



A Texan Goes East

by Mike Eberhard

Lucky me. My wife had a business trip to Naples, Florida. I invited myself along and promptly began to research the local fishing. I found some guides and e-mailed them, but fate intervened when I walked into Cut-Rate and talked to Mike Barbee. He told me that Ethan Wells guided in Florida during the winter. I knew Ethan from a long-ago club meeting and the Shallow Water Expo. Besides, even if he was in Florida, he was still a Texan! Fortunately he had an open date coinciding with my visit. I was beside myself with excitement: Everglades here I come.

After a fitful night, Ethan pulled up to the hotel at the designated hour. I piled in with breakfast, coffee and some spare clothes. I was planning on using his fishing gear. We drove to Everglades City, with an intermediate stop to pick up the boat, and became acquainted. If you can't appreciate the scenery in the Everglades, you have a dead soul. It is wild and pristine.

Bromeliads hang from the endless mangroves, framing twisting waterways leading to isolated lakes. Using a guide is imperative unless you enjoy being lost. This place is huge, and every place looks like every place else. It's quiet, and you see other boats only on the main rivers.

We spent the morning pursuing snook in skinny water (the tides were low). It wasn't very productive because the water wasn't clear and the visibility was limited. I did cast to three snook in very shallow water, but they wouldn't eat. A mangrove snapper intercepted my fly and a few baby tarpon flashed and nipped at the offering. I was not disappointed. It was a beautiful morning in an awesome place.

After a brief pause for lunch and a trip to the Ten Thousand Island area we were ready for our afternoon adventures. We would be pursuing "laid-up" tarpon. Being a tarpon virgin, Ethan had to explain that tarpon come in the passes (very large and very long by Texas standards) to feed and lay up in

the many estuaries and coves that adjoin the pass. We would pole until we spotted one, then cast a bunny-strip fly in the strike zone. I had no idea what to expect. The 10-weight Scott S3S rod and Tibor reel (with the drag cranked as tight as we could turn the knob) seemed adequate. Perhaps it would have been if Billy Pate or Stu Apte were on the bow.

I can think of nothing as exciting as attempting to get these silver kings to eat in such shallow water.

After making several attempts at casting to what appeared to be dark shadows (Ethan assured me they were tarpon), I finally began to actually see large shapes that had dark backs and light bellies.

Four or so of the 'poons actually made a move to eat but either missed or had a change of heart. Speaking of hearts, mine was racing and my guide had to remind me to breath. I can think of nothing as exciting as attempting to get these silver kings to eat in such shallow water. Well, I retract that last statement, for what took place over the next 15 to 20 minutes was beyond exciting and will be forever etched in my memory.

We were poling in a very small cove, approximately 70 yards by 50 yards. Ethan was leaving when I noticed a bunch of bait at the back of the cove exhibiting nervous behavior. While I enquired if it could be a tarpon causing the anxiety, a swirling wake grabbed our attention. Something was eating the baitfish and it was huge. We turned the boat in time to see a streaking six-foot-long tarpon swimming straight at the boat. It surely was going to exit the cove. Miraculously, it abruptly stopped and turned broadside to the boat twenty-five feet from the knee-knocking, hyper-ventilating angler on the bow of the Maverick HPX (me).

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President's Corner

by Jerry "Buggywhip" Loring, President, Texas Flyfishers



The Texas Flyfishers have seven or eight events that are hallmarks of our club. Most definitely, the Fly Tying Festival, the brainchild of Dr. Ed Rizzolo, is at the top of the list. Ed envisioned both the format and design for the Fly Tying Festival over a decade ago, and what a brilliant concept it is. Simply

invite and gather together, in one room, on the same day, the best fly tying talent available and display their abilities.

The exact number of fly tiers at the first Festival twelve years ago escapes my memory, but last February first, 44 fly tying vises were working, and behind each was living passion for the art. The zeal that filled that room was as thick as hill country fog and warm to the soul.

Walking around the Festival, you can see both the old standby and the trendy new. If you can't find that certain pattern you are looking for, just ask, and an ad hoc committee will form to create the pattern you want. It doesn't matter what you are in search of. Someone

at this place, on this day, can either tie it for you or teach it to you.

