

# The Leader



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## On The Water

*by Dave Smith*

We are now a month away from the official start of Fall and hopefully there will be a change from our hot days so we can be on the water.

The start of September should bring on more pleasant conditions it will also start our Fall season of more club activities be sure to check The website calender for information.

The 3rd Tuesday Tying Class by Dan Montayne will start back at Cabela's in Allen Sept. 17th.

Danny Soltau of Dirty Water Fly Co. in

Plano also has two tying nights each month. Be sure to check the calendar. These are both great chances to learn new patterns and improve your tying skills.

The FFI Fly Tying Group will hold their 2024 Fly Tiers Rendezvous Sept. 27th and 28th at Springlake Event Center in Farmers Branch. The event will be one to check out if you enjoy tying or have interest in how the flies you are using come together.

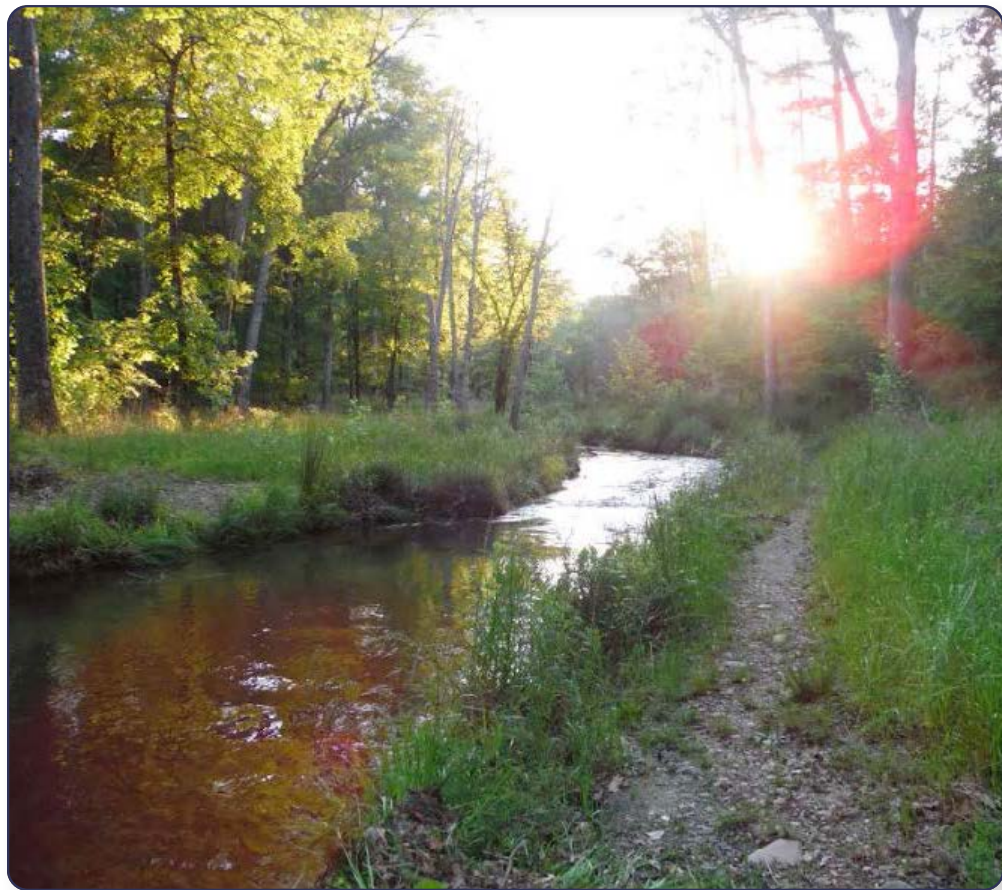
There will be over 40 tiers from around the state showing their patterns and technique plus 8 featured tiers some from out of state tying Friday and Saturday. Hope to see you there.

I HAVE A SPECIAL REQUEST OF OUR MEMBERS IF YOU ARE A FLY TIER OR NO LONGER TIE AND HAVE MATERIALS YOU DON'T USE PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION TO THE CLUB FOR OUR FLY TYING PROGRAMS AND TEACHING EVENTS.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Till next time, hope to see you on the water or at the tying bench.

