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/management/stocking/trout_stocking.phtml.



RED RIVER RENDEZVOUS Eisenhower State Park

February 4, 2022

Setup

2:00pm to 7:00pm

Dinner provided bring your own drinks

February 5, 2022

7:00am to 4:00pm

**Breakfast and lunch provided
bring your own drinks**

The Red River Fly Fishers will be hosting their annual fly-tying extravaganza.

Activities:

- Learn to tie flies
- Learn from and visit with some of North Texas most accomplished tiers
- Learn fly casting
- Improve your casting

Cost: State Park Entrance Fee
For more information:
www.rfff.org



Latham Springs Outing

by Jeff Ziehm

The club outing for October was on Thursday, October 7, at **Latham Springs Springs Camp & Retreat Center**. Attendees included **Rusty Ketz, Roger Rohrbeck, Bob Nachtrieb, Diego Lopez, Dave Shatzer, Jim Woodman, Jeff Ziehm, and Cody & Julia Bell**.

We had a great outing here in the spring, and wanted to see if it could be duplicated in the fall. I can't speak for everyone, but for me, both the spring and fall outings were excellent. Everyone I spoke with caught fish.

On the large pond I caught bass and sunfish. On the next pond north I caught small bass. On the

northern most pond I caught only green sunfish, but my fishing partner, **Dave Shatzer** caught a good bass.

Then we broke for lunch, and shared stories under the shade of a large tree.

After lunch Dave and I decided to try the **Brazos River** (or the **Bizarro River** as **Robert Younghanz** likes to call it). Water was low (50cfs) but we both caught bass and sunfish.

I can't wait for the spring outing next April.

Julia wrote, *The outing went well. The big lake fished nicely, but mostly Bluegills and 1 lb. bass. The Brazos fished nicely, too with bigger bass than the lake. You must make plans for April 28, 2022, 'cause we're going back!*

Editor's Note: *This outing began last spring when our need to get out and flog the water was getting so frustrated by the rules about gatherings. We went here and it was great, so we scheduled this fall outing. Now it looks to become a twice a year tradition, for which your Editor is glad. Here are some pictures.*



Here is a nice typical Bluegill.



Julia with the smallest fish we have a picture of.



And a nice solid pond Bass.



Plentiful pond Bluegills.



And some solid bass. All in all, a lot of fish.



A Bluegill that fell for a hot pink cone head woolly bugger variant.

The Dallas Fly Fishers Are 50, And Proud Of It

by Jere Anderson

When I returned to Texas in 1992, the DFF was a thriving part of the Southern Council of the national organization, called the Federation of Fly Fishers. The club was already 20 years old, but much of the club were long time members. My best source of our history was the Treasurer, Mr. Frank Schneider. His history goes back further than the DFF.

Our origins seem to be from a group of fly tying fly fishers who met at various Outdoor Stores to share fish stories and fly patterns. Their interest in forming a real fly fishing club moved them to build a set of by-laws that are the origins of the clubs by-laws today, and have an organization meeting. It is lost in history where, and exactly when, but it has long been thought of as in January of 1972. They went whole hog on this, and even got a very active and creative fly designer, tyer, and builder of fly fishing videos, the well-known Dave Whitlock, who at the time lived in Oklahoma to be the first speaker for that first meeting. We are honored to have the Whitlock's as our 50th Anniversary Speakers.

It took a couple of tries to find the best fit for our first officers, but with some adjustments, it was accomplished. Frank was an early choice for Treasurer and did what we now have a Membership Chair doing. This excellent choice probably had a lot to do with us getting off the ground and surviving our early years. At the time, the Federation was a group of clubs on the West coast, and a group of stream Trout clubs in our North-East. The rest of the country was not well understood and so it was left as something called the Midwest Council of the FFF. This gigantic area almost from the Rockies to Pennsylvania was totally impossible to run as one entity. The President of the Midwest Council wisely appointed two regional VP's, with Frank being the Western Midwest Council Leader. Almost on day one the DFF got off the ground, already knowledgeable of the FFF activities and as one of their regional leaders.