Times change. Sadly for all of us, Dr. Ed Rizzolo has reasons to set his fly tying tools aside for a short while. He announced at the March executive committee meeting that this was his last year to chair the Fly Tying Festival, so TFF was officially in search of an able replacement. Now, I knew this was coming, as Dr. Ed had courteously given me a heads up ahead of time. The search for the new Festival chairperson with both the talent and desire equal that of Dr. Ed would be difficult, and it had to start immediately.

It has been my experience that people who step forward and accept challenges without being asked are full of energy and ability. The executive committee members had not cleared

the exit doors that night when Frank Schlicht requested the opportunity to be chairman of the Fly Tying Festival. I was elated and, in my own mind, thought Dr. Ed was also.

Frank Schlicht has contributed much to our sport and our club. Frank was past president of the Jack Sparks Flyfishers in the Waco area. Recently, Frank has directed both the beginning and intermediate fly tying classes. His contributions have been large, and we appreciate the additional responsibility he has accepted. I officially volunteer to assist Frank with the Fly Tying Festival in any manner required. I urge you to do the same. ➔

Jerry Loring

Upcoming Events

March 25, 2003

Monthly club meeting featuring Bill Waldron, former TFF president. Bill is an excellent fly tier and fly fisherman. He retired and moved to Canyon Lake in the hill country and has guided in that area since he moved. Bill will be our guest tier for the meeting and will probably be tying his infamous Guadalupe green fly. He will be giving his presentation on fly fishing opportunities in the hill country and the effects of last year's flood on the fishing in the Guadalupe River. 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on I-10 between Antoine and Silber.

March 29 & 30, 2003

Shallow Water Exposition at the Reliant Arena. This is one of the

best fishing shows there is. Great lectures and demonstrations by big-name talent, and the chance to try out the latest equipment in multiple casting ponds.

April 29, 2003

Monthly club meeting featuring Lefty Ray Chapa with a presentation on fishing photography. If your fishing pictures bring yawns, don't miss this meeting. 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on I-10 between Antoine and Silber.

Friday, May 9, 2003

12th Annual Houston Fishing Lure Show & Sale. This is the largest antique collectible show in the area. If you want that antique bamboo rod, or if you have that rare item you want appraised, or if you like wandering between aisles of rare old

fishing stuff, this is the show to go to. Get there early for the bargains. Crown Plaza Hotel, 12801 Northwest Freeway. Call Ben Kocian 713-666-1966 for more information.

May 27, 2003

Monthly club meeting featuring Fox Statler. Fox will talk about fishing in Arkansas and will demonstrate tying his famous Fox minnow. 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on I-10 between Antoine and Silber.

June 24, 2003

Monthly club meeting featuring Kevin Hutchinson, a highly entertaining guide on the Llano River and neighboring streams. Kevin will tie some effective hill country patterns before the meeting. 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on I-10 between Antoine and Silber.

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My first cast was perfect — right across his back!! All the guide could do was groan and suggest that I try to get it back without scraping the fish. Since I frequently screw up, I retrieved the fly with the confidence of a wily veteran. The next cast was better, right in front of his nose. I didn't notice him take the fly; my line just suddenly became a frozen rope. Amidst repeated shouts of "set the hook" and my body accommodating to the incredible weight on the end of the line,

my brain began to remind me of the battle plan. Keep the line tight, set the hook when the fish isn't active, bow when it jumps, pray often. This is a lot to remember when you have a quart of adrenaline coursing thru every artery and organ system.

Jerry Loring describes hooking a tarpon as something like standing by the road and hooking a passing car with a rope and then trying to hold the other end. I would have to agree.

When the fish made his initial jump, clearing all six-feet of his length, I would love to have

seen my face. I'm sure it was a mixture of awe, admiration and disbelief. I was irreversibly transformed at that point. I now understand why anglers are drawn to this spectacular species. The fish made two more close-in jumps and then headed, in confusion, toward the mangroves. The butt end of the rod was firmly planted in my belly as I desperately tried to turn his 100-pound weight. The great beast momentarily turned on his side and, with a sickening pop, the fly came out of his armored mouth. I was saddened, but not defeated. Ethan told me that if the fish had

made it out of the cove into open water we might have landed it in an hour or two. Already spent from the battle and excitement, I may not have lasted that long. As a final goodbye, the majestic beast rolled and gulped a breath of air before disappearing into the channel.

