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July Meeting

DATE: July 26, 1983
PLACE: St. John's Episcopal Church
Room 010, Education Bldg.
River Oaks and Westheimer
TIME: 7:30 Fly of the Month
8:00 Main Program

June Meeting

The meeting opened with the election of officers. Unanimously approved for the coming year are:

Jim Darby	President
John Scarborough	Vice President
Gary Shepherd	Treasurer
Charlie Tanheiser	Secretary

Eliot Tucker then asked for suggestions from those present regarding the club's future direction. A good discussion followed. The meeting ended with the showing of the film, "The Way of the Trout."

Eliot Tucker

During Eliot Tucker's just-completed term as president of TFF, the club doubled in membership and made progress in many areas. Eliot's strong leadership was a key factor. Anyone reading the "Fishing News" column will agree that Eliot had nearly as good a year fishing as he had presidenting. He leaves office with the gratitude of all TFFers.

Committee Chairman

New President Jim Darby has announced the following committee appointments for the coming year:

Outings	Roger Rowe
Fly-tying	Norm Crook
Conservation	Brooks Bouldin and Andy Tripoli
Fund Raising	Herb Penning
Membership	Charlie Tanheiser
Rod-building	Morten Lovstad
Newsletter	Ken Jacoby

Thanks from all of us to Chris Phillips and Jim Johnson for their fine committee work this past year.

Annual Dues

Annual club dues of \$20.00 should be paid now. Members who joined during the year are pro-rated at \$5.00 per quarter.

Although membership in the Federation of Fly Fishers is not required, if you don't join you're missing something good. The Federation works for all fly fishers, prints a magazine that you'd buy on the newsstand if you could, and promotes fly-fishing fellowship. Federation dues are \$20.00.

Rod Raffle

Norm Crook has a few tickets still available and he will be open for business at the start of the July meeting - at which the raffle will take place. The rod is a 9/6 Orvis graphite "Western" model, and Norm says it's a beauty. Chances are \$10.00, or three for \$25.00.

June Outing

The sixteen TFFers who went to Rockport-Fulton the weekend of June 25th are calling it one of the finest outings in club history. Careful planning by Roger Rowe plus the unmatched hospitality of George Ayers led to a great time. Some specks and reds were caught, but the catch was overshadowed by the fellowship, and that's what these outings are all about.

Chairman Roger Rowe has some exciting plans for future outings, ranging from a hill-country float trip to a fly-in salt-water adventure. Watch these pages for more information. Next month we'll print the outings schedule for the next year.

Conservation

The Gulf Coast Conservation Association reports that the 68th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature ended with all of GCCA's legislative goals accomplished. Special thanks are due Sen. Tati Santiesteban and Rep. Fred Agnich. The session has been called a major success for Texas sportsmen. Our congratulations and thanks to the GCCA for a job very well done.

Fly-tying

Norm (Lack O' Hackle) Crook announces a series of six weekly fly-tying lessons for beginners. Techniques, rather than patterns, will be emphasized. At the end of six weeks, class members will have mastered the techniques necessary to tie virtually any patterns. If you're interested in learning from a master, contact Norm at the July meeting. Norm also says the classes will be all work - with no B.S. involved. Six weeks of Crook and no B.S.? No way.

Want Ads

Miss Classified says that despite some inquiries, Andy Tripoli's Orvis ten-foot, three-piece, nine-weight, graphite rod - the one with the removable fighting butt - is still on the market for sale or trade. It would make a fine salt-water rod. It has been used only on Sundays, by an elderly lady in Alaska, who caught King salmon with it. Andy can be reached at 590-9100 (home), or 464-1818 (office).

Shelby Gibbs has some openings this summer at his West-Yellowstone condo. It's new, very nice, and priced right at \$350.00 per week. It will sleep six. Call Shelby at 524-1296 (home), or 757-2336 (office).

August Outings

Roger Rowe is planning not one, but two outings for the month of August. Both are near-by excursions lasting one day. On August 6th, we will be going to the Galveston area, probably to either East Bay or Christmas Bay, wherever the fishing is hot. This is a chance to learn salt-water fly-fishing from some of the real experts in this club.

Roger also plans a trip to Lake Conore on August 20th. Mark your calendars. If you want further information, want to sign-up to go, or want to help Roger - on one or both of these trips - call him at 981-5868.

Fishing News

When George Meason arrived at the Danbury Fishin' Hole on June 22nd, he felt he was well equipped for some fine fishing. He brought with him his dad, George Meason, Sr., a mountain of tackle, and Brooks Bouldin's advice on where to fish. To be safe, he also brought two Methodist ministers, Carey Sayers and Wayne McCleskey.

After several slow hours, George talked to a young man driving a tractor in a nearby field. On his advice, the group moved to the pier on the north side, where a pipe was pouring fresh water into the lake.

George was retrieving his first cast when he felt a hard hit and was fast to a heavy fish. As he turned to tell the others, he saw that they were each hooked-up too. This was the start of several hours of terrific action which saw George's group continue to fish through two heavy cloudbursts and on into the hot afternoon. Around 80 bass were caught; 26 were over 14 inches. The fish were in an ecumenical mood. They accepted almost any underwater offering.

George used a Hare's Ear nymph to catch the best bass of the day, a six-pounder which battled him for 20 long minutes under the broiling sun. As he plodded wearily to the car, George reflected that a little divine assistance was certainly helpful, but they had nearly overdone it. One more minister and they'd have been in trouble.