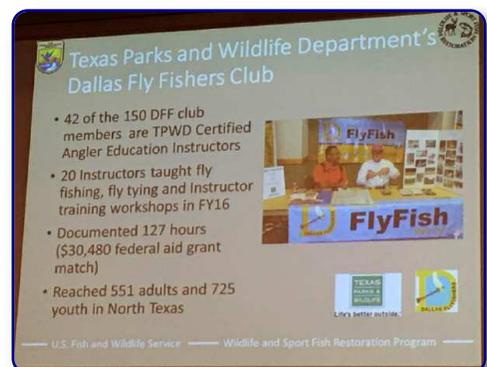
We started with about 35 members, and while some great ones were with us from the beginning, our growth may have been stimulated more by Al Wilkie. When he became our President in the 1980's, we were a club of somewhere between 35 and 50 members. He promoted fly tying and outreach and had us tying at supermarkets, gas stations

and the like to get us in front of the outdoor public. When I joined in 1992, we were a club of about 200 members and had the Al Wilkie designed DFF graphic logo.

If you go to the Southern Council pages there is an award for Legends of the Southern Council. We were part of the Southern Council up to the Texas Council coming into existence, and these legends awards went to a lot of DFF Members.

At the FFI level, Al Wilkie won Federator of the Year in 1989. This is the highest individual award and has been won more recently by Dutch Baughman. The top Fly Tying honor has been awarded to Billy Munn and Tom Nix, both during the Al Wilkie years, and this year it was given to Fred DuPre', a past president and great fly tier. Over the years we have had a lot of fun and earned some awards as well. DFF has been well represented at the Southern Conclave, Sow Bug and the FFI National Meeting as fly tiers.

Our history of support for Education, one of our greatest honors, was initiated by our club when the Boy Scouts opened up a Fly Fishing Merit Badge. One of our members wrote a lesson plan for each of the 8 milestones the award had in the beginning. We posted these on our web site and got lots of requests from all over the USA. Mostly, can I copy these, to which I would reply, that is probably why we posted these online. This resulted in a link with the Boy Scout Headquarters in Irvine. We have a very large number of certified Boy Scout Instructors in the club. Parks and Wildlife got the materials and the training for Angler Education with 4 levels of certificate. We now have at least 75 members who are certified Instructors or Area Chiefs of Angler Education. Here is a poster that was presented by TPWD Angler Ed at a national meeting. They really thank us.



Of course, we are still very active in training Fly Tying, and along with a great group of fellow North Texans in the Fort Worth Club, do a lot of good together. When we were honored with the McKenzie Cup as FFI Club of the Year in 2019, the comment I got most from the Officers in the other Councils was an exclamation of "Wow, you guys are really busy". That has been a key value of our Texas Council FFI Clubs since long before the creation of the Texas Council.

We have members that are the leaders of some key parts of the FFI. We have two members of the Board of Directors. Dutch Baughman is on the Executive Committee and is the Education Committee Chairman. He is personally responsible for most everything in the Learning Center. Barry Webster is on the Board of Directors and is the Membership Committee Chairman.

We have a couple of members on the Texas Council Board as well.

The really important thing is to be active, and to have a focus on where can you help the club grow in our sport. We have active members doing important work in Conservation, Fly Tying, Fly Fishing Education and Outreach and a long list of more. The first 20 years got us off the ground and on a secure and stable membership and financial footing. In the 30 years that Jere has been an officer or committee Chairman the club has done a lot more than just hold some great meetings with some legendary speakers.

Led by Mike Verduin, Slim Mitchell and others, our presence in fly tying all over the South Central USA and at major national events has been the signature contribution of many DFF Members for the last 30 years. Mike had been to so many Southeastern Council events that many of their members thought he was part of their clubs and not that he was one of the Southern Council. The support of the DFF and the FWFF for the Southern Council was a vital part of their success.

In conservation, we were a Water Watch Monitor team and provided years of quality data on various Trinity River side streams. We were the only Texas Representative on water issues in the World Wildlife Federation. We helped with projects on minimum flows and low oxygen levels in the

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Arkansas Tailwaters, as support for the North Arkansas Fly Fishers and the Southern Council. The list is long and ranged from letter writing to buying the Arkansas Fish and Game guy a new outboard motor with a jet drive so he could get around the shallow tailwaters without damage.

After the Texas Council formed, we were part of the group that got River Access issues some priority and worked on parts of the Guadalupe Bass Recovery Project. Between us and the FWFF club we were many of the early officers when that Council formed.

One of our most important contributions are Outreach, or Community Service in the support with materials and workers for Women's Groups like Casting for Recovery and for the outings and teaching of various Wounded Warrior groups. This kind of commitment is very important, and a great thing to do.