I can't wait to return to do battle with these brutes. I'm not sure I will land one, but it doesn't matter. In this sport, it is the journey not the destination that is important. 🐟

TFF Academy Announcement

by Tom Lyons

The 2003 TFF Academy classes will start on Thursday, May 22, 2003 and will continue for five weeks ending on June 26. These first five classes will be held indoors at the Bethany Christian Church on Westheimer from 7 to 9 p.m. We will break for the July 4th holiday and start three weeks of

casting classes on Saturday morning, July 12th. The casting classes will run from 7 to 9 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

The Academy teaches fly fishing from the ground up. It is intended for beginner or novice fly fishers. Intermediate and advanced fly fishers in the club can best learn in the outing programs and should not enroll in the Academy. The fee is \$25

which will cover a donation to the church that so graciously provides us with classroom space.

Membership in good standing in the Texas Flyfishers and novice status are the only prerequisites for the Academy. We advise students to hold off on buying any equipment until they have finished the training. Classes will give tips on what to buy and how to go about buying it, and the club provides equip-

ment for the casting classes.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the March and April general meetings. You can also e-mail me at tflyons@aol.com or call me at 281-379-7944 to add your name to the roster and ask any questions you may have.

We had a great Academy class last year. We're looking forward to greeting another class this May and creating a new group of competent fly fishers. 🐟

It's Your Windknots!

Windknots is the voice of the Texas Flyfishers — and we want it to be your voice. Let us know where you're catching them, what you're catching them on; let us know about a new pattern you're excited about; let us hear about your great fly fishing adventures; let us know about your favorite tips and tricks. Send pictures! They really spice up these pages.

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Microsoft Word, but WordPerfect or a plain text file will do. If you're Internet savvy, send the files as an email attachment to the editor, corey.rich@aya.yale.edu. If not, send a floppy disk or even a plain paper printout to Corey Rich, 1900 N. Memorial Way, Houston, TX 77007.

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you don't have a digital camera or scanner, send paper prints to Corey Rich at the snail mail address above. We'll scan them and return them to you.

As an extra incentive, in case seeing your words and pictures in print isn't enough, the TFF executive committee will present a prize at the annual awards party for the best non-staff-written article each year. So sharpen those pencils, fire up those word processors, and let the creative juices flow. 🐟

APRIL CASTING CLASSES

Club casting guru Troy Miller will hold beginning fly casting classes all four Saturdays in April. Contact Troy at Troy.Miller@bakeroiltools.com or by phone evenings and weekends at 979-865-5117 for information about times and locations.

Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

by Jerry Loring

The by-laws of our club list primary and secondary purposes that serve as our guiding principles. One of these is to promote flyfishing as a method of fishing consistent with the preservation of game fish and conservation of our flyfishing waters.

Another secondary purpose is to provide a voice for organized flyfishers in the Houston area, maintaining liaison with other conservation and sports organizations, and with state and federal agencies involved with the many aspects of our sport.

This article is not presented as the official policy opinion of the Texas Flyfishers. It presents my opinion and my personal course of action regarding MPAs. Marine Protected Areas — that's an official and innocent sounding term for a new fishery "management" technique. MPAs are designed to protect fish populations from over-harvesting by simply making productive fishing areas off limits to anglers.

There is an MPA proposed around the Channel Islands off the southern coast of California. I called the Environmental Defense League, an organization that supports this MPA around the Channel Islands off Ventura County, California. I asked gen-

eral questions about the structure of the MPA. The person I spoke with was not specific and could not discuss where the boundaries would be, did not mention what exactly would be excluded, and did not know who would participate in the decision making. However, the desire to create a "permanent ocean reserve" was mentioned twice.

During the ten-minute talk, not once was any species of fish mentioned. The slant was towards making a "marine sanctuary for nature" that would keep people out. I asked if they accepted donations and the answer was yes. That was not surprising; just about every organization accepts donations. I then asked if this was a political action committee and the answer was political double-talk at its best. The answer went something like: "The Environmental Defense League communicates and liaisons with many groups concerned with the environment, some of which may be PACs."

I believe MPAs go way beyond protecting a specific, troubled fishery. They are designed to shut down fishing access first, then later just about every other possible type of recreation by boat. Fishing boats, sailboats, tour boats, private boats, all are to be excluded in this California


MPA at some time in the future. The MPA party line starts out talking about protecting fish, but seems to grow in scope to include protecting the water quality, the ocean bottom, the sea air, the seagrass, the birds, and ocean mammals.

