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## Fishin' Tales

by Julia Bell

When I was sharing with a fellow club member about preparing for our outing to South Fork, Colorado, he asked how often **Cody** and **I** attended the outing. (We've been going since 2018.) Then, he wanted to know how we remembered all the details on places we fished and where to go. That query got me thinking about how we document our trips, home and away.



A free app available internationally that allows users to mark a spot anywhere on the globe important to them is "What 3 Words." Its developers divided the globe into 10 feet squares and assigned each square an unique "address" consisting of a combination of three words. For example, the church's entrance where we meet is "woes.rich.ranked." All What3Words addresses are sharable and compatible with other navigation apps and can be used on Apple and Android phones and desktop computers. Now marking and saving a prized fishing hole, a put-in or takeout locale, or an unmarked country road is easy with the What3Words app.

Another international navigational phone app that doesn't need wi-fi or cell service connectivity to work is Gaia GPS. The app can easily replace a GPS. With many map options—public lands, private lands, topographical, satellite, to name a few—users can mark waypoints, labels, trails, routes, and share those details with others. Knowing where



you fished can be easily documented and saved for future use and shared with others. Unlike the free What3Words app, Gaia GPS costs \$19.99 a year.

I really enjoy visiting local fly shops when we go on outings outside of the Metroplex. I have two go-to shops I love at home, but visiting shops while vacationing enables me to find items not readily available at home. I have been reading about Oros Strike Indicators, with its enclosed fastening hardware that locks the line in place without kinking a leader and eliminates exposed attach points. Finding Oros Strike Indicators has been about as easy as finding Bigfoot. Then, **Ted Warren** posted on our DFF Facebook page his finding of the Oros while on a fishing trip in Kalispell, MT. Determined to find them, I asked at every fly shop, and Pops at Let It Fly came through. I purchased the 1/2" and 3/4" sizes in white, and I love them! They ride nicely in the water, are easy to rig, land softly, and suspend the line well.



Great quality fishing boots that actually fit, as opposed to the oft offered man's boot a woman can wear, has been a decade's long search. For many years, Cody wore and enjoyed Korkers with the Boa system. I would often ask about Korkers for ladies, and while they had Korkers, none were the BOA



system, because not enough ladies fished to merit targeting that market. I continued searching for well-fitting ladies boots. Voila! patience and perseverance paid off, because we found Ladies BOA Korkers at Ramble House Fly Shop. They came with the felt and rubber soles, and I bought the felt studded soles. What a huge difference, as my feet aren't swimming around inside the boots, they're easy to get on and off, they provide great ankle support, and the BOA system cinches perfectly.

I really enjoy products that add to my fishing and get even more enjoyment hearing about and sharing them with other fly fishers.

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

—Julia

President, Dallas FlyFishers

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# DFF 2022 Program Schedule

by LaJan Barnes, Program Coordinator

All of our remaining meetings will be at First United Methodist Church (FUMC), 503 N Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080. However, some of our meetings will be held in a different room than we have met in but still at the church (e.g., September's meeting, keep watch for an email about the new room.

**Previous Events:** July's fly tying event: I was saddened that I could not attend Bill Sargeant's fly tying session, but not sad enough to leave Idaho to reenter the heat wave in Texas. Sorry Bill. I understand that it was a great event and well attended. However, I am glad to say that if you missed it this year, you will have another chance next year. Bill has agreed to show us how to tie more flies in 2023.

**Future Meetings and Presentations:** Please add these dates to your calendar and support our great club! Please read the details for each meeting because not all of them may have the regular start time and/or location, nor will all of them be available by ZOOM (e.g., September's casting demo at 5 PM).

**August 1st** - This will be an in-person and Zoom meeting at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC). **Dutch Baughman** will tie four flies during the 5 to 6 PM hour: Coch y bondhu, Shakey Bealy, Bream Reaper, and a woven emerger or the IOBB (It Ought to be Banned). Then at 7 PM Dutch will talk about match the hatch, his favorite dropper and middle flies, the water column, and rigging. In addition, Dutch will show us the knots he prefers and how he uses some of our tools of the trade. What a treat. Dutch is a fantastic teacher and fisherman. You don't want to miss this gem!



See the article in this newsletter for details on his presentation and what you can learn!

**September 12th - Capt. Stacy Lynn** will be making a presentation on fly fishing in a saltwater environment. This will be an in-person and Zoom meeting starting at 7 PM. In addition, instead of a fly tying demonstration during the 5-6 PM hour, Stacy will demonstrate saltwater casting in the gymnasium at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC). There will be **NO** Zoom for the casting demonstration at 5 PM. Capt Stacy Lynn is owner of @wowflyfishing and store manager of a new fly fishing shop - Galveston Fishing Company. Stacy has 20+ years as a professional fly fishing coach, is a Fly Fishers Intl. Certified Instructor and a graduate of Joan Wulff's Fly Fishing Instructor's School. She is also a USCG Captain and a TPWD Licensed Saltwater Fly Fishing Guide in the Rockport/Corpus Christi area.