You get the idea. Wherever boots on the ground were needed in keeping with the FFI vision of "all fish, all waters", you could bet on a few DFF members being right in the middle of it all. We have much to be proud of,

and I thank you all. As the longest serving officer of this group, I have seen a lot of great accomplishments that we had a part of. I think we all owe each other a big thank you. If you have not been in the middle of these adventures, you are really missing the point of our great group. But anyone is welcome to help, and most of the Chairmen would welcome an assistant.

Thanking you all for a Happy Half a Century of fun and service and wishing you the best to find your niche in it all.

Past, Present, and Future | The Changing of the Leader

by Dan Montayne, DFF Fly Tying Coordinator

While gathering with friends and students for multiple on water fishing adventures, I've noticed numerous times that the discussion quickly turns to: How do you assemble your leader and tippet combination? What products do I need that perform well? Any special knots I should use?

Those points raised, I realized that each question could have its own lengthy article, so let me regress and point out a few **Past** historical products. First, the days of products like silk line, waxed brown braid, horsehair, and gut leaders have been passed on to history and collectors. The days of bright monofilament and fluoresced color lines seem to have bled to other fishing circles. Hence, the arrival of **Present**-day brands that focus on specific fish species, energy performance, and core dynamic fly lines. Oh, lest we forget, current price tags push the \$100.00 dollar mark. Who knows where future costs will top out? WOW! I'm out of breath just thinking about it and soon to be out of money just filling my fly reels! The purchasing choices are far too many for any of my articles. So... ..don't misunderstand my previous points. We are blessed with futuristic line products that continue to get better each season. Personally, I'm overwhelmed with the multipage catalog selections of fly line focused products. Good luck in your choosing.

So, let's address what combination works and my thoughts on leader and tippet choices. My updated recommendation prompts me to suggest two products. Both invoke questions



such as: *What is each product? How long is each section? What makes this system a reliable turn over solution? My "Go To" leader system starts with a heavy 2-foot section of clear mono (17-20 lb. test) joined directly to the Color. Note: Please consider cutting off the welded loop present on most modern fly lines. I'll cover the reason momentarily. Once cut, the straight Color end becomes the connection point for the monofilament, utilizing a nail knot. Then, attach a 6-foot mid-section of 100% Fluorocarbon line (i.e., 8 or 6 lb.) to the mono with a surgeon's knot. Next, attach a 1-foot (+/-) section of appropriate fluorocarbon tippet, using another surgeon's knot. Finally, connect the fly with an improved clinch knot, using 7 to 9 twists compared to the 4 or 5 twists necessary for mono. Fluorocarbon demands more wraps because of a much harder and slicker surface.*

Now to the logic behind fly line loop removal and energy dynamics of the traveling fly line. YAWN! I know! A few more lines will explain it all. Modern fly lines are now designed to

express core dynamics. In other words, modern manufactured lines are made to travel straighter, farther, and with higher energy derived from various core materials infused in the line itself. However, there is a hidden obstacle. Most lines are compromised with welded loops for easy loop to loop leader connections. This is a consumer convenient attribute. That being said, these loops tend to deflect and hinge the line that is following behind. The line with welded loops can veer left to right, up or down and sail off target. Removal of this feature helps the caster precisely streamline and direct the color, leader, and fly to the target.

Next, visualize the line as your color reaches the end of its forward journey. The leader and tippet are still trailing 9 ft. (+/-) behind, not yet shooting past the Color tip connection. Most important: ***The connection point at the Color, now with the new knot, is a rigid part of the Color that magically transfers the forward energy all the way through the leader to your fly. Voila! The perfect Turn Over.***

Hopefully, this change of leader and tippet design makes sense and will enhance your forward line delivery, increase your line speed, and transfer the line speed energy all the way to your fly. Maybe Changing of the Leader for the better?

The information contained in this article is a culmination of acquired and tested observations and reflect my opinions only. Thanks for reading.

The Conservation Corner

by Jere Anderson

As an Environmentalist, I never cease to be amazed by the ins and outs of the political side in the Amazing World of Climate Change. While I DO believe in climate change, the one I believe in is the reality of the climate cycles that run from 1000 years to 40 million years. I am very skeptical of claims that something major is happening in a 10-year time frame. Yet we are voting to pay billions to projects we are told will “fix” this broken thing, the Earth’s Climate.

