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Fishin' Tales

by Julia Bell

When TFO moved from Dallas to Grand Prairie mid-2022, I wondered how difficult that was going to be should I ever need to go make a visit. Well, a few days after our enjoyable Holiday Party, I answered my own question. I have rod sizes ranging from 2# – 12# and of those, I have only purchased three manufactured rods--the 12#, a 10#, and the 5#. My 5# is a TFO Casting for Recovery 8'6" 4 piece, my first-purchased rod, bought in late December 2008 for an upcoming White River New Year's 2009 fishing trip **Cody** planned. Based upon the TFO Professional blank, I loved that rod. I set some IGFA records with it; I caught some amazing fish with that rod; and I spent some glorious days out on the water with that rod catching nothing but enjoying the possibilities. It is the rod that is most often in my rod carrier, as my "just in case I see some fishable water while I'm out running errands" rod. As such, I had to take the rod carrier off my car's roof rack, and I removed my fly rod from the carrier, oh so carefully placing it out of the way, while I went to retrieve its hot pink rod sock inside the house. With rod sock in hand,

I rounded the corner, caught my leg on the tip, unknowingly snapped the tip, and if that wasn't enough, opened the car door to retrieve the rod cleaning cloth, and slammed the door on the remaining tip portion; that sickening crunch I heard. I changed my plans for the day, hopped in the car, programmed TFO's new address in Waze, and set off.

The new TFO facility is about the same size as the original Sovereign Row facility, except that, it really isn't. When I arrived, I parked on the TFO side and then was redirected to enter via the Composite Forge Company's side of the building because TFO was still remodeling their space. I thought to myself, how cooperative that Composite Forge is willing to work with TFO and assist TFO visitors. Ha Ha, what a chuckle I had! Big changes are coming to TFO.

Frank-Paul King, who took over as President from TFO founder **Rick Pope** in 2016, recognized the COVID supply-chain issues were more than a little maddening, and he, and business partner, **Bob Penicka**, decided to do something about it. TFO blanks have been produced in South Korea, but the international COVID Pandemic safety protocols ransoming businesses really affected how King and Penicka saw their business future. As a result, they created the Composite Forge Company so they could manufacture rods in the USA for TFO and other American rod companies while simultaneously avoiding the crippling supply-chain issues created by the global pandemic. When Rick Pope founded TFO, he believed fly rods should be priced at a "fair-market value" price point and not the more traditional "what the market will bear" price point. King and Penicka plan to maintain this TFO philosophy with Composite Forge, as well, keeping the consumer at the forefront of production. King maintained Pope's TFO Lifetime Warranty policy, replacing a

rod's broken section for \$25, and as far as a positive consumer experience, well, my broken rod, it's no longer produced. However, I was offered an entirely new TFO CFR 9' 4 piece rod with new sock for an additional \$25 (I love the new-to-me, reel seat alignment line!). I walked out of the TFO/Composite Forge facility with a brand new rod for \$50. I did have to surrender my old rod, but I kept the vintage, hot pink rod sock which holds the new rod nicely. I have yet to fish with it, but it won't be too long into the New Year before I wet my line and bend that new tip on fish.

Happy New Year, and Here's to bent tips and happy days!

—Julia

President, Dallas FlyFishers

Editor's Note: For further information on the changes coming to TFO and Composite Forge, please see the Shannon Farlow article "Composite Forge: Offering a Domestic Option" in the July 2022 Fishing Tackle Retailer business magazine, pgs. 99-101.

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DFF Program Schedule

by LaJan Barnes, Program Coordinator

Previous Events: Our December Holiday party was a huge success. We had 51 in attendance. A few that had made reservations were not able to make due to illness or some other reason. We had a great food and there were many raffle winners. We introduced our new officers that were present. Awards were given to those who showed exceptional volunteer service.

2023 Speaker Line Up

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

MAKE A NOTE: THE START TIME OF THE FLY TYING HAS CHANGED

FLY TYING WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 and end about 6:15 PM instead of 5 to give those working until 5 PM a chance to join. Then we will break from 6:15 to 7 PM. Our speaker presentation time of 7 PM has not changed, which will be followed by our brief business meeting and fly drawings.

