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Fishin' Lore

by Julia Bell

I was in a quilt store recently getting some help with a Brown Trout art quilt I am making, when a gentleman commented how rather unfortunate it was not to be able to fish now. Confused by his statement, I asked for some clarification. The gentleman was referencing the Texas' heat's interference with fishing, and his thought-process started me thinking. Do I fly fish in August? Why yes, I do. So how do I go about fly fishing when the temperatures are in the triple digits?

On the ranch that **Cody** manages for his Dad and some friends who have a heritage farm, there exists the original homestead dwellings. In studying those sturdy, still-standing homes, their locale is amongst some of the most beautiful, old-growth trees, much like Faulkner's Rowan Oak or the Oak Alley Plantation. Long before air conditioning, Southerners knew the way to keep cool was in the shade of trees, where the air temperatures can easily be a 5° – 8° cooler and the water temperatures are an ambient mid-70s to mid-80s level.

Subconsciously, I have been implementing this concept of shade in my fly fishing. I realized, it is in August where I do most of my creek fishing because of the shade and the cooler temperatures that exist on those water bodies. Many friends I know do not like creek fishing for a myriad of reasons—low hanging branches, where to park, access points, how to find fishable creeks, executing the roll cast often. Google Maps and Google Earth become my favorite and most-used apps in late July and August.

I begin searching in Google Maps with the Terrain Layer honing in on blue water bodies looking particularly at those creeks entering and exiting lakes. Once found, I switch to the Satellite Layer looking for potential access points. Once I find a spot that looks like it might be a good fit, I "drive" the area with the Browse Street View Images (dragging the little man to a blue highlighted road) searching for parking

areas, access points, and no trespassing markings. I switch over to Google Earth for the finer details—elevation, gps, photos. Once this research is completed, I actually visit in-person my list of destinations.

In my car at all times are at least one, small weight fly rod, a box of go-to flies, wet-wading sandals, and a pair of wet-wading pants and shirt. My friends all joked when I was working, that maybe traveling the backroads from one small school district to another wasn't such a good idea, because they knew encountering a water body was a temptation to fish. I actually viewed it as scouting reconnaissance and came back after work and fished it. In other words, I am always ready to fish should the opportunity present itself, but in the hottest summer months, I am purposefully seeking places to fish that don't require a significant amount of physical exertion.

While Cody and the rest of the DFFers were in South Fork, CO, I headed out to fish a new-to-me locale at the confluence of Ash and White Rock Creeks. I did have to do a bit of walking, and I didn't get as much shade as I would have liked, but I did fish and I did catch fish, so I was pleased with my research and implementation.

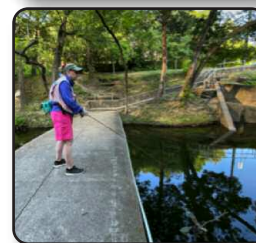
Additionally, if you were not aware, The Loop is an urban trail system within Dallas that will one day be a 50-mile contiguous trail circumferencing the city. Much of the trails are along water-bodies, creeks and lakes, that can provide access points to make creek hopping a little easier. For more information, visit [The Loop, Connecting Dallas with Dallas](#). If spending time researching is not a favored investment preference, know that Turtle Creek at University Park and at Turtle Creek Park and Exell Lake, the pond at Caruth Park, White Rock Creek at Flag Pole Hill, and Furneaux Creek in Carrollton (home of our monthly bug sampling study) offer some great, shady entertainment.

To fish in August, yes, knowing and working on the roll cast in most of these places is a must, but for a 1#-4#, escape-the-heat fly fishing excursion, they can't be beat.

Here's to bent tips and happy days!

—Julia

President, Dallas FlyFishers



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DDF Program Schedule

by LaJan Barnes, Program Coordinator

UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN FOR EACH MEETING, FLY TYING WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 PM and end about 6:15 to give those working until 5 PM a chance to join us. Our break will be from 6:15 to 7 PM. Then our speaker presentation will begin at 7 PM, which has not changed, 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. We will be meeting in the Ogden Fellowship Hall on the NE side of the building for all meetings except for November (Youth Fellowship Hall, NW side of building upstairs in the back).

