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Fishin' Tales

by Julia Bell

What a busy month October has been! Four of the month's five weekends were devoted to fly fishing—Southern Conclave, the club's outing to *Bethany Lakes*, *Oktoberfisch*, and *Toledo Bend Rendezvous*. We were so busy, **Cody** and **I** spent several weekends in different states from the previous weekend. All of these events, combined with helping TPWD at the State Fair's opening weekend, than you **Bill Slaughter**, **Paul Locklear**, and **Keira Quam**, and the Basic Fly Fishing class at LLELA, October proves it is a great month for fly fishers.

After a two-year hiatus from Oktoberfisch due to that confounded broken arm, I returned to one of my most beloved events, held this year in Kerrville a few miles downstream from the headwaters of the Guadalupe River. We camped at the lovely By the River RV Park in Ingram, just west of Kerrville. While the drought has been difficult on the Guadalupe

River, it fished quite well for Cody and me. We enjoyed wade fishing at the RV park, where I caught my largest Sunfish ever, and from our kayaks on Flat Rock Lake behind the Oktoberfisch venue. We fished slow sinking lines to pools and shady shorelines and took great joy seeing a couple catch two 5-pound Catfish on conventional tackle at the Quinlan Creek confluence with the lake. The Hill Country water clarity provides warm, freshwater sight casting normally reserved for trout streams and the saltwater. At the Oktoberfisch EXPO, I loved hearing about **Dutch Baughman's** Bream Reaper tweaks modeled after **George Grant's** tying style, seeing **Russell Husted** tying some of **Charlie Craven's** streamer patterns from the October meeting presentation, and collaborating with DFF dual members **Joan Swartz**, *President of the Texas Women Fly Fishers*, **Jerry Hamon**, *President of the Waco Fly Fishing Club*, and **Rick Haness**, *President of the Texas Council Fly Fishers International*; many exciting plans are in the works for fly fishers!

Just because the calendar page flips doesn't mean the fly fishing activities cease. If you're looking to expand your fly fishing skills and/or gear, the upcoming 4-6 November

2022 Fly Fishers Virtual Expo and fundraising on-line auction has the potential to fill your gaps just in time for trout season. Registration for the workshops, seminars, demonstrations, and auction are now open at <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo>.

The DFF Holiday Party Committee is in the planning stages for the upcoming Holiday Party on Sunday 4 December 2022, and we need your help. The party is a pre-registration event only, so we need the membership to purchase their tickets sooner rather than later. We also need your 2022 fishing photos for the slide show entertainment. Please refer to the specific editorial content in the newsletter for further details.

For Cody and me, it's on to Zwolle, Louisiana, home of the Toledo Bend Rendezvous at North Toledo Bend State Park, where I plan on tying streamer patterns from my newly acquired Charlie Craven book *Streamers*.

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

—Julia

President, Dallas FlyFishers

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DFF Holiday Slide Show Submission



We hope you're beginning to think about the DFF Holiday Party; **LaJan** has detailed the information; **Jeff** has the Purchase Ticket link on our website; and I'm beginning to organize the slideshow. To feature Y-O-U in the show, please submit your 2022 fishing photos to the secure, Dropbox link. Our deadline for photo submission is **23 November 2022**, so feel free to submit often. We will put the photos into a PowerPoint program, which will run throughout the Holiday Party. We enjoyed last year's slideshow and are looking forward to this year's, as well.

Click here to go to upload photos: [DFF 2022 Fishing Photo Submission for the Holiday Party Slideshow](#)

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DFE 2022 Program Schedule

by LaJan Barnes, Program Coordinator

We will be at meeting at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC), 503 N Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080. Make note of the location of our meeting room for **November** we will meet in the **Youth Worship** room on the northwest side of the church building on the 2nd floor. There is an elevator just as you enter the building to access that room and plenty of parking on that side of the building (see the church layout in this newsletter). Also in January, 2023, we will meet in the **Youth Worship** room. December is our Holiday/Christmas party and will not be at the building, see below for location.

Previous Events: Charlie Craven did not disappoint. The fly patterns he tied were great! We usually have a drawing for those after the meeting; however, the four flies that Charlie tied will be one of the basket items at the Christmas/Holiday Party in December. Sooooooo... if we would like to have those, don't forget to register and attend. Details about our Christmas/Holiday Party are found in this newsletter.

