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NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

LOCATION:

Latham Springs Retreat

PROGRAM:

Catching Fish at Latham Springs - About 4:00 p.m. until Sunset

MAY PROGRAM - LATHAM SPRINGS - LET'S TRY AGAIN

Our club has a bit of a tradition for getting rained out. Back when Ray Perry was our President I think nearly every outing was canceled by some sort of storm. If memory serves, I think we needed the rain.

Well we don't need rain right now, but we still took the risk of rescheduling our Latham Springs outing for the May meeting. We'll get started about 4:00 pm. and stay until sunset.

We're cooking links and dogs so feel free to work up an appetite. Please remember, no alcoholic beverages at Latham Springs.

Directions from Waco: IH 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.

You can wade fish or bring a personal watercraft to cover water not reachable by wading. The Latham Springs Perch usually prefer a very slow underwater presentation. Sometimes they will even take a fly that is just slowly sinking. To keep you guessing, every so often they seem to prefer a floating fly or popper.

Bob Hanley

FLY TYING NIGHT - THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017

Don't forget our Fly Tying Night. We start about 5:30 pm and leave when we get tired of tying or Uncle Dan's BBQ is about close. Being a fly tyer is not required if you have a few good fish stories to tell or need a BBQ fix. Everybody is invited.



WACO FLY FISHING 102 - SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017

There is still plenty of room in our Waco Fly Fishing 102 class this Spring. This class is designed for people with little or no experience with fly fishing. The class is perfect for someone who wants to try fly fishing but doesn't know how to get started. We even supply fly fishing tackle if needed.

We do a little show and tell, about thirty minutes or so, and then go fishing. The class is about fly fishing not casting to grass burrs. The fishing part might be the secret to our success. After the introductory talk we have one club member guide for every one or two students. That gives us a chance to focus on what each individual needs to improve and actually catch fish. There may be a few exceptions, but a very high percentage of our newcomers catch one or more.

There is a \$10.00 fee to cover location costs (a private lake). Registration is limited to roughly twelve. We start about 9:00 am and finish around lunchtime.

If you have fly fished for even a short time you have run into people who want to give it a try but have never had the opportunity. Give these folks a call and make a personal invitation. Also feel free to copy and post the class announcement on the last page

In the immortal words of Lee Wulff, "Teach a person to fly fish and you have just created a Conservationist."

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

MIDDLE BOSQUE AT FM 3047

It was finally that time of year to make a visit to the Middle Bosque at FM 3047, well upstream from the White Bass waters. When I arrived I was a little surprised to find one of those tall Mercedes vans parked at the brush pile. The van was probably too top heavy to drive on the slope around the brush pile so its occupants had to walk a few extra feet. I guess that extra walk makes the landowner who built the bush barrier feel better or maybe macho. My old Blazer easily drives up and around the brush pile which makes me feel better and just a little macho.

The parking area remains mostly free of trash. It is nice to park and rig where the color is supplied by wildflowers not beer cans and litter. I did snag two beer cans down on the river, but overall we are staying ahead of the slobs.

Down on the river I ran into a crowd of college aged young people. They were doing some sort of comparison study between electro shocking and seining. They seemed to be enjoying their outing. An afternoon of fishing is far superior to an afternoon at a desk whether office or classroom.

The water was barely tinted and the fishing was about average for this stretch of water, which is to say wonderful - many Perch and a few small to average Bass. I saw a few larger Bass but all they would do is follow the fly. I guess they got big by being smart, which given their lack of appetite is a good thing.

Bob Hanley



The biggest 3047 Bass of the day.

OFFICER'S MEETING - MIDDLE BOSQUE FISHING SPOT NUMBER ONE

In late April, the club officers planned a grueling meeting to discuss important club business. The location of the meeting was Fishing Spot Number One on the Middle Bosque. Kris Kahler started the meeting with some comic relief by falling into the river while boarding his kayak. From there your club officers proceeded to catch a decent number of Bass with more than a few Perch thrown in. Kris fished while his shirt was drying, catching the first Bass of the evening and kept on catching.

Kris did interrupt his fishing to snap a picture of your club president with a very nice Bass. A rumor began circulating later that night that Pat Vanek caught one that made my Bass look like a guppy, but no photographic evidence has yet been produced. I would be skeptical, but I know Pat makes a habit of catching big Bass.

We ended the evening with a cookout featuring grilled burgers and all the fixings.

Somehow we forget to get any club business done.

Bob Hanley



My first and biggest Bass of the night, one of my biggest ever from the Middle Bosque

COLORADO - OPEN INVITATION FROM TED DICKIE

"I have purchased a R-Pod camper. This summer, about June and July, I plan to set up camp at South Fork for about 4 to 6 weeks. I believe this area offers the most and best fly fishing in Colorado. With my kick boat I have floated about 14 miles of the Rio Grande. This year I will continue to do more of the same. I have several stretches I have not floated. It is an unique experience and a bucket list item. Also I plan to redo a trip I wrote about several years ago. Below Rio Grande Reservoir is a seven mile box canyon. It is an incredible experience. Not for the faint of heart and not alone for sure..

Within a short drive, I think one could fish different water each day. If anyone would be interested in going up, let me know. We would be very flexible in time or area. Stop off for a day or two or more. Mail me at tedmac65@att.net"

Ted Dickie

ATTENTION GIERACH FANS

It seems like a long time, but John Gierach just released another book - *A Fly Rod of Your Own*. I have already read many or most or all of the chapters in the book in *Fly Rod & Reel* (Gierach's column in each magazine issue is the primary reason I subscribe), but it's still exciting to get everything in one place in one book. Of course you have to read everything again and if you're like me randomly again and again over the years.

Like many of us, Gierach learned the outdoors the right way from World War II veterans -

"Of course, in those days I was mostly out with men who had recently saved the world for democracy in World War II. These guys treated everything like a job and had a somewhat cavalier attitude about discomfort that boiled down to 'Well, at least no one's shooting at us.' "

WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE

The Texas Council website provides a comprehensive list of fly fishing events in the State of Texas - texascounciliff.com.

Living Waters Fly Fishing in Round Rock, Texas is hosting the Brushy Creek One Fly on saturday, May 13, 2017. This year the One Fly will include a falconry demonstration. For more information on this and other events see - livingwatersflyfishing.com.

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WACO FLY FISHING 102
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017
9:00 am – Noonish

If you are just getting started in fly fishing or think you might like to give fly fishing a try, this class is for you. Several members of the Waco Fly Fishing Club with decades of fly fishing experience will conduct this basic class. We can teach you the basics in a surprisingly short time.

The class will be held on a private lake so after a brief demonstration period you will get to actually fly fish with club members acting as guides. We will have several fly rods available or bring your own. There is a \$10.00 fee to cover expenses.

Space is limited so please preregister by contacting Bob Hanley at 776-5444 or at: nevilleandhanley@yahoo.com