Previous Meeting: July 10: Bill Sargeant's, tie-along meeting was a great success. He showed us how to tie the Royal Trude and Henry's Fork Hopper. These files will be included in our in-person incentive fly give away at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Future Meetings: August 7: Nick Gallegos, Los Pinos Fly Shop, Albuquerque, NM. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall. Topic: Fishing the Chama River & Northern NM Rivers (Rio Los Brazos, Rio de Los Pinos, and possibly the Chavez Creek).** Nick will also tie specific fly patterns that would be used in those areas. He will dissect the Chama River into 3 large sections: headwaters/freestone section, the tail water section (El Vado), and finishing at its last tail water section (Abiquiu). Nick will be covering changing topics and tactics for each of the sections. He will go in depth on certain aspects of each of the water ways that make them unique & differ from one another. He will cover key points that make these particular sections of river difficult to fish, and explain how to read and combat constantly changing conditions in order to have a successful catch.

September 11: Aaron Reed, award-winning outdoor writer and Army veteran. He currently splits his time between New York City, where he is a tugboat captain, and his home near the San Gabriel River in Georgetown, Texas. When he is not working, chances are you can find him knee-deep in a stream somewhere around Austin, often with one or more of his three boys, trying like heck to become a better fly fisherman. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship**

Dear Members, If you have been around someone who is ill, and exposure is 10 days or less from a DFF event, we are asking that you please enjoy the event via Zoom from home. We are trying to limit exposures to others, whether it is COVID-19, the Flu, the common cold, or any other communicable disease. We appreciate your help in working together to keep everyone healthy.

2024 Program Schedule of the Speakers

by Danny Soltau, 2024 Programs Chairman

Still finalizing the speakers for the fall but have a number of "feelers" out and need to solidify who is going to be where. I am hoping to have a photography specialist, another two Texas or regional locals.

January 8th: Kelly Galloup - 1st segment on Dry Fly Tips and 2nd segment on Streamer Fishing, I will speak with membership on where they would like Kelly to delve into specifically. Kelly is a 20 year friend and has an incredible knowledge base and fun loving personality all things fly fishing.

February 5th: Rick Matney, operates Chrome Chasers Steelhead and Fishing Lodge in Alaska, Rick Matney outfitters out of Bozeman and a popular contributor to various hunting and fishing media outlets. He is an EXCEPTIONAL chef and we are planning to have Rick talk

Hall. FLY TYING WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 PM and end about 6:15. Our break will be from 6:15 to 7 PM. Then our speaker presentation will begin at 7 PM. **Presentation Topic: Texas Gulf Coast or San Gabriel River Georgetown.** The general presentation is simply the title of the book: *Fly Fishing Austin & Central Texas*. There have been some recent issues -- private landowners damming a river, the state shutting down access at another popular site, and work-arounds to those. Aaron will highlight those in his presentation.

October 2: Donovan Clary, Oklahoma Fishing Guide. **Meeting Location: Ogden Fellowship Hall. FLY TYING WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 PM and end about 6:15.** Our break will be from 6:15 to 7 PM. Then our speaker presentation will begin at 7 PM. Donovan will tie a baitfish pattern that he designed called a belly dagger. It can be tied in different sizes and colors to imitate a number of native baitfish patterns in that area.

Presentation Topic: Fishing the Lower Illinois or the Lower Mountain Fork Rivers. Donovan plans to talk about the Illinois river system above and below Tenkiller lake, which is a Neosho bass and smallmouth destination that's becoming recognized around the world. He will also talk about the year round trout stream below the lake. If time permits, he would like to talk about the forage species of the bass above the lake and touch on the habits and feeding mannerisms of the most sought after fish. There are 5 species of bait that compile 98% of the smallmouth diet year round.

November 6: Greg DeMars, DFF member. **Meeting Location: Youth Worship Center. Topic: DFW local waters fishing.** It doesn't look like Greg's book will be published in time for this presentation; however, he will reveal local fishing spots. Maybe he will reserve a copy of his book.

December 3: Sunday - Christmas/Holiday party.

Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 **Time:** 6:00 pm – 8:30 PM

Location: TG Steakhouse – 518 W. Arapaho Rd, #133, Richardson, TX 75080

Activities: Dinner, Raffle, New Officer Induction, Awards Ceremony.

about cooking fish and game along with whatever questions folks have about different fisheries.

March 4th: No speaker due to Auction.

March 11th: Our major source of funds for the DFF, our Auction. It is in the Plano Center again.

April 1st: Brett Wedeking - Renowned fly tier, writer, and guide out of Seattle, WA. Brett is going to do half tying, and half fishing related topics.

May 6th: Lee Blanton, talking fly tying and deer hair techniques for 1st half, then discussing different bream fisheries and bass fisheries around Texas and Alabama

June 3rd: Phil Blackmar, casting expert and legendary golfer from Texas talking about simple drills and tricks to improve casting in tough conditions.

2023 CALENDAR:

*LaJan's Programs Overview has the 2023 Speakers listed.
It's looking to be another grand year with the DFF!*

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August 8th - Open Tie Night @ McNeals in Plano. Begins at 7 PM.

August 20th - Stream team water monitoring, Branch Hollow Park. 9AM.

August 26th - 8 to noon. Castle Hills basic Fly Fishing skills and some fishing. Call Richard.

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

September 23rd - Rosemeade Recreation Center basic fly fishing class 9AM. 1PM

September 24th - Stream team water monitoring, Branch Hollow Park. 9AM.

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

October 2nd-6th - DBU Outdoor Experiences Class. Great fall fishing and fun to teach.

October 13th-15th - Is Oktoberfisch, more details later.

October 28th - Basic Fly Fishing Class at LLELA, 9am – Noon.

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

November 6th - 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.

November 19th - Stream team water monitoring, Branch Hollow Park. 9AM.

December 3rd - Holiday/Christmas Party – TBD.



DFF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR THE 2024 SCHEDULE

The beginning of the 2024 Programs and major events calendar. We are getting ready for another great year at the Dalla Flyfishers. **Danny Soltau** is hard at work setting things up.

Jan 2nd – Jan 6th - DBU Outdoor Experiences Class.

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February 24th-25th - Fly Fishing and Brew Festival, Mesquite, TX.

March 4th - No Regular Meeting. This is the month of our Fund Raiser Auction.

March 11th - our Auction and Fund Raiser, located in the Plano Conference Center This is a very fun, exciting and important event. **PLAN TO BE THERE.**

March 11th – Mar 15th - Spring DBU Outdoor Experiences Class.

March 21st-23rd - Sow Bug Roundup in Mountain Home AR.

2024 DFF Fundraiser Auction

by *Dave Shatzer*

Our 2024 DFF Fundraiser Auction is set for 5-9 PM, Monday, March 11, 2024 at the Plano Event Center. You may think that is a long way off but in August we begin a very important Auction function, that is forming the overall committee to collect Silent and Live Auction items. The Auction may be divided up into roughly four groups. Hard items being rods, reels, flies, and any flyfishing item. Auction items that are considered Soft are Guide trips and other services. Hard and Soft items may be subdivided into those donated by DFF club members and non-DFF individuals and businesses.

The Hard goods committee will both solicit and gather those items to be placed in the Silent and Live Auctions. On this committee, you may have to drive to someone's that is willing to donate items and get them. The Soft Auction items are where the big money comes in.

Outside Guide trips brought in a total of \$7600 in our last Auction, plus another \$1090 from generous DFF members who donated their services. **That is Pure Profit** to your DFF club.

If anyone is going on a guided trip, please ask your guide or shop if they would consider donating a trip to our Auction. In return, they get lots of publicity and exposure to 200 to 300 flyfishing individuals between our DFF members and the outsiders that attend the Auction. If you have equipment that you no longer use, consider donating. Anyone willing to help, drop me an email, dshatz86@gmail.com. I will also be passing around signup sheets at the August 7 meeting (by the way, don't miss the August meeting about northern New Mexico waters).

– *Dave Shatzer*

In-Person Attendance Incentive – Speaker Tied Fly Drawing for July, August and September – Drawing September Meeting

by LaJan Barnes

The flies tied by our speakers in July, August, and September will be nestled in a new fly box for an in-person attendance only drawing. Those flies will be tied by our next three speakers: **Nick Gallegos** (NM), **Aaron Reed** (TX), and

Donavan Clary (OK). Everyone who attends the September 11th meeting will receive a **FREE** ticket for the special drawing at the end of the meeting (you must be present to win).