Stacy's new topic: **7 Skills of Highly Successful Saltwater Fly Fishers!**

**Written by Capt. Stacy:** This information is compiled from observations I am making from my perspective on the poling platform as I went from guiding and fishing with anglers of varying



skill levels - and started making comparisons. As a novice, you often don't know what you don't know - until you encounter someone that knows what you don't know: the "Huh, I never thought of that" moment. In my musings from the platform I started trying to figure out how I can give insight to a novice on what an expert does when they're fishing. So, I started with a list of skills and behaviors. And as I pondered it with clients, one of them suggested to base it on Stephen R. Covey's book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*®. It is a collection of

observations that I feel I am uniquely qualified to compile and share. I'm pulling back the curtain on what expert anglers do. Please use this information to expand your thinking and drive your skills development. I will be presenting these points in a combination of "order of importance" and order that they happen in the fishing process.

**October 3rd - Charlie Craven** confirmed. Charlie is the owner and operator of Charlie's Fly Box in Arvada, Colorado, USA ([www.charliesflyboxinc.com](http://www.charliesflyboxinc.com)). This will be a fly tying demonstration and storytelling session.

**November 7th - TPWD Night at the Dallas Fly Fishers.** Our very own **Keira Quam**, TPWD's Aquatic Education Training Specialist, will be our fly tying guest for the 5-6 PM. **John Botros**, TPWD River Access Coordinator, will kick off our TPWD presenters at 7 PM with highlights of the River Access Program. The River Access and Conservation Areas Program (RACA) lease private streamside properties for public river access for fishing and paddling opportunities. Although currently there are no RACA sites established in the DFW area, there are sites on the Brazos and in East Texas. TPWD hopes by providing this talk to the DFF that it may lead to opportunities to develop new or improved river access sites in the DFW area. **Tim Birdsong** will wrap up the evening and be talking about targeting different species in Texas and will spotlight high quality river for a variety of species throughout the state (including Rainbow Trout, White Bass, Guadalupe Bass, Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, and Alligator Gar).

**December 4th - Christmas/holiday party.** Location TBD

### 2023 Speaker Line Up to Date

Thanks to our great DFF President, **Julia Bell**, for helping me out while I am on vacation we have a full 2023 lineup of speakers. Set your calendar dates now so you don't miss anything.

**January 9: Danny Soltau**, Owner of Dirty Water Fly Shop, Plano. Topic: Streamer patterns that are designed to be anatomical in silhouette yet easy to cast all the while acting like the prey species during its presentation to the target species.

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## DFF 2022 Program Schedule

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**February 6:** **Alan King** and **Stephen Weaver**, co-founders of Good Fly Organization. Topic: casting clinic or how to practice cast on your own. The Good Fly Organization is a non-profit organization co-founded by **Stephen Weaver, Alan King, and George "Rusty" Dunn**, all three of which are graduates of Texas A&M. The purpose of Good Fly: "In a world of chaos and stress, Good Fly uses fly-casting to renew the mind and refresh the spirit." They are certified fly-casting instructors. *What a treat.*

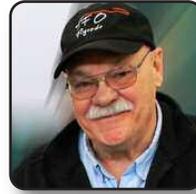
**March 6:** **Meredith McCord**, Winner Ladies Tarpon Fishing 2022, Saltwater Fishing. Topic - TBD.

**April 3:** **Robert Younghanz**, The Bug Guy. I am glad to say that we will once again enjoy the antics of The Bug Guy at our evening meeting and the bugs that we try to imitate when we fish. We will also host another streamside bug collecting event on Sunday April 2nd.

**May 1:** **Dale Harris**, DFF member. Topic: How to stay dry camping using a kayak or canoe. Dale is retired from his job as a telecom worker, but has been camping since the 1980's - so he has many years of camping experience. Dale has been on more than 20 weeklong wilderness camping trips. Eight of those weeklong trips were camping out of a canoe. Also, over the last 20 years, he has gone canoe camping 10 to 12 times a year on weekend canoe camping trips. He is the president of the Dallas Downriver Club and this is what they do. Dale is looking forward to sharing his learned camping experiences and to share his expertise with other paddlers who want to go camping on a river. He wants to make sure that campers obtain the correct gear for on-the-river camping trips for safety purposes and fun.

**June 5:** I am pleased to announce that it has been confirmed - we will have a very special guest speaker for this meeting. The one, the only **Bob Clouser**! Yes, that's correct.

This will be a ZOOM meeting only due to the travel distance and Bob's age (which he is only 84 his next birthday). Bob now lives in Florida and doesn't travel far from home these days. Bob will tie his famous clouser on a new hook design (AHREX™ SA210 Bob Clouser Signature) and present a program about bass. I told him that is right up our alley in Texas.



**July 10:** **Bill Sargeant**, Fly tying demonstration. Once again our DFF members share their expert fly tying prowess.

**August 7:** **Nick Gallegos**, Los Pinos Fly Shop, Albuquerque, NM. Topic: Fishing the Chama River & Northern NM Rivers.

**September 11:** **Aaron Reed**, award-winning outdoor writer and Army veteran. Topic: Texas Gulf Coast or San Gabriel River Georgetown.