Shelby Gibbs floated the Big Hole the first week in July and, although the water was high, had one good day's fishing during the two-day float. He took some nice browns to 18 inches on Girdle Bugs. Shelby reports high water in the Yellowstone country. The Madison is muddy and unfishable, and the salmon-fly hatch there was a non-event this year. The Henrys Fork, during the Green Drake hatch, was so crowded that fishermen reportedly were hooking each other on the backcast.

Charlie Tanheiser fished Nelson and Depuy Spring Creeks near Livingston, Montana early in July. Matching the hatch with #18 Light Cahills, he took some fine fish, the biggest a 21-inch rainbow. Charlie says you can often get on Depuy even when Nelson and Armstrong are booked-up.

Lance Brown combined a business trip to New York with a pleasure trip to Vermont. He visited the Orvis headquarters in Manchester, where TFFer Dave Perkins gave him some good advice on where to fish. He spent most of his fishing time on the Battenkill, where native brookies - those most beautiful of fish - cooperated nicely. This was classic eastern fishing on a classic eastern stream. Lance used dry flies only, the most successful being the Red Quill.

Call Ken Jacoby with your fishing news, 999-6669 (office), and 1-409-273-2991 (home).

Loose Hooks

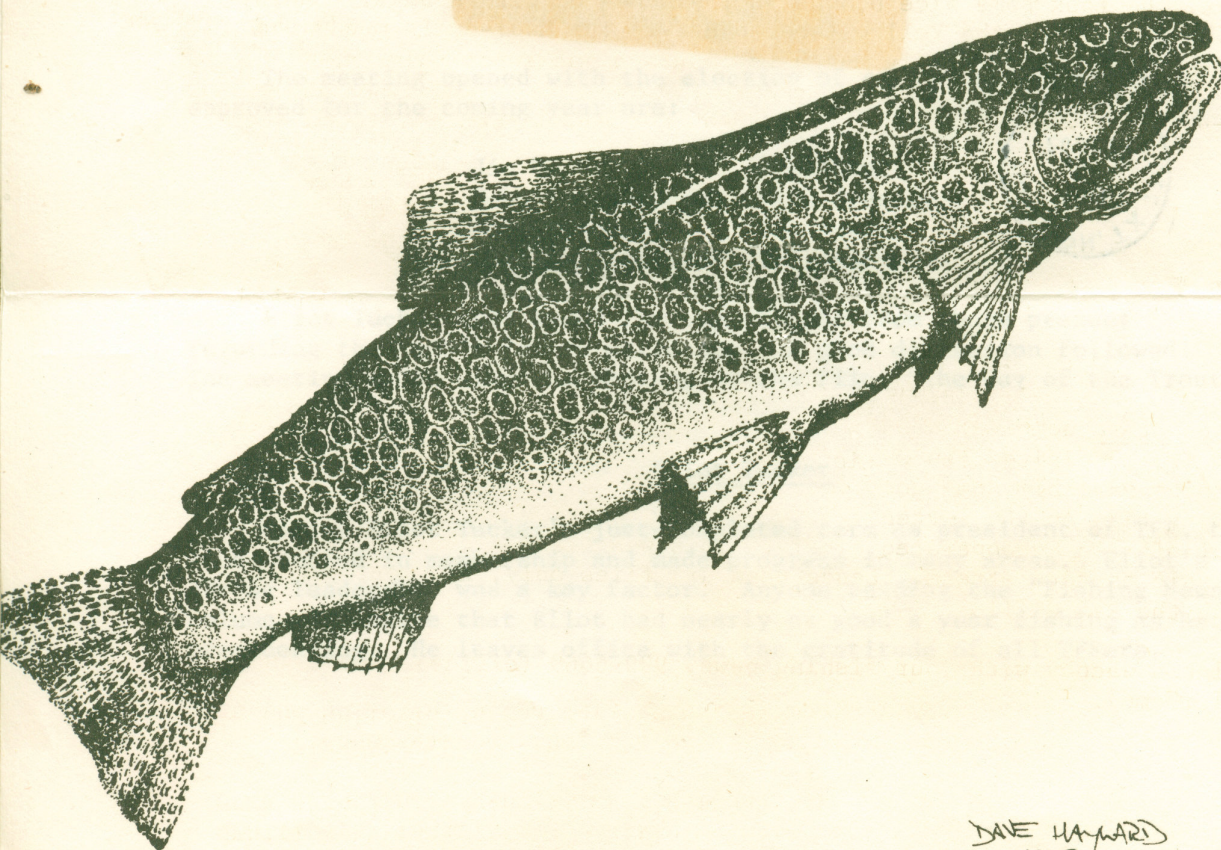
Hope you like the new mast-head on this month's bulletin. We're proud of it. It replaces the fish that looked suspiciously like a Lake Conroe white amur (grass carp). The new one, designed by Lance Brown, contains the club logo which will adorn our new patches.

The very interesting article entitled "Holier Than Whom" in the September, 1983 issue of Fly Fisherman magazine was written by TFFer John Hannah. If you haven't read it, be sure to do so.

In the "You should'a been here last week" department, Chris Phillips caught three Florida tarpon of 20, 80, and 120 pounds on a trip in May. Chris returned to the same place in June to fish in a tarpon tournament. Had he been able to duplicate his earlier results, he'd have won the tournament easily. As it was, he caught only some smaller ones, and didn't place.

The club is losing Norm Thompson, who is fulfilling a lifelong ambition by retiring to Seattle. Those west-coast fish are going to have some beautifully-tied flies float past them from now on. Good luck, Norm.

Please remember that the deadline for any material you want included in the bulletin is ten days after the monthly meeting.



DAVE HAYWARD
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