Future Meetings and Presentations: Please add these dates to your calendar and support our great club! See each meeting for details regarding fly tying and presentation times.

November 7th - Meeting Location: Youth Worship Center, NW side of building on the 2nd floor. This presentation will be available via Zoom and in-person.

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. Unfortunately, Tim Birdsong cannot attend; however, John Botros will bring Tim's slides about targeting different species in Texas and will spotlight high quality river fisheries for a variety of species throughout the state (including Rainbow Trout, White Bass, Guadalupe Bass, Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, and Alligator Gar).

December 4th Sunday - Christmas/Holiday party. Once again we will experience the fine cuisine at the **TG Brazilian Steakhouse** (<https://www.tgsteakhouse.com>): 518 W Arapaho Rd #133, Richardson, TX 75080. **See the separate article in this newsletter for details.** We will have bucket raffle items and door prizes, e.g., two Dave Whitlock prints will be raffled as well as Charlie Craven hand-tied flies, and two of Charlie's books (Nymphs and Streamers). The festivities will begin at 6:00 PM. Reservations are required; the cutoff date to make a reservation and purchase tickets is November 27th. Let's take over the restaurant; we need 80 people to do that so don't wait register now!

2023 Speaker Line Up

Set your calendar dates now so you don't miss any of our meetings. Please note that there are two locations for our meeting rooms at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC), 503

N Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080. Make note of the location of our meeting room for each meeting. Most of our 2023 meetings will be in the **Ogden Fellowship Hall** on the **NE side** of the building. Unless otherwise notes our fly tying will be from 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM break for dinner and visiting, speaker presentation to begin at 7 PM followed by our brief business meeting and drawings for flies.

January 9: Danny Soltau, Owner of Dirty Water Fly Shop, Plano. **Meeting Location: Youth Worship Center, NW side of the building.** Dan is a great supporter of the DFF, please come and support Dan. **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.

February 6: Alan King and Stephen Weaver, co-founders of Good Fly Organization will provide casting instruction. 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! **Meeting Location:** We hope to be in the **Youth Worship Center and the gym; however, that has not been confirmed.** They are located on the NW side of the building. We will send out an email once we have confirmation. **Topic:** We hope this will be our 2023 casting clinic. We will begin the clinic at 6 PM in the gym on the first floor (NW side of the building). The business meeting, etc. will be in the Youth Worship Center on the 2nd floor above the gym at 8 PM.

March 6: Meredith McCord, Winner Ladies Tarpon Fishing 2022, Saltwater Fishing. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall, NE side of building.** **Topic:** TBD.

April 2nd (Sunday): Streamside bug collecting. Since there is a limit of 20 people, we will try and give preference to those that did not get to attend in 2021, then it will be opened up to all to fill up the class. **Location:** TBD (possibly LLELA since that worked well in 2022)

April 3: Robert Younghanz, The Bug Guy. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall.** 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. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall.** **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.

2022 CALENDAR:

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. The November meeting of this group will be in our regular Meeting Room at the FUMC.
November 30th - Fishing event with the Stephenville kids at the fisheries center, 9am to 3pm. Call **Richard** at cell 469-877-0695 if you can come have fun with the kids. They should have just planted trout.
December 4th - The Holiday Party, at the same place as last year. **There is a sign-up article in this newsletter and on our web page.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2023 SCHEDULE.

LaJan's Programs Overview has most of the 2023 Speakers listed, as well. It's looking to be another grand year with the DFF!

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February 17th,19th: TU Troutfest at the Lazy L & L Campgrounds.

February 25th-26th: The Fly Fishing and Brew Festival in Mesquite.

March 6th: Meredith McCord, Winner Ladies Tarpon Fishing 2022, Saltwater Fishing, Details to follow.

March 23rd-25th: Sow Bug, Baxter County Fairgrounds, Mt. Home, AR.

March 30th: The Spring Outing at Lathram Springs. There is an \$8 fee, but it fishes great.