**October 2:** **Donavan Clary**, Oklahoma Fishing Guide. Topic: Fishing the Lower Illinois or the Lower Mountain Fork Rivers.

**November 6:** **Greg DeMars**, DFF member. DFW local waters fishing. Greg hopes to have his book published in time for this presentation.

**December 3:** Holiday/Christmas Party - TBD

## 2022 CALENDAR:

**August 1st - Dutch Baughman**, the chairman of the FFI Learning Center and a great teacher of fishing skills will tie a few flies and then teach us how to use them to the best advantage.

**August 27th - Casting**, fishing for sunfish at the Castle Hills Green Area. Starts at 8, casting at 9, fishing from 10 on.

**September 12th - Captain Stacy Lynn** will teach a bit about Salt Water Fly Fishing to our group of fresh water fly rod users.

**September 20th - Dan Montayne's** warm water fly fishing workshops.

**September 24th - Basic Fly Fishing Course** at LLELA. Class for 9 to 2, with a one hour certification class for Instructors.

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

**October 3rd - Charlie Craven**, owner of Charlies Fly Box in Colorado. We will tie a fw flies and then have a group discussion.

**October 3rd-7th - DBU Fall Outdoor Experience** on two of these days.

**October 18th - Dan Montayne's** warm water fly fishing workshops.



**October 21st-23rd - OKTOBERFISCH 2022**

**October 22nd - Basic Fly Fishing Course** at LLELA, from 9 to 2. Certification as an Instructor possible if desired.

**October 28th-30th - Our beloved Toledo Bend Rendezvous** is back on. Watch for more posting about this.

**November 4th-6th - The FFI Virtual Expo Weekend. Do NOT miss this one.**

**November 7th - TPWD Night** at the Dallas Flyfishers.

**November 15th - Dan Montayne's** fly fishing workshops.

**December 4th - The Holiday Party**, location TBD.

# Dallas Flyfishers Semi-Annual Financial Report

by Steve Jackson, DFF Treasurer

Attached is the Financial Report for the first half of 2022. The board favors these as the method of keeping all of our members informed as to our status. They are published in the August Newsletter for the first half of the year and in the February Newsletter for the second half year. Refer all questions to Steve.

## DFF Income and Expense Statement for the Twelve Months Ended 6/30/22

<u>Income</u>	
Membership income	\$ 7,141
Auction income	18,178
Holiday party income	3,090
Raffle income	357
Athens Fly Fishing Festival income	4,500
Contributions income	1,567
Merchandise income	702
Miscellaneous income	120
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$ 35,655</b>

<u>Expenses</u>	
Newsletter expense	\$ 2,394
Speaker expense	6,862
Auction expense	3,705
FFI Dues	478
Liability insurance	450
Meeting room rental	2,498
Athens Fly Fishing Festival expense	6,122
Holiday party expense	2,354
Administrative expense	1,773
Internet expense & website	468
Outing expense	471
Merchandise expense	682
Donations	956
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 29,213</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 6,442</b>
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 22,273

## August Meeting Speaker is Dutch Baughman

by Jere Anderson

I can't imagine anyone in the DFF or the FWFF that does not know and respect the knowledge of this gentleman, but here is Dutch Baughman. He is on the Executive



Committee of the FFI and is the Education Committee Chairman.

He is responsible for the FFI Learning Center, one of the four major parts of the FFI Services.

We have the great good fortune of having him be an active member of the FFI Clubs in North-East Texas. He has prepared an imposing program for the DFF August Meeting, this next Monday, August 1st.

### In his words:

*During the tying session (5:00) I will tie four of my favorite flies for local water but will discuss at least 6 flies.*

*I will tie the: (with handouts)*

- Coch y bondhu
- Shakey Bealy

- Bream Reaper
- A woven emerger or the IOBB (It Ought to be Banned)

*During the meeting (7:00), I will discuss power point presentation(s) about:*

- *Selecting a fly by "Match the Hatch", and "Biological Perspective"*
- *My favorite dropper flies for local fisheries*
- *My favorite middle flies for local fisheries*
- *The water column, suspending your fly at precise depths, and why*
- *Rigging:*
  - *Dry Fly*
  - *Nymph*
  - *Dry/dropper*
  - *Double/dropper*
  - *5 ways to rig a dropper fly*
- *The knots I prefer:*
  - *Clinch*
  - *Fisherman's knot*
  - *Duncan (Uni) knot*
  - *Becker knot*
  - *The Knotless Connection*

- *A couple of loops*
- *The "knot profile" and why it is important*

- *How I use:*
  - *Tippet Ring*
  - *Swivel*
  - *Split Shot*
  - *Sink Tip*
  - *Strike Zone*
  - *Strike Indicators*
  - *Mending*
  - *Retrieving*

*All of this is in a power point presentation.*

Jere is very much looking forward to this much information in one evening. If you want to see a lot more of Dutch's great work, the FFI Web Site has a whole major section that he manages. I have tied both at the Grapevine BassPro and in major conferences where Dutch was tying and educating the multitudes. The crowds that gather to talk to him and watch are impressive. I would have to say, DON'T MISS THIS ONE.