I sincerely believe MPAs should be named AOF: Anglers Out Forever. Because that is the real design and purpose of an MPA. No amount of sweetener can convince me that an MPA will ever be removed once it is in place. An area closed to fishing by the creation of an MPA will be closed forever.

Would any place be immune to these no fishing exclusion zones? Christmas Bay, Redfish Bay, Pringle Lake, West Matagorda Bay, the Land Cut, the Mansfield flats, Three Islands, South Bay, Laguna Madre, none are immune. Absolutely no area can be considered safe from the creation of a no-fishing zone. The better the fishing, the greater probability it will one day be targeted as an MPA. Months or years after the fishermen in boats are prohibited, what is to prevent the lockout to be extended to sailboats, private boats, kayaks, canoes, swimmers, and waders. Perhaps the real name should be GLO, or Government Lock Out.

I see no good use for an MPA. Are they the creation of bad fishery managers in search of an easy method of doing their job? Is it easier to put up a "keep out" sign than managing the resource? You bet it is. Are MPAs the vision of radical environmental groups who, in their attempt to grow a bigger federal government, have decided to launch an attack on recreational angling similar to animal rights and anti-hunting/anti-gun extremists' attacks? Who knows, but we better care.

I have done my share of conservation in the past and will continue to do so in the future. I personally like the "Leave No Trace" motto practiced by the Boy Scouts of America on their outings. I have pushed my Shallowsport boat away from seagrass beds for years, and will continue to do so. I have eaten quite a few fish, but have released countless more. I am not through practicing conservation, but these MPAs are not conservation-oriented. They are anti-fishing. Period.

The time to act is now. With a budget shortfall facing our Texas government, there is no way to predict what management techniques may be adopted by the State of Texas or, for that matter, the federal EPA. Write your legislative representatives, especially the local coastal representatives. Let your voice be heard. One easy way to do this is to log on to www.freedomtofish.org. This is a website organized by sportfishers and vendors to counteract no fishing zones created by big governmentals. 



Do all your fly boxes say “Altoids, Curiously Strong” on the outside? If so, you may be an outrageously cheap flyfisher. Read on.

Fly Fishing Outrageously Cheap

by Bruce “Show-Me-the-Money” Heiberg

Having recently attended the first ever Texas Flyfishers Academy, I feel especially qualified to share some of the things I learned; and, with a new class getting ready to start it's appropriate the prerequisites be passed along. Although nothing in this article was ever actually said in any class, I just read between the lines while the rest of the class was getting it straight. First thing, right here, up front, at the beginning, let me make it clear, the following is strictly fiction; but hey, we're flyfishers. We like to have fun.

In the Academy class we learned the right way to pursue this sport, or should I say “art form.” The best teachers talked about the best stuff. There is, however, another side to this game. Here are a few tips about acquiring equipment using the side-by-side comparison method. In each case we'll explore the right stuff, the discount methods and the outrageously cheap alternative with a cost/benefit analysis.

Fly rods:

The “right stuff,” we're told, is the fly shop graphite rod with an unconditional lifetime guarantee from Orvis, Sage, Loomis, etc. Prices run from \$400 to \$4,000. The Discount Method involves going to a discount store for the equivalent from Shakespeare, Pflueger, Browning, etc., for \$25 to \$65. You could also eBay, but that's way too addictive. If you want to be outrageously cheap, go

next door and cut a piece of bamboo from your neighbor's modesty hedge. You'll save \$4,000, plus you get a better view of neighbor's living room.

Reels:

We're told to buy milled or forged corrosion-proof aluminum, with lots of features in the price range of \$150 to \$850 from L.L. Bean or Abel. At the discount store you can get a cheap sheet metal spool with a Halloween clicker inside for \$46.50; but, if you're outrageously cheap, nail a beer can to the side of your pole for \$4.65. You save \$845.35, you get to drink the beer and you get five spares in every six-pack.

Fly line:

We're told to buy weight forward, double taper, floating, sinking or intermediate ultra-high tech line for \$65 to \$90. You could get level line or clothes line at the discount store for five or six bucks. I recommend you steal the dental floss out of your bathroom cabinet. You save \$90 and your “significant other” is pleased you're improving your dental hygiene.

