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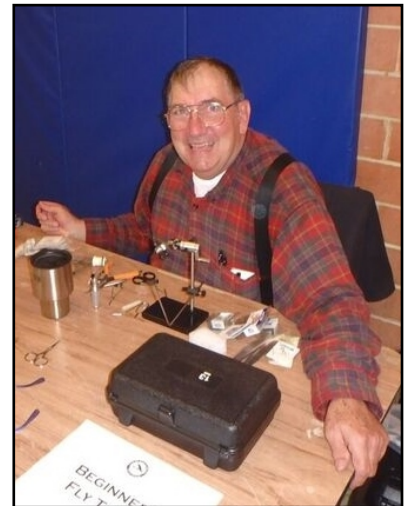
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“Doctor Joe” Burton *July 1, 1948 – January 10, 2019*

It was with shock and sadness that we learned the news of the untimely passing of “Doctor Joe” Burton. Just three nights earlier we were visiting at the Texas FlyFishers monthly Board of Directors meeting and Dr. Joe was laying out the Educational Department plans for the upcoming year.

Joe Edward Burton was born on July 1, 1948 and passed away on January 10, 2019. A member of the Texas FlyFishers since 2013, it didn't take Dr. Joe long to become personally involved in the workings of the club. He could be seen at the club outings as well as the other events sponsored by the Texas FlyFishers. For the last couple of years, Joe has been the chairman of the club's Education Department and, last July he became the latest in a long line of club members to receive his Casting Instructor accreditation from Fly Fishing International. Doctor Joe had spent the last few months revamping the classes offered by the Club along with adding a new class, The Saltwater FlyFishing Academy, to the catalog.



Doctor Joe's enthusiasm for passing along his year's knowledge and techniques will be greatly missed.
Godspeed, Doctor Joe!

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Here's What's Coming Up!

Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday, January 29, 2019: For this month's meeting, the Texas FlyFishers welcome members Alan and Steve Kulcak. Alan will be discussing the elusive the "Texas Permit", aka the Sheepshead, the target for the February Saltwater Outing, Feb.... From an introduction to the fish's lifestyle and annual patterns to presentation techniques. Steven will be on hand, displaying some of their preferred sheepshead flies along with other patterns offered by Sight Cast Fishing. So, be sure to come find out why this fish is a fast-growing target species along the Gulf Coast for saltwater anglers.

Note to members: If you know someone who is interested in learning more about fly fishing and, you are just interested in socializing with a group of likeminded fly fishers, come to the January 29th monthly meeting. There is no charge for admission and, visitors are as always welcome.

The monthly meetings for the Texas FlyFishers are held at the Community Center Building located in Bayland Park, 6400 Bissonnet St., Houston TX 77074. Set up, social hour and fly tying starts at 6:00 pm and the meeting kicks off about 7:00 pm.

Education:

Note: The dates for the classes have been put on hold until further notice. Please check the Club's website and the Windknots for up to date information.

2019 Educational Activities

The schedule of Education Activities Texas FlyFishers of Houston for 2019 include the following. Note: Registration and First Class – 6:30 pm, Subsequent Class Times: 7:00 – 9:00 pm. The classroom portion of the courses will be held at the Bethany Christian Church, 3223 Westheimer Rd., Houston, Texas 77098. Registration fees are \$50.00, unless otherwise noted. For additional information check the Education section on the Texas FlyFishers website at <https://texasflyfishers.org/>

- **Beginners Fly Tying Course**

Registration and First Class: Monday, TBD, 6:30 pm
Subsequent Class Times: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Class Length: 7 Weeks

- **Tom Lyons Fly Fishing Academy**

5 each, 2-hour classroom sessions, held at the Bethany Christian Church, and 4 each, 2-hour Saturday Morning casting classes.
Registration and First: Tuesday, TBD, 6:30 pm
Subsequent Class Times: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Class Length: TBA



Here's What's Coming Up! – *Continued:*

Education: - *Continued:*

- **Intermediate Fly Tying Course**

Registration and First Class: Monday, TBD, 6:30 pm
Subsequent Class Times: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Class Length: TBA

- **Fly Rod Building Course/Workshop**

Note: The Fly Rod Building Course is planned for 2019 but will be contingent on availability of workshop space for rod building. Please check the website and/or the Windknots for additional information.