The 2nd quarter winner of the flies tied by **Meredith McCord, Peter Rea, and Bob Clouser** was **Lance Huckeba**. *Congratulations Lance!*

Good Luck to the next winner!

Outings

by Julia Bell

Our September outing is to the Texas Hill Country on the South Llano River in Junction, TX on September 14th – 17th. This is an all-access trip appealing to wade fishers, float tubers, and kayakers/canoers. You can pick short stretches or long floats; fish one, two, or three days. There are three hotels in Junction, South Llano River SP, and several RV parks (Shady Morgan Campground no longer exists). A 4# or 5# rod with warm water floating line is a good rig setup. We will be targeting Guadalupe Bass, Rio Grande Cichlid, five different Sunfish species, Bass, Crappie, and Catfish.



Casting Classes

by Ed Bowen

Casting Coordinator Report: You would expect with the temperatures going up, the interest in fly casting instruction would go down. But exactly the opposite has happened. In June, 5 people came to the beginning fly casting class at the Allen Cabela's at 10:00am on the 4th

Saturday. And then, 3 came to the July class. Almost all of these came from leads from Dan's fly tying class. Hope to keep this level of interest up as we head towards Fall.



Fly Tying at Cabela's Concludes Year Two and Anticipates Year Three

by Dan Montayne, DFF Fly Tying Coordinator

July's Third Tuesday event followed a different format from most of our tying sessions. First, Dave Smith demonstrated the initial steps in the target pattern. A completed fly was placed in front of each pair of tiers, and materials for two flies were then distributed to each participant. Step plates were displayed on the large screen as tiers were instructed, "To the best of your abilities, duplicate the fly in front of you, the Inline Warm Water Streamer."

Everyone was encouraged to ask questions concerning materials or hidden steps the pattern may have. Tying began, and presenters offered one-on-one support as needed.

Following completion of the fly, the group was given a surprise homework assignment --- to duplicate an exact copy of that fly. They were asked to bring both masterpieces to our September session where they will discuss their results with others.

Attendance continues to be strong for Third Tuesdays. This month, we also welcomed six new tiers to the beginner's table. These folks now have two woolly buggers in their fish catching assortment. Thank you, Jim and Jere, for guiding them through their first attempts. Welcome New Tiers!



As I look forward to September, I realize it begins the third year for DFF and Cabela's. The theme of Warm Water Go-To Flies will continue with new patterns and more guest instructors. Starting in October, a master tier will join the crew to help encourage the fine points of becoming a better at this craft. So much fun to come!

Reminder: No August Third Tuesday Class

Save the Date: September 19, 2023,
6:30 - 8:30PM, Classes Resume

Fly Tying

by Jere Anderson

As a long time fly tier who ties with the DFF as often as I can, it give me great pleasure to note that there were four really fun and informative DFF fly tying opportunities in July. Starting with one of the really great ones, **Mr. Bill Sargeant** as the July Speaker who taught a fly tying lesson for some classic flies, complete with great historical information about the patterns. I knew that the month had great chances.

The very next day, the second July Tuesday, was a fun fly tying gathering by our 2024 Program Chainman, **Danny Soltau**. He sponsors these on every second and every last Tuesday of the month. They are held at **McNeal's Tavern and Eatery** on Avenue A in Plano. They are a lot of fun and well run. It is a good relaxing couple of hours with some fun fly tiers.

Then the third Tuesday is the long time Angler Education Instructor, **Dan Montayne** who has been the brains behind an event known as the Warm Water Go-To Flies and fishing skills Group. This group meets in Allen Cabela's Conference Room with the teaching support and mentoring skills of a lot of the talented people in the DFF. This group has just finished its second year of entertaining and educational gatherings and will start the third year in September.

This page will attempt to keep all of you interested in attending some of these opportunities in the future, if you are not already one of the faithful. **Dan** and **Danny** will contribute the words of wit and wisdom and **Jere** will just edit it as a regular feature.

