

# Windknots

Monthly Publication of the Texas FlyFishers

Volume 35, Issue 1, January 2016

## Happy New Year!

The holidays are over and another year is in the book so, I'm sure many of you are asking "what's in store for the Texas FlyFishers in 2016"? Well, the answer is *plenty!* The club's department chairs, outing leaders and Executive committee have been busy and, here's a list of activities planned for the FlyFishers for the upcoming year...

### Education:

Under the direction of Chairman Frank Schlicht, the Texas FlyFishers Education Department offers five (5) courses each year to its members, Beginner and Intermediate Fly Tying, The Fly Fishing Academy and, Beginner and Advanced Rod Building. The Fly Tying courses and the classroom portion of the Fly Fishing Academy are held at the Bethany Christian Church, 3223 Westheimer Rd., Houston, Texas, which is located between Buffalo Speedway and Kirby Drive, north of the SW Freeway. There is a \$50.00 fee for the Fly Tying and Academy courses and seating is limited to twenty four (24) students on a first come basis. The class room sessions begin at 7:00 pm, except for the first night of the course which begins at 6:30 pm for registration.

On January 11, 2016, registration for the **Beginners Fly Tying** will take place, followed immediately by the first class. Beginners Fly Tying introduces the student to the basic tools that are essential to fly tying, the numerous types of materials that are employed, the various hooks and their nomenclature and, the different sizes and types of thread that are used. The course also teaches the fundamental techniques used to tie almost every type of fly, using most any material. Beginners Fly Tying also includes a class on Entomology, intended to acquaint the students with the various stages in the life cycles of the most important aquatic insects to the fly fisher. After the first meeting, this course will meet for nine (9) consecutive Monday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm.

### *Also, in this month's issue...*

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| • What's Happening this Month – Monthly Meeting, Beginners Fly Tying, Katy Navy Fly Tying Group and Reel Recovery | Page 6-7 |
| • Outings – Annual Guadalupe "One Fly", Highlands Bayou   | Page 7   |
| • Know Your FlyFisher – Raymond Lindeen, Club Treasurer   | Page 8   |
| • Mark Your Calendars – February Outings, Monthly Meeting and Sowbug Round Up                                     | Page 9   |
| • In Memoriam – Dave Simms, 1934 - 2015   | Page 11  |
| • Fly Of The Month – The Hare's Ear   | Page 12  |

## **Happy New Year!** - Continued

Registration for **Fly Fishing Academy** is scheduled for 6:30pm on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with the first class beginning immediately after registration. The Fly Fishing Academy consists of five (5) 2-hour Tuesday evening classroom sessions and five (5) 2-hour Saturday morning casting classes. The casting classes are held on the Saturdays following the first four classroom classes, and typically take place from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

The Academy is designed to teach the most basic of fly fishing beginner about the rods, the reels, the lines, the leaders and tippets, and how to tie the basic knots, in a classroom setting. This course also covers other items such as waders, wading shoes, vests, glasses, etc., that are also essential to the fly fisher. In the casting portion of the Academy, instructors will introduce the student to the proper way to hold the rod and line for casting, introduce the students to the proper casting techniques and finally teach the students the basics of a double-hauling. Upon completion of the Fly Fishing Academy, the student will be fully capable of making 30 - 40 feet casts with ease and be able to fish wherever they choose with confidence that they can catch fish.

**Intermediate Fly Tying** begins on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with course registration at 6:30 pm and the first class starting around 7:00 pm. Note: Students in the Beginners Fly Tying course have “first-right-of-refusal” on the seats in this class. Like Beginners Fly Tying, this course meets for ten (10) Monday evenings.

Intermediate Fly Tying is a continuation of the Beginners Fly Tying course, but teaches the student how to tie more complex types of flies, using advanced techniques. The classes are devoted to tying specific types of flies such as parachutes, emerging caddis patterns and spinners. Also covered are some very specific saltwater patterns such as shrimp and crabs and epoxy coated spoon flies. The course ends up with the students tying terrestrial patterns, such as crickets, beetles, and grasshoppers and ending up by tying “bugs” using foam. The students who complete both courses will be proficient at tying any type of fly they desire.

At this time, no date, time or location has been set for **The Beginner and Advanced Rod Building Courses**. An announcement will be made as soon as the class dates and times have been set.

The Club also offers a variety of **Casting Classes** throughout the year. Please check the Education tab on the website for dates and times as they come available.

