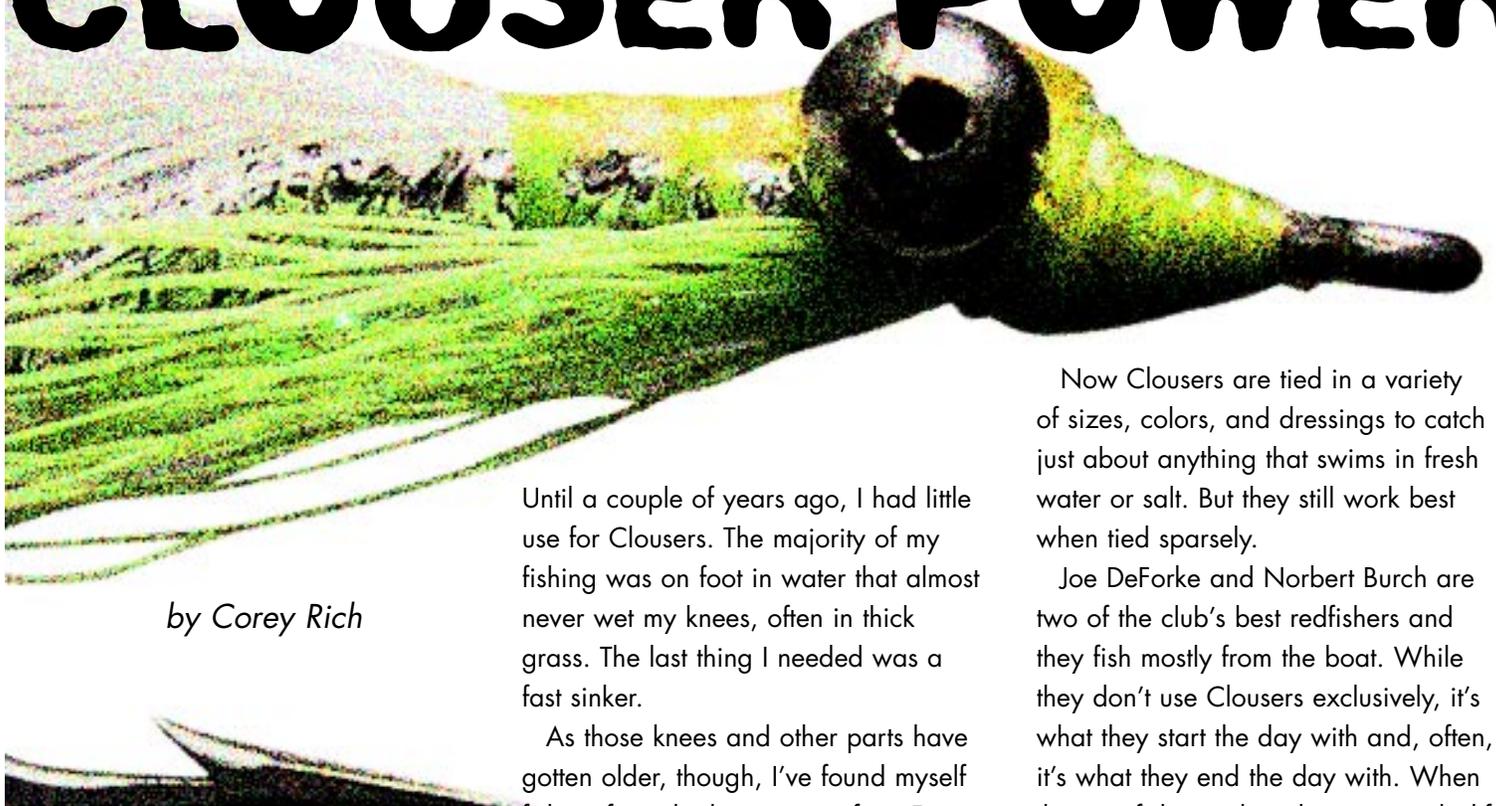


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CLOUSER POWER



by Corey Rich

Until a couple of years ago, I had little use for Clousers. The majority of my fishing was on foot in water that almost never wet my knees, often in thick grass. The last thing I needed was a fast sinker.

As those knees and other parts have gotten older, though, I've found myself fishing from the boat more often. From the boat there's usually less time to get the fly in front of the fish, and it has to get down quickly. That's what Clouser power is all about.

The Clouser Deep Minnow was originally developed by Bob Clouser of Pennsylvania to fish for smallmouth bass in clear, flowing water. The original design was tied very sparsely so it would sink quickly in the current.

Now Clousers are tied in a variety of sizes, colors, and dressings to catch just about anything that swims in fresh water or salt. But they still work best when tied sparsely.