# Nostalgia Hour, or An Old Dude Reminiscences

by Jere Anderson

Our May Meeting, which was a good one, was about one of Jere's favorite things' our Aquatic Insect Life. Barry Webster who is one of our great tiers had the floor. He demonstrated a form of fly that was very popular and relatively new in the 1980's, the Fuzzy Nymph. He has some of the original books of these flies and did a great job. As I mentioned in a previous Nostalgia Hour, I have tied at a few of the big shows, and it is a pleasure to find where Barry and his tying partner Dutch Baughman are. We get to see Dutch this August meeting.

The DFF has and has had some great tiers, and Jere has been fortunate enough to have tied with a few of the really great ones going back to the 1980's. In 1986 Billy Munn of the DFF won the Buz Buszek Award, the highest award for individual Fly-Tying Skills. When I was President in the mid 1990's through 2002, the DFF had three of the best in the west in the opinion of many. They were Slim Mitchell, Mike Verduin and Bill Sargeant. They were all part of our roving fly-tying group and I tied with them at Barlow's, Gun and Tackle, and Backwoods. What a deal. They were all very creative and proficient in the various Deer Hair Techniques. I did not learn very much from them compared to all that they knew and could do, but I very much enjoyed and respected the

patience and skills that I could watch and marvel at. It was great to tie with such a group of knowledge and skills, that even an intermediate tier like me came away from each session feeling like I had learned more skills.

So, when I learned that Bill Sargeant was going to be the man of the hour for our July Meeting, the calendar was instantly cleaned of conflicts, and I was ready to go about two days early. He is a great spinner of deer hair and almost any other skill you can name. Bill was not only a very talented tier, but I love a smaller size Dahlburg Diver in light colors, and he would tie me a few from time to time. What a great guy.

When the word went out about Bill tying and teaching, I believe it got good response. The room was set up with tying tables, with room for two tiers per table. We filled the room. I got to tie with some DFF Members that I have not seen at the tying tables in quite a while. So, this was an evening of happy memories of almost three decades of fly tying with those DFF Guy and Gals. Bill outdid himself in picking some interesting flies and built us some really great tying kits.

His flies were a Stimulator with Fire Orange thread and Orange Thorax Dubbing. The tail and wing

were deer hair. The abdomen was yellow sparkle yarn, and two different hackles wound the body and thorax. Lots of pieces but all fit together very logically. The second fly was a Parachute Hopper. My post tying is not exactly an art, but it worked. The Hopper abdomen was Antron dubbing with a brown fiber rib. The down wing was a piece of turkey quill, folded and trimmed to give the wing the right shape. Then around the post went a Grizzly Hackle. Even for me, these were fishable flies. Not award winners, but solid fishable flies.

Next on the summer hit parade will be Dutch Baughman. Dutch is an artist of Classic English Salmon Flies. Dutch is planning on some fly tying early and then a program on how to fish them. As Dutch is the guiding light behind the FFI Learning Center, any class he builds will be a good one. I believe that it will be worth the full attention of everyone. Dutch is such a great writer of class Materials and an even better teacher of them, you really ought not to miss this one. I hope you have gotten to the previous two meeting presentations mentioned in this note. Whether you did or not, you certainly owe it to yourself to see this next one.

**See you there. Best wishes for many and bigger fishes.**

## The Damage to Yellowstone Park is Being Fixed

by Jere Anderson

I am very happy to report that the Northern Loop Road through the Hot Springs Area is now open. Here is the new map from the National Park Service.

The loop through the Mammoth Hot Springs is open, but both the North and the Northeast entrances are closed to motorized traffic. I am surprised that they are allowing foot traffic through the closed entrances. So hikers are free to wander where ever the roads are.

If you drive in through any of the three open entrances, you can now drive to the Hot Springs Area. This is a big improvement. The open entrances are the West Entrance from West Yellowstone, Montana, the East Entrance for Cody, Wyoming, and the South Entrance from the Grand Teton National Park. Current thinking is that the two Northern Entrance roads probably will NOT open to vehicle traffic this season. But it looks like if you drive in through the three open entrances, almost all the park is accessible.

They still hope to get a good winter season for the motorized snow vehicles. Continuous information is available at [Park Roads - Yellowstone National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/parkroads.htm). <https://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/parkroads.htm>



# Fly Tying Horizons, Fall 2022 and Beyond

by Dan Montayne, DFF Fly Tying Coordinator

This fall is shaping up nicely for “Go To” presenters and reliable flies for the stream box. The infusion of new blood for this fall’s Cabela’s events include **Danny Soltau** of Dirty Water Fly CO, warm water to salt water patterns and **Bill Sargent**, master tier and expert hair fly artist. Other noted presenters include **Jim Kelly** and **Art San Roman**. Both gentlemen tie patterns that catch fish. They round out this fall’s much anticipated venue. It is not too early to sign up for the Fall, 2022 sessions. Skuttle-butt holds the promise of full capacity venues. Save your seat now. Text or email us.