Two other major club events fall under the umbrella of the Education Department, The Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival and, the club’s Annual Auction. Held annually on the first Saturday in February, the **Annual Dr. Ed**

**Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival** brings many of the top fly tyers from Texas and surrounding states together in an open forum to present their talents and artistic ability to both fly tyers and non-fly tyers alike. The Festival also includes six (6), one hour classroom sessions for a more specific and detailed presentation of the different types or methods of tying flies. This year’s featured guest is Blane Chocklett, noted fly creator, author and expert musky guide from Virginia. Blane is the creator of many proven fly patterns including the “Gummy Minnow” and the articulated “Game Changer”.

The Festival will be held at the Bethany Christian Church, 3223 Westheimer Rd., Houston, Texas and is open to the public. The doors are open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. For more information, look on the Club’s website. If you would like to volunteer to help out at the Festival, please contact Chris Summers.





---

## **Happy New Year!** - Continued

The Club's **2016 Annual Auction** is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2016. This is the Club's major fundraiser for the year and is open to the public so be sure and tell your friends. The auction has two parts, a Silent Auction, with many items donated by club members and, a Live Auction containing artwork, fishing trips and many other top shelf items.

The auction will take place at the Bethany Christian Church, 3223 Westheimer Rd., Houston, Texas from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and, lunch will be available. For more information on how to donate, the bidding process or, just to volunteer, contact Skip and/or Mary Kay Donovan. And, to the Texas FlyFishers members, start looking through your closets and tackle bags for that gear you no longer use or, have a use for. We can use those items in the Silent Auction.

### **Monthly Meetings:**

The **Monthly Meetings of the Texas FlyFishers** kicks off on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and our first scheduled speaker of the year is Capt. Chuck Uzzle. Capt. Chuck is one of the top guides in the Sabine Lake complex and always puts on a very informative presentation. The Texas FlyFishers meet at the Community Center Building in Bayland Park, 6400 Bissonnet St., Houston, Texas 77074 and, the doors open at 6:00 pm, with meeting kicking off around 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Outings:**

Throughout the year, the Texas FlyFishers offers its members a diverse selection of outings in and around Texas. Fresh or saltwater, there is something to suit the interests of most fly fishing anglers. All experience levels are welcome and, this is a great opportunity for the new fly fishers to come learn from FlyFishers with a lifetime of experience. With a few exceptions, the following is a list of outings scheduled for 2016. All outings are one (1) day unless otherwise specified and, dates are subject to change. Also, to simplify signing up, you will be sent an E-vite from the Webmaster to all outings so, all you have to do is *click* to enter. All of the outings currently scheduled can be found on the (new) website under the Outings tab. If you have a suggestion for some of the open slots or would like to lead one of the outings, contact Michael Quigley or Don "Puck" Puckett. *Note: Outing location, time and dates subject to change without notice.*



**FW** = FreshWater Outing, **SW** = SaltWater Outing

### **January**

Guadalupe One-Fly, New Braunfels Texas, **FW**, Saturday, January 16, 2016, , Leader: Michael Quigley  
Highland Bayou, Hitchcock, TX, **SW**, Saturday, January 23, 2016, Leader: Michael Quigley

### **February**

Fayette County Reservoir near La Grange, TX, **FW**, February 27. 2016, Leader: TBD  
Christmas Bay, **SW**, Saturday, February 20, 2016, Leader: TBD

### **March**

Lake Livingston White Bass, **FW**, 2 Nights, Friday, March 04, 2016, Leader: Puck  
Prison Permit, E. Matagorda Bay, Sargent, TX, **SW**, Saturday, March 12, 2016, Leader: Mike Graham



---

**Happy New Year!** - Continued

**April**

John Scarborough Sunfish Spectacular, Damon 7 Lakes, Damon, TX, **FW**, Saturday, April 09, 2016, Leader: Puck  
Laguna Madre Fly Fishing Association One-Fly Tournament, TX, **SW**, Saturday, April 2, 2016, Leader: TBD

**May**

Clarke Thornton Memorial Float Trip, San Marcos River, **FW**, Saturday, May 14, 2016, Leader: Skip Donovan  
Redfish Rodeo, Rockport, TX, **SW**, Saturday, May 21, 2016, Leader: Michael Quigley

**June**

South Llano River Float Trip, Junction, TX, **FW**, 2 Nights, Friday, June 10-12, 2016, Leader: Puck  
Anahuac, TX, **SW**, Saturday, June 25, 2016, Outing Leader: TBA