We continue to meet at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC), 503 N Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080. 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.

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: Ogden Fellowship Hall, NE side of building. Topic:** They will be teaching us how to cast on our own 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.**

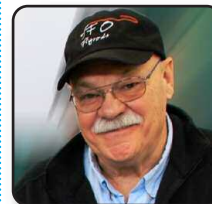
April 2nd (Sunday): Streamside bug collecting. Since there is a limit of 20 people, we will try and give preference to those that did not get to attend in 2021, then it will be opened up to all to fill up the class. **Location:** TBD (possibly LLELA since that worked well in 2022)

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.

June 5: Bob Clouser! 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 small mouth bass. **NO TYING AT 5 PM, ZOOM WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM (CDT).**

July 10: Bill Sargeant, tying along meeting. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall.** Once again Bill will show us how to tie some great flies. Since this is a tie-along meeting, tying will be from 6 to 8 PM followed by our short business meeting. NO tying at 5 PM!



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

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

October 2: Donovan Clary, Oklahoma Fishing Guide. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall. Topic:** Fishing the Lower Illinois or the Lower Mountain Fork Rivers.

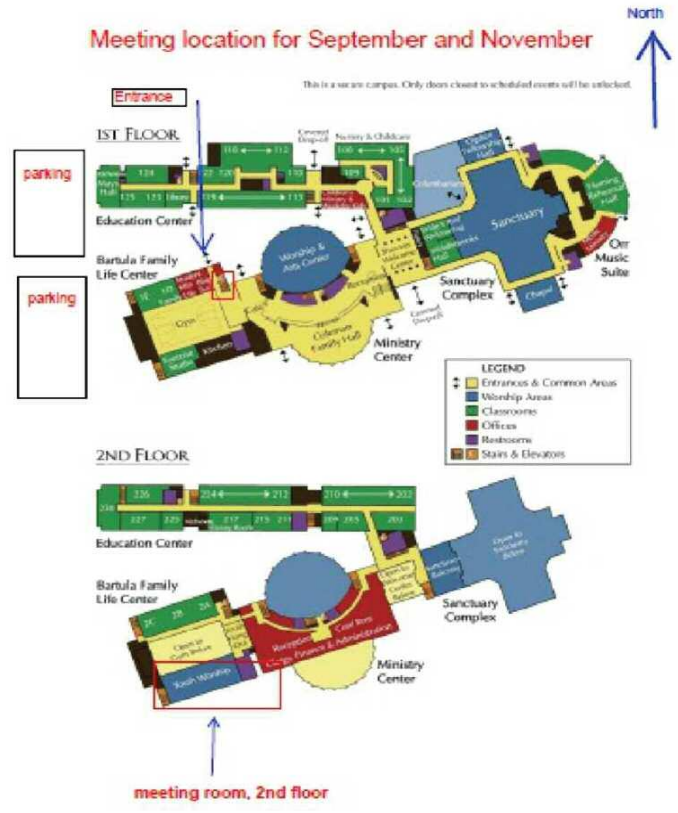
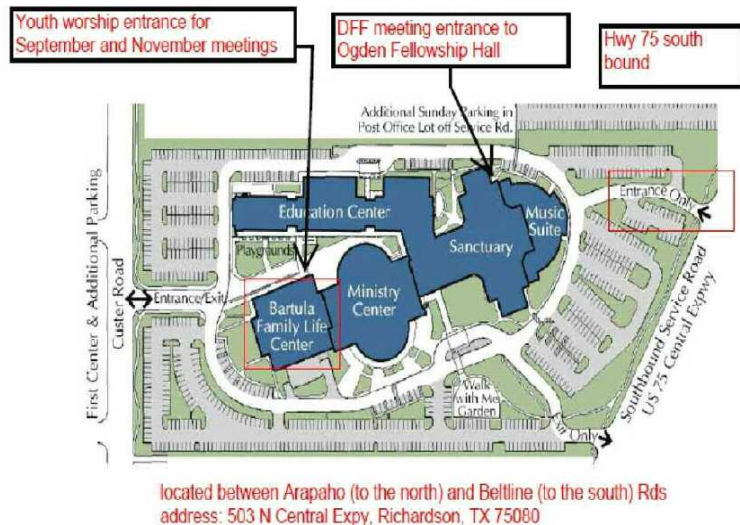
November 6: Greg DeMars, Greg DeMars, DFF member. **Meeting Location: Youth Worship Center. Topic:** DFW local waters fishing. Greg hopes to have his book published in time for this presentation.