April 2nd: A repeat of the very successful bug gathering and identification outing,

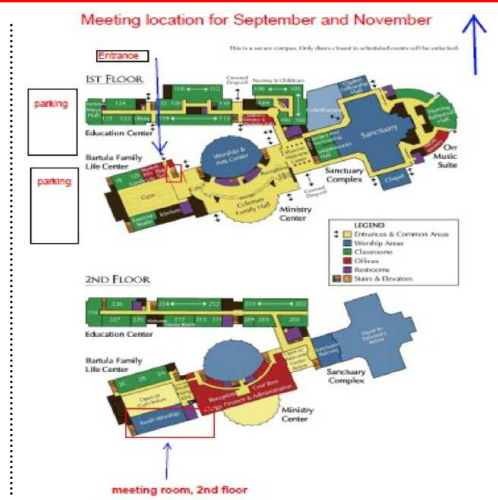
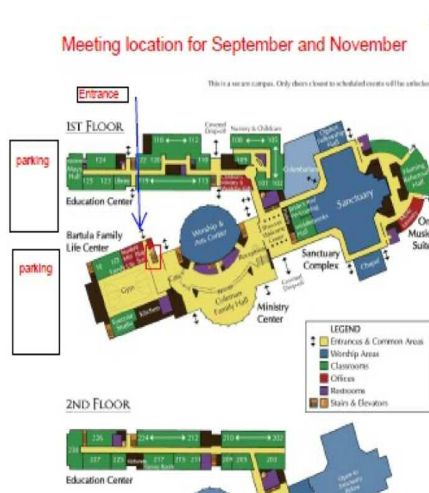
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Meeting Room Locations for 2022 and 2023:

The Ogden Fellowship Hall has been our regular meeting location. We will meet in the Youth Worship Center in November on the NW side of the building. There is plenty of parking on both sides of the building.

We will meet in the Ogden Fellowship Hall most of 2023; however, we will meet in the Youth Worship Center on the NW side of the building in January and November. The remainder of our 2023 meetings will be held in the Ogden Fellowship Hall on the NE side of the building. Please see the attached maps.



2022 DFF Holiday Party

Date: Sunday December 4, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Activities: Dinner, Raffle, New Officer Induction

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

Registration deadline: November 28th; no day-of sales will be made!

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

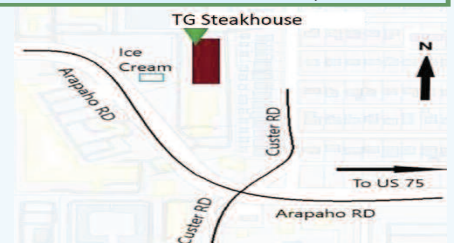
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Attendee Name(s): _____

Make check payable to:
DFF Holiday Party

Mail form and check to: DFF Holiday Party
8349 Club Meadows Drive
Dallas, Texas 75243

Where: **TG Steakhouse** 518 Arapaho Rd, Ste. 133
Richardson, TX 75080



November Outing

The Possum Kingdom tailrace has been very productive this fall, so the DFF is headed to fish a new-to-us section of the Brazos.

Friday 11 November 2022

9:00 a.m. - ???

Wade fishing the Brazos River below Possum Kingdom Dam

600 SH-16, Graford, TX 76449
(State Fish Hatchery address)

Parking: Do NOT turn in to the fish hatchery; instead, continue south on SH-16 following the downhill curve to the west. There will be a gravel road to the NW as you drive out of the curve and before reaching the bridge. Take the gravel road and it will lead you to the parking lot.

Species: Largemouth Bass, Striped Bass, Sunfish, Catfish, Gar, Carp

We will be monitoring the Brazos River Authority Facebook page for up-to-date water releases. <https://www.facebook.com/BrazosWater>



Bring water, sack lunch, lawn chair and we will meet in the parking lot to share a lunch together at noon. Consider carpooling with friends.

Stream Team Bug Picking for October 23rd

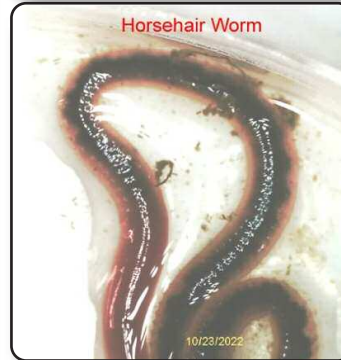
by Roger, narration by Jere

The day after the LLELA Fly Fishing Training was our usual third Sunday Stream Team day. Richard and Roger were going to have a great day to see how the insect life was doing in Furneaux Creek. It appears that the bugs were doing well, and the temperature change may have been triggering their activity as they get ready to ride out the winter.

The group did well and had a bumper crop of aquatic lifeforms to analyse. Here is the tabulation of the findings.