January through July, 2023 sessions are also forming. If you’d like to present, step forward and contact me soon to schedule a month that will feature your “Go To” fly favorite.

Now let’s turn to yesterday’s news. July’s 3rd Tuesday Event was one with a slightly different format twist. Tiers were challenged to tie a soft hackle style pattern and a variant streamer. The twist came from choosing materials from a central table that featured an abundant assortment of feather, body, and wing choices. Throughout the year we stressed using materials that you already have. We encouraged tiers to make ingredient substitutions with different colors and characteristics, thus producing outstanding pattern variants. This challenge offered the opportunity for participants to put substitutions into action. The omission of prepacked tying kits momentarily challenged the 17 tiers, but as usual their artistry and ingenuity shined like a star. Take a look. I’m excited. You should be also!



Bass Buster Variant



Syn-Frog



Carp Streamer



Soft Dropper



## FFI Honors Some Members of the North Texas Clubs

by Jere Anderson

We of the Dallas Flyfishers are a Fly Fishing Club in the Texas Council of the Fly Fishers International. Less than half of our club seem to have FFI Memberships. Yet we are active and involved in the FFI from our own Texas Council that was started with lots of support from many members of the FWFF and DFF in about 2014. Previously we were part of the Southern Council.

Many of us have served on the various positions of the FFI. We should be proud of the hard work being done today by DFF Members. Many of our members are members of several clubs, with the DFF/FWFF Group being a very high profile backbone of the Texas Council. The President of the Texas Council is **Rick Haness** who is a dual member. He is very active in the communication of the Council, and **Julia** is one of the Club Presidents on his Club Presidents Council Meetings. **Jack Gillis**, the DFF VP is the Texas Council VP, and **Barry Webster** and **Dutch Baughman** are members of the Texas Council. **Kiera** is the TPWD Representative to the Texas Council.

Very recently, the FFI had a Board of Directors Meeting. I am proud and happy to note that **Barry Webster** who was an FFI Board Member and Chairman of the Membership Committee, has been promoted to the FFI Executive Committee. **Jack Gillis**, the DFF VP and past program

Chairman will be heading the Fly Tying Group of the FFI, a very important position.

**Dutch**, our August Speaker is on the FFI Executive Committee and is the Chairman of the very Important FFI Education Committee. He is also receiving the Dick Nelson Fly Tying Award this year. Congratulations, Dutch.

So for those of you in the DFF that are unaware of the major undertakings of the FFI, Jere suggests that we of the Texas Clubs here in the North-east corner of Texas are well known and respected, and really involved. I encourage you to talk to our members that are involved and now that the world is settling down a bit, there will be many activities available to you.

One of the biggest and best of the activities is the Annual Meeting that has been held mostly in Livingston MT. It will be virtual this year. So you can attend the presentations that sound good to you without traveling to Montana. It will be on November 4th-6th. Go whole hog and get a membership in the FFI if you do not already have one. For the price, a lot is happening to support our sport.

We really believe our motto, All Fish, All Water. How can you miss? The FFI web site is <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/>.

# 2022 South Fork, Colorado Outing Recap

by Jeff Ziehm

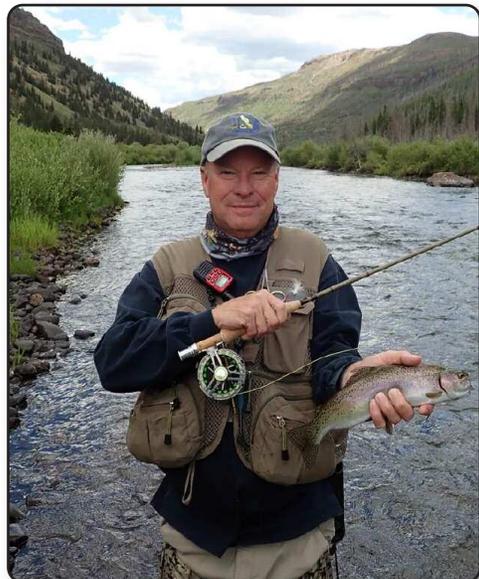
This year's South Fork, Colorado outing took place July 16 – 23.

We had 19 attendees, 11 from DFF (**Doug Selzer, brother John**, and for the first time, son **Riley, Vaughn** and **Janet DuBose, Cody** and **Julia Bell, David** and **Alma Cohen, Larry Johnson**, and myself), 4 from FWFF (**Russell, Dennis, Michael, and Don**), 2 from Piney Wood Fly Fishers (**Bruce** and **Larry**), and 2 from Lubbock Fly Fishers (**David** and **Ted**). Larry and I fished together. Cody joined us early in the week, until Julia arrived.

It was a good snowfall year, so water levels had no impact on the fishing. Rio Grande river flow at Wagon Wheel Gap was in the 320cfs range throughout the week. Average daily high was 80°, low 50°, a nice relief from the Texas summer heat. I flew to Colorado Springs and rented a car, most others drove. Everyone stayed at Ute Bluff Lodge, where **Clair** and **Jose** were gracious Ute Bluff Lodge hosts. (Clair and Jose trivia. They met in Afghanistan while serving our country).

