

# WindKnots

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## Summertime!

*The living is easy, Fish are jumpin'!* so go the lyrics of the Gershwin tune. And, while summer doesn't officially begin for another month, it's already beginning to feel a lot like it's already here. The days are getting longer, the sun is getting higher, the wind is strong from the south and, the waders and other winter wear has been moved to its traditional spot in the back of the closet.

Summertime also means its election time for the Texas FlyFishers. As required in the Club's by-laws, the first order of business at the June Monthly Meeting is for the membership to elect its leadership for the upcoming year. The positions to be voted on are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in serving as an office or, would like to nominate a fellow member for one of the positions listed above, contact Club President Marcos Enriquez or, one of the other current officers.

We also have some great outings to look forward to. On the freshwater side, Don Puckett will be leading the Annual South Llano Float Trip out of Junction, Texas. Arriving at the campsites on June 23, you will float and fish the South Fork of the Llano River for the next two days for Largemouth and Guadalupe Bass, Rio Grande Perch, and other assorted panfish. A kayak or canoe will be needed to make the trip and, if you don't have access to one, you can make arrangements to rent one from one of the local livery's in the area. *Continued on Page 2*



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## **Summertime** - *Continued:*

Lodging is available but running out fast and, there are still plenty of camping sites available. For more details, check out the outing announcement on Club website for more details and contact information. There is no freshwater outing currently scheduled for July or August but, if you have a spot and you would like to lead an outing, please contact Outings Chair Don "Puck" Puckett.

If your tastes lean to the saltier side of the fly line, June 10<sup>th</sup> we will travel to Rockport / Fulton for the Fence Lake Outing. Fence Lake is a small, shallow water bay nestled between Aransas Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. We will be fishing mostly from our kayaks but, most of the lake can be easily waded. We will ferried, along with our kayaks, aboard the M/V Skimmer, located at the Fulton Municipal Docks, directly behind Charlotte Plummer,s Seafood Restaurant. Chris Sumers will be the leader for this outing. More information on this outing can be found on the club's website. There is a detailed outing planner attached to the announcement. Space aboard the Skimmer is limited to 12 and, the spots are filling up quickly so, if you are planning on making this trip, you need to confirm with the



outing leader. While this is a one day outing, the Rockport / Aransas Pass area offers many other opportunities for DIY fishing from your kayak so, you might want to consider spending an extra day. There are no group accommodations planned for this outing so, you might want to make your own room or camping reservations.

In July, we have the Annual Port O'Connor One Fly and, in August we are planning on a trip to the Bolivar Peninsula. The dates and details for these outings have not been set but, check with the club website as the details become available.

Winding up summertime is the club's annual Mini Expo. This is a one day exposition where the club shows off its own. Members will be on hand for fly tying demonstration and instruction, fly casting lessons and travel presentations. The date, times, location and other details about the expo will posted the club website.

I hope you will make plans to take part in one or more of these events. Its going to be a great summertime. *Thank you, Chris Sumers, Windknots Editor!*

## **The Auction 2017:**

Now that another auction is behind us, we can take a deep breath and relax. We have almost forgotten how to do this.

This year we tried a different venue and it proved to be a great decision. Sitting on the covered porch with a cold beverage in hand seemed to be the way to go. The new site also had nicely mowed lawns which gave us the ability to hold casting lessons and games.

Ron Mayfield and Jeff Ferguson did a great job with the casting and games. *Continued*



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## The Auction 2017 - Continued:

Ron gets a special thank you. He picked up items before the auction, made rod racks for displaying the rods and assisted with both set up and tear down while holding casting classes in between.



A huge thank you goes out to Lauren Gustartis and Tracy Quigley. On the day of the auction these two ladies were everywhere, making sure that everything went smoothly. From start to finish they were an incredible army of two and we could not have done it without them.

Raymond Lindeen is another whose presence was felt throughout the day. He arrived early with our bank, made himself available throughout the day for those paying with credit cards and with assistance from Russel Cowart, took care of the payments at the end of the auction...While most of us would have been grinding our teeth, he was still smiling at the end of the day.

Since the day was so lovely, we set up the registration at the entrance to the porch. We then left Alex Blacque there to bake in the sun for the next several hours. He finally got a reprieve so we could take his money at the live auction. Thanks Alex.

A special thanks goes out to Jim Richards, Russell Cowart, Mike Graham, John Purcell, Chris Sumers, Don Puckett, Barry Sandler, Marcos Enrique and Mike Quigley. These are a special group of guys who can always be counted on when help is needed. We don't even have to ask, they are just there.