Joe DeForke and Norbert Burch are two of the club's best redfishers and they fish mostly from the boat. While they don't use Clousers exclusively, it's what they start the day with and, often, it's what they end the day with. When the pair fish together, they start with different colored Clousers, one with chartreuse over white, the other with olive over white, until they determine what the fish like or don't like. If one of those color combinations gets refused more than once, off it goes and another combination gets tied on until they find out what the reds are eating that day.

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President's Corner

BY JERRY "BUGGYWHIP" LORING
President, Texas Flyfishers

At a recent monthly Club meeting, Frank Schlicht mentioned an initiative with the Boy Scouts of America regarding the new fly fishing merit badge. Frank asked for volunteers to assist when the Scouts ask us to participate in merit badge counseling. The response from our club was very encouraging.

If you get involved, be assured it will be very interesting and enjoyable. In 1995, I participated in two Scouting camporees, one at Camp Strake, and the other at Eisenhower Park on Lake Houston. The events were loads of fun, plus I was served a genuine Scout-cooked meal. The format was similar at both events. Every thirty minutes or so, a new troop of Scouts scampered up to my table and I would start anew my field presentation on fly fishing. In 1995, fly fishing was part of the fishing merit badge. Due to the interaction and interest of the Scouts, it was not the least bit boring. They were eager to learn and couldn't wait to get that fly rod in their hands. Both days were a blast.

This new fly fishing merit badge will be more intense, with a formal set of

requirements. Quite a list of requirements it is. I paraphrase, but here are the ten basic requirements:

1. Match a fly rod, line and leader.
2. Cast with the overhead and roll techniques.
3. Tie knots used in fly fishing.
4. Explain and tie six flies: wet, dry, nymphs, poppers, streamers, and bass bugs.
5. On the water, find insects and match the hatch.
6. Explain injuries that could occur during fly fishing and related first aid.
7. Explain the concept of "Leave No Trace" while fishing.
8. Review the local fishing regulation booklet.
9. Explain good outdoor sportsman-like behavior and how the Outdoor Code of the Boy Scouts of America relates.
10. Catch two different kinds of fish. Release one and cook the other.

The Federation of Fly Fishers is strongly behind this fly fishing merit badge,

and is encouraging local chapters (that's us) to help begin a dialog with the Scout chapters. I hope TFF can play a role in counseling for this merit badge. This effort clearly fits the stated purposed in our by-laws to promote the sport of fly fishing and to provide a forum for the exchange of information between fly fishers.

Thanks to all of you who expressed an interest in the Boy Scout merit badge. If that doesn't float your boat, maybe participating on another committee would, like the Redfish Rodeo committee, or the Sunfish Spectacular committee, or the Fly Tying Festival, or the auction committee, or the education committee, or the special events committee. All these events and committees are hallmarks of our Club. Each has a committee head who would appreciate a little assistance from a volunteer like you. These events are listed in the *Windknots*. Jump on board, the boat shoves off from the dock at dawn. 

Jerry "Buggywhip" Loring

Upcoming Events

February 25, 2003

Monthly club meeting featuring Chuck Uzzle, who guides in the Sabine Lake area east of Houston. 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on I-10 between Antoine and Silber.

March 15, 2003

Texas Flyfishers Annual Auction. This is our major fundraiser of the year, a great place to buy equipment, art, fishing trips and more. See the separate article in this issue for more details. 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Bethany Christian Church on Westheimer between River Oaks Boulevard and Kirby Drive, one block east of Lamar High School.

March 25, 2003

Monthly club meeting featuring Bill

Waldron, former TFFer who moved to the hill country and has taken up the prosperous life of a fishing guide there. 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.

Clouser Power

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Joe and Norbert will switch to orange over white, red over white, red over yellow, and all black if the starting lineup needs to be replaced. Usually something will work. If not, they'll switch to another pattern entirely, generally a seaducer. Some days the fish just don't eat, no matter what you throw at them.

As for size, Joe and Norbert usually use a size 4. So do Tira and I when we're fishing for reds. Redfish eat small things, unlike speckled trout, which like a huge meal followed by a couple of days of rest.

A couple of years ago Tira discovered that winter redfish over light sand will eat a black Clouser when nothing else will tempt them. This is shallow water wading, and the fly is scooting along the bottom, not swimming and jiggling through the water column. This defies (or maybe proves) conventional wisdom. All my life I've heard that the fly should match the surroundings in color and shade, because prey has adapted so as not to stand out and be obvious to predators. A contrasting bait is not "natural." If you think about it, though, the reason

bait has adapted is because those that do stand out are quickly eaten.

Tira has another theory: Under light sand in many places is a layer of dark sand or mud. Worms and burrowing animals probably take on the dark color of the level they inhabit. A black Clouser may look like a worm from down in the substrata that has made a mistake and come to the surface.