DO NOT MISS these chances to learn or to just join in the comradery of some fun and talented DFF folks.



RSVP at Dirty Water Fly Co
or drop an email to
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Join us for Open Tying Nights twice a month on the 2nd & last Tuesdays @ 7 PM in the south room!

All materials provided, please RSVP to reserve tools if needed!

GIVEAWAYS EVERY NIGHT!

- June 27th - The Panhandler
- July 11th - Jewel Thief Minnow
- July 25th - Gotcha
- August 8th - Karen's Minnow
- August 29th - Captain

Income and Expense Statement

by Dan Montayne, DFF Fly Tying Coordinator

Our Club Treasurer prepares a financial statement that we publish every 6 months. The information cover the preceding 12 months. The goal is to allow our membership of be aware of our budget and the state of our DFF Finances.

Dallas Fly Fishers Income and Expense Statement For the Twelve Months Ended 6/30/23

<u>Income</u>	
Membership income	\$ 7,866
Auction income	50
Holiday party income	2,870
Raffle income	610
Athens Fly Fishing Festival income	2,519
Contributions income	758
Merchandise income	370
Miscellaneous income	266
Total income	\$ 15,310

Any comments or questions should be referred to **Steve Jackson**, Board Treasurer.

<u>Expenses</u>	
Newsletter expense	\$ 2,304
Speaker expense	5,160
FFI Dues	500
Liability insurance	450
Athens Fly Fishing Festival expense	2,519
Holiday party expense	2,259
Administrative expense	1,077
Outing expense	594
Class supplies	900
Printing expense	809
Donations	893
Total Expense	\$ 17,464
Net Income	\$ (2,154)
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 20,119

2023 South Fork, Colorado Outing Recap

by Jeff Ziehm

This year's South Fork, Colorado outing took place July 15 – 22.

We had 16 attendees, our largest group ever: **Dave Shatzer, Marcus & Carrie Yarbrough, Harlan & Diana Thatcher, Pat Kennedy & friend, Jeff Gannon, Larry Abrams, Jeff Eggleston, Larry Johnson & friend, Cody Bell, David Hudnall & grandson Jude, and myself.** If I omitted anyone, my apologies. There was also a good turnout from the FWFF's, headed by Russell Husted. I had the pleasure of fishing with Dave and Cody.

It was a good snowpack year, so water levels were higher than the past few years. I think this was one of the reason the fishing was so good. The Rio Grande River flow at Wagon Wheel Gap was in the 500cfs range throughout the week, 50% higher than last year. Average daily high was 82°, low 52°, a nice relief from the Texas summer heat.

Dave and I flew to Albuquerque and rented a car, most others drove. Everyone stayed at Ute Bluff Lodge, some in the lodge, some in cabins, and some in the Ute Bluff RV park. The Ute Bluff Lodge is under new ownership.

Daily routine was to wakeup around 6am, 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.

Agenda for the week.

Sunday. Fished Park Creek and Old Mine Creek. Water temp was 46 degrees. EHC was most effective. Caught mostly small brookies.

Monday. Fished the South Fork River. The SF is smaller than the Rio Grande, but larger than most of the other creeks in the area. 114 cfs. I caught mostly brown trout, almost all on the H&L Variet dry fly.

Tuesday. Fished the Rio Grande, above the Box Canyon. Dave had a better day than I did. I caught only two fish, one Rainbow and one Cutthroat. One on a Stimulator and one on a Copper John. Both good sized.

Wednesday. Fished Beaver Creek. Below the Beaver Reservoir Beaver Creek has quite a bit of gradient, so it is mostly plunge pools. I caught both browns and rainbows on a Stimulator. There was lots of downed timber to crawl over.

Thursday. Fished Trout Creek. Trout Creek is private water where you need to pay a \$100 per person rod fee to get access. This seemed like a good idea at the time, as this is still much less than a guide. But fishing was not great. Dave only caught one fish in five hours of fishing. I caught a few more, but still not sure it is worth the money.

Thursday evening most of the group went to Rachel's Food Truck for dinner. If you ever make it to South Fork, Rachel's is not to be missed. Some of the best food in SF. After dinner we returned to Ute Bluff Lodge and had a dessert potluck. Lot's of good ice cream and sweets. **Jeff Eggleston's** cherry cobbler sold out fast!