December 3: Holiday/Christmas Party - TBD

Meeting Room Locations for 2023

by LaJan Barnes, Program Coordinator

Meeting Room Locations for 2023: Ogden Fellowship Hall is our regular meeting location and we will meet there in February through October (excluding June, which is a ZOOM only meeting). We will meet on the west side of the church in the Youth Worship Center January and November. There is plenty of parking on both sides of the building. Hope to see you in 2023. See the maps below for the room locations.



2023 CALENDAR:

***** 2023 meetings will begin at 5:30 *****
***** Third Tuesday Fly Tying at Cabela's at 6:30 *****

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!

January 3rd, 4th: KNES1111 at DBU Dallas. **Dr. Ray Galloway's** Outdoor Experiences Class.

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February 3rd-4th: The Red River Rendezvous in Eisenhower State Park. Friday dinner and Saturday Lunch are provided. This is a great event.

February 4th: Texas FlyFishers of Houston's 30th **Dr. Ed Rizzolo** Fly Tying Festival Featuring Charlie Crave.

February 6th: **Alan King and Stephen Weaver**, co-founders of Good Fly Organization. **Topic:** casting clinic or how to practice cast on your own.

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,

April 3rd: 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.

April 15th: The beautiful Texas Spring Outing at the Sunset Ridge Ranch.

April 18th-22nd: White River Outing. If you have an interest in going, please contact **Mike Becker** at 214-288-3885 or kuduguy@verizon.net.

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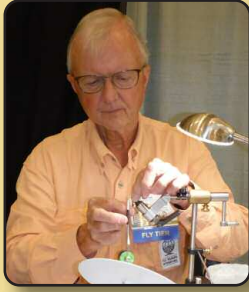
October 2: **Donavan Clary**, Oklahoma Fishing Guide. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall.** **Topic:** Fishing the Lower Illinois or the Lower Mountain Fork Rivers.

November 3rd-5th: Toledo Bend Rendezvous, at Toledo Bend State Park, Zwolle, LA.

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

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Meet Your 2023 Board



Dave Smith - Vice President

Originally from Toronto, Ontario hockey was my passion spending 40 years in the profession.

My hockey adventure ended in Dallas with the Stars and a Stanley Cup Championship before retiring, in 2005.

My early fishing days started on my Grandparents farm pond. Since retiring Fly Fishing and Fly Tying have become my new passion. I joined the Dallas Fly Fishers and Fly Fishers International, tying the Bronze and Silver award flies.

Fly tying has given me the opportunity to tie at local shows , FFI shows in Montana, Idaho, and Sowbug Roundup in Mountain Home Arkansas.



Dani Rose - Trustee 2025

I have been fly fishing for 5 years in earnest. I recently moved from Houston to the DFW, where I'm enjoying the ability to do more local warm water day trips. My memberships include Texas Women Fly Fishers, Fort Worth Fly Fishers and GRTU. I also serve as the Women's Program Chair for FFI Texas Council. My favorite association is volunteering for Casting for Recovery. Diversity and inclusion, sustainability and education are focus areas for fly fishing and life. I also have an unhealthy obsession with catching dinks on ugly flies that I have tied. I am blessed to have two adult daughters who are also fly fishers.



Ed Bowen - Casting Chair

For the last 4 or 5 years I have been helping with the outreach/education efforts of the club focused on introducing fly fishing to the public. Quite a few of these efforts have been in conjunction with TPWD's programs. I've especially enjoyed introducing people to fly casting and in the process have learned how much there is to learn. That has led to the invitation to becoming the club's Fly Casting Coordinator. We would like to expand our efforts in teaching fly casting to members and potential members this year. I welcome your suggestions and desires to be involved.