**July**

Open, **FW**  
POC One-Fly, Port O'Connor, TX, **SW**, Saturday, July 23, 2016, Leader: Michael Quigley

**August**

Open, **FW**  
Bolivar Peninsula, Pt. Bolivar, TX, **SW**, Saturday, August 20, 2016, Leader: B. Leary

**September**

Sabine River Float Trip (The Horseshoe), **FW**, 2 Nights, Friday, September 30, 2016, Leader: Crawford  
Padre Island National Seashore, North Padre Island, TX, **SW**, 2 Nights, Friday, September 09, 2016, Leader: Puck

**October**

Open, **FW**  
Louisiana Marshes, Lake Calcasieu, LA, **SW**, Saturday, October 08, 2016, Leader: Skip Donovan

**November and December**

Matagorda Bay, **SW**, Saturday, November 19, 2016, Leader: TBD  
Guadalupe River, Sattler, TX, **FW**, Saturday, December 03, 2016, Leader: Michael Quigley

**Reel Recovery:**

For those of you that are not familiar with Reel Recovery, it is a national non-profit organization that conducts free fly-fishing retreats for men living with all forms of cancer. Reel Recovery is manned almost exclusively by volunteers and, to that end, over the last two years the Texas FlyFishers Reel Recovery Volunteer Team has become a driving force, growing to 25 strong and, adding three additional volunteers since the recent Navasota Retreat.

For 2016, Texas Reel Recovery (RR) volunteers are excited by the opportunity to host four (4) retreats with a challenge to serve nearly 60 courageous men recovering from cancer. The four retreats scheduled for 2016 are:

The Spring Retreats will kick off at Glen Rose, TX, April 15-17, 2016 and then, travel south to Boerne, TX, May 15-16, 2016.

---

## **Happy New Year!** - Continued

Then, the Fall Retreats will return to Glen Rose, TX, October 14-16, 2016 and end the year at Navasota, TX, October 21-23, 2016.

If you are interested in volunteering, making a donation or, signing up for a retreat in 2016, simply go to reelrecovery.org and make your selection or, visit with Dave Steffek at one of the Club's Monthly Meetings. The men at the retreats benefit directly from your generous support.

### **The Mini Expo:**

Beginning in August 2009, the Texas FlyFishers have held a Mini Expo in lieu of a regular monthly meeting due to extremely low attendance. The basis for the Expo was simple, have the club members demonstrate their talents by tying flies, building rods, casting or, just passing along their experiences to exotic locations. It was a novel idea but, darned if it didn't work. That first year, the attendance doubled and, we also attracted a large number of new faces that were interested in finding out about fly fishing and the club in general.



The date and location for the 2016 Mini Expo have not been set but, as soon as they are confirmed, it will be reported here, in the *Windknots* and the website.

### **The Website**

Before the end of last year, David Lemke began updating the Club's Website. David's first step was to upgrade the software and work up a new format. Once that was completed, it was time to appoint and educate a staff of contributing editors so one person wouldn't have to bear the entire load. To this end, the project has been a success and it's about 60 – 70% complete.

The website can be accessed by going to our website address, [www.texasflyfishers.org](http://www.texasflyfishers.org) , and follow the link to the new site. Once there, there are two menus, one across the top and one along the side for easy navigating. The calendar of events, outings and general information are up and current and David is working diligently to move over the historical club information from the old site to this one. In the meantime, the information on the old site is still there and it can be accessed but, keep in mind that the old website is not be updated.

If you have questions and/or comments on the new website, please notify David, I'm sure he'd like to hear your thoughts.

Well, that's just about all of the updating I have to pass along for now with the exception of an update on the *Windknots*...and, that shouldn't take long. It's been an interesting year for me since resurrecting the Club's newsletter, beginning with the fact that I am not a writer. But, thanks to, in no small part, the great reports, articles and photos that I received from the members of the Club, I can honestly say that it was time well invested and I am pleased with the outcome. As for 2016, the only immediate changes for the *Windknots* will be a change in the distribution date to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. So, until next month, *tight loops and tight lines!* Chris

---

**Notice! GRTU Troutfest 2016** has been "shelved" due to a number of issues but, the word coming from the GRTU Board of Directors is that this long time event will be back in 2017, better than ever.