Flies:

We're told to buy hand-tied creations by famous guides who know what they're doing and love the sport for \$5 to \$10 each, or spend \$5,000 on tools and supplies to tie our own flies that will repulse the stupidest blind fish on the planet. At the discount store you can get flies

from China or Taiwan in plastic boxes for 50¢. I recommend you wrap an old shoelace around a bent diaper pin with some cat hair and a feather from your pet canary for five cents. You save \$5,000, you won't be asked to change the baby ever again and the cat gets blamed for the canary's bald spot.

Cigars (these are essential fly-fishing equipment):

At the fine tobacconist emporia you may bid for Macanudo, Don Diego, Romeo & Juliet, etc. for \$7.50 to \$25 each; or, at the drug store buy a whole box of Dutch Masters, White Owl, Anthony & Cleopatra, King Edwards, etc. for 75¢. However, if you're like me, bum one from a friend who actually has a real job. You save \$25 each. You'll get a better smoke to attract bigger fish and your naive friend will think you owe him one. Just remember to ask everyone equally in rotation.

Trips:

For the hoity-toity it's the Bahamas, Belize, Montana or Alaska, chartered through a reputable service-oriented outfitter for \$3,000 to \$6,000. Here the Academy class was more practical: any place within a three-hour drive of home. Guadalupe River, Christmas Bay, Lake Conroe, etc., \$30 to \$60; or you could stand in the gutter in front of your house when it's raining and tie a grocery store fish to your line for \$3 to \$6. You save a fortune on travel expenses,

lodges and guides, plus all that travel time, just to stand in some desolate hole so strangers can watch you stand in the rain and not catch anything. At home your friends and neighbors will see you haul in catch after catch. They'll marvel at your “woodsman-etude” adaptation to our urban ecology.

Clothing:

We're told to buy breathable, quick dry, loose fitting rip-stop nylon clothing from Ex Officio, Patagonia, L.L. Bean, etc., for \$150 to \$300. I used to shop the discount bins at Academy or Oshman's for \$15 to \$30 bargains. Now I cut the sleeves and legs off old work clothes and tie-dye them khaki and olive, \$1.50 to \$3. You, too, can save \$148.50 to \$297.80. You look great because your clothes fit (sort of) and the bad dye job gives you natural camouflage.

Underwear:

We're told to buy Wick-n-Dry, Capilene, breathable nylon, etc. for \$25 to \$60. You could just recycle yesterday's laundry for zilch; but, if you're really cheap, go goose bumps, au naturel, birthday suit, free 'n' easy. Okay, there are limits. Maybe we should draw the line here.

If you have any outrageously cheap fly-fishing tips, and I know you do, send them to the author, care of Windknots. Maybe I can steal your ideas for a future article. Include your name or moniker, if you dare. 🐟

Revised Proposed Outings Schedule

Last month we published our initial full-year outings schedule. As things have developed, some changes have occurred. Changed dates are noted in bold type.

Not all the events are confirmed, so use the schedule for your long-range planning only. A club member will host each outing. The host is responsible for signing up participants, coordinating destination, times, and at least one meal. You must be signed up with the host to get updates as final plans come together.

Some events already have hosts assigned and some don't. If the event says "Contact TBA," you can volunteer to host. Just let Jerry Loring, Bruce Heiberg or Clarke Thornton know. Together we can make it happen.

March 22, 2003 Guadalupe One Fly, Statler, Texas. Meet 9 a.m. at Rio Raft on River Road. Contact Clarke Thornton for sign-up and details: cthornton@ehshouston.org. Parking fee or GRTU lease permit required.

April 12, 2003 Bass lake trip. Destination TBA. Contact Tom Lyons for sign-up and details. tflyons@aol.com. Boat, canoe or kayak; alligators.

April 26, 2003 Nighthawk Bay, Corpus Christi, Texas. Contact Bruce Heiberg for details. bheiberg@bc-arch.com, 713-623-0381w or 281-550-2993h. Meet at Bird Island. Boat, kayak or walk-in, camping optional.

May 3, 2003 Sunfish Spectacular, Seven Lakes, Damon, Texas. Walk-ins, canoe or kayak; alligators. Contact Clarke Thornton for sign-up and details, cthornton@ehshouston.org.