*Dave Smith*  
*President, Dallas FlyFishers*



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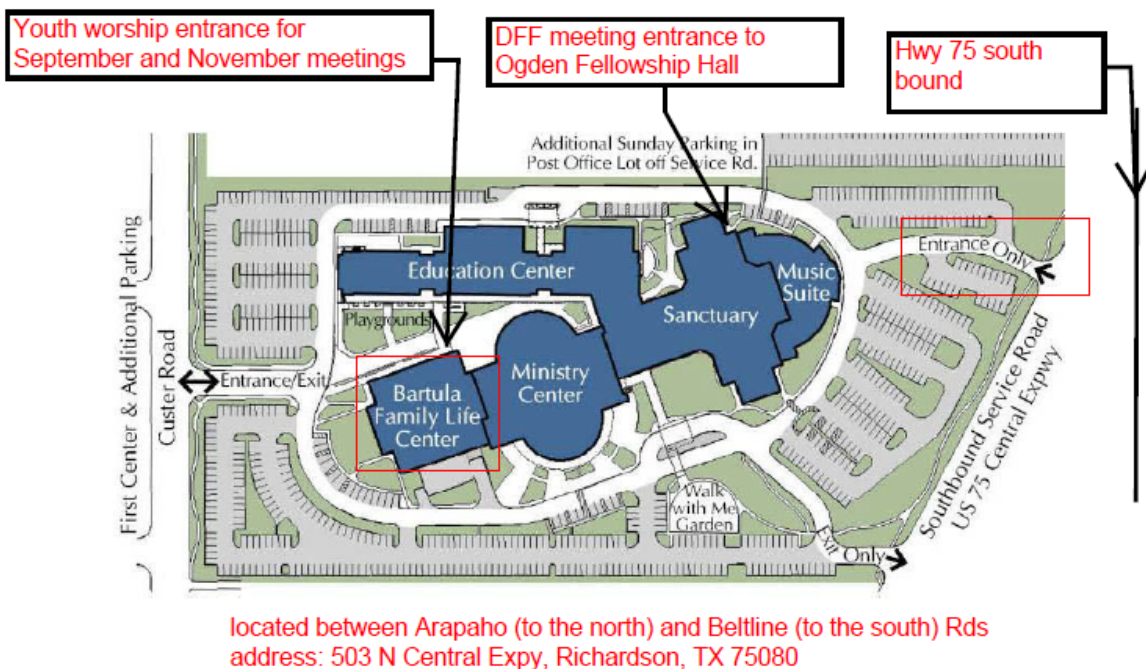
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## DFF Program Schedule

by Danny Soltau & Patrick Grobauer



For this month's meeting we will be at our regular meeting location at First United Methodist Church (FUMC), 503 N. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080.

We appreciate everyone's flexibility over the past few months as we tried to find alternative locations due to conflicts with the church's schedule.

UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN, fly tying will start at 6:30PM for each meeting, followed by our speaker presentation meeting at 07:00 PM.

**Meeting September 9th:** Ricky Congero, Florida Bass Fishing trip prep strategies and classes.

## 2024 Program Schedule of the Speakers

By Danny Soltau, 2024 Programs Chairman

**September 9th:** Ricky Congero, Florida Bass Fishing trip prep strategies and classes.

depths with flies and lines

**October 7th:** Danny Soltau, Water column approach and strategies to attack different

**November 4th:** Open, seeking a lady presenter or two for the fall presentations.

**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 Calendar

The 2024 Programs and major events calendar. We are having another great year at the Dallas Flyfishers. **Danny Soltau** has been hard at work setting things up.

**September 6th** – Latham Springs Baptist Encampment

**September 9th** – **Ricky Congero**, Florida Bass Fishing trip prep strategies and planning

**September 27th & 28th** – Second Annual FTG Rendezvous

The Fly Fishers International Fly Tying Group has announced the highly awaited Second Annual FTG Rendezvous, scheduled to be held in Farmers Branch

**October 7th** – **Dan Soltau** - Water column approach and strategies to attack different parts with flies and lines.

**October 18th** – North Toledo Bend State Park in Zwolle, LA.

**November 4th** – OPEN

**December 8th** – **Holiday Party** - Come celebrate the holidays with the DFF at Besa's Italian Restaurant, 7602 N. Jupiter Rd., Garland, Tx 75044, from 6 to 8:30pm. \$50 per person, pre-sale only. BYOB, no cork fee - Raffles - Festivities - Holiday Photos

## 2024 Outings Coordinator Needed

*by Patrick Grobauer*

The club is still looking for an outings coordinator to plan and schedule our fly fishing trips. As Outings Chair, you're primarily responsible for planning and organizing fly fishing trips for club members, which involves researching and selecting suitable fishing locations, as well as coordinating the logistics of the trip. You will also be responsible for communicating trip details, such as dates, locations, equipment needed, costs involved with the membership and providing a quick recap for our monthly newsletter after the outing.