And, a new flyfishing workshop for 2019,

- **The Saltwater Fly Fishing Academy**

Initial test of the full curriculum. This class is 12 hours held over two weekend days (Late October Early November) Fall, 2019

Andy's Casting Notes:

Will be back next month.

Andy Payne, TFF Casting Director

Conservation:

What: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Fishing Education Classes

When: Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: Bass Pro Shops - Pearland, 1000 Bass Pro Dr. at TX 288 – S. Fwy, Houston, Texas 77047

The class will cover how to properly log volunteer hours, and train the participants to be a certified angler volunteers. This will open all angling volunteer opportunities, including opportunities to teach kids how to fish. We currently have 7 people who have signed up but, more are welcome to join. *And*, there is no cost for this course.

To find out more about this class, e-mail Avery Griffith, Conservation Chair, [averygriffin13\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:averygriffin13@gmail.com) or, Don "Puck" Puckett, [doncpuckett\(at\)geemal\(dot\)com](mailto:doncpuckett@geemal.com) or, visit with them at the monthly meeting. *Thanks, Avery Griffith*



Here's What's Coming Up! – Continued:

Outreach:

Reel Recovery:

REEL RECOVERY NEEDS YOUR HELP FINDING APPLICANTS TO FILL UP THEIR 2019 TEXAS REEL RECOVERY RETREATS!!

Since its inception with a single retreat serving 8 men in 2008, the Reel Recovery (RR) Chapter in Texas has grown to **6 retreats annually with the ability to serve 80 men**. Each year the RR Volunteers work tirelessly to announce the availability of retreats through cancer treatment centers, public displays, hospitals and sporting goods retailers.



Men living with any form of cancer can apply to any one of our 6 Texas retreats regardless of where they live, the stage of their cancer journey or where they receive (received) their treatment.

The retreats are at no cost to the men participating. All they have to do to apply for a retreat is log on to the Reel Recovery national website at reelrecovery.org/programs/application/ to fill an application. The **first retreat in Texas for 2019 is scheduled for March 15, 2019 near Navasota, Texas, just west of Houston**. This retreat has been supported by the Texas FlyFishers Club has proudly since inception in 2015.

If you have had cancer, consider attending a retreat. If you have a male friend, relative or loved one who is living with cancer, please tell them about Reel Recovery. Nationwide, Reel Recovery conducts 29 Retreats in 19 States and New Zealand, serving over 350 courageous men. We've now served over 3,300 men! Over 700 dedicated, caring volunteers actively

Anyone needing to talk with someone more about a retreat can call Dave Steffek at 713-202-0101 to answer any questions.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing:

If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact me at txfritz4134@suddenlink.net. Thanks, Bill Heugel, Conroe Fly Fishers, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishers Coordinator





Mark Your Calendars:

The following is a list of activities currently scheduled by the Club for the first half of 2018. Please refer to the Club's website for more detailed information, texasflyfishers.org

Club Activities Calendar for January through March 2019

Note: Times and dates are subject to change with out notice.

Note about the outings: Some of the dates and locations for the outings are subject to change and, the updates will be made as dates and leaders get locked in. If you'd like to volunteer to lead this or, another outings, please visit with John Eldred at the next monthly meeting or, e-mail him at [john.eldred03\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:john.eldred03(at)gmail(dot)com)

January 2019:

Beginners Fly Tying, *Postponed*, Please check back for the reschedule dates, Bethany Christian Church, 3223 Westheimer Rd. Houston, Texas 77098

Freshwater Outing, Harmon Creek Winter Scouting Trip – White Bass, Saturday, January 26, 2019, Details, Leader John Eldred, [john.eldred03\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:john.eldred03(at)gmail(dot)com) and Scott Fossum.