Even more interesting was the variety of animals. The entries in the table above tell the story, but here are a few microscope pictures of the more interesting ones.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grass Shrimp	<input type="checkbox"/> Crayfish	<input type="checkbox"/> Gilled Snail
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<input type="checkbox"/> Riffle Beetle Larva or Adult	<input type="checkbox"/> Coiled Snail	<input type="checkbox"/> Planaria
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These are typical and suggest that the environment is in good shape and capable of sustaining a good balance of natural lifeforms.

Great work, DFF and the Master Naturalists that maintain these records.



A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

by Dan Montayne, Fly Tying Coordinator

Participation is only one aspect of fly tying. Enthusiasm for accomplishment is another. Both of these joined hands during October's Third Tuesday event as Bill Sargeant's program introduced deer hair identification and how to spin, pack, and shape it. Most tiers were apprehensive as they began the initial steps. However, cheers of joy erupted as their deer hair spun perfectly as taught. Repeat actions resulted in tight tufts of hair, ready to shape into a popper-looking creation. Once

they understood the process and tiers practiced, it was time to tackle Bill's Hair Popper pattern. As individuals completed their flies, more excitement filled the room. Exclamations of, "I did it!" echoed off the walls. What a fulfilling sound!

The comradery developing between all participants and featured tiers over the past year makes the many hours invested in planning and preparing for each session well

worth the effort. My sincere thanks go to every presenter and attendee for a wonderful year of fly tying at Cabela's Third Tuesday events. From participant feedback, the patterns tied at these sessions definitely catch fish. How about that?

Take a gander at the enthusiasm, intensity, and pride expressed as their masterpieces emerged in October. Each picture is worth a thousand words.



November 15th, your next big chance to pick up the tips and tricks of fly tying, is fast approaching. Jim Kelly will be our guest tier followed by a special session focused on soft

hackle big feather application, which end of dry fly hackle works best and where, small fly tail materials, leg materials and application, and your own questions. Won't you join in?

Come see for yourself what all the excitement is about.



An Older Guy Reminisces

by Jere Anderson

As I sit here building our final Newsletter for 2022, I am amazed at the year of events. This was our 50th Year as a Fly Fishing Club. Since the McKenzie Fly Fishers had just formed what would evolve into the modern FFI in 1964, we were one of the early birds. The early versions of our National Organization were defined for the West Coast Fly Fishers and the North-Eastern Fly Fishers. But nobody seemed to know what to do with the rest of the country (sounds familiar) and so a huge amount of the USA was left over and called the Midwest Council. This area was too big to be handled by one officer, so the Midwest Council had a president, and he wisely named two Regional VP's to share the load. When we formed a great organizer named **Frank Schnieder** was the VP of the Western Midwest council. He became our Treasurer.

I do not want to go through the details of our 50 years, but since I am doing my 30 years, it is great to be part of such a determined group of great Outdoor People. The Board put together a 50th anniversary party. We had memorial cups with some great **Dave Whitlock** art work. We had 50-year club pins and hats. And we got the great Dave Whitlock who spoke at our first meeting back for a 50-year encore. What a treat to see him again.

The year had many great speakers, some great outings, and a lot of fly tying both from **Dan Montayne's** third Tuesday group and as part of our education offerings. Our classes are getting back on track after the many cancelations due to the Covid Issues. **Jere** even missed a few when he tested Covid

positive in September. But for an up and down year, it was a full year of our great club and its many active members.

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, Bill Sargeant** 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 Arkansas Tailwaters, as support for the North Arkansas Fly Fishers and the Southern Council. The list is long and ranged from letter writing to