If you would be interested in helping the club fill this vital service to our local fly fishing community, we would love to have you on the Board.

Please contact Dave Smith, [dave\\_maxsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:dave_maxsmith@yahoo.com) or Art San Roman, [arthursanroman@msn.com](mailto:arthursanroman@msn.com) for further details.

## 2025 Board Vacancies

*by Julia Bell*

The Dallas Fly Fishers declares the following Board vacancies for the 2025 calendar year: Secretary, Jim Woodman is stepping down for health reasons, and Outings Coordinator. Any member in good standing is eligible to fill the vacancy, and nominations can be on behalf of someone or self-nominations.

In the October *The Leader*, nominated candidates are announced. The elected Board positions, President, Vice-President, and Trustees, are voted into office at the November general meeting. The 2025 Board will be installed at the Holiday Party on December 8, 2024.

The Board meets monthly via Zoom at 7:00 pm on the Sunday before the General Meeting. The Secretary takes notes of the Board Meetings, types the meeting minutes, and emails a copy to all Board members. The Outings Coordinator arranges the club's fishing outings. All Board positions are voting positions.

Please contact Dave Smith, 214-918-7171, with your nominations by September 27, 2024.



# Upcoming DFF Outings

## Latham Springs Outing

by Jeff Ziehm

September 6, 2024

Our September Outing will be on Friday 6 September 2024 at Latham Springs Encampment in Aquilla, Texas from 8:00-2:30, leaving the grounds no later than 3:00 p.m.. The outing costs will be \$8.00 per person, since we are renting this facility for the day. Please try to have the exact cash amount, if possible. You will need to individually pay Brenda Miranda in the Office Building. Please RSVP to the [dallasflyfishers@gmail.org](mailto:dallasflyfishers@gmail.org).

You will need to bring a sack lunch, non-alcoholic beverages only, and a lawn chair, and we will meet for lunch by the copse of trees near the picnic table and bocce area at noon (marked in orange on the map). We have access to three ponds, a lake, and the Brazos River (marked with a purple check on map).

A map of the facility has been included. Most prevalent species are: Largemouth Bass, Crappie, Catfish, and Sunfish. Canoes, float tubes, kayaks, and non-motorized vessels can be used on the lake; the smaller ponds can accommodate a float tube, if desired. There is shore fishing available on all water bodies and wading on the Brazos. Monitor this water gauging station for accurate water flows near our outing [at the link here](#)

### The address is:

Latham Springs Baptist Encampment  
134 Private RD 223  
Aquilla, Texas 76622-2582