Friday morning. We fished the South Fork river again, but closer to the Park Creek confluence. The SF is mostly plunge pool water. Fishing was good. I primarily used a Royal Wulff. A funny think happened in the middle of the morning. I caught a brown, and after letting him go, I was getting my net and wading staff untangled. My flyline was floating downstream in the current in a plunge pool, just a few feet downstream. When I picked up my rod to recast, there was a good sized rainbow that had taken my fly dangling in the current. I thought, oh my lucky day. I brought him in and released him. While fiddling with my net, the same thing happened again! Another good sized rainbow took my fly dangling in the current. Oh well, some days that's the way it goes.

Friday afternoon. Fished the upper South Fork River, above the Big Meadow Reservoir. Pretty overgrown, not the best fishing. Mid afternoon we thought we would finish the week by fishing Big Meadows Reservoir. I walked out onto a sand bar and had crazy good fishing for 40 minutes. Probably caught 15, 10 bows and 5 brookies. All on a pheasant tail. After the magical 40 minutes, the bite stopped. Zero.

When I looked under rocks throughout the week, caddis were the dominant aquatic insect. Nonetheless, Royal Wulff, H&L Varients, and Parachute Adams all produced. There were hatches everyday.

Start making plans for next year's South Fork outing. It will be July 13-20 2024.

I hope to see you there.

– Jeff



The Activity Report

by Jere Anderson

July started with a bang, so don't relax too much. There is a lot to do. Be a part of one of the most active FFI clubs and join in on what interests you.

July 1st, On the day we cut off input to the July Newsletter, there was a Kid Fish Event on Freneau Creek. Starting at Branch Hollow Park where we do the water watch monitoring, Richard and some DFF helpers led a youth fishing outing. The turnout was not huge, but the kids had a Backyard Bass Game to play and some fish to catch. The weather moderated and everyone caught fish.



This is the backyard Bass Game. Little plastic fish and a rod with a magnet on the end.



And here is the great team of Freneau Creek Folks and DFF Angler Education staff. What a group to be proud of.



And lastly here is the team getting everything ready for the participants.



Thanks to the helpers. This kind of outreach is very important and can produce a life-time memory for the young ones.

July 10th, the July meeting was a tying night led by the wisdom of **Bill Sargeant**. He is one of the long-time experts in the DFF. Like the one Bill led last year, eager club members were there by 6PM and tied until about 8. If you missed this one, you really missed a chance. Bill had handouts that traced the history and evolution of a pair of classic flies. The recipes for these classics were included, but no step by step. Then Bill led us all in getting some very interesting flies. Here are the instructor's flies. The left fly has a white hair wing that did not show in your Editor's poor pictures.



It is always fun to tie with Bill, he and the Editor were semi-finalists in the FFI Annual Meeting's Iron Fly Contest many years ago. We tied side by side in the round of 4. I was honored have survived the contest to this level, and even more so to be one of two Texas Council Tiers in the top 4. Of course, Mr. Sargeant was hands down the better tier of the two of us.



July 11th, Second Tuesday open fly tying at **McNeal's** at 7 pm in Plano was great. My daughter, **Karen**, and her friend, **Stella**, attended. They had never tied anything like this before and both had a great time. I got their work stations set up across from Danny Soltau and Dave Smith, so they got lots of expert help.



The fly tied was the Jewel Thief Minnow. It is not an easy fly like we tie for Angler Education, but everyone had a great time getting a couple of them done.

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The Activity Report

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These events are hoping to build an attendance base for the 2nd and last Tuesday of the month. This session's attendance was about 16.



The venue is an eatery on 15th and Avenue K in Plano. These events are hoping to build an attendance base for the 2nd and last Tuesday of the month.

July 15th- 22nd, is the big event for July, the joint Colorado Outing with the FWFF to South Fork. This classic DFF Adventure is famous for fish, fun, and evening relaxation. I am sure glad an article about this trip is in this newsletter. If you have never been to one of these Outings, you are missing a lot.