During the first weekend in February we found reds and black drum over light sand. They ate chartreuse Clousers for a little while, then turned off. We switched to black Clousers and they started eating again. One of the black drum regurgitated a wad of polychete worms that were dark in color.

Our favorite fly for bonefish in the Bahamas is Jim McVay's Gotcha, a tasty looking morsel that may pass for a shrimp or crab. But I have had pretty good luck with a tan Clouser in size 4 or 6 when the bones are a little deeper. A chartreuse Clouser there is great for small barracuda. It also attracts pesky little schoolmaster fish that always seem to grab the fly just as you pick it up to cast to a bonefish.

Recently, to my surprise, I caught two big sheepshead at the jetties on a size 2

long-winged Clouser in red with a lot of very shiny holographic Flashabou. The fly also took speckled trout, which were my target.

Lefty Kreh has described his Lefty's Deceiver as a style of tying rather than a pattern. That's a pretty apt description of the Clouser Deep Minnow, too. You can use a variety of natural and synthetic materials in all colors of the rainbow and vary the size and weight to fit the situation.

On a Bahamas bonefishing trip a couple of years ago we had the good fortune to be at the same lodge as Lefty for a week. He showed me how he frequently ties Clousers. It's a simplification of the already simple pattern, and it helps keep the fly sparse. He doesn't put any wing material at all on the side of the hook opposite the hook point, only the eyes. On the side with the hook point he ties the wing ahead of the eyes, but not lashed behind them. That's it. I've tied and fished them like that ever since, and they work fine, maybe better than the original design. 

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.

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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NEAR TOWN

Saltwater Fly Fishing

by Captain Chris Phillips

Near Town Saltwater Fly Fishing - Introspections from a fly guy

Winter in the Houston area is not exactly snow and ice, but it still means tough times for us old fly fishing salts. Metabolisms of most fish slow down and they don't eat as much. To make matters worse, they're harder to find because they don't venture into the shallows in a daily, twice daily, or all day search for food. So where does this leave the saltwater fly fishing nuts? Bored, moody, and restless. It's a time for introspection, and we don't even resent having to work.

I remember saying a while back that when I have no clients or guests, usually this time of the year, I sometimes just like to get out on the water and cast for the sheer joy of casting. It dawned on me recently that true saltwater fly fishers must seem a different sort. Odd to some. Think about it. Fly fishing takes years to master. During the learning process, we are rewarded so infrequently that to the outsider, it must seem a waste of time. Why not just pick up a bait casting or spinning outfit and begin to catch fish almost immediately? Sure it does take a little time, effort and willingness to learn the more simple methods and I'll even

go so far to admire the "touch" the more successful conventional lure fishermen seem to have. But in no way does it compare to the pot-holed road of frustration that a typical saltwater fly fisher must travel before reaching the promised land. So why do we do it? Are we natural-born masochists?

I have a theory. One must rationalize if one is to avoid being odd for no particular reason. Many of us just have to do some things the hard way but I know of no person, once he or she becomes a skilled fly caster, who does not prefer to fly fish out of sense of conviction. It's almost like we are converts to a religion, though the parallel stops there since I don't want to offend anyone. The truly religious choose the difficult path of selflessness because deep within themselves they want to do what they feel is right. I'm not talking about loudmouth, intolerant idiots who seek to control or kill those who think differently, but about the folks who walk their path of life in quiet dignity. To those of us deeply hooked, fly fishing is a second religion. Some of us may chuck bait or lures when conditions or species dictate, but we won't go to fishing hell because we don't feel as good about it, and as believers, we prefer to fly fish when we can. Like a friend of mine says, catching a big fish on anything but a fly will still bring a smile to my face, but not a grin.

Forgive me if you do not fly fish. I don't mean to imply that bait and lure fishing is low on the morality scale like long liners, gill netters or trawlers. Many from your group have done wonders for conservation and improvements in our coastal fisheries although I would be remiss not to point out that ideas for serious conservation such as habitat protection and catch and release did begin with us fly fishers. I believe that most of you guys are on board the conservation

wagon and those who are not might be but for the sentiments of a few, especially a handful of guides, outdoor writers and other loudmouths whose words cannot be disguised as anything more than selfishness or greed. The current trout debate is a good example of this, although lately I have noticed a subtle shift in philosophy from some of the more influential outdoor writers, which pleases me.

What distinguishes fly fishing from other recreational angling methods is that it isn't about the fish. To an extent, the lure throwers are not far behind in their preference of a method that requires more skill and sometimes rewards less than the bait chunkers. I am a little tickled though, by their misplaced efforts to limit croaker soaking by the guides, but retain most of their limits for themselves. Maybe it's because I'm older now, but looking back at myself and the many fly fishing folks I have taught over the years, the simple goal of catching fish was never the draw. Our fulfillment comes from something else. It had better. Who the heck would work so hard to become better at doing something the hard way?

