

# WindKnots

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## *Going Once, Going Twice, Sold!*

Hearing that phrase can mean only one thing, *it's auction time*. Annually, The Texas FlyFishers has one major fundraiser, The Auction, and once again, we're asking our members to come out and help support the club. It's time once again to turn your thoughts to your fishing equipment but, not to wet a line but, to help the club turn it into cash. While looking through your gear, you realize, you haven't used that rod or reel in years. Or, maybe you look in your fly box and decide it needs a refreshing new look. Look no further. The Texas FlyFishers Annual Auction will be held on May 6, 2017 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

We are going to change the venue for the auction this year. It will be held at *The Bayou Sports Bar and Grill*. With well-maintained grassy slopes leading to the bayou, you can try your hand at bayou fishing or take in a casting lesson. Another option would be sitting on the covered porch, with a cold beer in hand, swapping fishing tales. Lunch or libations will be available for purchase while you check out this year's auction items.

Since the auction is our clubs main source of income, we are asking members to go through your fishing gear and donate a few of your new or gently used items that you no longer need. We also ask that you set the date in your calendar and join us for a fun filled day. With some really great trips and items already in hand, your donations will aid us in making this year's auction a great success. *Continued on Page 2*

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**The Auction** - Continued:

*The Bayou*

Sports Bar and Grill

6011 Addicks Satsuma Rd.

Houston, TX 77084

Auction hours - 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Live Auction - 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Silent Auction – 2:00pm to 3:00 pm

If you have a donation for the silent auction, you can drop it off at one of the 3 FTU Locations, 12800 Gulf Freeway at Fuqua, 8723 Katy Freeway or, 13831 Southwest Freeway, Bayou City Angler, 3641 Westheimer Rd. and, Orvis of Houston, 5727 Westheimer Road at Chimney Rock. If you have any questions concerning a donation or, if you would like to volunteer to help out Saturday morning with the setup or to help with the auction, please contact either Skip Donovan at (seven one three) 8 two two – double zero69 or, Mary Kay Donovan at (seven one three) 8 two 8 – forty four14. *Thank you, Skip and Mary Kay!*

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

**Monthly Meeting:**

**Tuesday, April 25, 2017:** Jason Edgecombe from Eva's Bonefish Lodge in the Bahamas. His topic will be fly fishing for bonefish in the Bahamas. The Monthly Meetings for the Texas FlyFishers are held at the Community Center Building located in Bayland Park, 6400 Bissonnet St., Houston TX 77074. Social hour is from 6:30 -7:00 pm.

**Education:**

**Rod Building Class:** Saturday, May 27 and June 3, 2017 Instructor: Kenny Murph. Class information, class times and location will be posted on the web site. <https://texasflyfishers.org/education-2/rod-building-classes/>

**Outings: -**

***Freshwater:***

**Note:** *Additional outing information is available on the Texas FlyFishers website.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clark Thornton Memorial San Marcos River Trip**

**May 13, 2017** - The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clark Thornton Memorial San Marcos River Trip will be on May 13, 2017. As in the past, this trip will be hosted by Texas Hill Country guide, Kevin Hutchison. The San Marcos is a spring fed river which gives the water a clarity that makes it one of the nicest rivers in Texas





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### **Outings - Continued:**

If you have been on either of the 2 past trips, you will know that Kevin provides a first class shore lunch along the way. Kevin can answer any questions you have regarding your morning fishing, so you are well prepared for the afternoons fishing.

We will be fishing mainly for bass and brim. Prior to getting on the river, Kevin will provide each fisherman with a box of flies and a leader suitable for fishing this river

For those who want to come out the night before, we will reserve a camp site at the Shady Grove campground, 9515 FM 1979, Martindale, TX. 78655. If you are in need of a kayak or just camping out for the night, you must make arrangements with Pat prior to arrival. Their phone number is (512) 357-6113.

Mark this date on your calendar as a must do, you will not regret it. Skip

**Trip Leader:** Skip Donovan; **Phone:** (seven one three) 8 two two – double zero69; **E-mail:** donovans2 (at) sbcglobal (dot) net

### **South Llano River Float Trip**

**June 23-25, 2017** – The Annual South Llano River Float at Junction, Texas. Meet up at the camp site on Friday afternoon and fish until Sunday mid-day, weather permitting. Note: Sign up early since the cabins are limited to 15 spots. Deposit for lodging locks the spot. Tent camping is still available. River conditions need to be checked a few days before the event. The livery details are still be worked out so keep checking the website for more details or, hot to sign up.