July 18th, Dan's Third Tuesday Warm Water Wisdom Class was a great event. The sign-up had 6 tiers who wanted to sit at a table with a mentor. Normally **Jim Woodman** handles this duty, but this time **Jere** was also on mentor duty. My three Fly Tiers had a great time with some good, usable flies. Then we talked for about a half hour about how to use them. How to rig them up and where to fish them so they will find fish. We had tied a shallow running fly and a mid-depth fly, so a lot of options are available. Here is my group. The full story is elsewhere in this newsletter.



Cabela's needs the classroom as the hunting season approaches to do hunter education so Dan takes August off. This Third Tuesday Event was the last of year two until the Fall kicks off the third year of Dan's Program in September.

July 25th, Fourth Tuesday open fly tying at **McNeal's** at 7 pm in Plano from 7 to 9. Don't miss the next one. The group of regulars is building and the tying site is a great place. We tied a Gotcha. It is an evolutionary offspring of a Bonefish Fly. This group was where my Daughter tied two weeks ago. She can't wait to get back.

Here is the group and the fly..



July 30th, Stream Team water quality evaluation happened too late for this newsletter. We will have it in the September issue.

So July was a success. With four fly tying events in a single month, if you have been wondering where to go to get some tying assistance, this is your answer. In August, the **Dan Montayne** Event will not happen, but there is more to do. We can hope that some cooler and wetter weather improves our outdoor world.

August 7th, **Nick Gallegos** has a program about fishing the Chama and Northern NM. A lot of us have been there, so we are looking forward to this one.

August 8th, Second Tuesday open fly tying at **McNeal's** at 7 pm in Plano. Contact **Danny** at **469-573-5040** for details. If you even slightly are interested in fly tying, you need to attend just one of these. I would bet you find it interesting. Don't miss this one.

August 20th, Stream Team water quality evaluation. Our team of bug identifiers and a Master Naturalist team of water chemistry do a monthly evaluation of the Aquatic Ecology in a great nature study area.

August 26th, 8 until noon, fly fishing and casting instruction at Castle Hills Park. This is a pond and a nice green spot near **Dr. Lou's** residence. It is a great place to hold an outdoor skills practice session. And then you get to fish his water.

August 29th, Fourth Tuesday open fly tying at **McNeal's** at 7 pm in Plano. I have attended these and find them fun, even on days that I can't tie. Contact **Danny** at **469-573-5040** for details.

At the time of this newsletter going to press, that is all I have.

The Labor Day Holiday will delay our September Meeting until September 11th. So your next newsletter will be a bit later as well.

August is a toss-up. It can be very hot and dry, and it can have regular rain showers as the seasons change. We have late summer bugs so big the pilots of these bugs need a multi-engine rating on their pilots license. Get that fly rod out and hit the water. Be careful to drink lots of water and avoid heat stroke or any other heat caused exhaustion problem.



The Conservation Corner

by Jere Anderson

An item that I keep bringing up is the issue of Trash-Off is more than some Projects. It is more like a way of life. Organizations like Keep Texas Beautiful, our FFI, and many others continuously attack the ongoing issue of responsible use of our Outdoor World. Most of you not only hear me, but actively take part. The Trash Bags I give out and that Julia has are a part of our outdoor gear that we seldom venture forth without them.

The Texas Council has these trash bags available to most Texas Council FFI Clubs. Jere had 500 when I was the Texas Council Conservation Officer. I am now about half way through the second 500. I gave them out at a **Dan Montayne** Class and at the July Meeting to those who wanted them. I have given quite a few to the Dallas Baptist University for Dr. Ray's Outdoor Experience Class.

These are handy for group events and for your own use. Here is a group trash-off by the Texas Council.



Here is the First Family of the DFF doing it right. **Jere** will have some of these yellow bags at most meetings.

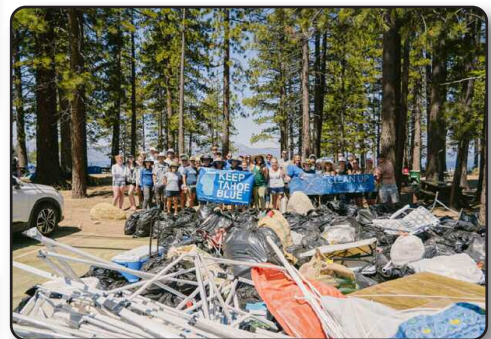


I have been a camping family all my life and picking up your trash was an ethic of my Father's Boy Scouts. The family also tried to leave it better than we found it. Our trips to some of the great Western Parks gave us a lot of practice.