**Driving Directions:** Travel south on I-35 south of Hillsboro  
Between Hillsboro and Abbott take the FM 1304 Exit

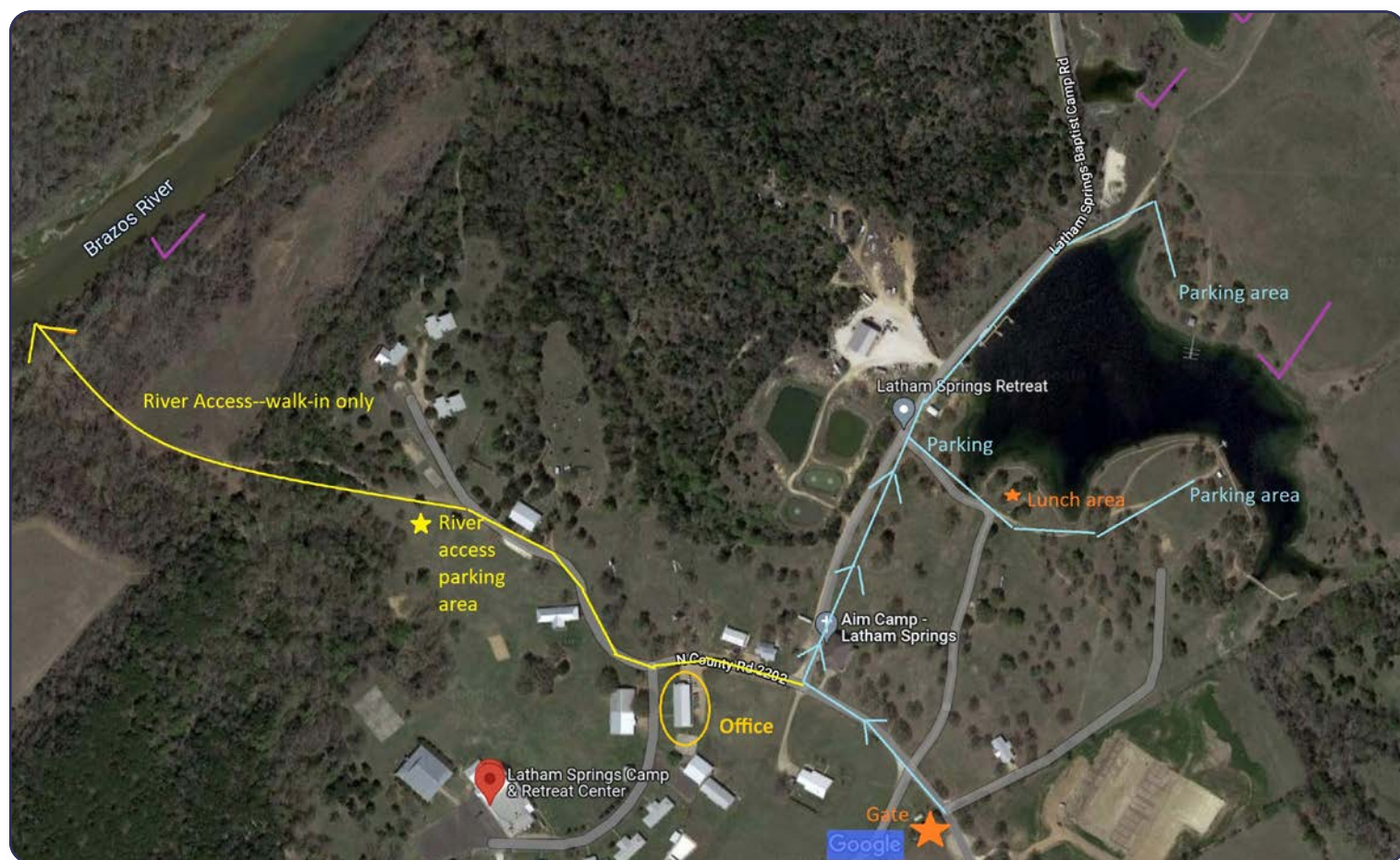
Travel west on FM 1304 approximately 12 miles to N. County Road 2202

Turn north on County Road 2202 approximately 3/4 of a mile  
Country Road 2202 will become Private Road 223

Someone will be at the entrance helping you where you need to go.

There are alternative directions, and if you see a different route you would like to travel and need help, feel free to contact us, and we'll be glad to help. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask here or on our social media pages.

There are restrooms at the Office and at the building on the NE as you turn to head to the lake.



# Fort Worth Fly Fishers Annual Auction

**Saturday, September 7, 6 PM -9 PM**

Fort Worth Elks Club, 3233 White Settlement Rd, Fort Worth, Texas

## **RS.V.P.**

Bill Hodges, 817-528-1157 (text only), bcolhodes@aol.com

## **Purchase tickets:**

Online at [Fort Worth Fly Fishers](http://FortWorthFlyFishers.org)

(members only, next club meeting on September 3)

The \$30 entry fee per person includes dinner from Rosa's Cafe + one free drink ticket. To buy tickets for both the **Special Raffle** and the Auction, login to the FortWorthFlyFishers.org and register through the Calendar event.

(CASH Only Bar)

Raffle ticket prices are 1 for \$20, 3 for \$50 and 6 for \$100

To buy tickets for both the special raffle and the auction, login to the FortWorthFlyFishers.org and register through the Calendar event.

## **SPECIAL RAFFLE Prizes**

### **FOUR chances to win!!**

**1st prize** - Jackson Bite Kayak

**2nd prize** - Winston Air2, 6 wt fly rod + Orvis Mirage IV reel

**3rd prize** - \$300 Orvis gift card

**4th prize** - \$200 gift card from Bonnell's Fine Texas Cuisine

# Second Annual FFY Fly Tying Group Rendezvous

September 27th & 28th, 2024

Dallas, TX – The Fly Fishers International Fly Tying Group has announced the highly awaited Second Annual FTG Rendezvous, scheduled to be held in Farmers Branch, Texas, on September 27th and 28th. This event promises to unite fly tying enthusiasts from far and wide for a weekend of education, camaraderie, and celebration in the heart of the Lone Star State.