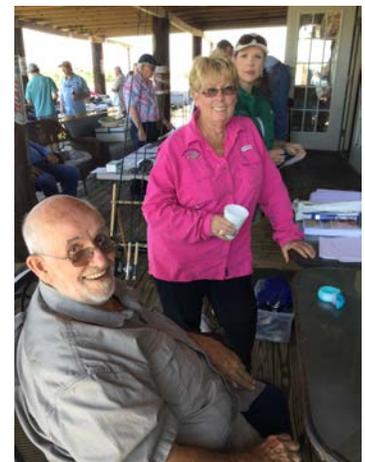
As with all events, this year's auction was not without its pitfalls and mishaps. These have been noted for next year.

The Bayou Sports Bar and Grill proved to be a good choice for our auction. Their grounds were perfect for our needs and the owner and staff proved to be great hosts for our event. We have been invited back and the date of May 5<sup>th</sup> has been secured for next year.

Thank you to all our members for their support. Once again we have proved that all things are possible if we do them together as a club.

Please remember to thank all of our donors and guides when using their products and services. They make the auction possible.

Over and out! *The Donovans are off to Alaska.*





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

### **Monthly Meeting:**

**Tuesday, May 30, 2017:** Our speaker for the May monthly meeting will be Shannon Branham. Shannon guides on numerous Colorado waters including the Crystal River, Elk Trout and 3 Rivers Ranch in addition to guiding float trips on the Colorado and Roaring Fork rivers. Shannon also ties flies and is credited with designing the fly named the "Trash Can" which is an articulated streamer pattern available from Orvis. So, if you are interested in fly fishing for brown, cutthroat and/or rainbow trout or are just interested in watching some fly tying before the meeting and socializing with some friendly fly fishermen and women come to the May 30, 2017 meeting, we would be glad to have you.



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 and fly tying starts at 6:30pm and the meeting kicks off at 7:00 pm. *And*, don't forget the casting instruction taking place outside (weather permitting), beginning around 6:00 pm

### **Education:**

The Texas Flyfishers of Houston is proud to announce a Two Day Flyrod Building Class taught by Kenny Murph. Ken is one of the premier custom rod builders in the Gulf Coast Area.

The class will begin on Saturday, the 27th of May and finish up the following Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. Class will start promptly at 10 AM and end around 5:00 PM each day. It will be held at Fishing Tackle Unlimited on the south access road of I-10.

The Registration fee will be fifty dollars. For those who wish to attend this class contact Joe Burton at (two ate one) 2fifty five – three four five 9 or, via e-mail at burtonjoe25(at)gmail.com with your contact information as soon as possible. Seating is limited for this workshop so early sign-up is strongly advised.

### **Outings: -**

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

#### ***Freshwater - 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 and, they are filling up fast. Deposit for lodging locks your 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



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## **Outings** - Continued:

### **Saltwater - 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 Cash, Per Person (does not include tip) payable at the dock, the morning of the outing. Space is limited for 12 kayaks. There are no plans for group sleeping accommodations.

<https://texasflyfishers.files.wordpress.com/2017/04/june-2017-sw-outing-fence-lake.pdf>

**Trip Leader:** Chris Summers; **Phone:** (two 8 one) 6 nine 2 – ate nine six two; **e-mail:** csumers(at)Comcast(dot)net

### **Reel Recovery:**

No report this month but, if you are interested in being part of this fine outreach group or, you know someone battling cancer that might benefit from being part of an outing, contact Dave Steffek

### **Outings Reports:**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clarke Thornton Memorial**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clarke Thornton Memorial San Marcos River Trip was a success once again. For those of you who did not join us, you missed one of Mother Nature's perfect days on the water.

Our group of 11, some having camped out at Spencer's Shady Grove Campground the night before, assembled at 8:30 am for a pre-trip meeting with our host, Kevin Hutchison. Once information of the days paddle was explained, it was off for the car shuttle to the take out at Staples Crossing. Shortly after 9 am we were on the water for what turned out to be an eventful day.

We had some turnovers, one lost rod (the River Gods claim at least one lost or broken rod every year before they are appeased). This was balanced out by perfect weather and a great shore lunch.

Following lunch, Kevin gave a demonstration on casting a large/heavy fly with a light weight rod. I think he may have used a conventional spinner bait for part of his demonstration. It is all technique. While this works for him, I am not sure about the rest of us.

Fish were caught by most, as were brush and trees. The San Marcos is a great river to practice your casting skills. Catching fish is just a bonus for spending such a lovely day on the water.