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Jere Anderson, Newsletter Editor



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LaJan Barnes, Programs Chair

2022-2023 Trout Stocking Schedule

by LaJan Barnes, Program Coordinator

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department trout stocking begins in November and continues through the first part of March. We listed the Dallas metroplex area county stocking locations. So, go out and catch yourself some trout. You can even catch your dinner since the trout won't live through spring as the weather starts to heat up. Here is the website so that you can find out more details and the location of the stockings.

(https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/management/stocking/trout_stocking.phtml/neighborhood-fishin.phtml?s=0)

Harvest Regulations

- No Minimum Length Limit; Daily Bag = 5 trout
- An angler fishing in a [Community Fishing Lake \(CFL\)](#) or from a dock, pier or jetty within a Texas State Park may use no more than two poles.
- Special limits are in effect on parts of the [Guadalupe River](#).

License Requirements

- Trout anglers will need a valid fishing license that includes a freshwater fishing endorsement. Anglers under 17 years of age are not required to have a license. [More about fishing licenses and stamps.](#)
- Licenses and endorsements are not required when [fishing within a Texas State Park](#).

Locations and Dates

Dates and locations are subject to change. Most trout stocking occurs between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. exact times are unavailable. Total quantity is distributed over the scheduled stock dates. Hatchery is the TPWD facility delivering the trout. Hatchery contact information is listed this chart in this article.

[Neighborhood Fishin'](#) ponds (marked with *) will be stocked frequently throughout the season.

City	Stocking Location	Total	Dates
Collin County			
Allen	Bethany Park Pond C	1,800	12/8/2022
Crowley	Crowley Pond	750	1/15/2023
Frisco	Warren Park Lake	4,000	2/12/2023
McKinney	Towne Lake	500	2/19/2023
Murphy	Murphy City Hall Pond	2,600	2/26/2023
Prosper	Frontier Park Pond	2,817	2/19/2023
Gainesville	Keneteso Pond	2,100	1/29/2023
Dallas County			
Carrlilton	Josey Ranch Park South Pond	2,200	12/14/2022
Cedar Hill	Cedar Hill State Park Perch Pond	2,000	1/17/2023, 2/12/2023
Coppell	Andrew Brown Park East Pond	750	12/12/2022
Coppell	Moore Road Park West Pond	1,000	12/12/2022
Dallas	Kleberg-Rylie Recreation Center	2,000	12/7/2022, 1/5/2023
Dallas	Lake Highlands North	400	1/18/2023
Dallas	Samuel Farm Pond #4	2,000	1/15/2023
Dallas	Twin Lakes South Pond	1,500	12/28/2022
Duncanville	Lakeside Park*	1,896	11/23/2022, 12/9/2022, 12/22/2022, 1/6/2023, 1/20/2023, 2/3/2023, 2/17/2023, 3/3/2023
Grand Prairie	Mike Lewis Park	2,300	1/10/2023, 2/12/2023
Mesquite	Mesquite City Lake*	3,160	11/23/2022, 12/22/2022, 1/20/2023, 2/17/2023
Rowlett	Rowlett Community Park North Pond	1,000	12/12/2022
University Park	Caruth Park	1,000	3/5/2023
Denton County			
Denton	South Lakes Park Pond	2,400	11/23/2022, 12/9/2022, 12/22/2022, 1/6/2023, 1/20/2023, 2/3/2023, 2/17/2023, 3/3/2023
Lewisville	Lewisville Tailrace (Elm Fork Trinity River)	3,000	1/3/2023, 2/7/2023
Ellis County			
Ennis	Lion's Park Pond	602	1/12/2023
Red Oak	Red Oak Municipal Lake	2,800	1/21/2023
Waxahachie	Mustang Creek Park	1,000	11/30/2022, 1/11/2023
Waxahachie	Sports Complex Park	1,000	11/30/2022, 1/11/2023
Grayson County			
Denison	Waterloo Park Pond	5,742	12/15/2022, 1/8/2023, 1/29/2023, 3/5/2023
Pottsboro	James G. Thompson Park Pond	500	12/15/2022
Pottsboro	Pottsboro Lake	600	12/13/2022
Sherman	Pebblebrook Community Park Pond	1,070	2/26/2023

White River Outing April 18 - 22, 2023

by Mike Becker

If you haven't fished the White River near Bull Shoals Reservoir in Arkansas, it should be a bucket list must. Several club members have landed personal best browns and rainbows on the White.