<https://texasflyfishers.org/2016/10/10/south-llano-river-float-trip-2017/#more-3014>

Trip Leader: Don “Puck” Puckett; Phone: Two ate one 865 thirty-two sixteen; e-mail: doncpuckett(at) gee male (dot) com

### ***Saltwater:***

**May** - There is no Saltwater Outing currently scheduled for May. If you have a location and / or would to lead an outing, please contact Puck and, he’ll help you get it set up. Don “Puck” Puckett; Phone: Two ate one 865 thirty-two sixteen; e-mail: doncpuckett(at) gee male (dot) com

### **Fence Lake aboard the M/V Skimmer**

**Saturday, June 10, 2017:** Kayak Fence Lake a pristine shallow water fishery nestled in St. Joe’s Island, between Aransas Bay and the Gulf of Mexico, across from Fulton / Rockport, Texas. We will load out and get ferried out to St. Joe’s Island aboard the M/V Skimmer for a day of skinny water kayak & wade fishing in the Fence Lake area. About 3:00 pm, the Skimmer will return to pick us up at the mouth of Fence Lake and take us back to the dock. Start Time: Meet at the Skimmer Dock, Fulton, TX, directly behind Charlotte Plummers, Return Time: Saturday - 4:00 pm – Approximate ETA Return to Skimmer Dock, Ferry Fee: \$25.00 Per Person (does not include tip). **Trip Leader:** Chris Sumers; **Cell Phone:** (two ate one) six nine two – ate nine six two; **e-mail:** csumers(at)Comcast(dot)net

### **Reel Recovery:**

Reel Recovery was founded in 2003 by a group of avid fly-fishers, inspired by their fishing buddy’s ongoing battle with brain cancer. Witnessing first-hand the beneficial impact fly-fishing provided their friend, they created Reel Recovery to provide the same opportunity for other men battling the disease. Combining expert fly-fishing  
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### ***Reel Recovery - Continued:***

instruction with directed “courageous conversations”, the organization provides men with all forms of cancer a unique opportunity to share their stories, learn a new skill, form lasting friendships and gain renewed hope as they confront the challenges of cancer.

#### **Mission & Purpose**

The mission of Reel Recovery is to help men in the cancer recovery process by introducing them to the healing powers of the sport of fly-fishing, while providing a safe, supportive environment to explore their personal experiences of cancer with others who share their stories.

Our purpose is to address the growing demand for and limited supply of support services specifically tailored for men with cancer. Our overarching goal is to improve the lives of the men we serve. We seek to give these

courageous men a respite from their day-to-day concerns so that they might gain a fresh outlook on their fight with cancer; we facilitate discussions that give them strength, encouragement and a new network of friends and support; we provide cancer information and resources to enable better management of their disease; and we provide them new skills to bring joy, enthusiasm and renewed hope as they confront the challenges of their cancer survivorship.

#### **Program Goals**

- To provide a safe, reflective environment for the participants to discuss their disease and recovery with other men with shared experiences, thereby providing support and information to help them in their recovery.
- To provide expert fly-fishing instruction that enables the participants to learn a new skill, form a healing connection with nature, and participate in a sport they can continue throughout their recovery and lifetime.
- To provide participants information about cancer-related resources, both in the local community and nationally, to facilitate networking and enhanced management of their recovery.

Reel Recovery Texas is offering 6 retreats in 2017, 3 in the Spring, and 3 more in the Fall. A second retreat was added at Navasota – Camp Allen the weekend of March 31 - April 2, 2017. Two annual retreats are also scheduled in Waring Texas and Glen Rose Texas. The Spring Retreats are:

- March 31 - April 2, 2017 - Camp Allen, Navasota, TX
- April 7 - 9, 2017 - Camp Capers, Waring, TX
- May 5 - 7, 2017 - Still Water Lodge at Glen Lake Camp, Glen Rose, TX

For additional information on the upcoming events, log on to <http://reelrecovery.org/programs/retreat-schedule/>

So, please consider attending a retreat if you are recovering from cancer or, if you have a family member or a friend that is recovering from cancer, please let them know about the retreats. Retreat applications are available on the reelrecovery.org website. I would be glad to speak with anyone seeking more information. Thanks, Dave Steffek

### **Mark Your Calendars:**

#### **Meetings:**

**Tuesday, May 30, 2017:** Shannon Branham, a long time guide in Western Colorado, will be telling us about fly fishing that area of Colorado. He has access to private water through an arrangement with K-T Ranch in Meeker that allows him to bring his clients onto the White River where it goes across K-T land.