Nestled in a suburb of Dallas, Farmers Branch provides the perfect backdrop for this year's Rendezvous, located just 20 minutes away from both Dallas' major airports - DFW and Lovefield. Registration for this gathering will kick off in June, with eager participants urged to keep a keen eye on the official FFI Website and dedicated event page for updates and sign-up information. Here's the site for event registration:

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/FTG-Rendezvous>

## Event Details:

**Location:** Springlake Event Center, 2280 Springlake Road, Suite 100, Farmers Branch, TX

## Event Highlights:

- **Featured Tiers:** Witness the mastery of demonstration tiers from across the Fly Tying Group as they showcase their skills on both Friday and Saturday.
- **Classes and Workshops:** Dive deep into a diverse array of fly tying subjects through engaging classes and workshops designed to cater to all skill levels.
- **FTG Fly Box Exchange:** Participate in the beloved tradition of the FTG fly box exchange.
- **Banquet and Fundraising Event:** Enjoy great food and philanthropy

at the Friday night banquet, where attendees can support the fly tying community while forging lasting connections.

- **Meet and Greet:** Seize the opportunity to mingle with fellow Fly Tiers from across the globe, fostering new friendships and fostering a sense of unity within the community.
- **Rendezvous Merchandise:** Commemorate your Rendezvous experience with exclusive shirts, hats, and pins available for purchase prior to the event.

As the countdown to the Second Annual FTG Rendezvous begins, mark your calendars and prepare to join us in Farmers Branch for an unforgettable celebration of the artistry and passion that unite us all.

For media inquiries, sponsorship opportunities, or further information, please contact:

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## About FFI Fly Tying Group:

The Fly Tying Group of Fly Fishers International (FFI) is dedicated to the preservation, enhancement and support of the art of fly tying as a historic element of the fly fishing experience. Archiving historic documents, development of educational and instructional materials, teaching and demonstrating the use of materials and tying techniques are fundamental to perpetuating the art of fly tying for anglers who fish with the artificial fly.

The Fly Tying Group's work revolves around sharing and teaching to provide opportunities for the fly fishing community to learn new or enhance their current skills. We share information through our newsletter, tying demonstrations at events, maintaining a comprehensive video library, and teaching about the art of fly tying on FFI Online.



The graphic features a festive background with snow, pine branches, and red berries. The text 'HOLIDAY PARTY' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'HOLIDAY' in large red letters and 'PARTY' in green letters below it. Below this, the text 'Come celebrate the holidays with the DFF at Besa's Italian Restaurant' is written in a red serif font. At the bottom, the event details are listed in a black sans-serif font: '7602 N. Jupiter Rd, Garland, TX 75044 • Sunday, December 8, 2024 • 6:00 - 8:30 pm' and '\$50 per person, pre-sale only • BYOB—no cork fee • Raffles • Festivities • Holiday Photos'.

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# DDF Fly Tying Corner

## Dan Montayne's Advanced Techniques Class (tough but fun)

by Jere Anderson

Dan Montayne offered to teach a few of us from his third Tuesday Group some details of the fly tying arts and sciences. He even asked us what would we like to see? In this August Edition of our individual refinement of fly tying included Leader Assembly, streamer cheeks and eyes as used on classic feather wing streamer flies, UV Butt beads for certain nymph patterns and hair stacking.

Dan feels that we all left with some additional knowledge and skill, and Jere is very certain of that.

Here is the streamer fly we tied. There are about ten parts in the head and shoulder assembly.

The class had some of our star tiers in it and they all worked hard. This is a great example. A few strokes with wet fingers would groom these feathers a bit.

And goodies were available if you burned up all your energy, as well as coffee and water. I hope this becomes a more common thing. If it does, and you are asked if you want to be a part of this group, think about joining. It is invitational only, but this is a great group of feather benders.



## Fly Tying Events

The DDF has three fly tying events per month.

Every Third Tuesday is organized by Dan Montayne at Cabela's/Bass Pro in Allen and has been going for three years now. This month's class was focused on Bluegill flies. If there is a certain technique or fly you would like to know more about, feel free to reach out to Dan and he'll add it to the calendar. He will also bring tools if you call ahead.