I lived near Lake Tahoe for a decade or more, and it is beautiful. Clear and cold, this high country Lake is a great natural treasure. However it is also near a lot of city folks with little or no concern for preserving its beauty. I have been known to refer to these crowds as "in need of adult supervision". Their lack of respect for other peoples property is embarrassing.

Just this last 4th of July, over 8,559 pounds of cigarette butts, plastic food wrappers, beach toys, beer boxes — and even barbecues — were collected by environmental cleanup volunteers during the 10th annual July 5th "Keep Tahoe Red, White & Blue" Beach Cleanup. It took 402 good Samaritans three hours to rake up the colossal piles of trash that the Keep Tahoe Blue collective said was "tragically an all-time high."

A video the group posted to social media Wednesday shows piles of beach chairs, tents and plastic cups strewn across the beach and into natural vegetation.



"It was destroyed," Clean Up The Lake founder **Colin West** told the San Francisco Chronicle, adding that the morning's trash haul was the worst he had ever seen it in his five years of doing environmental clean-up work. His group had to get permission from the forest service to drive trucks into the beach needed to store "towering loads" of trash bags filled to the brim.



The silver lining, according to Keep Tahoe Blue, is that many of Lake Tahoe's beaches were left relatively litter-free. The ones comparatively untouched by the garbage mounds were supplied with trash cans, restrooms and management staff, proving that small preventative measures can lead to promising gains in pollution prevention. It is sad that a crowd of holiday celebrators would need some adult supervision. Sad, but perhaps true.

Summer Outings.

If the usual July Heat Wave is winding down, then a lot of good camping options will be available as the pressure on our monuments and parks lightens up. Fishing will pick up in another month when the cooler air drives the Fall Feeding Frenzy of fish getting enough fat to get them through the winter. The large animals will also be feeding. I love the pictures of the Bears Salmon Fishing from my home turf in Washington to Alaska. They are too busy most of the time to be bothered by your presence if you are careful and move slowly.



Many of us hunt, so be wary of other hunters. My brother Marc was shot on our own land and had a bullet go into his chest and lodge on

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the inside of the shoulder blade. Fortunately, it did not cut many blood vessels and he was taken to the hospital in the next town for surgery that was completely successful. Be sure of your target before you shoot, and be sure to have permission to be on that field. Remember that about 94% of Texas is someone's private property.

We are seeing more articles about additional outdoor venues coming into being. They range from picnic areas to fully equipped campgrounds. The new lakes going in also will have some new recreational facilities in the near future. These will be welcome, and it would be good to send me a note to include in the Conservation Column.

Another good choice is the TPWD's Paddling Trails access program. There are 81 Official Paddling Trails, including a new one on Inks

Lake that just opened on July 15th. These trails provide well-mapped accessible day trips in a variety of settings and for all levels of paddling experience. With more than 3,700 named streams, 15 major rivers and some 3,300 miles of tidal shoreline along the Gulf Coast, Texas offers unlimited possibilities for paddling adventures and angling opportunities of all types.

DFE Members canoe, Kayak, and float tube on a great number of these opportunities. With the adjacent states also having similar programs and opportunities, this is a great chance to get out there on the water in either your floating device or in one of the hundreds of rental options. The online access is a web page with this address, **TPWD: | Texas Paddling Trails** which will be kept up to date. A new opportunity that a Lake or Stream Management group wants to offer can

apply to be added to the web page around the first of the year.

Do not miss the chance to get out in the great Outdoors in our great State of Texas. We are the second most populous State, so a lot of these vendors have phones and perhaps will allow reservations. In any case they can tell you if they are already sold out for today. Between our great fishing, the State Parks, Local parks and the Paddling Trails, I cannot see how anyone would fail to be able to find some fun in our outdoors and on our waters. Go for it.

Be prepared, be careful and always have a floatation device. Best wishes for your continued summer.

 -Jere

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