Some of my favorite Events in the Climate Change Arena are the Council of Participants (COP) events. They are run by the Intergovernmental Committee on Climate Change (IPCC) who are the UN Group that have been telling us we have only 10 more years to live since the late 1900’s. When the IPCC began, the deal was for the 190 various nations of Planet Earth to line up and the top 10 or so would send them lots of money to save their part of the planet. This is a problem with the UN with each nation getting one vote. The “have-nots” are able to tax the haves and vote themselves money that is ours. We will ignore the concern I have that the money paid in just seems to disappear. Even better was that the second biggest economy, China, got away with being a recipient, not a donor. This year China lost its recipient status and is more accurately being labeled the leading problem in causing pollution. They have already indicated that they are going to be a “no show” this time.

The IPCC group is working on an assemblage of material, the final result to be called the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) should be published in 2022. These reports are done about every seven years, with AR5 being released in 2015. This is the summary of a set of reports that purport to cover all aspects of Climate Change. This process takes seven years but last year, the 2020 COP26 was delayed due to travel restrictions. This year the first two weeks in November will be the COP26 gathering in Stockholm of various Diplomats from the 190 Nations in the UN. They will review the science and decide what to do next. If you can grasp the concept of Political Groups from 190 Nations getting together and doing much of anything in just two weeks, you have a better grip on your sense of humor than I do. Even better, that such a diverse collection of Diplomats could accomplish anything that looked like a solid real science document deserves a polite grin as a minimum.

The COP Meeting is more than a big two-week dinner party, and last time it drafted the Paris Accords, which were a chance to volunteer to make a positive contribution to cleaning up our badly polluted planet. While the United States did exceed its goal to reduce certain pollutions, the top three nations in growth of harm to our planet are still China, India and Russia.

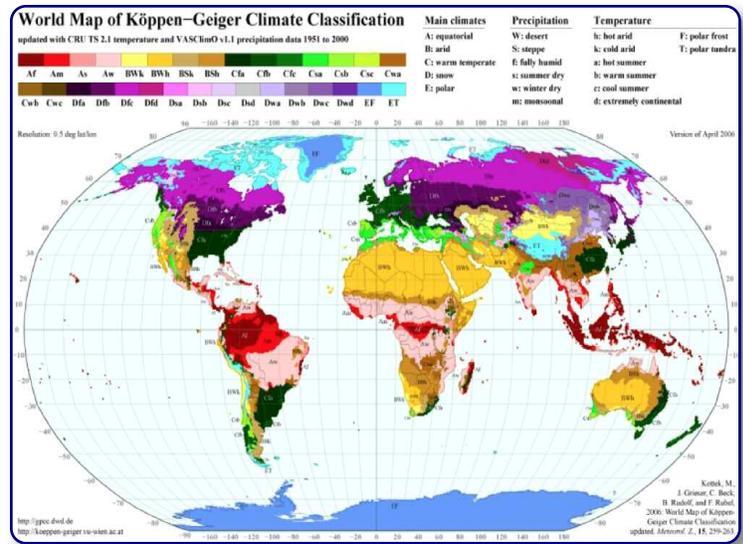
Let’s set the stage. How this thing works is complex, and the goal is to try to come to some conclusions and make some commitments to limit the scary visage of Climate Change. So the first step is to get some good science together, since once it is handed to the Diplomats, all chances of any science surviving is very small.

There are three real science groups. Three Working Groups produce the reports: Working Group I - The physical science basis, Working

Group II - Impacts, adaptation and vulnerability, and Working Group III - Mitigation of climate change. These groups write some reasonable hard science and are to be commended. Then these reports and conclusions/recommendations are reviewed by the IPCC and presented in some form at COP26.

After all is said and done, a final report, the Synthesis Report, combines all the findings from all the reports produced in this cycle. You are free, as concerned conservation minded and knowledgeable citizens, to conclude that perhaps a great deal more was said than done, but please feel free to see it your way. You can see it all at **‘AR6 Synthesis Report: Climate Change 2022 — IPCC** which if nothing else shows the huge number of meetings and presentations mostly from groups with little in the way of atmospheric physics in their group’s mission or backgrounds.

My biggest hurdle to face in this endless liturgy about Climate Change is that they seem to believe there is one number that represents the entire Earth’s Climate. This number is a statistical entity, and a weighted average one at that. Here is the real climate map. This was developed by climate science in the late 1890’s.