# Windknots

---

## What's Happening This Month:

### Monthly Meeting:

**January Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, January 26th, 2016 – This month's scheduled speaker is Capt. Chuck Uzzle.**

Doors open at 6:00 pm and, the social hour and fly tying starts immediately after the seating has been set up. The meeting usually kicks off around 7:00 pm with introductions, club business and the reports. Immediately following the drawing for door prizes, the program will begin. The Texas FlyFishers meet at the Community Center Building in Bayland Park, 6400 Bissonnet St., Houston, Texas 77074



### Education:

**Beginners Fly Tying – Registration and first class** January 11, 2016, 6:30 pm. Registration for the will take place, followed immediately by the first class. Beginners Fly Tying introduces the student to the basic tools that are essential to fly tying, the numerous types of materials that are employed, the various hooks and their nomenclature and, the different sizes and types of thread that are used. The course also teaches the fundamental techniques used to tie almost every type of fly, using most any material. Beginners Fly Tying also includes a class on Entomology, intended to acquaint the students with the various stages in the life cycles of the most important aquatic insects to the fly fisher. This course will meet for nine (9) subsequent Monday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm, *sharp*. Frank Schlicht, Instructor.

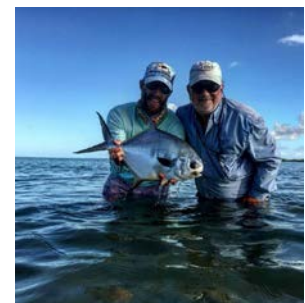
**Cypress High School Business Class** - It's time to go back to school For the last 3 years, Puck and his crew of favorites have made their way over Cypress Springs High School to teach Ms. Godsey's Business Class of 20-30, 14-18 year old high school students how to fly fish. The course consists of 4 individual sections, Introduction to Fly Fishing, Casting Class, How to Tie a Fly and finally, an outing to a local fishing spot.

The Introduction to Fly Fishing begins on January 22, 2016 with a "Show and Tell" slideshow. The Casting Class takes place on February 5th, where 20-30 students hit the hallways of the school with "shorty" fly rods to master the concept and remove the mystery of casting a fly. Then, two weeks later, February 19th, comes the Fly Tying portion of the class. Here, the same 20-30 students will try their hand at tying flies. Finally, at a later date, TBD, the class will hit the water in an attempt to put what they have learned to practice. Last year's outing took place at the TPWD Nails Creek Park on Lake Somerville gave the students a chance to cast a standard fly rod in "game" conditions. While no fish were caught, all the students had a great time being in the outdoors and trying their hand at their newly learned skill. We need volunteers for all segments of the course. If you are interested and can spare a Friday, please contact Don "Puck" Puckett at (2 ate won) 8 six five - 32 one six, or at his e-mail - doncpuckett at geemale dot com

### Conservation:

The Club's Conservation Chairman, Mike Frankoff, recently went on a short trip to Ambergris Caye, Belize and, true to his title, released this nice permit. Congratulations Mike!

Mike's report will return in the February *Windknots*.





---

## **Monthly Fly Tying:**

**Katy Navy Fly Tying Group** – Join us on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Puck's house. As the group kicks off the New Year, Puck will be making pizza, *YOU* bring your toppings. Then, after everyone's full and battling pepperoni, peppers and anchovies, Greg Corbett will be instructing the group on how to tie two versions of the Spoon Fly. Greg will provide the templates for the spoons (so you can make more, whenever you want), precut spoons for the night and stenciled blanks for you to cut out back at your bench BUT, at Greg's request, here is a list of supplies you need to bring:

- Mustad 34007 #2 and/or Mustad 34011 #4 or similar
- Krystal flash or, other material that you'd like use as a short tail.
- If you have some Clear Cure Goo or similar, bring that.
- 140 Denier thread in bright colors. If you have UV thread, bring it
- If you have wide/large Mylar tubing, bring that, too
- Stick-on eyes (flat or 3D).