DFF will be returning to the White River this spring in pursuit of those large browns and rainbows. If I guessed correctly, we will be on the river during the caddis hatch. The White River is a great year round fishery. We were a little early last year, so I pushed the trip back about 10 days in hopes of hitting it right. If I'm correct, we will encounter a perfect storm of caddis hatching in dynamic numbers and hungry, large browns coming out of their winter holes to feast.

Attendees are responsible for their own arrangements. We generally get together in the evening hours to have a meal, exchange fish stories, maybe fish some more, and enjoy some socially responsible community.

Dave Shatzer and I have reserved a vbro in Cotter and booked 3 guided days beginning on 4/19 with Steve Dally at Dally's Ozark Fly Fisher (www.theozarkflyfisher.com). Denton Ferry RV (www.dentonrv.com) is a great spot if you intend to RV and a short drive to the Wildcat Shoals access.

Dally's is a regular contributor to DFF's auction and has a roster of experienced guides. I have a helpful North Fork and White River fishing map that identifies wade access areas on the rivers, depending on the water level. Boats are available to rent at Bull Shoals park and several other facilities. There are several campgrounds, cabins and lodges along the river. Hotels are available in Mountain Home.

Please plan to come for all or part of the week.

If you have an interest in going, please contact **Mike Becker** at 214-288-3885 or kuduguy@verizon.net.

The Conservation Corner

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Editor's Note: *The Leader editor Jere Anderson took his first vacation in 30 years. This month's Conservation article is from Trout Unlimited's Kirk Deeter, TROUT magazine editor and VP of TROUT Media, and was originally published 15 December 2022.*

Do we anglers, ourselves, amount to a 'conservation challenge'?



Angling Trade magazine (of which I am also editor) recently conducted a poll of folks with a stake in the business of fly fishing, asking what they considered to be the greatest conservation issue of the day.

Answer number one... climate change. No surprise there, but that probably wouldn't have been the case even several years ago.

What do you think number two was? Snake River dams? No... that came in third. "Other" came in fourth. Protecting the Everglades was next, and Pebble Mine rounded out the condensed field, though for the record, we should all know that fight isn't done yet at all. I swear, I've been covering Pebble for at least 15 years, long before I ever joined TU, and that mine just keeps popping up like the bad guy at the end of a B-grade horror movie.

Alas... conservation concern number two, amongst those who make a living in some form or fashion through fly fishing, was "angling pressure."



In other words, to be blunt, how badly are we pounding the fish? How sustainable is all that (or not)? And do we risk loving some of our rivers and flats to death?

I certainly don't mean to be a kill-joy, but I've been tuned into that concern for a long time now.

I've seen rivers where the fishing isn't what it was, and I know that wasn't caused by fire, flood, or other natural disaster. I've seen that happen in the salt too. I've said that playing a "numbers" game is not sustainable... I've warned that catch-and-release is not a foolproof "get out of jail free" card. Some fish die, even fish caught and released, and if you're only gunning for numbers, you're depleting the resources, whether you admit it or not.

I know... I know... I know...

"How many?" has been the benchmark for measuring success since Isaak Walton or before. When I call my own mother and say, "I went fishing today!" I know the first thing she's going to ask is, "how many did you catch?"



I also know this very simple truth: People absolutely love to be taught how to fish, and they absolutely hate to be told how to fish.

If I tell you to pump the brakes when you're on your hard-earned fantasy escape to Montana, you'll be mad at me. If I tell a guide to maybe spend a little more effort teaching people how to fish with various techniques (actually guiding... guiding to me is about teaching) rather than netting fish and taking photos, catching as many as possible because that's the only way Mr. Sport is going to hand you a crisp Ben Franklin at the end of the day... well, they don't want to hear that.

But the truth of the matter is that in some places—not all, but some, throughout the country—a race to experience "how many" is a conservation concern. Or it should be seen as such. Because we can plant all the trees, fix all the bad culverts, advocate to remove dams, and all that good stuff, and if all anglers do is show up with the notion that pounding the living snot out of as many fish as possible is how to define success, none of the good mojo matters.