May 31, 2003 **Changed date:** Shamrock Bay/ Rockport. Contact Ed Hogan for details, ehogan@tepi.com. Boat, kayak. For kayak rentals, contact REI or Sally Moffett, www.captainsally.com.

June 6-8, 2003 **Changed date:** Llano canoe float. A TFF tradition revived. Contact Bruce Heiberg for details. bheiberg@bc-arch.com, 713-623-0381w or 281-550-2993h. Canoe rental and hotel required. Dinner Saturday night.

June 14, 2003 **Changed date:** West Matagorda Bay. Contact TBA.

June 21, 2003 Double Lake, Coldspring, Texas. Walk-ins, canoe or kayak. Contact Clarke Thornton for sign-up and details. cthornton@ehshouston.org.

July 12, 2003 Crystal Lake. Walk-in, canoe or kayak; alligators. Contact Clarke Thornton for sign-up and details. cthornton@ehshouston.org.

July 26, 2003 **Changed date:** Port Aransas, San Jose Island. Kayak only. Contact Ed Hogan for sign-up and details ehogan@tepi.com. Contact Sally Moffett, www.captainsally.com, for kayak rentals.

August 8-10, 2003 South Padre Island Annual. Boat or kayak. Contact Rick Rawls for sign-up and details.

August 16, 2003 Port O'Connor (Redfish Rodeo scouting mission). You're on your own to find the fish for next week's Redfish Rodeo. RSVP Bruce Heiberg for club dinner.

August 23, 2003 Redfish Rodeo. Contact Jerry Loring for Details.

September 7, 2003 Medina River. Contact TBA.

September 20, 2003 Nueces River. Contact TBA.

October 11, 2003 Copano Bay. Contact TBA.

October 18, 2003 Arkansas (3-day trip). Contact Troy Miller for sign-up and details. troy.miller@bakeroiltools.com

October 25, 2003 Mustang Island Surfing Sharkfest guided by Billy Sandifer. Contact Tom Lyons for sign-up, details, and cost information, tflyons@aol.com.

November 15, 2003 San Marcos River, Contact information TBA.

December 5, 2003 Awards Banquet.

December 13, 2003 Frozen Point, Anahuac. Contact information TBA.

January 10, 2004 Guadalupe River Float and Freeze. Tentative.

April 2004 Devils River. Walk-in, kayak or canoe. Contact Tom Lyons for details.



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FRUGAL FRANK'S TIP

This is a safety tip based on an accident I witnessed involving a couple of fellow fly fishermen.

They arrived streamside in a pickup with a small camper over the bed. The driver got out and raised the door to the camper to get his gear out. After removing his gear, he walked to the front of the truck. He left the camper door open about halfway up. His buddy came around the rear of the truck to get his gear out and immediately doubled over in agony. The bottom edge of the door was just at eye height for him. He sustained a very nasty laceration to his upper eyelid, but no apparent damage to the eye itself.

This accident could have been prevented if the door had either been raised all the way up, or closed, or if the sharp corners had been covered with rubber padding or rounded off. It has been said that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. In this case, a beautiful day on the water would have been saved. Too many of us have too few of them to lose one to carelessness. 🐟

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The Texas Flyfishers monthly newsletter needs your help. Otherwise, we'll run out of material to print.

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Send articles to editor Corey Rich, email: corey.rich@aya.yale.edu or fax at 713-864-1292.

All articles, photographs and newsworthy events are appreciated. Information and articles should be submitted before the 10th of each month.

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TEXAS FLYFISHERS MEMBERSHIP FORM

3318 Little Bear, Dr., Kingwood, TX 77339

New Application / Renewal

Attention new and current members! To join or renew please complete this form and mail it with your check to the address above. New members should prorate their dues to July because everyone renews during that month, or bring this form with you to any of our monthly meetings. Meetings start at 7:00 PM the last Tuesday of every month (except December) at the Holiday Inn, located on the Katy Freeway between Antoine and Silber. Guests are welcome with a complimentary pass to come learn of our numerous outings, instructional classes and social gatherings.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES (PLEASE INDICATE): REGULAR \$24 FAMILY \$32 STUDENT \$16
 ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, RON BAUER 281-359-7077.

TFF is affiliated with a national organization, the Federation of Fly Fishers.
 Membership in the FFF is encouraged and benefits the club, but is not required.
 Membership applications are available through the FFF website at: <http://www.fedflyfishers.org>