Daily routine was to wakeup around 6am, chit chat with folks about where they were going to fish the day. Leave for fishing around 7:30am. In the evening kibitz with people about where they fished that day, how was the fishing, what flies were used, and where they were going to go fishing the next day.

Tuesday evening Potluck was a highlight. Wednesday evening Bruce and Larry played guitar and sang.



Fishing agenda for the week:

**Sunday.** Larry and I fished the South Fork of the Rio Grande. Lots of fish, half browns, half rainbows. River was a bit high from a storm the day before, running 110cfs. It had been 85cfs the day before. Historically I have not had good luck with declining water levels. That did not seem to impact the fishing that day. Most effective flies were #16 elk hair caddis and #16 PT. The elk hair was a 2nd fly with an H&L Variant. The H&L had much better visibility, which allowed me to see the caddis. I used a small foam hopper with white posts as the strike indicator for the PT, though I did catch one on the hopper. I also caught a couple on a parachute adams and on the H&L.

**Monday morning.** Larry, Cody and I fished with Presley. Presley was a guide from Wolf Creek Anglers. We fished the Rio Grande River. Access was the Coller Wildlife Area just upstream from South Fork. Fishing was difficult. We mostly fished a double nymph rig.

**Monday afternoon.** We fished Beaver Creek above Beaver Reservoir. A beautiful meadow setting. Plenty of fish. And unfortunately, plenty of flies. Most successful rig was a dry/dropper.

**Tuesday.** We fished Beaver Creek below Beaver reservoir. 23cfs, 51-53°. A lot of boulder scrambling, and lots of fish. 2/3 browns, 1/3 rainbows.

**Wednesday.** Fished the upper Rio Grande. A two hour drive followed by a 45 minute hike to the put-in point. 54-61°, 131cfs. Species: 2/3 browns, 1/3 bows. Flies: #12 PT was most effective

**Thursday.** Fished upper Beaver Creek again. One would have thought we would have learned about the flies the first time, but we are slow learners. Again, lots of fish, but the flies chased us off the water. This section of this creek is the only time I have ever had an issue with flies fishing the South Fork area. Parachute Adams worked best. They would not hit a nymph

**Friday.** Small mountain stream that was new to me. Beautiful drive to stream. Beautiful stream. Lots of fish. Join us next year, and I will tell you more about it. Species: Brown, rainbow, brook and cutthroat. Flies: Double dry rig with an adams off a stimulator worked well.



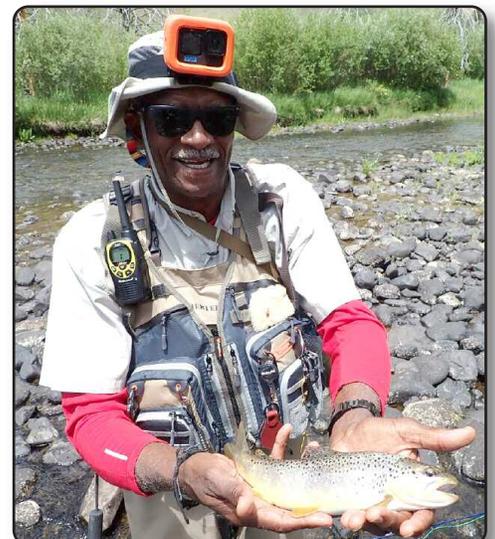
I fished with Larry Johnson for the first time. Larry was a pleasure to fish with. He was relatively new to this type of fly fishing. His technique got better and better every day. And on the last day, he had his best day.

I tried to take advantage of the entomology class taught by **Robert Younghanz** (*The Bug Guy*) in May of this year. I seined the water every day before we started fishing. Amazing to see all the stonefly, mayfly, caddisfly, and midge larva. That is one of the great things about fly fishing, there are so many fun aspects to the sport, in addition to the fishing; casting, tying, aquatic entomology.

Start making plans for next year's South Fork outing. It will be July 15-22, 2023. I just made my reservation at Ute Bluff Lodge.

***I hope to see you there.***

*— Jeff*



# The Activity Report

by Jere Anderson

DBU had an International Day with contingents from around the world. **Dr. Ray Galloway** who we have been helping with fly fishing education since about 2008, asked us to take part in a multi-week program at DBU. We had a half day to explain fishing as a recreation and fly fishing in particular. **Dan Montayne**, supported by **Jim Crump**, **Dave Smith**, **Jim Woodman** and **Jere** developed a half day of fun and frolic. While the largely Asian Crowd had translators to cover our lack of the four or five primary languages of the students, it went well. All of them spoke English more than well enough to understand the fly tying instructions.

These opportunities to have some real fun and adventure with Dr. Ray Galloway at DBU have been part of our life since Charlie DuCote and I first helped with the Outdoor Experiences class back in 2007. We teach between 2 and four times a year on a scheduled basis, and get these calls to help out with a half day program at least once a year. So **Dan Montayne** and five of us met at his house on Friday and designed a class. We picked the flies and tied them to be sure they worked well enough to be beginner flies. Then the tying kits were made up and we all met in the DBU International Area on Saturday.