So what's it going to be?

At face value, if you don't want to pressure fish, don't go fishing! Buuuuuuuuu. Nope. That's a non-starter. I, like millions of other anglers, love fishing. Been in my blood forever, and I'm not going to change. Fishing, done with a sense of ethics, is, in and of itself, supremely vital, and anglers have been hauling the mail on ALL conservation from rivers to the ocean for generations.

But maybe we do pump the brakes a little bit. How? I don't think permits and limiting angling days are the best answers, but believe me, those options are on the table.



Instead, I'm hoping that more anglers, and guides in particular, will see a more sustainable "less is more" plan. Follow the lead of the hunting demographic. Heck, follow

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the lead of the steelhead and salmon crowd in the Pacific Northwest, who have learned the hard way that the numbers game is a dead-end street for anyone with a conscience who wants to share the resource with others and see it last for generations.

Mix it up. Try various techniques.

Triple-down on learning the vast, wonderful options, and tackling the many challenges fly fishing has to offer.

That's so much more rewarding than winning some imaginary contest where you bag 50 fish in a day using some rudimentary technique that was conjured up, by its very nature, to

afford any person with no angling skill whatsoever, to feel the thrill of catching a fish. Endeavor to transcend.

Different rivers have different tolerances. Same for the flats. If it's on, and you're on... go baby go. So yeah, sure, there can and should be bonanza days.



But it's time we all started picking and choosing where and when that happens more carefully, and understand that we... you... me... every angler who steps into a river, is indeed a "conservation factor."

That's the elephant in the room, and it's time for all of us to admit it's there, and work together to figure things out.

—Kirk Deeter

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2022 DFF Holiday Party

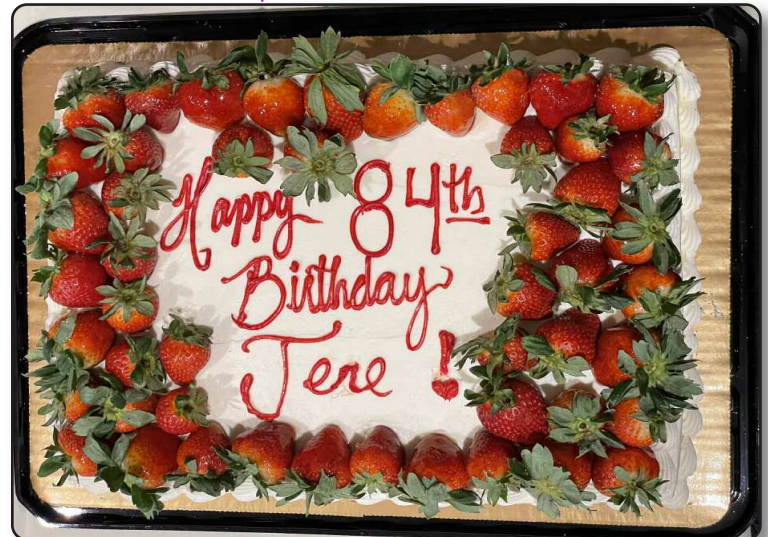
by David Shatzer

Our annual Dallas Fly Fishers Holiday Party was held Sunday, December 4, at the TG Steakhouse, formerly named the Vila Brazil Steak House. Our attendance was **51 DFF members and spouses**. As it was last year, the salad bar had lots of delicious non-meat items, but this dinner was all about the fantastic meat that kept being served. Vegans would have been hungry at this event.

The raffle baskets were filled with an assortment of flies and fishing items. Special thanks to **Jim Woodman** for donating the

bath item baskets. **Richard Johnson** handed out the Service Awards for this year to **Mike Becker, Jose Brooks, Dave Smith, Vaughn DuBose, and Dave Shatzer**. I apologize if I left anyone out of the Service Awards' recognition.

The highlight of the evening was the birthday cake given to **Jere Anderson** for his 84th birthday. For those of us who were not already too full of steak, Jere's cake topped off a wonderful meal.



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