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NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, June 9, 2015

LOCATION: SEE WEBSITE IN
A DAY OR TWO

PROGRAM:
Fly Tying and Tall Tales
About 6:00 p.m.
Bob Poole - Catching Big Bass
About 7:00 p.m.

CATCHING BIG BASS - BOB POOLE

As you know, we have been experimenting with meeting locations. We wanted to get the newsletter out on time even though we have not yet decided on a location for our June meeting. We will have this resolved in a day or two, so please check our website for meeting location information. An email notice will also go out when we have the location selected.

The program - Bob Poole on Catching Big Bass - was highly recommended by several fly fisherman at the recent Brushy Creek Cleanup. The program was described as highly entertaining. Bob should have his program well practiced because he just gave it at the Expo. This program is about an hour long so we will get started right at 7:00 pm.

As always, feel free to invite a guest or two.

SPEAKING OF MEETING LOCATION

Currently we are considering three meeting locations - the Waco Wetlands, Baylor and the Waco Gun Club. The Waco Gun Club will probably require moving our meeting night to Thursday.

Of course, the idea is to have a meeting location that is convenient while offering the facilities that we need, basically enough seating. Access to an outdoor area for casting is a definite plus, if not a need. If you have any input, please contact one of the club officers.

MAY PROGRAM - CATCHING FISH AT LATHAM SPRINGS

We found a gap in all of that rain and then found some Latham Springs Perch. The water was plenty clear and the precipitation ranged only from drizzle to a very light rain.

This small Cyper minnow was eventually shredded, but still looks good here.



Most of the action was on Perch, but a few Bass showed up.



Billy Whitehead added to his total by fishing the upper end of the lake.



WACO FLY FISHING 102

Those who fly fish universally appreciate and strive to care for our outdoor resources. It follows that we need to continually recruit new fly fishers to our ranks; otherwise who will take care of things in the future.

Pat Vanek, Billy Whitehead and I helped nine novices give fly fishing a try one Saturday morning in May. It was during that rainy period, but good fortune prevailed and, except for a few drops here and there, we dodged the rain. We began with about 45 minutes of talk and demonstration. Then came the actual fishing where the three club members practiced our guiding skills by each taking three of the students to the water.



We held the class at Latham Springs expecting easy fishing. Unfortunately we used up a large portion of our allotted good fortune holding the rain at bay. Even so, many fish were caught. I have had to say once or twice before - even a slow day at Latham Springs is good fishing.

Fortunately, one of the students, Drew Moss, showed the rest of us how it's done. The fish wanted a very slow presentation. Drew caught several, including the first of the day by casting the fly (rather well for a beginner) and just letting it sink.



We have all encountered people who express an interest in fly fishing, but just don't know how to get started. Some think it's too hard while others think it's too expensive. Some just don't know how to get started. Waco Fly Fishing 102 is the perfect way to give these people a taste of fly fishing. We will hold at least one more class, probably in the fall. If you know someone who might benefit from the next class or if you would like to help please let me know. It was fun and rewarding to be an instructor/guide. Even though we spent most of our time teaching and guiding, the club member instructors did fish a little. After all, we had to show how it is done, at least when Drew wasn't around.

Bob Hanley

PROJECT HEALING WATERS - RIGHT HERE IN WACO

Another way to promote our sport while lending a hand to our veterans is Project Healing Waters. Bill Adams has been tying a few flies with the Vets at the Waco VA's PTSD program on the first and third Mondays of the each month. Tying starts at noon and continues until 3:00 pm. For more information, call Bill Adams at 254-386-6170 or email him at: badams@centex.net

LOGO SHIRTS - MAYBE

We have a sample logo shirt that the club officers will check out before the June meeting. There is a good chance that the shirt will pass muster and if it does we will begin taking orders at the June meeting. As you can see it is a classic fishing shirt. The blend is 60% cotton and 40% polyester. The shirt is cut full. That is, a 2XL is at least a 2XL. The sample will be washed before the June meeting so we can see how it holds up and if there is any shrinkage. The shirt will be available in several colors in long sleeve or short sleeve. We will have a small inventory, but you should preorder to make sure you get what you want. The cost will be about \$30.00. We will have all of the details at the next meeting and an order form that will be sent out to the membership.



We have logo caps currently available for only \$15.00 each and window stickers available for \$3.00 each. Club business cards are free if you promise to pass them around to prospective members, a good way to recruit for Waco Fly Fishing 102.

HAS ANYBODY FOUND A PLACE TO LAY ASIDE BUSINESS AND GO A'FISHING?

With all the water from recent rains, fishing opportunities are extremely limited right now. Does anybody have any ideas for fishing around here? If you do, **please** let us know.

CENTEX CCA BANQUET - THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015

The Centex Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association will hold its annual banquet on Thursday, 18th 2015 at the Waco Convention Center (Chisholm Hall) starting at 6:00 pm. Table tickets are available now. For more information see: ccatexas.org/centex.

GET OUTDOORS! - SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2015

We might still have a booth at Get Outdoors! on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at Twin Bridges Park, but there is a good chance the event will have to be rescheduled, the Park is currently flooded and closed. We will have to wait and see.

If the event is still on, it will run from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm so it isn't much of a burden for us to participate and what a great way to promote our club. We can demonstrate fly tying and casting and just talk about how fly fishing is the best way to catch fish.

If you can help at our booth, please contact Bob Hanley. The more the merrier, even if you can just help out for an hour or two. If we have enough participation, everybody will be able to take a break from our booth to check out the other booths and activities.

CHANCE YARBROUGH - ROCKPORT ART EXHIBIT - JULY 2 - AUG 1, 2015

Chance Yarbrough is the former Waco boy who designed our new logo. He is also the 2015 Rockport Art Festival Artist. Chance's work, including his Art Festival Poster will be on display at the Rockport Center for the Arts beginning June 20, 2015 (this starting date is a correction from the May newsletter) through August 1, 2015. That is a good time of year to fish the salt and a side trip to Chance's exhibition would make a nice break from the fishing. You can tell that Chance was mentored by renowned Texas outdoor artist Herb Booth. Chance may already be as good or even better than Booth. For more information and to see some of Chance's work go to: www.chanceyarbroughart.com.



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