We all gathered and set up the room so four instructors had three students each, and **Jere** and **Doris Montayne** were the rovers. Dan briefly explained the Physics of fly casting, and then we retired to the Pond Area and after Dan demonstrated the basic technique, we had everyone who wanted to get a chance to make a Pick up an lay down cast.

Here is a picture or two.



Moving back inside we had a table of tyers led by Jim Crump.



A table led by Dan.



A table led by Dave Smith.



And a table led by Jim Woodman



Jere and Doris Montayne were rovers and helped whoever need more coaching.

Our usual fabulous Group Photo is here:



While Jere is somewhat biased, I believe that this was a great time both for the students from the DBU International Center, and our DFF Instructors.

Our July meeting was a fly tying event, led by one of our long time really great teachers of the classic arts of fly tying, **Mr. Bill Sargeant**, one of the Leaders of our early fly tying events in the 1990's. We are getting a great collection of different styles in our fly tying meetings that are led by Members. The session with **Barry Webster** and the tying session in August featuring **Dutch Baughman** are two tiers that **Dave Smith** and I have tied across from at the International Conclave. **Bill Sargeant** is the last of a group of experts including **Mike Verduin** and **Slim Mitchell**. We had all tied at Barlow's, Gun and Tackle and Backwoods. It was great to be tying with Bill again, and he has still got the touch for picking great flies and choosing materials that work for that pattern. If you missed this one you have missed a lot. These were the flies.



Bill tying and the students that filled the room.



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July is also the month of the joint Colorado Outing with the DFF and the FWFF. **Jeff Ziehm** coordinated the DFF participation. The stories from this outing are legends. This trout is about to inhale a big Mayfly.



The first event of the second year of Dan's Warm Water Fly Tying was the 19th of July. It was interesting, and educational. Dan

selected two of the flies we had tied before, and then challenged us to pick some materials from a table full of them and tie it again with our own selection of materials. I doubt that there is a fly tier alive who has not wondered how much better this would be if I just changed the dubbing or used a different feather. Dan's E-mail said in part; "The July Cabela's session culminates a wonderful year of fly tying and will be an event not to be missed. We will focus on patterns that utilize variant feathers, hair, and materials. You'll learn to substitute dry hackle, soft hackle, and similar components for numerous go-to flies. Explanations of material differences, feather sweet spots, and dubbing tricks will help clear up questions and make you a more informed tier." This was the second time that **Bill Sargeant** was with us, and his wisdom helped a lot of us too. The third Tuesday event at Cabela's will not be held in August due to the Montaynes wanting to schedule a neat sounding vacation, but we will be back in September. There were some very serious fly tiers here as usual. When these start up again in September, if you are not one of our regulars, you really are missing something. An article about Dan's Monthly Fly Tying Events is in this newsletter.

The August Meeting will feature **Dutch Baughman**, and will be a fly tying demonstration at 5pm and a program at 7pm. Elsewhere in this Leader is a complete explanation of his subject matter that he built for us. Be sure to be there.

So summer is here at last and the fishing seems to be good, based on the pictures members are posting in the DFF Facebook pages. Get out there and enjoy the summer of 2022. We have been cheated out of a couple of good summers and I am ready to hit the water. I hope for cooler weather and a lot more rain. But if we just must fish early and late to beat the heat, it is just regular Texas in the summer.

The fall programs are set to be some real prizes and going on into 2023 it looks like our wonderful classic events are coming back.

**Best Wishes for many fishes.  
May they be bigger and  
more full of fight.**

— Jere



## The Conservation Corner

by Jere Anderson

Summer is here and the city folks are out there mingling with our wildlife. This is good from the standpoint of making them appreciate our wildlife and to admire nature as it really exists. The Downside is that many of them have no concept of how to enjoy our wild world without either disturbing it or worse, without being attacked by it. Every year as the summer opens, a cluster of injuries make the news due to unsuccessful interactions between wildlife and tourists. Because my favorite of the big, beautiful animals are the Bear Family, we will start with Bear Encounters. Even in Yellowstone, they are very rare. In terms of numbers of injuries,

the Bison caused injuries far exceed those caused by Bears.

We fishing outdoor folks explore the back country looking for likely fishing spots. We are far more likely to encounter a Bear than park visitors. For a while in the last century, my family lived near Yosemite National Park. There, the city folks had fed the Bears and the Bears had come to expect it. This was not good. A Mother Bear with her family are very much in need and cannot take no for an answer. This is an unusually large Black Bear Family and the youngsters romp around and have a great curiosity. But it is dangerous to the humans to play with them and even more dangerous to the cute little ones. Momma Bear is close, and will charge with very little

warning if one of the Cubs seems to be in danger.



I was raised on a farm in the western part of the State of Washington. The state had so many Black Bears that the hunting rules allowed Black Bears to be taken year-round, with no limit. We had a big pile of stumps that were still left over from clearing the land, and my brother found what looked like a cave

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in the pile. He climbed in and found a sleeping Bear. He very carefully and as quietly as possible climbed back out. The hibernating Bear did not realize it had become a tourist attraction, but us kids were not likely to disturb her. The Bears have their young during hibernation, and the cubs nurse and get strong enough to be able to travel with Mom when they first emerge from hibernation. But it is best to give them quite a bit of room.