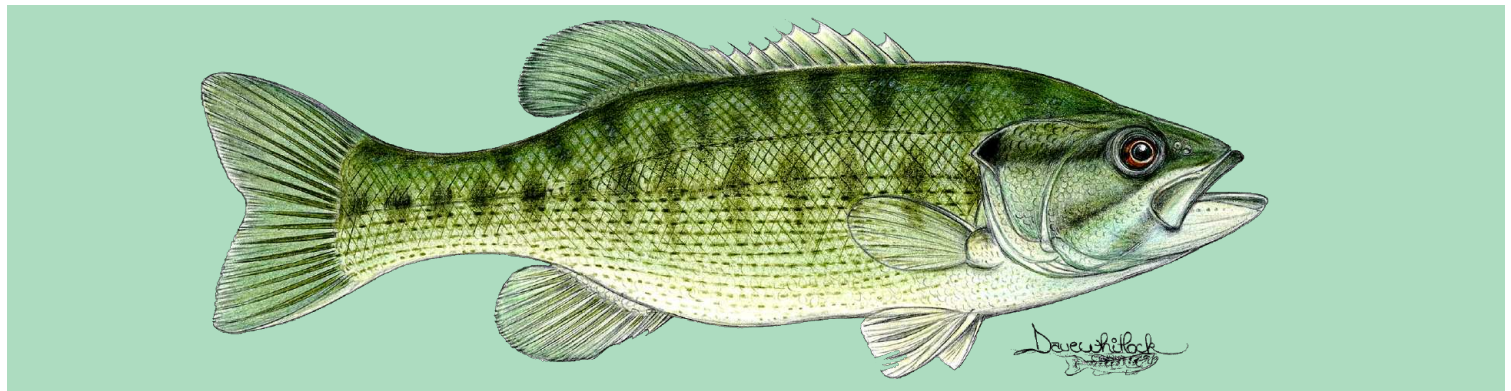
buying the Arkansas Fish and Game guy a new outboard motor with a jet drive so he could get around the shallow tailwaters without damage.

After the Texas Council was 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 the 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.



The Activity Report

by Jere Anderson

The end of the club year runs from October to January. The Meetings for the rest of 2022 will still be at the Methodist Church, but the room has changed. See the meeting announcement on page 3 for where in the Church is our room. Signs will be posted, and the parking ample.

For years, we had a group that tied flies at Cabela's in Allen TX. **Jere, Neil, Dave Smith** and about three others were regulars, with drop-ins always welcome. This group is trying to get going again, and Jere hopes a lot of you join in.

October begins with the Southern Council Conclave on the 29th and the 1st, or going to a new event in College Station that is mostly about casting on the first. Both of these look good. A long time ago, before we split off the Texas Council from the Southern Council, the FFFF and the DFF ran three years of the Southern Conclave. I hope quite a few of you made it to this one.



On the same weekend was a new event for casting run by the AggelandFFF in College Station. I have no information about this one, but it is a new event and hopefully will become a tradition.

Our October Meeting at the FUMC began at 6PM on October 3rd. **Charlie Craven** tied a few flies and then led a group discussion of fishing skills and techniques. This is covered in detail on Page 2 of this newsletter.

On the first Monday and Tuesday in October, October 3rd and 4th, we taught at DBU for two days. **Dan Montayne** was leading, and the Dallas Flyfishers have been helping **Dr. Ray Galloway** since about 2007 with his Outdoor

Experiences Class. We are proud to be building more and better Outdoor Adventure Fans. Here is our class picture.



Our Instructors were **Dan Montayne, Peter Rea, Jim Woodman** and **Dave Smith**.

They then took the young adults fly fishing, and the report is that everyone caught fish.

Dan Montayne's Warm Water Fly Fishing group meetings every third Tuesday of the month met on October 18th, and they are too much fun to miss. Dan sends out a notice and you need to sign-up. All skill levels and all tying styles will be taught sooner or later and it was a hit. We have to move the November meeting of these fun and games to the regular Meeting place in the FUMC.



On the 22nd, a LLELA Class took us out in the fall weather. A great group of students and DFF Instructors had lots of fun.



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Activity Report

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The Saturday of October 21st – 23rd, is a great fall outing in Fredericksburg, known as **OKTOBERFISCH**. Lots to do, and lots of good food and wine. Julia posted some great pictures of her fishing. I am including just one or two.



On the 24th, our Stream Team went bug hunting at the location where we work with the Master Naturalists to do a complete water analysis and inventory the food chain. This is a fun activity, and a few bug pictures are elsewhere in this Newsletter.

On October 28th – 30th the return of the Toledo Bend Rendezvous in North Toledo Bend State Park near Zwolle, LA, happened again, the complete story will be in the next Leader. This is a great event with bunk

houses and a full kitchen. You can come and tie your favorite flies, or just come and learn. You can sit on the porch in the evening and enjoy the beautiful Fall Colors, or you can fish the Lake from the State Park. Here is a picture from an earlier event.