Note that neither the United State of America nor the major industrialized nations of Europe are in just one climate zone. The graphic has a date of the last update to its lines. As the world weather averages change, so also do slight adjustments of the borders between these climate zones change. So my point is that even if we just take the G/20 Nations, they are in almost a dozen climate zones. These climate zones are changing all the time, some warmer, some colder. Some wetter and some drier. And of course, there are seasonal changes even in some very stable climate zones. So, is it realistic to claim that the one number that will be in AR6 accurately depicts what the climate is doing everywhere?

The best hope we have for this multi-billion-dollar charade is to better understand what we need to fix, like various forms of pollution. The wild swings that weather can take are not even very visible in the IPCC documents who are reporting on the output of a computer averaging of

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all the swings in our weather. But weather is natural, and it must be somewhere from enjoyed, to survived and tolerated.

So, get ready for another Northern Hemisphere Winter and hope we don't get another Texas winter that sets records by being the first time in weather history when all 254 counties in Texas were below freezing for over 24 hours at the same time. Pay attention to the problems that the IPCC identified, but perhaps be skeptical of some of the proposed solutions.

For our own part, we can help a lot with the hard work going into Stream Cleanup and Repair. We can join in litter cleanups on Earth Day. We can catch and release to protect our wonderful game fish and we can gently suggest to those not being so careful the potential damage they are doing.

It is the only planet we have or will ever get, so join in the efforts to preserve and improve it.

Tight lines and great fishing to you all. — Jere



The Activity Report

by Jere Anderson

WOW! What a month. The first weekend in October had 6 events in 4 days. And they were all good ones.

September 25th was the weekend follow-up for the Tuesday fly tyers. We get together and work on evolving the patterns we tied on the Third Tuesday session at Cabela's in Allen, TX. It is fun and creative. Here are some pictures of the group.



This is a great group of creative feather benders.

The next day was our Water Watch Stream Team monitoring of the exotic new Park along the Blue Line Bike Trail. We of the DFF do the bug picking and identification and two Master Naturalists do the Chemistry Lab work on the water quality. Here are some pictures.



Roger and Ricard get the buckets of stream



vegetation and sediment and then we pick through it for aquatic fish food. This time we had a lot more bugs than usual, but a lot smaller than usual. I am expecting to have a huge collection of much more normal size insect life next month.

Meeting Monday was an aquatic lifeforms expert that was a good fit for our Stream Team

Work. He had a huge knowledge of all the questions we needed to understand.

However I was pinned down getting ready for our great opportunity to teach at DBU. Dr. Galloway was missing due to having just tested positive for the nasty virus. So the DFF was trusted to run the show. We had a dozen young adults, with a lot more of the younger set, the Freshmen and Sophomores. But they were full of energy and had lots of questions. Here is our mandatory Class Picture.



Twelve great students and 6 of the more senior class of people, our instructors. Jim Crump who we have missed being on the teaching team was there, also.

The energetic class had fun, and here are a couple of examples.



The group getting into knots. A lot of happy campers here.

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This great gal got ahead of us and tied a few knots we don't usually teach. But she had fun, and that is what counts.

And of course, the whole point of this is to go fly fishing. The Campus Ponds usually reward us. Here we are getting their casting strokes in order.



They then attacked the ponds.



And when they were done, they de-rigged and put the rods and reels away like a good Fly Fisher.



Fishing at Lathram Youth Camp, on Thursday the 7th, is our second attack on this string of ponds, and the Brazos which is easily accessed from the Camp.

Julia wrote: The Outing went well; the lake fished nicely, but mostly Bluegills and 1 lb. bass. Others should be able to tell you about the upper pond. The Brazos fished nicely, too with bigger bass than the lake. You must make plans for April 28, 2022, 'cause we're going back!

I am so glad to have a twice a year outing that fishes well and can be easily accessed. Jeff Ziehm wrote up this one in an article that you have already seen in this Newsletter. Thanks to Julia and Jim Woodman for the work to set these up. There are a couple of fat Sunfishes and a fly rod size Bass in the article.

October 15th – 17th, the Oktoberfische Event at the Edgewater Springs Resort and Event Center, in Fredericksburg is way too good to miss. However it seems that not too many people attended. Last year Judy and I attended. It wasn't very big then but this year the reports are of an even lower turnout.

