

WACO FLY FISHING CLUB

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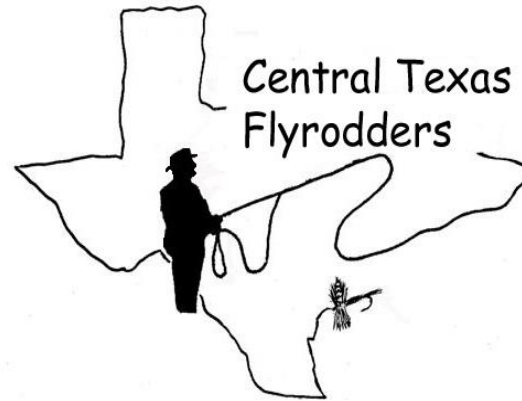
Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Location:

Waco Wetlands Center

Program:

**Lets go A'Fishing at
Latham Springs Baptist Camp
We'll start about 4:00 pm**



SEPTEMBER MEETING - FISHING AT LATHAM SPRINGS

For the club members who have fished at Latham Springs before all you need to know is we will start about 4:00 pm and fish until sunset. If you have not fished at Latham Springs before, this is your chance to give it a try. Knock on wood, but we have not had a bad day of fishing (catching) at Latham Springs although some days have been better than others.

There are plenty of Bass and a few Crappie in the lake, but many of us target the big Perch. Think slow retrieves for those Perch. You can fish from the bank, but a watercraft will allow you to cover more water. This outing is strictly fishing so if you need snacks or fluids, bring them. Everything except alcoholic beverages, which are not permitted.

Directions from Waco: I 35 north to the FM 2114/Downtown West exit 353. Then turn west onto FM 2114. Proceed west for approximately 12 miles and turn onto the camp road by the Latham Springs Baptist Camp sign.

If you have a viable candidate for club membership, bring him or her along. This is a great place for a beginner to catch some fish.

OCTOBER PROGRAM - JIM GRAY

Jim Gray has agreed to present either a Llano River program or a program on floating the Colorado. If you have a preference let me know.

By the way, I have gotten some input from club members that a few more outings would be well received. If you have any ideas for an outing please let me know. My contact formation is at the end of the newsletter.

Bob Hanley

THE AUGUST PROGRAM - FLY FISHING THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY BY GUIDE AND AUTHOR KEVIN HUTCHINSON

Kevin has made a living as a fishing guide for over 25 years. He is obviously doing something right given the amount of repeat business he has. He is also one of those guides who is a professional photographer. His program gave us the opportunity to appreciate what Kevin proudly calls his office, those beautiful Hill Country streams. We were also treated to close-ups of other office workers like the wading birds and even the insect life. Of course, there were plenty of shots of Kevin's clients happily holding big fish.

Before the slide show, Kevin demonstrated tying several of his go-to patterns including one of my current favorites, the Llano bug. I have put Llano bugs to good use on my recent strolls up and down the Middle Bosque. Fortunately Llano bugs are durable. I had never tied this pattern before. The few I had were tied by somebody else and were in one of my fly boxes because I won them at one of our fly raffles. As durable as those flies were they could only take so much so I recently tied a few replacements. Unfortunately the replacements did not float well, riding just below the surface. I guess the foam I used wasn't the right stuff.

Fortunately, Kevin brought along several of his fly tying kits and I purchased one for tying Llano bugs. These kits are a real bargain at \$24.95. All of the materials needed to tie 24 flies are included, from the tying thread to foam already cut into strips. The kits even include a DVD so you can watch how Kevin ties them.



I haven't been tying that much recently because I have been fishing locally for the most part and all my fly boxes are still full. One advantage to warm water fishing is that you do not lose that many flies. Warm water flies are usually durable and you can tie them on with fairly heavy

tippet because warm water fish are not often leader shy. Of course, losing all those flies when fishing for cold water trout is an advantage to a tyer because you have a reason, sometimes an urgent reason, to tie flies.

I really got into tying Llano bugs. Maybe it was having everything in the kit or maybe I just enjoyed tying a new and fairly simple pattern. Probably a little of both. Anyway, I am still having fun tying them. I think am going to need another fly box. Then I'll have to figure out where to put it. I think I'll consult with John Maddux. He has so much fly fishing and tying stuff that he can surely help.