February 2019:

27th Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival, Saturday, February 9th 2019, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Bethany Christian Church, 3223 Westheimer Rd., Houston, Texas 77098. This year's featured guest is deer hair specialist Pat Cohen, rusuperfly.com . For more information, see the following announcement.

Please Note: We are looking for volunteers for to assist with the venue set up on Friday, February 8, manning the Registration and Admission Table and the kitchen duties (helping with lunch) at the event. I will have a signup sheet at the January Monthly Meeting and, will be on hand to answer questions. *Thank you, Chris Summers*

Saltwater Outing, Garcitas Creek/Lavaca Bay, Saturday, February 9, 2019, Leaders: Don Hanselman: (713) 816(dash) 0 ate ate four, / [drh1221drh\(at\)yahoo\(dot\)com](mailto:drh1221drh(at)yahoo(dot)com) and, Michael Quigley): (713) 213(dash) ate I 5 zero, / [mfquigley\(at\)outlook\(dot\)com](mailto:mfquigley(at)outlook(dot)com)

Freshwater Outing, Nueces River (George West, Texas), Wednesday, February 13, 2019, Yes, it's in the middle of the week. This is to avoid the crowds. Details and Leader TBA

GRTU Troutfest Texas 2019, February 22 – 24, 2019, Lazy L&L Campgrounds, 11699 River Rd, New Braunfels, Texas 78132. For additional information or, to purchase tickets, visit the Troutfest website at <http://www.grtu.org/troutfest/>

Saltwater Outing, Annual Prison Permit Invitational, Saturday, February 23, 2019, Sargent, Texas / East Matagorda Bay. Details and Leader TBA. Note: Alan Kulcak will be the featured speaker at the January Monthly Meeting, giving us tips on fishing for elusive sheepshead and, what patterns to use.

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Mark Your Calendar – Continued:

March 2019:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Fishing Education Class, Saturday, March 2, 2019, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Bass Pro Shops - Pearland, 1000 Bass Pro Dr. at TX 288 – S. Fwy, Houston, Texas 77047. For more about this class, see the Conservation Section.

44th Annual Houston Fishing Show, March 6-10, 2019, George R. Brown Convention Centre, Houston, Texas. www.houstonfishingshow.com. The Texas FlyFishers will have a booth. If you'd like to help, Contact Mike Graham.

Freshwater Outing, Annual Harmon Creek White Bass Outing, Saturday, March 8, 2019. Harmon Creek RV Park and Marina, 14 Marina Pt., Huntsville, Texas 77320. Details and Leader TBA. *Note: This outing usually includes an overnight stay at the campground however, space in the cabin is usually first come, first bed.*

Saltwater Outing, Shoalwater Bay, Saturday, March 16, 2019, Port O'Connor / Seadrift, Texas, Details and Leader TBA.

The Third Annual Texas Fly Fishing & Brew Festival, March 23 – 24, 2019, Plano Centre, Plano, Texas. For more information, check the TFFBF website at txflyfishingfestival.org

Note: Outing dates, times and locations are subject to change without notice. If you are signed up for or, interested in participating on an outing, please check the Texas FlyFishers website.

Lagniappe:

As I was performing a little laptop maintenance, I ran across a few photos that have been sent to me by fellow members that I'd like share with you. This month, it's our illustrious leader, TFF Club President Marcos Enriquez with a fine permit, "the Black Tailed Devil". Great catch!