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## Meetings – Continued:

**Tuesday, June 27, 2017:** Phil Shook, author and longtime Texas FlyFishers member will be the featured speaker for our June, 2017 monthly. Phil's presentation will be "Tarpon and Bonefish and Permit! Oh Maya! Fly Fishing the Yucatan from a Lodge or On Your Own".

Meetings for the Texas FlyFishers are held at the Community Center Building located in Bayland Park, 6400 Bissonnet St., Houston TX 77074. Social hour is from 6:30 -7:00 pm.

## Alamo Fly Fishers:

### **Annual Bud Priddy Any Fly**

This year's Bud Priddy One Fly Tournament should be much like last years. Fishing will be at one or all of the road crossing on the Nueces near Camp Wood. There will be great prizes for longest bass, longest perch (sunfish), and most fish. There will also be door prizes and raffle/auction prizes. The Nueces Country Smokehouse will again cater the Saturday night awards banquet at the Big Oak River Camp pavilion. The Texas Women Fly Fishers will participate again this year and have their business meeting, box dinner on Friday night at the pavilion. Their primary speaker will be Hill Country Fishing Guide Marcus Rodriguez from Living Waters Fly Fishing. Please bring a food dish to share if you attend this meal. You will need to pre-register to get a ticket to the banquet and a logo t-shirt.

The contest will be held at Big Oak River Camp (<http://www.bigoakrivercamp.com>) along the beautiful Nueces River at 32598 SH 55, Camp Wood, TX 78833. Big Oak River Camp offers tent camping, RV camping, and Log cabin accommodations. Plan to make reservations for both Friday and Saturday nights. Reservations may be made by calling Big Oak River Camp at (830) 597-5280. Check-in will be between 8:00 – 10:00 pm on Friday Evening, May 5. Contest fishing begins Saturday morning (May 6) at sunrise. All entrants will be required to report fishing results between 5:00 – 5:30 pm at the check-in site. The awards banquet will begin at 6pm.



Registration Fee: \$20.00 plus a freshwater fly of your choice; Location: Big Oak River Park; Registration check-in: Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 10:00 pm; Contest fishing: Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Sunrise to 5:00pm; Awards Banquet: Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm; Trophies and Prizes: Trophies and prizes for 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, and an honorable mention for each of the 3 categories. Twelve prizes in total.

For additional information and registration forms:  
<http://alamoflyfishers.com/bud-priddy-2017/>

## Fly of the Month:

### Crystal River Shrimp

By Brandon Miller,  
Tied By Chris Summers



#### Materials:

**Hook:** DiaRiki 930, Size #2, or similar saltwater hook (Mustad 3407/34007, Daiichi 2546)  
**Thread:** 140 Denier – Red  
**Eyes:** Red Dumb Bell, Medium  
**Tail:** Polar Chenille, Gold UV  
**Legs:** Sili Legs, Fire Orange  
**Body:** Cactus Chenille, Root beer, Medium  
**Wing:** Arctic Fox, Tan

#### Tying Instructions:

1. Tie in thread and wrap back about two hook eye lengths. Tie in dumb bell eye. Wrap a base of thread to the bend of the hook.



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## **Fly of the Month:** *Continued*

2. Tie in UV Polar Chenille at a point above hook point. Palmer chenille 4 or 5 wraps. Tie off and cut chenille.



3. Tie in a pair of sili legs, extending down both sides of the tail. Trim one leg to the length of the tail and one leg about ¼ of the length of the tail.



4. Tie in Cactus Chenille and palmer to the dumb bell eyes. Tie off and cut chenille.



5. Cut off a pencil sized bunch of tan Arctic Fox fur, clean out the underfur and trim to the length of the fly. Tie in between hook eye and dumb bell eyes. Whip finish and cement wraps.





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For additional information, check out the Texas FlyFishers 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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