The second and last Tuesday of the month are both hosted by Danny from Dirty Water Fly Co. Every **second Tuesday**, Dan is hosting an **instructional tying night** at his shop in **Downtown Plano**. This is great for new and experienced tiers. BYOB / BYOF

Every **last Tuesday** of the month, DDF will be meeting at **McNeal's for BYOTS** (Bring Your Own Tying Stuff) in Downtown Plano. This is more of a social event with Happy Hour specials on food & beverage and free tying, so bring whatever fly you'd like to tie. If you need tools, call ahead and Danny will have enough for both events. **July has five Tuesdays**, so keep that in mind when planning.

Both of these gentlemen also have newsletters for their activity so be sure to sign-up.

**Summer Edition '24 Fly Tying Nights** **FREE 4 ALL**

**(SOCIAL NIGHT)** **DW Fly Co. (INSTRUCTIONAL)**

**Last Tuesdays of the month @ McNeal's TAVERN • EATERY PLANO TX**

**Happy Hour All Night**

**5/28**

**6/25**

**7/30**

**8/27**

**DIRTY 2nd Tuesdays @ the Shop WATER FLY CO.**

**JUNE 11TH**

**STUART LITTLE**

**MOUSE FLY**

**JULY 9TH**

**CONEY BOLOGNA**

**SHRIMP FLY**

**AUGUST 13TH**

**SEADUCER BAITFISH**

**SEPTEMBER 10TH**

**WILD THING DIVER**

**TOOLS + KITS AVAILABLE**



# DFF Education Corner

## Casting and Fishing at Castle Hills

by Jere Anderson

One of the most fun events in the DFF calendar is to pick a bright summer day and go to a beautiful park like environment to fish. We brought our rods, and Richard brought 7 of DFF's certified instructors. With each instructor taking a few students, we moved out into the beautiful lawn area. Beside Richard, the DFF Certified Instructor Team consisted of Doris and Dan Montayne, Jere Anderson, Dr. Lou Montanaro, Paul Locklear, Vaughn DuBose, and Rocky Pitre.



The day begins with how to rig your fly rod. Each student and their Instructor got off to a good start.



Dan explains the basics to a student with basic questions, and outlines the activities. He is one of our best instructors of the arts of casting. We lay out our hoop targets for accuracy casting and away we go. There is plenty of space, and so it is easy to keep from crossing lines with other students. Here is a typical picture.



Several participants followed Dr Lou to try out the fishing. The environment looks very fishy, but the fish while plentiful are small.

Some of the younger set did better than the more senior one in terms of fish size. Here is the largest fish caught that I saw.



This, however, did not discourage many of our students.

This is often much better attended, but those who were here got their money's worth of fun, games and fishing.





Dr. Lou Montanaro and I had a talk about the science behind this casting thing. His medical science is deeper, but we are right up my



alley since casting, like engineering, is an applied physics science. Our patient and good-natured student survived our brief excursion into the hard sciences we were applying.

In any case, it was a beautiful day, and a lot of skill was gained by our students. I hope to see some of them at our next DFF Meeting. We are all happy and proud to present such an opportunity to enjoy a Texas Morning, developing your skills as a Flyfisher. It is seldom that we do the casting practice at a location where we can then go to practice our fishing skills. This event needed more publicity this time, but those who came certainly got something out of it.



## Water Watch for July and August

by Jere Anderson

We will catch up this month with the last Sunday falling in a gap before Labor Day. Here is the information from the late July Water Watch. We had too few helpers but were able to get it done.

The creek was looking a bit short on bugs, probably due to some heavy rains just a week before. This is often the case. But the worst part was the lack of specimens in our sample.

The few bugs we got were typical of our sampling point.