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Mark Your Calendar – Continued:

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27th Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival
Saturday February 9th, 2019, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm



**27th Annual
Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival
Saturday February 9, 2019**

Featured Guest

**One Hour
Classroom Fly Tying
Presentations
&
The 2nd Annual
“Iron Fly”
Competition**

**One of the largest
gatherings of expert
fly tyers under
one roof at one time**

Beginners Fly Tying

**Doors Open at 8:30 am
Bethany Christian Church
3223 Westheimer Road
Houston, Texas
Adults - \$10, Seniors (62 &
Up) - \$8, Family - \$14, Under
18 - \$5, Scouts (In Uniform)
Get in for Free**

**Pat Cohen
Deer Hair Specialist
rusuperfly.com**

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Bethany Christian Church, 3223 Westheimer Rd., Houston, Texas 77098

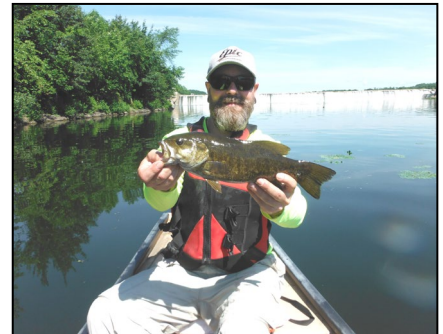
If you are interested in tying at the Fly Tying Festival, please e-mail Chris Sumers at [csumers\(at\)comcast\(dot\)com](mailto:csumers(at)comcast(dot)com)

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Special Events – Continued:

Meet Pat Cohen, the featured guest for the 27th Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival. In his own words, here's a more about Pat Cohen, his fish, his technique, his products and, his flies:

“My name is Pat Cohen. I live in upstate New York where there is an abundance of warm water streams, lakes, and farm ponds to fish; although most anything with gills is fair game. I was always a terrible fisherman with spin and casting gear, but I began fly fishing in 2008 and since then I have caught more fish than I can count. I have been tying flies since January of 2009. Fly fishing and tying have become an essential part of my life. Since 2012 I have been a full time commercial fly tyer and designer. I have created materials, dubbing and tools for fly tyers. One of the most well-known being the *Fugly Packer*, which is a packing tool for the making of bass bugs.



I specialize in warm water predatory flies, although I am best known for my deer hair bass bugs. The artistic freedom that fly tying offers is what drew me to it. All of my flies are meant to be fished with the exception of the display offerings. I enjoy the blending of natural with synthetic materials to create flies that maximize the triggers that make predators eat. I have blended my knowledge and passion for art with my knowledge and passion for fly tying to create a very unique approach to fly making. I have been accused of being a lure maker from time to time...but honestly I find no offense in that at all, as all flies are lures.



My passion for all things fly began with both Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass. I am to this day still passionate about these wonderful fish. I have designed numerous flies around the pursuit of them. I have an obsession with the custom tackle industry and figuring out ways to bring that technology into bass flies. One of my latest creations for doing just that is the Cohen's Creature Ultra Suede series. It was a perfect way for me to bring the movement and success of soft plastics into fly tying.

I have a deeply ingrained passion for chasing golden bones; carp on the fly is a challenge that more and more fly anglers are only beginning to appreciate. Carp are by far one of the most difficult fresh water species to hook with a fly, and I've created a wide variety of nymph patterns to target these misunderstood and often maligned game fish. I created a very unique

dubbing called Cohen's Carp Dub to help create more convincing carp flies.

I have an obsession with Pike on the fly as well. I have designed a selection of streamers and materials to aid in the pursuit of the water wolf. The power and explosion of these incredible game fish is second to none. There is nothing in the world like hooking a big pike on a glass rod in small stream hand to hand combat style.

I have three instructional DVDs on the market teaching my deer hair techniques. I also have a YouTube channel offering free videos. My flies have been featured in multiple magazines and books over the past several years. You can follow me on Instagram, at #rusuperfly or, Facebook, www.facebook.com/theinkedfisherman You can also visit my website, www.rusuperfly.com for my products.

