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NEXT MEETING:
Monday, February 5, 2018

LOCATION:
First United Methodist Church

JANUARY PROGRAM:

**THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING IN JANUARY,
BUT WE WILL TIE FLIES AT UNCLE DAN'S BBQ
ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018**

AND:

FIRST PROGRAM OF 2018 - PAT DORSEY - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018

Pat Dorsey is a nationally known speaker. He travels the United States sharing his passion for fly fishing at trade shows and private fishing clubs. He is a Celebrity Speaker for the International Sportsmen's Exposition in Denver and is very active in Trout Unlimited and the conservation of cold-water fisheries. He is also a Simms Ambassador, a member of the Sage Elite Pro Team, Fishpond Ambassador, Orvis Pro Team Member, Yeti Pro staff, and Scientific Anglers pro staff. Pat Dorsey is the Southwest Field Editor for Fly Fisherman Magazine.

If that isn't enough, Pat Dorsey has authored several books on fly fishing - *A Fly Fishing*



Guide to the South Platte River, Fly Fishing Tailwaters, Tying and Fishing Tailwater Flies, and Colorado Guide Flies.

Our first meeting of 2018 will give you and your guests the opportunity to learn from Pat Dorsey without having to travel to one of the major fly fishing shows. Pat knows trout better than most. Come and learn tricks that you can apply to trout water everywhere! From tailwater tactics to freestone, western streams, Pat will help you put a few more tools in your trout fishing toolbox!

The meeting will **NOT** be at the Wetlands because we had to move our regular meeting night. The meeting **WILL** be in the Family Life Center of First United Methodist Church, 4901 Cobbs Dr., Waco, Texas. We'll hold to our usual meeting hours, starting informally about 6:00 pm with the Dorsey program starting about 7:00 pm. Bring a guest or two.

FLY TYING NIGHT - JANUARY 25, 2018

Nothing like a January night for tying flies. If you fish the Guad you will need to restock your nymph box and the White Bass run is right around the corner. And of course, there is nothing like a January night for enjoying Uncle Dan's BBQ.

Our first tying night of 2018 will be Thursday, January 25, 2018 at Uncle Dan's BBQ. We'll get started about 5:30 pm.

Remember, guests are welcome to join us.



CHRISTMAS PARTY - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017

Another great time at the Valley Mills Vineyard Winery. A special THANKS to John Maddux for cooking an outstanding fajita dinner with all the trimmings. Nobody does fajita's better than John. Others, like Dee Whitehead contributed to the spread. Things got pretty busy so I didn't see everybody that pitched in, but everything was tasty and greatly appreciated.

The gift exchange was the highlight of the evening even though there was a good bit of larceny involved.

We may have to change the club name to the "Waco Fly Fishing and Wine Appreciation Club" because we combined to down so much wine that the VMV winery again waived a facility charge. If you want to show your appreciation to the Valley Mills Winery, they are open Thursday & Friday 2:00-8:00 pm, Saturday 12:00-11:00 pm, and Sunday 12:00-5:00 pm. I know from personal experience that VMV wines go well with grilled Redfish, Speck and Striper.

DUES ARE DUE - INCENTIVES TO PAY AND RECRUIT

We are on a calendar year so your dues are due. We have some big plans for 2018 starting with the Pat Dorsey program in February. Guests are welcome at the Dorsey program so invite everybody you know who is interested in fly fishing to join us.

The Dorsey program alone is worth your dues, but we are also planning to have more outings in 2018. Outings are usually restricted to club members. Any one outing alone is worth your annual dues which remain only \$24.00.

As an incentive to get your dues paid, all paid members as of the March meeting will have one chance in a prize drawing. You will automatically be in the drawing if your dues are received at or before the March meeting. If you recruit new members, you will receive another chance in the raffle for each recruit who is paid up by the time of the drawing. A new member is anyone who was not a paid member in 2017. It is the responsibility of the recruiter to confirm his or her new members with our Treasurer.

The lead prize is a TFO five weight fly fishing combo that includes rod, reel, line and case. We'll have several other prizes like club logo caps, flies, a fly wallet, tying materials, etc. The way the drawing will work is that the first name drawn will have his/her pick of the available prizes. Second name will have a pick from what is left, and so on until all prizes are gone.

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

SOMEWHERE NEAR ROCKPORT

Back in November, Dudley Hass found a few "decent" fish. Check out that Speck !!!



And this Redfish isn't bad either.



GUADALUPE RIVER

My fly line was caught in the reel. I quickly realized that it was actually the backing that was stuck and the fish still wanted to run upstream. I was sure he would break off, but that hard run well into my backing had tired him just enough. I was able to pause him while I jerked the backing free. That done, I eased up and let him run another five or ten more before making any effort to recover my line. Things went back and forth for a while but I eventually got some fly line back on the reel. My luck held and I was somewhat surprised to net that fish a bit later. I have caught bigger Trout but I do not remember any that fought harder and still made it to net.



It's a good thing that fish was so memorable because fishing had been slow. As Dale Connally put it, it has been like Steelheading on the Guad so far this year. Only one or two fish per day, but the fish are really big. At least that's been Dale's Experience. I've landed a few really big Trout this year, but I can't say at the rate of even one per day. Fortunately I have filled in some of the gaps with small state stockers.

Most of my limited success on the Guad has been casting and retrieving small woolly buggers. I've done some nymphing, but I don't think I have caught a Trout that way on the Guad yet this year. Of course, as a rule, catching Trout on small nymphs isn't overly difficult. Fairly hooking a baitfish, even on a small midge pattern, is much more of a challenge. Not much of a fight though.

Bob Hanley



SPEAKING OF THE GUADALUPE RIVER - GRTU RECOGNIZED

The winter edition of *TROUT* magazine recognized the Guadalupe River Chapter of Trout Unlimited (GRTU) for its generous donation of \$10,000.00 to Trout Unlimited's Headwaters Youth Program. This program is targeted to encourage youths to become involved in TU's conservation efforts and become the next generation of river stewards.

We have brought two of the GRTU members individually recognized in the *TROUT* article to Waco to present programs at our regular meetings - Mick McCorcle and Dakus Geeslin. We do try to keep you informed.

WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE

One of the reasons that Living Waters Fly fishing in Round Rock, Texas is so successful is the number of activities they host. There is something going on every week ranging from Wednesday night fly tying to weekend classes. For more information - livingwatersflyfishing.com.



By the way, Living Waters is responsible for bringing Pat Dorsey to Texas and making him available to speak at our February 5, 2018 meeting and at several other Texas clubs. That is one reason why the folks at Living Waters deserve our support.



*Waco Fly Fishing Club
2018 Membership Application*

Dues: Individual \$ 24.00
 Family \$ 36.00
 Student \$ 16.00

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Address (Street or P.O. Box and City/Zip Code):

Telephone: Home _____

Cell _____

Work _____

E-mail address: _____

How do you prefer your club newsletter to be delivered? Mail Email Mail and Email

THE WACO FLY FISHING CLUB HAS MY PERMISSION TO SHARE MY CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS.

Signature

Payments and this form can be turned in at regular club meetings or by mail to:

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