For time, pattern information, location and directions contact Don "Puck" Puckett at (2 ate won) 8 six five - 32 one six, or at his e-mail - doncpuckett at geemale dot com

## **Reel Recovery:**

Texas Reel Recovery (RR) volunteers are excited by the opportunity to host four retreats in 2016 with a challenge to serve nearly 60 courageous men recovering from cancer. The four retreats are scheduled as follows:

**2016 Spring Retreat: Glen Rose, TX (April 15-17); Boerne, TX (May 15-16)**

**2016 Fall Retreat: Glen Rose, TX (Oct. 14-16); Navasota, TX (Oct. 21-23)**

Donations and fund raising activities in 2015 raised the funds needed for the Navasota retreat planned for 2016. Volunteers from TFF are actively engaged planning fund raising activities for the 2017 retreat. The volunteers are also looking for more and better ways to spread the word about the retreat opportunities to men in the Houston area – treatment centers, fishing supply shops, other businesses, doctor's offices, etc. TFF volunteers will also serve as Fishing Buddies in all the retreats in Texas, especially Navasota. Please let us know if you have a doctor or treatment facility where we can place RR Retreat flyers.

The TFF RR Volunteer team has grown to 25 strong, adding three recent members from the 2015 Navasota Retreat. We have strength in numbers!

If you are interested in volunteering, donating or signing up for a retreat in 2016, simply go to [reelrecovery.org](http://reelrecovery.org) and make your selection. We also need flies for Texas Retreats—donations really appreciated. The men at the retreats benefit directly from your generous support.

Thank you all for supporting Reel Recovery!!

## **Outings:**

**January Freshwater Outing** – The Annual Guadalupe One-Fly, Saturday, January 16, 2016, Rio Raft, 14130 River Road, New Braunfels, Texas. Outing Leader: Michael Quigley

**January Saltwater Outing** – Highland Bayou, Hitchcock, TX, SW, Saturday, January 23, 2016, Leader: Michael Quigley

# Windknots

## **Non-Club Events This Month:**

**Happy Hour at Orvis Houston** - Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm., 5727 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77057, (713) 783-2111. Call for dates.

**Red River Rendezvous 2016, A Fly Tying Extravaganza**, *Note: Thanks to Mother Nature, the venue has been changed from Beaver's Bend to Bonham State Park, Texas*

Make plans for the 2016 Red River Rendezvous inside the Recreation Hall inside Bonham State Park, Bonham, Texas January 29-31, 2016. The cost is \$10 per person for the weekend. Dinner will be provided by RRFF on Friday night, Saturday & Sunday meals are "pot luck" style. Entry fee to the park is \$4.00 per person / per day. To register or, for more information, email [rrflyfishers@gmail.com](mailto:rrflyfishers@gmail.com) or contact Joe Parkes at 903-328-8232 or Lee Yeager at 903-421-4984.

## **Know Your Texas FlyFisher: Hello, I'm Raymond Lindeen, your Club Treasurer!**

Since I was raised in South Texas, I had the opportunity to fish both fresh and saltwater. My first real catch as a kid was at Raven Lake in Huntsville State Park. It was a 4 lb. largemouth bass on a Heddon Lucky 13 in bullfrog color. I continued to fish several Texas lakes and then my Dad began fishing Galveston Bay and Hannah's Reef. This led to many great memories catching specs and reds on live shrimp with my Dad. Next I started fishing saltwater with lures. This continued also for fresh water until I started an annual summer fishing week with a business group of friends to several Provinces of Canada. We had great time catching a lot of Walleyes and Northern Pike. The Walleyes were incredible to eat on a shore lunch.

Next we decided to visit Alaska and try fly fishing so, all twelve of us bought a five and eight weight rods, reels, took casting lessons, and headed North to Alaska! During the following five years we all caught several species of Salmon, Trout, Grayling and 48-52 inch monster Northern Pike. The latter we helped to tag for the Alaska Fish and Game. During the Alaska trips our group size began to diminish. After this point my fly fishing was very seldom during the year. I seemed too busy with my job to make time for fishing. The then GCCA had their office in the same building as my office. Then an event occurred in the sandwich shop at my building, I met Jerry Loring (TFF President) carrying a fly rod. The ensuing conversation introduced me to TFF and with Jerry's



influence my fly fishing took a major turn I began fly fishing more on Texas Rivers and along coastal areas. This also led to fishing trips other US sites such as Colorado, New Mexico, California, Oregon, North and South Carolina. Later, I experienced the excitement of Los Cabos, Cancun, and Brazil.