I am a member of the pro team for Predator Fly Gear, Epic Fly Rods, 3Tand Reels, Peak Vises, Cortland Fly Lines, Loon Outdoors, Jackson Kayak, Werner Paddles and Custom Gheenoe Boats. Hareline Dubbin distributes some of the products that I have created. I regularly demonstrate and teach fly tying. I also do presentations on these great warm water species at various events and fly shops all over the USA.”



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Outings Report:

Joe Nicklo, and a Company of Favorites, take trip to the Little Red River

This year attending the annual rendezvous on Arkansas' Little Red River was Bob Orr, Nicholas Lester, John Scarcelli and Joe Nicklo. We all had high hopes of catching this year's staging of the large brown trout preparing for the spawn. Unfortunately, weather and water release from Greer's Ferry Dam did not cooperate. We all caught fish, some up to 20-inches on flies tied by those attending, but nothing to brag about. Oh well, there is always next year! Until then, I'll have visions of a large wily brown trout dancing in my head and dreams!

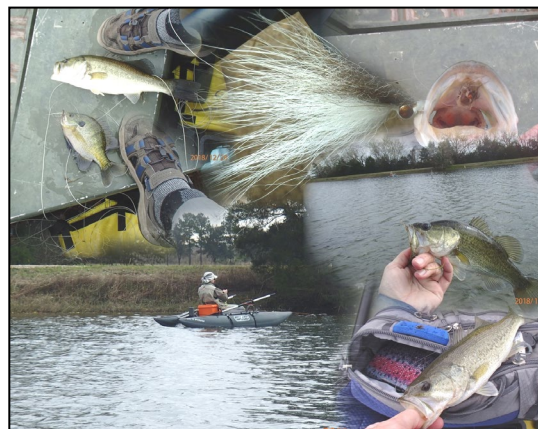


Puck's Trip to Damon 7 Lakes

December 28, 2018

The water was cold and clear and, there was very little wind as John E. and Puck presented flies to the fish on Duck and Osprey. 16 fish came to hand and were released. The fly of the day was the "Coyote Clouser" in size 10 (See Windknots, February 2018, Fly of the Month for tying instructions).

Have you been fishing lately? Have any luck? We'd like to hear about it. Please share your results and experiences with the club, E-mail your report and photos to me at [csumers\(at\)Comcast\(dot\)com](mailto:csumers(at)Comcast(dot)com).



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For Sale by Member:

Custom built fly rod \$695 by Joe Nicklo, former TFF rod building instructor.

- ***Blank**...Green, IM-8, 7'9" 3 weight, Ye Olde English Fly Shop
- ***Reel Seat**...Dyed Maple Burl by RL Reel Seats
- ***Components**...Nickel Silver Machined from 18% silver bar stock
- ***Grip**...Custom built Carbon fiber cloth over hard foam
- ***Guides** ... Snake, Nickel Silver plated
- ***Thread**... Tan with gold trim and acorn wraps
- ***Guide wraps and ferrule wraps with jungle cock feather inlays**
- ***Eighteen individual feather inlays in butt section**
- ***Four coats of Flex-Coat epoxy**
- ***Alignment marks**
- ***Cloth rod sock**
- ***Build time**...between 35 and 40 hours
- ***Warranty** ... one-year on workmanship and defects only!

If interested, the rod will be available for inspection and casting at the January 29, 2019 Texas Fly Fishers meeting.

Note: I built two of these 3 weight rods, one to show, one to fish. The rod for sale is the show rod!
Joe



Fly of the Month:

Will Return Next Month



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Reel Recovery

For additional information, check out the Texas FlyFishers website at <https://texasflyfishers.org/> or, the Texas FlyFishers Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TexasFlyfishers/>.

Texas FlyFishers Membership Application

Please Check One: **New Application** **Renewal**

To join the 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 by 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 held 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 pm.

Dues are for (check one): Individual at \$24.00/year; Family at \$32.00/year; Student at \$16.00/year

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