**IS YOUR CREEK POLLUTED?  
BUG PICKING DATA SHEET**

**Bug Picking Summary Sheet - Furneaux Creek @ Branch Hollow Park - 07/28/2024**

Group 1 - Pollution Sensitive	Group 2 - Somewhat Sensitive	Group 3 - Pollution Tolerant
<input type="checkbox"/> Stonefly Nymph (Plecoptera)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dragonfly Nymph (Anisoptera)	<input type="checkbox"/> Soldier Fly Larva (Diptera)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayfly Nymph (Ephemeroptera)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damselfly Nymph (Zygoptera)	<input type="checkbox"/> Midge Larva (Diptera)
<input type="checkbox"/> Caddisfly Larva (Trichoptera)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scud (Amphipoda)	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Fly Larva (Diptera)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dobsonfly Larva (Megalopectera)	<input type="checkbox"/> Crayfish (Decapoda)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunged Snail (Pulmonata)
<input type="checkbox"/> Gilled Snail (Prosobranchia)	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterboatman (Corixidae)	<input type="checkbox"/> Leech (Hirudinea)
<input type="checkbox"/> Caddisfly Larva (Diptera)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clam or Mussel (Bivalvia)	<input type="checkbox"/> Planaria (Turbellaria)
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Penny Beetle Larva (Coleoptera)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Strider (Gerridae)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Round Worm (Nematoda)
<input type="checkbox"/> Riffle Beetle Larva (Coleoptera)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Aquatic Beetle Larva (Coleoptera)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Horseshoe Worm (Nemertodermata)
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This water appears to be:

(Not Polluted)    (Okay)    (Polluted)



Here are the Stream Team findings.



Pretty sparce for our usual several dozen bugs.

We start the evaluation by collecting some bottom material and a few weeds with roots that hold the silt from the stream bottom. Here is Richard digging.

Our team also include two highly skilled laboratory quality analysis people. They do a complete water chemistry analysis.



Between the two teams, we have now created a several year profile of Furneaux Creek in the area a great restoration project. The goal is to have a cool spot with informative postings about the natural ecology of an Urban Stream. The results are impressive. Go to Friends of Furneaux Creek Nature Trail and marvel at what they have achieved.

## Water Watch August

We did succeed in getting in the second Water Watch. On the bugs' side, our A Team of Roger, Richard and Jere were successful in getting the water and the bugs, though they were sparce. A new water chemistry team member, Amy, was able to help us get out samples. Here is the water chemistry team.

Amy adds just what our team needs, namely someone young and agile enough to get in the stream and get us some samples. Thank you, Amy. Here is Amy and Richard getting the silt and vegetation samples to analyze.





Once we got the needed samples the fun began. Here is the summary of the findings this month. Probably due to a lack of rain, the water was low, and the bugs were badly picked over by the next level up in the food web.

Some good bugs were found, just not very many of them compared to our usual findings. The damselfly is one of the best here. Tie it as a surface bug to imitate an emerger down to a deep running bug. This bug is going to be a beautiful insect if it is successful in evading hungry fish.

These look like an inch or more of tying floss. They are abundant

but hide well enough that I am skeptical of its role in the food chain.

So once again we succeed in documenting the health of the water and the health of the base of the food chain. This is an important type of information for both the fisheries folks and the City Water Scientists interested in the health and safety of surface water.

We very much need a few more volunteers. If we had 6 regular volunteers, then if one could not make it in any month, we would still get these data. Please come out on the last Sunday of the month and help. This is very interesting work and all we need is about 2 hours of your Sunday Morning.

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## The Conservation Corner

by Jere Anderson



Another Texas Summer is almost history, and the fall group activities like classes and our famous Awards Banquet are on the horizon. This column will try its best to not have the noise leading up to the next election take up our precious space.

The DFF has done a lot of work for water quality, fisheries, and public education this year. We will be well represented at the Fly Fishing International's 2nd Fly Tying Group Conclave. This will be a great one and it will be like the Conclave Floor with booths and some Nationally Famous fly tyers as well. Since it is so close, those of you that never went to the Livingston Montana event can get the feel of the bigger event that will be about an hour away or less for most of us. Details have been in the last three Leaders.

One of my favorites at the Toledo Bend Rendezvous is a park near Zwolle, LA. It is in mid-October, and is a 2 ½ Day campout in bunkhouses in a state park. I have not been to one since 2019, but here is the picture of President Dave, Jere, and the famous Bell Family, Cody and Julia.

The education program will have had our famous fly casting in Dr. Lou's park and pond in Castle Hills near Lewisville on the 24th. This was a chance to work on your casting stroke and then go fishing in private water. This event will have finished just before this newsletter comes out, so hopefully I will have some pictures.

Of course our Stream Team will have gone bug picking on the 25th. We really need a few more members to come out the last Sunday of the month and keep this great conservation project going.