I love fly fishing ALL bodies of water. The TFF group has helped me learn about every aspect of fly fishing by their direct membership support and guidance, the offering of training classes on casting, building rods, tying flies, and most importantly providing membership monthly fishing outings. I am Treasurer for TFF and attend most of our meeting and events. Please come by so I may meet you and hear your fishing adventures! Take care,  
*Raymond*





---

## **Mark Your Calendar: Coming Events**

**February Saltwater Outing** - Christmas Bay, Saturday, February 20, 2016, Time and Leader: TBD

**February TFF Monthly Meeting** - Keith Richard with the Camp Fly Fishing School, Breaux Bridge, LA, Tuesday February 23, 2016, 6:30 – 9:00 pm. [thecampflyfishingschool.com](http://thecampflyfishingschool.com)

**February Freshwater Outing** - Fayette County Reservoir, near La Grange, TX, Saturday, February 27, 2016, Time and Leader: TBD

**30th Annual Acadiana Fly Rodders Conclave** - Saturday, February 20, 2016, from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm at the Grace Presbyterian Church, 518 Roselawn Blvd., Lafayette, LA. [acadianaflyrodders.com](http://acadianaflyrodders.com)

**The 2016 Sowbug Roundup** will be held on April 14-16, 2016 at the Baxter County Fairgrounds in Mountain Home, Arkansas. This event is sponsored by the North Arkansas Fly Fishers. For more information e-mail [sowbug@northarkansasflyfisher.org](mailto:sowbug@northarkansasflyfisher.org)

## **Outings Reports:**

*While there were no outings scheduled over the holidays, we did have a few intrepid anglers who braved the elements and Mother Nature to wet a line and, here is what they had to report...*

December 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6th, John Purcell, Eduardo Davis, Joe Chauffe, Clay Sheward and I went up to Beaver Bend and the Lower Mountain Fork in SE Oklahoma. We all caught numerous fish. #18 & 20 emergers and Y2K patterns seemed to be amongst the top producers. Sadly, three weeks later, the whole area was once again inundated by floods and will take some time to recover. *Michael Quigley*



## **And, if you know someone who might be interested:**

### **New, Specialty Fly Shop Seeks Passionate Fly Fisher for Relationship**

**You:** Trout Bum, Bass Master, and/or Salty Dog with fly fishing knowledge and experience, and willingness to share it. Must love fly fishing gear. A fly tyer is preferred.

**Me:** Well-equipped fly shop with growing business and a fun-loving attitude. Interested in a relationship with someone willing to show my customers a good time and, a store full of great fly fishing stuff. I can make a full or part time relationship work ... and pay you for it!

Contact the "Matchmaker": Stacy Lynn, GM of Bayou City Angler, [stacy@bayoucityangler.com](mailto:stacy@bayoucityangler.com) 832-831-3104

**The Bayou City Anglers**, Houston's only full service fly shop, opened their doors in December. The store is located at 3641 Westheimer Road, Suite A, Houston, TX 77027 and is open every day, except for major holidays, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. Stacy Lynn, a longtime friend of the Texas FlyFishers, is the General Manager. Their website is [www.bayoucityangler.com](http://www.bayoucityangler.com)



# Windknots

## *Texas FlyFishers Christmas Party December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the St. Arnold Brewing Co.*



*On behalf of the members of the Texas FlyFishers, I would like to thank John Purcell for his hard work in getting this feast to the table and, to the great cooks who brought all those wonderful desserts, cakes, pies, cookies and brownies.*

*Marcos Enriquez, El Presidente*

# Windknots

---

## ***In Memoriam***

**David Roy Simms August 12, 1934 – December 30, 2015**

David Roy Simms (Dave) passed away peacefully on December 30, 2015 in the early morning. Dave was born in St Louis, MO on August 12, 1934. He grew up in St Louis where he was active in the Boy Scouts and earned the title of Eagle Scout. It was also in St Louis where Dave first met Joanne, his wife of 59 years. Dave attended Washington University of St Louis where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and then, went to work for Union Carbide. During this time, Dave and Joanne started their family of 3 children Lisa, Michael and Barbara and, in his spare time, Dave also received his Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering.

Dave then went to work for Shell Chemical, where worked for the next 30 years before retiring. Later, he went to work for Stone and Webster, an Engineering firm in Houston, until he retired from there, as well. Dave continued to do contract until he was well into his 70's. Dave was an avid fly fisherman and an active member of both Trout Unlimited and The Texas FlyFishers. Dave was also a Ham Radio Operator, call sign WB5MDY.

He loved his wife, his children and his grandchildren. Dave was preceded in death by his beloved daughter Lisa and is survived by his wife Joanne, his children, Michael Simms and his wife Kimberly, and daughter, Barbara LeVasseur and her husband, William and his 5 grandchildren, Russell, Linda and Rebecca Vanbiber and David and Daniel Simms.