Bob Hanley

SOME HAVE "LAID ASIDE BUSINESS AND GONE A'FISHING"

Dale Connally started one morning at the Gunnison with this "Butternut" that nosed twenty inches.



From Michael Beaty:

August 6, 2014

While I don't have any pictures, I'll provide an oral report of fishing on the Arkansas river, from Buena Vista. I've been fishing it since July 28 with Bob Yinger except one day of creek fishing for Brookies and small Brownies. Fishing has been very good. Yesterday we floated the Arkansas from Johnson City to Hecla Junction. We began with hopper/dropper (two nymphs) combination. Lots of good action, though most were caught on nymphs. Then we switched to

streamers and experienced good action with that technique (strong explosive takes). Unfortunately, they began to release water from the Twin Lakes which dirtied the water substantially and increased cfs from 700 to 1100. It pretty much shut us down for the last 2 1/2 hours of the float, though we caught a few more. Average size 12-15 very fat fish. Some 16-18 caught. So no lunkers but good healthy fish that fought hard in swift water. Lots of fun.

The rest of the time we have wade fished, mostly the railroad bridge stretch, or across from tunnels but above Elephant Rock, and or Hayden Meadows. Bob has been teaching me to Czech Nymph fish. I am catching on. He's quite successful. Examples: On 8/3/14 he caught 18 and I caught 13 in Hayden meadows. On 8/4/14 Bob caught 30 and I caught 13, again. (First day I tried it I caught three and he caught twenty five).

Today, I am headed out to do another day of creek fishing after lunch. Still tired from yesterday so doing something less intense with more chances of immediate gratification.

Michael Beaty

LIVING WATERS FLY FISHING

September is one of the best months of the year to fish our local waters. The temperatures start to moderate and it is usually a rainy month, giving our streams a needed shot of water.

September is also a good month to visit the Living Waters Fly Shop in Round Rock. The shop is hosting Wednesday night fly tying ever week in September starting around 7:00 pm. You can join the tyers earlier at 6:00 pm for Pok-E-Jo's BBQ.

On Saturday, September 6, 2014 Chris will teach situational casting on Brushy Creek, always a good place to be. A Beginning Fly Fishing Class is scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 2014. If you know anybody who would like to get started in fly fishing, this class will cover it all. The local hot spots session at 1:00 pm may help even more experienced fly fishers. Finally, Saturday, September 27, 2014 is a day for tying flies at the Fly Fishing Theater.

See livingwatersflyfishing.com for details..

TRIP REPORT - NORTH PADRE ISLAND

There was not another fisherman in sight, the wind had just picked up to a gentle breeze and I was heading in without a single fish landed. But that was okay, not great, but okay because on the two previous mornings I had landed my biggest ever of four species - Flounder, Black Drum, Skip Jack and Mullet. Yes, Mullet which might have put on the best fight of all had the Skip Jack not made the most impressive run of any fish I have managed to land.

I was using my 9 weight, blind casting when the Skip Jack took the fly near the end of a retrieve and then almost spooled me. The drag would not adjust that day. Fortunately it was frozen at a

medium setting or I would have been spooled. At the medium setting the only problem was the knuckle busting I received palming the reel. Skip Jacks are underrated.



It was a long family weekend on North Padre Island and I was able to fish three mornings. I put my kayak on the Laguna Madre at Bird Island Basin which is located in the national seashore, about a ten minute drive from where we were staying.

The water was about perfect, just a little off color. The morning winds picked up from nonexistent to just enough to cool you off about an hour after sunrise and blew from behind. One morning a large group of coyotes sang in the background. Surprisingly there weren't many people fishing and I saw a total of three other kayaks, nothing like the Lighthouse Lakes. The only drawback was the constant roar of power boat traffic. But, the channel was a ways off so even that wasn't too bad.

I didn't catch that many fish, only two undersized Trout and a few other little ones, but the big fish were a real treat. The last fish I landed would have been my largest fly caught Trout, but it turned into a Mullet. Through most of that fight I really thought I had hooked a nice Trout. Then I began thinking a nice Red because the fish just wouldn't give up and stayed fairly deep. Well, at least it was the biggest of my two fly caught Mullet. Did I mention that it really fought?



