

Windknots

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It's Time For a Little Business

Just when you thought we put it behind us, it's election time...*again*. Every June the Texas FlyFishers membership elects the officers that will steer the club and its activities for the next year.

The positions at stake are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Any member in good standing can have their name placed in nominated for one of these positions. Nominations must be submitted to the Election Committee prior to the meeting. The floor is open to all nominations and motions. The actual vote is an open ballot, tallied by a show of hands or by voice acclamation. The only qualification to vote is that your name must be on the current membership roster, which will be presented by the Membership Secretary. *Note: Annual membership dues are due by July 1, 2016.* To be elected, all you need is to receive a simple majority of the votes.

The new slate of officers will manage the affairs of Texas FlyFishers for the next fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. If you have any questions concerning nominations or the election in general, please contact the club president, Marcos Enriquez or one of the other board members.

And, after the election, keep in mind that these four officers cannot do it all alone. Committees will need to be filled and volunteer help is always needed. If you want to participate as a committee chairman, committee member, or some type of ad hoc advisor, please step forward and inform any of the officers. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and, in the process, you will learn much about the sport of fly fishing. *Tight loops!*

Editors Note: As you will notice, this month's issue of Windknots is slightly abbreviated. This is due to an opportunity to fish the tarpon rich waters of Trinidad. I will be back with a full issue in July. Thanks, Chris

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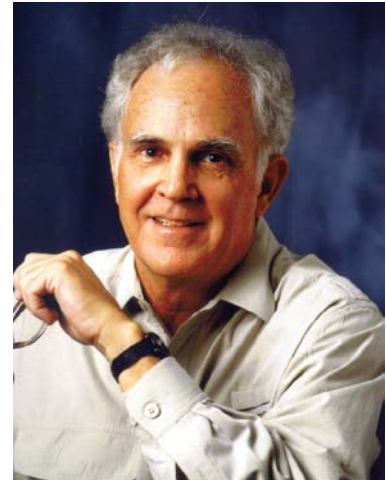


Here's What's Coming Up!

Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday, June 27, 2017: Our speaker for the June monthly meeting will be Phil Shook who will be making a presentation titled: "Tarpon and Bonefish and Permit! Oh Maya! – Flyfishing the Yucatan from a Lodge or On Your Own".

Phil is a nationally known flyfishing writer and instructor whose stories have appeared in *Field & Stream*, *Outdoor Life*, *Flyfishing in Saltwaters*, *Saltwater Sportsman*, *Fly Fisherman*, *Texas Parks & Wildlife*, *Texas Sporting Journal* and other magazines. His outdoor writing, angling and travel assignments have taken him from Cape Cod, MA to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico and from Hudson Bay Manitoba to Caracas, Venezuela. He is the author of *Flyfisher's Guide to Mexico*, *Flyfisher's Guide to Texas*, *Flyfisher's Guide to the Northeast Coast* and co-author, with Chuck Scates and David Sams, of *Flyfishing the Texas Coast: Backcountry Flats to Blue Water*. He has received the Arnold Gingrich Memorial Award and the Silver King Award from the International Federation of Flyfishers for contributions to the literature of fly fishing. He and his wife, Kit, live in Houston.



So, if you are interested in fly fishing opportunities in the Yucatan, want to watch some fly tying before the meeting or just want to hang out with some friendly fly fisherman and women come on out to the June 27, 2017 meeting- we would be glad to have you. As an additional incentive to making this monthly meeting, you will want to note that Phil will be donating a copy of the Mexico guidebook and a boxed selection of his favorite Yucatan fly patterns to the club. See you at the meeting!

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 2017 schedule of courses has been completed. Throughout the remainder of the year, we may offer other classes so watch the website for the announcements, dates and times.

Outings: -

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.



Outings - Freshwater - South Llano River Float Trip - Continued:

<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 - The 2017 Port O'Connor "Una Mosca", July 27 - 28, 2017

<https://texasflyfishers.org/2017/06/16/the-2017-port-oconnor-una-mosca/>

Trip Leader: Mike Graham; **Phone:** ((832) 29(ate)-38 five five); **email:** (mgraham(dash)rrsm(AT)comcast(DOT)net)

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

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:

Due to time constraints, the June Saltwater Outing to Fence Lake and, the Annual South Llano River Float Trip will appear in the July issue of *Windknots*.

Members Reports: From Elaine Dietz

I just wanted to brag on Martin.

I took him and a friend of his from Dallas to a competition in New York this past weekend. The boys were able to be a part of a team with two others from PA (one and adult and one a youth like Martin). Their team placed 2nd! Team Trutta.

Individually Martin won 4th! First and second place are currently adults on the US Men's Team, 3rd was a gentleman that is expected to make the US Men's Team this year! He and his team mates worked together to share tactics, flies, and other helpful advise for weeks leading up to the event and each night before competition. The adult that placed 3rd (and beat Martin), was in the boat with Martin for the lake session. He wasn't catching anything until the last thirty minutes when Martin gave him one of his flies! Makes me proud that he was willing to help someone even if it meant they might beat him! Later he told me, "I just want to see people catch fish. It's terrible when you're not catching anything."

Martin and his two other friends will be competing in the US Youth Fly Fishing Team Nation competition in North Carolina June 23-25. At the moment there are 33 competitors. If he places in the top 12 he will make the team. Of those 12 they will work with them over the year, and choose 5 for the world competition next summer.

| # | Team | Name | Group | Session | Score |
|----|--------------|----------------|-------|---------|-------|
| 1 | Freestone 1 | Pat Weiss | C | 1 | 5 |
| 2 | Freestone 1 | Loren Williams | D | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | Headwaters 1 | Nick Bell | A | 4 | 2 |
| 4 | Trutta | Martin Dietz | B | 1 | 6 |
| 5 | Trutta | Ben Broscius | D | 3 | 1 |
| 6 | Trutta | John Anderson | C | 2 | 3 |
| 7 | Freestone 2 | Ken Crane | B | 6 | 3 |
| 8 | Trutta | Nick Greenberg | A | 3 | 1 |
| 9 | Freestone 2 | Zak Carter | B | 3 | 1 |
| 10 | Headwaters 1 | Petr Sekac | C | 5 | 1 |
| 11 | Headwaters | Przemek | D | 2 | 3 |

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Members Reports – Continued:

The team going to Slovenia this summer had to make the team last summer. They also coach the boys and work together on a conservation project.

Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. He has been very blessed to have so many people encourage him, especially all of you with the club!

Thanks so much for letting me share my excitement! Elaine

Mark Your Calendars:

Meetings:

Tuesday, July 25, 2017: Jim Gray, President of the Texas Council. Jim's presentation will address among other things, the benefits of FFI membership and what is in store for the Texas Council.

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August - The Annual Mini Expo: *August 26, 2017*

Times, location and other information to be announced.

Fly of the Month:

Fly of the Month will return in July.





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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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