There will be a Basic FF Class at the Carrollton Rosemeade Rec. Ctr on Saturday, November 5th, from 9 am to 2 pm with a 1 hour certification option from 2pm to 3pm. Please invite club members, family, friends, and neighbors to take the class. Club members are encouraged to become certified instructors. Contact Richard to help out-volunteer instructors are needed. **Richard** – cell 469-877-0695

On November 4th – 6th, is our beloved FFI Annual Meeting. It will be a Zoom Event this year, so sign-on to the FFI Web Site and get on the list for your favorite classes and events. Go to the FFI Site and sign-up at [Virtual Expo \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](https://www.flyfishersinternational.org)

Then on November 7th, our great support group in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Inland Fisheries, led and coordinated by our Angler Education Specialist, **Kiera Quam**, will be

our speaker. It looks to be a widely varied program, and will be way too good to miss. Go to page 2 of this Newsletter for the details.

November 15th, is a Dan Tuesday and the last one for 2022. Give yourself a Holiday Present and come to this one.

November 30th, the Stephenville High School group going to the TFFC. They are usually planting Trout by this time. Come and help us teach some fun youth how to be an Outdoor Person.

And then our famous Holiday Party on December 4th, will close out the year. The Holiday Party Plans are coming together and an old guy you all know will also be having a Birthday on that day. Keep up the great work everyone. The club is as active as at any time I can remember in the 30 years I have been a member.

DFF Holiday Party

When: Sun, December 4, 5pm – 8pm

Where: TG Brazilian Steakhouse (map)

Description: TG Brazilian Steakhouse in

Richardson. Festivities begin at 5 PM:

518 W Arapaho Rd #133, Richardson, TX 7508

<https://www.tgsteakhouse.com>.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving, and a Merry Christmas. Some of the 2023 items are in the Calendar and almost the full years are in the Meeting Notes.

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– Jere



The Conservation Corner

by Jere Anderson

This has been a real puzzle of a weather year. More than once we have gone upwards of 60 days between rains. My yard shows the strain. If a bit more of the huge downpours happening east of us were to come our way, we would be better off. But weather is now, and has always been, a bit erratic. Unfortunately, the need for weather to be more predictable, for fire

danger, for crops, for pastures suitable for grazing livestock is all interlocked as one complex problem.

A really big issue for us is Water. With almost all of it coming from rain, and that being seasonal at best, some careful planning is needed to be sure of our supply and adequate reserves. A new reservoir takes a decade or so including the time for all the politics. The rise in big business coming to

North Texas is not an insignificant event. They often bring a sizable number of the more senior staff that explodes our needs. I was on the state Water Planning Group for our Region C the mid '90s. We argued our way to three possible additional water catchers, and now in the 2020's we are finally bringing one online, just beginning to build number two and are still fighting over number three. **WOW.**

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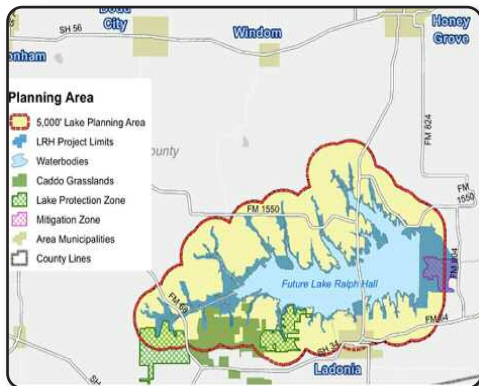
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With our long-term shortage of rain water, it is a blessing that our water basins are in such good shape. With the mighty Rivers on the West Coast and the Mississippi going dry it is even more to the credit of North Texas that we are in moderately good shape. The West Coast Rivers have been in a serious drought since about 2000.

The three new reservoirs are Lake Bois d'Arc, Lake Ralph Hall, and Lake Marvin Nickols. The new one that feeds water into our drinkable water supply, Lake Bois d'Arc, is about to fill. If we get enough rain this season it will open for recreation purposes in 2023. As you can see here, the lake is almost up to the boat launching ramps.



Lake Ralph Hall on the Sulphur River has broken ground, and is hoping to be in the water business by 2026. That would be an ambitious goal, but with some luck on rain when we need it, and no problems with getting the several million cubic yards of material to build the Dam, it seems like it can be done. In any case it is off and an active, funded major construction project, if my info is correct. Here is the map.



This lake has quite a few interesting sub-projects. For one, it is a place where a more or less endless dig for Native American Artifacts and Fossils is occurring. An onsite museum and the promise of space in the Dallas Perot Museum of Science are in place, and care is being taken to avoid damaging parts of the site that have not yet been examined. The onsite displays have been moved to the project building for now as the digging activity is getting more intense.