I love the color phase of Black Bears known in the west as a Cinnamon Bear. Once on the McCloud River, I was fly fishing for trout. One of these beautiful creatures followed me around for most of a morning. When I had a fish on, the animal seemed to expect me to share. He did not understand Catch and Release. We never had contact or even a threat that I perceived. However much of the time I was alone with my Bear Buddy. My human friends were less comfortable with a big Bear. The Diablo Valley Fly Fishers had rented the Nature Conservatory Cabin for the week, and as I was the one that seemed the calmest around that Bear, it was happy to come and be my fishing buddy.

The Bears of Yellowstone that are so dangerous are the Grizzly Bears. The big males, if well fed, will approach 1000 pounds. Fortunately, they are solitary animals and except during the early season are rarely seen by tourists on the roads and busy trails. But the park spends a lot of time making sure the less astute tourists do not go to where the last one was seen, rather than avoiding that area which is what the rangers prefer. Here is a family.



The rangers believe that only about half the cubs make it to independent size and can be

free from Mom. The others are thought to be eaten by the males as a light snack. That is a terrible thought, but it does explain why the Mother Bears are willing to fight to the death for the little ones.

On the west coast, in the big rivers coming up from the Ocean, the Bears fish. They need to get a good fat layer on for the winter and the rich fat of the spawning Salmon is perfect for that. My experience is that these feeding Bears are rather preoccupied with hunting lunch. If you just don't fish for the salmon in the pools too close to where they are hunting, a tolerance exists.



The females share with the cubs, but the males are somewhat less of a family man. Some of the best Bear watching in Alaska and along the Columbia River System is at the falls when and where the fat fish are struggling to reach their spawning gravel. I doubt that anyone needs to be reminded of the potential danger of annoying a Big Bear, especially when it is eating.

However, the rangers in Yellowstone will gladly tell you that the real danger is the Bison. If you have ever spent some time with



range animals like the Cattle my family raised, it will be clear to you that you need to watch these large grazing animals even though you do not even remotely look like food. If you see an animal like this one, he looks relaxed and peaceful. They walk along the roads and if you stay in your car, you can get quite close without danger to either you and your family or to the Bison.

If he is separated from the herd, watch him for a bit. If the herd is well away from where he is and he is stationed between the herd and all the cars and tourists, you are probably seeing the animal that is on guard duty. His role is to warn the herd if they are being challenged.

Too many city folks think; "Wow, Mabel. Let's get a picture of that animal with the kids." This sometimes works out, but ask any ranger in Yellowstone, and they will tell you that MOST of the animal encounters that result in human injury happen with Bison. This year the park had only been open for about 3 weeks when the fourth injury occurred. These City folks with little instinct for safety around large animals should avoid thinking that he is cute and will make a great family vacation picture. If they were to think of him as a 2000-pound wild Bull, and respect that, they will be a lot safer.



We fly fishers will encounter large animals in the fields we cross to get to the fishing water. They are usually easy going but pay attention to their body language. Any sign of fidgeting or pawing the earth is the animal trying to get your attention. If you give the interaction half chance, it will go well. Many of us hike far afield in search of fishy water that is not pressured. So, there is probably a greater chance that we will encounter animals that

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are not tame. Use caution and move carefully so you do not startle a big Bear or Bison.

You are very successful outdoor enthusiasts, so I want you to have a great fall fishing season. If you go to Bear country, be careful not to have a sudden encounter. Most wild animals want to avoid these, so be a partner in that idea. Make a lot of noise. Talk a lot to your hiking partners. The idea is to NOT come up on a nervous dangerous animal by surprise. If this careful approach fails, Bear Spray works in an emergency according to the Rangers. I never carried any, but I believe that.

Have a great time in the coming fall weather and realize that Bears are just getting fat so they can survive the long winter. Our Southern Black

Bears probably do not really hibernate, but they do like to get the fat layer built up. It is part of their instincts. Just enjoy our outdoors and love to be out and about in the presence of the wild world, both great and small. To me, the variety of animals is a feature of the outdoor recreations we enjoy.

Moose and Elk in addition to the animals already discussed, also add to my enjoyment in the wild kingdom. Herds of mature Elk near the grassy meadows at the North End of Yellowstone are inspiring. These animals that migrate into the little town just outside the park and all over the Hot Springs area are dramatic all year, and in the fall as the dominate Bulls are sparring for breeding rights to the herd, the action can be fierce.

My oldest son and I were fly fishing the Firehole River where it flows out of the meadow at the geyser basin and into the wood line just upstream from the road to West Yellowstone. To our surprise, we found ourselves in the middle of a gaggle of Moose. I had never seen them up close before. They generally pull back into the forest if they see you, and as the largest member of the Deer Family they are huge. But you already know more about safety and fun in the sun than most. Take the time to observe and enjoy all animals, great and small.

**Best wishes for bigger fishes.**



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