In September our biggest outdoor event, in most years, the LLELA Fly Fishing Class and certification of new instructors if you wish to be one, will occur. LLELA is a great conservation project. In the beginning they are restoring the Blackland Prairies Ecology with appropriate animal life. It has camping by reservation for groups like the Boy Scouts. We will be at the big pavilion, and usually need a dozen or more instructors for this one.

Then the October big one is a class for the public sponsored by the Rosemeade Recreation Center. Casting in the yard, and fly tying an all the other wisdom in the classroom. A lot of fun, and where you can get an Instructor Certification by appointment. Call Richard for information.

Our Holiday Banquet will be coming up, and the signups will be in this or the next Newsletter.

This party is good, and a lot of work has gone into it all the way back to July. I expect an article about this event in this or the next Newsletter.

## Our Fish, How are They Doing?

This summer has been very interesting. We have had one almost as hot as our current record year in 1935. The solar Scientists are saying that the sun is very active, and since that is the main source of energy on our planet, the heating this year makes sense. They are predicting that a Solar Minimum is coming, so I am looking forward to the cooling and for the folks that want my auto exhaust to be the sole source of the heating to wonder where the heat went when the solar furnace cools down.

And while the USA is doing a lot compared to other nations to clean up our pollution, we can do more. I would be excited about this a lot more if the entire planet were not losing ground. There



are major polluters that are exceeding the hard work of the Industrialized Nations of Europe and North America. Don't give up, just realize that if indeed this pollution from the world's industries burning carbon fuels is to be reversed, we must also get the professional polluters like China to join the cause.

We should hope that the COP29 Meeting of the world's nations would attack this problem. They usually do acknowledge its existence, but since the major polluters are often committee heads, they are more inclined to just demand that we Industrialized nations do more so the rest of them can do less.

One area that we can fix unilaterally is trash pollution. With the camping and picnicking seasons coming to an end with the new school year, some serious cleanup projects are getting



advertised. Last year Labor Day, the last blast of summer activity, was a true disaster in places like Lake Tahoe California. Our Ft. Worth water board folks have held four major Trash Pickup events that I am aware of.

"Leave No Trace" is not just a witty slogan, it needs to be a way of life outdoors. Major volunteer groups like the Master Naturalists do some trash pickups that will blow your minds.

Here is a project of theirs. I am not sure where, but I am sure that wherever it was, it looked a lot better than it did before. Please look for and support one of these events this September.

Most of them are half days of work, and then a lot of recreation for the volunteers.

In many parts of America, the cooling of the weather that signals the approaching of winter is the cause for major migrations of fish and animals to safer climate zones. In Texas we have Monarch Butterfly migrations and lots of songbirds.

In our major Western Mountains, the animals that have been grazing in the high pastures will be migrating to lower levels and safer winter locations. It is unfortunate that this leaves them very vulnerable to Hunters. I was a hunter in my youth, but we were hunting for table meat for the family of 9 kids to have for the winter. I do NOT object to game harvests that will be consumed within certain limits. Just be sure the animal population can afford the harvest of some of their numbers.

Here is a major league Salmon Harvest in progress. These Alaskan Grizzly Bears forgo their need for space and trade it for a little cooperation so all of them can get the rich, fatty meat of the salmon and build up the stored food

and insulation for the winter. Nature at its best. I think this is the Brooks River and Brooks Falls in the Katmai National Park. The huge fierce animals are willing to cooperate for mutual good health and improved chances to survive the coming Winter. If only humans were that wise and were able to put aside their personal issues in favor of the mutual survival of the species, what a great improvement that could be.

With the cooling of fall, be sure to get those young people out there and fishing. Our panfish will be active, and the bass and catfish will be hunting for an endless lunch counter. The last gasp of a Texas Summer is so beautiful with the leaf color changes that just being out there is almost a religious experience. So, start thinking about our short cold and usually wet fall weather. Try to get out there and be ready for the beginning of the trout stocking program. I do not get very excited about a truck load of hatchery Rainbows. I was raised in the Western Mountains and fished for real trout, and their cousins, Salmon and Steelhead. But a trout is a trout so I will probably be out there.

In any case, the end of our fishing year means that you need to renew those licenses, so do not forget. I am seldom asked to show my license in Texas, but it is still the law, and they are very inexpensive for us, senior fly fishers. Start hinting about that item you want a loved one to add to your Christmas List. In the meantime, be safe and enjoy the last of our outdoor season.

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