Rex Walker reports: Sunday was slow. Saturday had a good turnout. There were at least 6 DFF folks there (7 if we get to count Fred DuPre' and I'm not sure if I saw everyone. I had 26 casting students on Saturday and there were multiple other instructors teaching throughout the day. The casting classes were very popular Saturday. I think the wind made the fly tying challenging on Saturday, but there were several very talented tyers there. Overall, it is a fun event!

Overall this event may move for next year. It is a classic event on our Calendar and the DFF usually is there in mass.

October 19th, a Tuesday, was the Dan Montayne Warm Water Fishing Technology at the Cabelas in Allen. This keeps on getting better and better. We usually have two rows of tying tables, and this time we needed three rows for the tiers. The family of Cody and Julia were some of the additions.



Here is Dave Smith, who has been teaching these three new guys to the sport of fly tying since we started this series of events. They

probably don't know how lucky they are to have Dave as their mentor.



Jim Woodman has been leading a group of less experienced tiers. They are doing well too.



If you are not in the Dan Montayne Warm Water Fishing Group Therapy Sessions you are missing a great chance to learn. We meet every month on the third Tuesday at the Allen Cabela's. The group keeps on growing, so be there. Contact Dan that you are coming, we are running out of space.

On Wednesday the 20th we hosted 17 of the Stevenville High School Youth fly fishing at the TFFC. We had quite a few DFF helpers for this one, including President Julia. Our great group of volunteers that take a day out of their life to teach something like this are the real strength of our club. As an officer and/or Committee Chair for the last 30 years, I thank you very much. Here is the group picture.



The best part of this outing is the bug picking. We got Zoe to add this event years ago to any time we bring some youth to the TFFC. Zoe has retired, but the two TFFC Staff, led by Kate, did a monumentally good job setting this up. We

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divided the 17 kids into two groups, and one group did the bug picking while the other group learned to do fly casting. Then we swapped, and after that everyone went fishing.



Here are the bug sample collectors.



Here are the fly-casting learners.



This is the new highly skilled entomology instructor. Kate Barkalow had all the trays, tools and the like setup for the youth. They then dug through the debris they had gleaned from the various water on the TFFC Campus. Lots of Damsel Fly, Mayfly, a Dragon Fly and a few Caddis in the sample. As usual at least one sample had what were probably Midge Larva in it which hatched while we were working with it. The air was thick with tiny flying insects.

The youth seemed to be most thrilled by this part of the program. I got lots of hugs, fist bumps and thank you's from them. This hard working woman, Kate, deserves a lot of the credit.

Then Saturday, the 23rd of October is another LLELA fly fishing class, and a chance to be a certified Angler Education Instructor if you wish. Here are a few pictures starting with our favorite one, the group photo..



What a great group....



Here are our new Area Chiefs with one of their first new Instructors. Great job Gentlemen.



Jere teaching Fish ID and Bugs. Lots of good questions.



The Fly Tiers bending feathers.



Going nuts over knots. Lots of fun.

After all that, I am ready to hope that we are getting the outdoor world going again. Wouldn't that be great? More fishing outings seem to be in our future.

Jim Woodman writes; I have three ponds within walking distance of my home that are easy to fish from shore. I invite members to join me on the evening of Friday, October 29 from 6pm – 9 pm or Saturday morning, October 30 from 7am – 10am at 4201 Eider Dr, McKinney 75072. Please RSVP to my email (lakebud002@gmail.com) or txt me at 651-226-7690.

Do not miss out on the FFI Virtual Expo November 5th-7th. Sign up now to get anything you like in the best classes. There are well over 100 classes and sessions with a huge percentage of them free with your registration. Look in the Calendar for the Internet Link. This is what the FFI wants to do instead of a big face to face convention in Montana. I agree, so go to the link and see what there is available still.

By all means, sign up for our Holiday Party. If you have some good pictures, send them to us and we will make a looping slide show out of them. Here is a secure address to send them to. Share your fly fishing photos for the Holiday Party slide show at this secure, private link: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/9fFDcUyW03qoDIqu02ko>

From the looks of our calendar, we are reaching the end of our year. I will miss the many canceled items on our 2021 menu of outdoor events, some of which we had been doing for a decade. However small group fishing outings and the teaching events are looking good for 2022. Stay close to our Calendar. When the new one arrives in the January 2022 Leader, it will have at least a half year of fun stuff to do on it.

It is a tough life, but someone gets to live it. Best wishes for big fish and lots of them....

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and lots of them.**
— Jere 



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