The big time sticking point in the plan is the third new Lake, also on the Sulphur River. This one is being contested actively. It is across the Water Board Lines in the map in Zone D rather than our Zone C. It is also land that has been in a family for several generations if I have a correct story. But the Dam is still in the plan. It will be called Lake Marvin Nickols.

In the latest plan I know of that was reported in the Dallas Morning News, this project was approved by the Texas Water Development Board in the 2022 State Water Plan. It target completion date was 2070, but the latest plan has it targeted for 2050. Either way, the rapid growth of the DFW Metroplex may make it needed to be on schedule.

Some major environmental events have happened this year. Storms, lack of spring or summer rains, and having the water that did fall seem to be on both sides of Texas, but seldom on us. Nearly everyone in the USA has had an exciting summer from a weather perspective. And we haven't seen the end of it yet.

One of the most disappointing Weather events of this year was the destruction of Yellowstone Park by flooding. Some huge rains that accelerated the snow melt washed out nearly everything from the park to Livingstone MT. The park rangers were able to re-open all but the Northern Entrances fairly rapidly. After moving out the excess of tourists that they could not handle with so much destroyed, they did get most of the park's southern sections near the thermal features in the geyser basin reopened. A maximum effort was made to let as many tourists as possible see what was left

of the park. It certainly deserves to be thought of as a qualified success.

Now we are down to just two entrances not fully operational. Yellowstone National Park will fully reopen Northeast Entrance Road to vehicle traffic soon, four months after devastating floods cut off one of the park's main arteries and isolated the small towns that serve as gateways into a northern section full of wildlife.

The northeast gate from Cody WY will open to vehicle traffic for the first time since the massive flooding in June. Other than a small section near Trout Lake, all flood-damaged sections of the Northeast Entrance Road, which leads from the gate to Tower Junction, have been repaved and will operate without restrictions.

With the Northeast Entrance Road reopened, 99 percent of the park's roads will now be open, the agency said. However, the latest repairs are temporary measures ahead of long-term reconstruction. The park's north gate, near Mammoth Hot Springs, is expected to reopen to vehicles by Nov. 1, when the Park Service opens a newly paved Old Gardiner Road. With the former North Entrance Road completely swept away in places, the Park Service chose instead to pave and expand Old Gardiner Road as a temporary entrance to reconnect the park to Gardiner, Mont.



An elk walks past the Roosevelt Arch, which is near the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park, in Gardiner, Mont., in June.

(Salwan Georges/The Washington Post)

Yellowstone Superintendent Cam Sholly commended crews for restoring access from the northeast in just four months, calling it a

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“monumental task in such a short amount of time.”

Without a doubt, **Jere** is proud of the National Park Service for getting such a magnificent treasure back on the “things to do” list for we who love to travel and observe in the outdoor world. With a large number of tourists in a much-reduced size Park, those of us that love to watch the Tourons engage the wildlife in foolish games got a good season. I am glad that the injuries seemed to be survivable, but as a farm boy, I have a long relationship with large animals and with the cautions you need to use in their presence.

Our greatest Park will be open this winter, and so if you are a snow sports person, they have had lodging that is much like College Dorms and no doubt the site of some good

time singing and having a drink or two or more. Snowmobiles, and some limited cross country ski activity is available if I remember correctly. If you like to play in the cold, white stuff, this could be a great vacation. No ski lifts and the like, but a lot of beautiful outdoor weather.

On the International Climate Change Front, there is a meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in Egypt just after our election date. This meeting is known as COP27. This group of about 200 representatives of the 192 Nations in the UN, will be meeting for the 30th year since the Climate Conference was started in 1992 at the Rio Earth Summit. In 2009 the attendees decided that the rich nations would come up with 100 billion Annually, and would distribute it to the rest of them. So with about 20 or so nations that are

very well to do financially and every nation getting one vote, the other 170 or so can out vote them. In some years the 200 or more delegates arrive and look for the money line. When they don't find it many of them just go back home.

While I doubt much will be accomplished, it will be interesting to see how many of the delegates get to a common agreement beyond the one that someone else should be giving them a huge amount of money.

**Have a very
Merry Holiday Season,
and best wishes for a warm
and wet winter.
We need one.**



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