



NEWSLETTER
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NEXT MEETING:

Location - **WACO WETLANDS**
Tuesday, November 10 , 2015

PROGRAM:

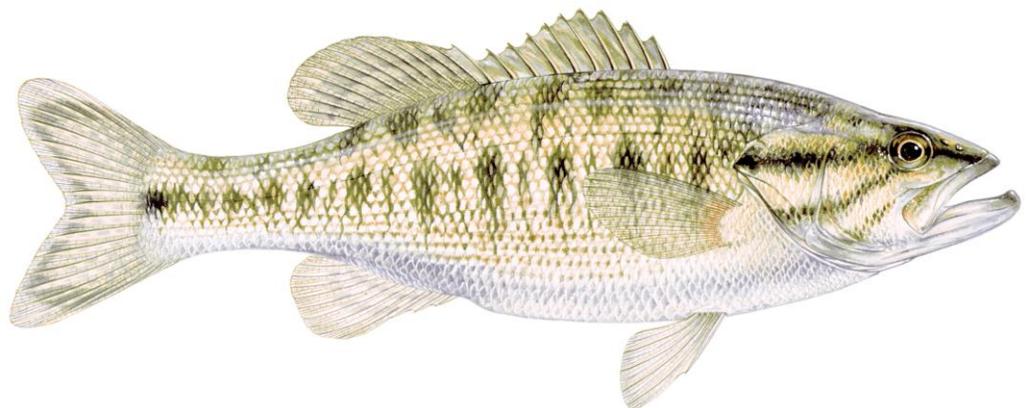
Fly Tying and Tall Tales
About 6:00 p.m.
Dakus Geeslin - Guadalupe Bass
About 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM - DAKUS GEESLIN - GUADALUPE BASS

Where has the year gone? The November meeting is the last of the year and we are going back to the Wetlands for a program by Dakus Geeslin on Guadalupe Bass, the official Fresh Water Fish of Texas. Dakus is a biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife and is going to talk to us about our state fish, what is being done to protect them and how to catch (and release them).

Please make an effort to attend this meeting. It is going to be a dark fall night and our meetings sure beat watching the idiot box. Dakus is driving up from Austin, has a good program and it would be nice to have a crowd. This is not strictly a fly fishing program so feel free to invite a guest or two even if they are not fly fishers.

As an attendance incentive, we are going to have free door prizes instead of our usual fly raffle. In addition to flies we will have other



goodies like fly tying materials, club stickers, caps, etc. Everybody at the meeting will win something. Can you tell we are trying to improve meeting attendance?

DECEMBER PROGRAM - CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas Party is one of the best things we do. It is the perfect way to wrap up our year. Be sure and mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

Planning is still underway, but we have reserved the Valley Mills Vineyard Winery for the party. The winery is located on Hwy. 6 not too far from the Wetlands. We will have the entire facility to ourselves and there is plenty of room to move around.

Food will be catered in some fashion, probably BBQ from the Rusty Star. If you wish to drink wine, licensing requires that you purchase it from the winery. That shouldn't be a problem, they have several varieties. I have made the personal sacrifice to test every wine the VMV offers and all are very good.

We are making special arrangements for the beer/booze drinkers.

If you have any alternate location recommendations, please let me know immediately. Otherwise we will lock in the winery. Any other input you may have is also appreciated. The club officers are meeting this Thursday so try to contact me by then.

Also, remember that we do a gift exchange at our Christmas Party. I personally like to hold off on Christmas planning and shopping until after Thanksgiving, but fly fishing gear is a bit hard to come by locally. You might want to start shopping now. We recommend a fly fishing oriented gift about \$30.00 in value.

Bob Hanley

JANUARY PROGRAM - FISHING THE BRAZOS

Anybody that has been a member of our club for any time at all knows that Pat Vanek can definitely catch White Bass. He has presented his White Bass Program at our club and other Texas Clubs. Well, Pat also knows the nearby Brazos River and will share this knowledge with us at our January meeting. A great way to start 2016.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF FLY FISHING

For the most comprehensive listing of fly fishing events in Texas and detailed information about those events go to the Texas Council website - <http://texascounciliff.com/>

OCTOBER PROGRAM - WHERE WAS EVERYBODY?

A few of us had a perfect October evening at Latham Springs. The fish cooperated for Loren Decker and I, but not for Billy Whitehead. Billy was throwing a giant fly. His plan was to catch a big fish or nothing at all and he succeeded. A number of Perch tried to get caught, but the fly

was just too big. Billy stuck it out, but a fish big enough to take the big fly eluded him. You've got to admire that kind of attitude, from Billy that is. A big Bass should have cooperated.

Since Billy was big game hunting I took him up his offer to use his light little 3/4 wt. It worked very well even casting a 3 wt. line into the light wind we had early in the afternoon. I quickly lost count of the Perch I caught on that sweet little rig.



NONE HAVE "LAID ASIDE BUSINESS AND GONE A'FISHING"

The recent rains have been too much of a good thing - no fishing reports. But, the Guadalupe River is cooling and flowing. The Texas Trout season should open soon.

The best source of information on fishing the Guad for Trout is the Guadalupe River Trout Unlimited (GRTU) website - www.grtu.org. The word is that flows this summer were strong enough to enable many of last year's Trout to survive. That is very good news. The water is still too warm to fish for these holdovers because the fish might not survive the stress of being caught in this warmish water. But, Fall is here and it is getting cool enough to chill the water.

The healthy Rainbow in the picture is from the Gaud, caught last Trout Season. This fish was caught on a GRTU lease as far from public access as you can get. We would do it anyway, but GRTU leases require catch and release. Unless the public waded far enough to get it, this Trout is very likely alive, bigger and well.



WACO DUCKS UMLIMITED

We donated a club cap and two fly boxes packed with flies to the Waco Ducks Unlimited Dinner. Our stuff was on the silent auction, exposing our club to hundreds of local outdoor enthusiasts.

We need to continue to get our club in the public eye to generate interest in what we do and to recruit new members. Fly fishers are unequalled in support of the resource and more of us translates into more support.

A special thanks to Eddie Morrison, Pat Vanek and Billy Whitehead for donating flies. These were quality flies that will catch fish.

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