Two perfect weekends in a row. When did that happen last?

We were off the river and loaded up by 5 pm. Once again, Kevin Hutchison and the San Marcos river proved to be an unbeatable team. Thanks, Kevin. *Report Submitted by Skip and Mary Kay.*

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## **Outings Reports - Continued:**

There was no Saltwater Outing this month but, one of our traveling members, Joe Nicklo submitted this brief report and great photos of a recent trip to the Rockies. Thanks, Joe

### **Joe Nicklo and Nicolas Lestrer go to the Rockies**

Nicolas Lestrer and I just spent three-wonderful days on the Taylor River in beautiful Colorado. If the "The tug is the drug" then, I am hooked ... for life! I love hunting and casting to these beautiful rainbow trout. Their color is attributable to the mysis shrimp in their diet. My HMG Mysis pattern was the ticket and the most productive pattern I fished all three-days.



*Report submitted by Joe Nicklo. Photos by Joe Nicklo and Nicholas Lester*

## **Mark Your Calendars:**

### **Meetings:**

**Tuesday, July 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".

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## Mark Your Calendars – Continued:

### **August - The Annual Mini Expo:** *Details to be announced*

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### **Eva's Bonefish Lodge Invitational, Andros, Bahamas:**

For you traveling anglers, here is an opportunity in which you might be interested. If you were in attendance at the April Monthly Meeting, you will remember Jason Edgecombe and Leo Lovesee telling us about a new event taking place this fall. It's the First Annual Eva's Bonefish Lodge Invitational Bonefish Tournament.

“This year's dates are October 5<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and, November 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Entry Fees are \$4,100.00 and \$4,800.00. The only thing which is not covered is airfare. We're looking for three teams of two, will help with paring single persons that would like to attend. Each team will be sharing a room with two queen beds and private bath, meals are included and prepared by private chef. Entry fee and license and transportation to and from airport is included, along with team boat and guide. You can also check the web site Eva's Bonefish Lodge - Andros Island, [evasbonefishinglodge.com](http://evasbonefishinglodge.com) , for dates and rates for planning future trips to world class bonefishing adventures. Sincerely Leo Lovesee, Cell 318-458-1293, e-mail [vipalohakai@gmail.com](mailto:vipalohakai@gmail.com) .”



## Fly of the Month:

### Foam Popper Bug By Jack Hartford / Scott Nordny Tied By Chris Summers



#### Materials:

- Hook:** Mustad 3366, Size 6  
**Thread:** 140 Denier – Black or Chartreuse  
**Body / Wing:** 2 mm Black Foam with Sticky Back, 1mm Lime Foam, Cut to 5/16" Width.  
**Legs:** Barred Sili Legs, Olive / Black Barred

#### Tying Instructions:

1. Wrap a base of thread to the bend of the hook and, back to the eye.



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

2. Tie in foam, leaving one hook eye length behind the eye. Tie the foam down in segments to the bend of the hook and then, criss cross back up to the tie in point.



3. Bend foam back towards the eye and tie in to create a head. Trim foam to the length of desired wing.



4. Bend foam back towards the bend and tie in to finish the head and create the head.



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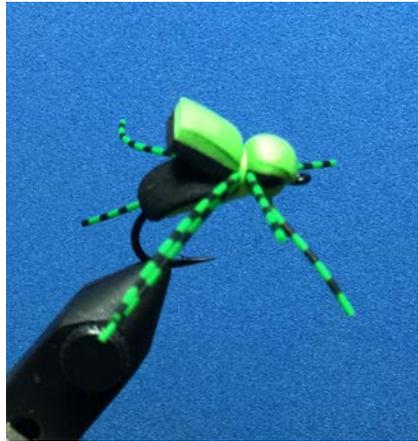
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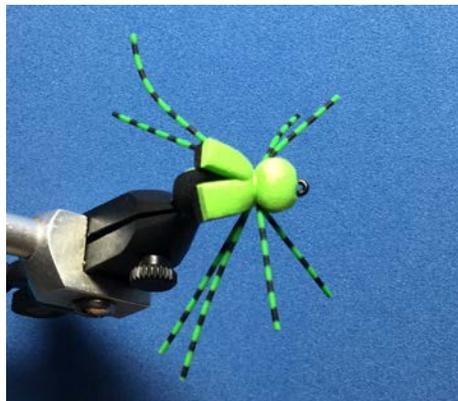
5. Tie in two barred sili legs on each side. Tie off and whip finish. Cement wraps.



5. Trim wing to length.



5. Split wing down the center line and, go fishing.





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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

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