A memorial service for Dave will be held on Saturday January 30, 2015 at the Bethany Methodist Church, 3511 Linkwood Dr., Houston, Texas 77025. Reverend Mark Marmon will officiate. There will be an Episcopal Holy Eucharist during the service for those who wish to receive followed by Memories of David in the Sanctuary. If anyone has a desire to speak, please contact Barbara LeVasseur at (832) 517-4502.

*Tight lines and gentle breezes, Dave*



---

## Fly Of The Month:

### Hare's Ear

The American Express® of trout flies...don't leave home without it.

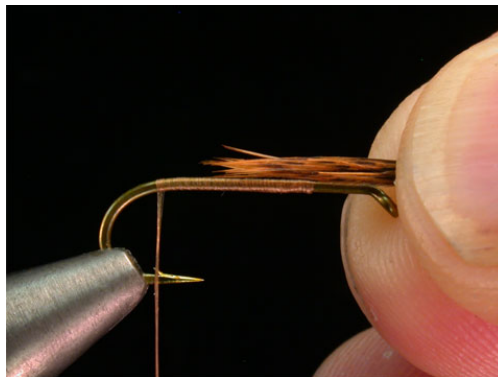


## Materials:

<b>Hook:</b>	TMC 5262 #8-18
<b>Thread:</b>	Tan 6/0 or 8/0
<b>Tail:</b>	Mottled Hen Saddle Fibers
<b>Rib:</b>	Small Gold Wire
<b>Abdomen:</b>	Hare's Mask Dubbing
<b>Wingcase:</b>	Turkey Tail Feather Slip
<b>Thorax:</b>	Hare's Mask Dubbing

## Step 1

Start the thread and wrap a thread base back to the bend. Peel off a small clump of mottled hen saddle fibers and measure them against the shank so they are about ½ a shank length long.



# Windknots

---

## Step 2

Tie the hen fibers in at the bend and wrap forward over the butt ends. Clip the excess hen fibers flush



## Step 3

Tie in a piece of small gold wire and wrap back over it to the bend.



## Step 4

Dub a tapered abdomen with the Hare's Mask dubbing.



# Windknots

---

## Step 5

Spiral wrap the wire forward over the abdomen to the front and tie it off. Clip the excess wire.



## Step 6

Tie in a turkey tail slip on the front edge of the abdomen with the inside of the feather facing up.



## Step 7

Dub the thorax.



# Windknots

---

## Step 8

Pull the turkey tail slip forward over the top of the thorax and tie it down behind the eye.



## Step 9

Build a smooth thread head, whip finish and clip the thread.



## Step 10

Pick out the dubbing in the thorax with a dubbing brush to simulate legs.



## Finished Hare's Ear



***Until Next Month, Tight Loops!***





---

### The Texas FlyFishers Executive Committee

**Marcos Enriquez**  
President

**John Purcell**  
Vice President / Programs

**Raymond Lindeen**  
Treasurer

**Jim Richards**  
Secretary / Programs

**Bob Brill**  
Membership

**David Lemke**  
Webmaster

**Mike Frankoff**  
Conservation Chair

**Frank Schlicht**  
Education Chair

**Mike Graham**  
Communications Chair

**Don Puckett**  
Outings Co-Chair

**Mike Quigley**  
Outings Co-Chair

**Chris Summers**  
Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival

**Skip and Mary Kay Donovan**  
Auction Chairs

**Alex Blacque**  
Door Prizes

**Dave Steffek**  
Reel Recovery

For more information, go to the club's website at [www.texasflyfishers.org](http://www.texasflyfishers.org)

### Texas Flyfishers Membership Application

Please check one:     New Application                       Renewal

To join Texas Flyfishers or renew your membership, please complete this form and mail it with your check to the address below, or bring it with you to one of our monthly meetings. All memberships expire June 30th of each year, and renewals are due July 1st. Please pro-rate your payment for the number of months between now and the end of June, inclusive, if you are joining for the first time. Our monthly meetings are at the Harris County District 3 Bayland Park Community Center, located at 6400 Bissonnet Street, Houston, Texas 77074, on the last Tuesday of every month (except December), beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Dues are for (check one):     Individual at \$24 a year     Family at \$32 a year     Student at \$16 a year

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

TEXAS FLYFISHERS  
P.O. BOX 571114  
HOUSTON, TX 77257-1134