Don't laugh, but I think of myself as like a long distance runner. It's faster and easier to drive, but as they say, if you don't make the effort to get fit and run distance, you will never know the runner's "high." I can't say that I've actually tested their theory, but I can relate. Truly addicted fly fishers do get a fly fisher's high. Fortunately it doesn't usually cause us to go to the hospital with heat exhaustion or dehydration or drive down the highway going 25 miles an hour. It's just awfully expensive.

I think most of us are drawn to fly fishing first by personal challenge and curiosity, two traits the intelligent members of our species tend to display more than



the dim-witted. However, let me make a distinction between curiosity, which is innate, and personal challenge, which is not. We are curious animals but we are also born, I believe, highly competitive. We form groups, associations, countries, to get the upper hand on the other guys. Success is measured by dominance, when we out-compete each other or nature. Until recently, progress was defined by dominating and exploiting nature, which we considered both our nemesis and boundless benefactor. That we must challenge others or compete with the natural world is human nature at its most instinctual. And let's face it, we prove time and time again that we have not evolved beyond our instincts. Heck, we even recreate competitively. Maybe it's our darker side. Maybe not. I like to think that fly fishing, like some other pursuits such as running, mountain climbing, hiking, birding, and I could go on but I won't, add an element of personal competition or challenge to our competitive nature, something not so instinctual. Some, albeit a few, have always felt that to coexist with nature and meet personal challenges brought a kind of happiness or contentment that "success" and "progress" could not offer. Henry David Thoreau probably wasn't the first to figure this out, and the word has spread. Fly fishing, as human endeavors go, is the kinder, gentler form of fishing which allows us coexist more easily with nature, but it gives us more than just that. It gives us that personal challenge.

Fly fishing also brings me closer to nature than anything I have ever done. Maybe it's because the methods are hundreds of years old, and even though the materials are space-age, the equipment is still rather simple in function. Maybe it's because the act of casting and fly presentation is an art in itself and is

harmonious and beautiful to watch and feel. It is at the same time so technically difficult to learn yet so simple, like nature itself.

I'm not proud of it, but there's another reason why I love fly fishing. It makes me smug. When bragging time comes around in conversation with other fishing folk, as it always does, I don't have to compete in the "who catches the most fish" stories. I just say "I'm a fly fisherman." It's the ultimate fishing trump card. Sometimes you can add "It's all I do" for dramatic effect. It always brings me a grudging respect and sometimes even a little resentment from non-fly fishers. I enjoy it either way.

Anyway, now you know why I fly fish, but you don't have to give up on saltwater fly fishing and mope around philosophizing until May or June just because it's tough out there. Get out and look around. Enjoy the bay, the birds, the marsh and occasional winter sunshine. It sure beats sitting at home. The fish have to eat sometime. If the weather turns peaceful for a few days and water temperatures climb into the low 60's, the fish will get hungry. Maybe try something a little different. Some fish such as sheepshead are more plentiful and easier to catch over the winter months. Fish the rocks along the jetties, or really, any piles of rocks, shell beds or rip rap in the bays on days when the weather is settled and the water is reasonably clear. Find hard structure and you will find sheepshead. Small natural colored shrimp imitations and small brown sea-ducers and similar flies (not the gaudy stuff) can be very effective, but remember to fish them right up in the rocks and use weed guards. Often you will be able to sight cast at the sheepshead. Over shallow reefs and rip rap, they will feed face down and wave their tails just like a redfish. Their silver and black

convict stripes are easy to see in the water. Sheepshead will not usually chase after a fly like a redfish or trout, but will pounce on a well presented, slowly moving fly. The trick is to cast very close, so that they can see the fly. Allow it to sink to the bottom and rest. If the sheepshead moves over for a closer look, twitch the fly and allow it to sink to a rest again. Hooking a sheepshead is somewhat a matter of luck. They have a mouth full of molars and sometimes you just can't stick them. It may help if they swim or turn away with the fly before you strip strike, but you will lose as many as you land. Usually if you find one, you can be assured that there are others near by and even if you miss one, the others will begin feeding again very quickly.

Over this next year, I want to talk a little more about conservation topics and maybe tell a few more stories like old folks should, and write less on the usual how to and where to. That can get a little redundant. It may help a little if you let me know what you want to read about, too. I'm working at the new Cut Rate store now - Fishing Tackle Unlimited - so come by and see me or give me a call. 

Tight Lines and Screaming Reels,
Chris

Captain Chris Phillips is a Galveston Bay and offshore fly fishing guide and can be reached at 1-409-935-0208 or come and see him at the new, huge Cut Rate store - Fishing Tackle Unlimited (on I-45 South just inside the Beltway at the Fuqua exit; 281-481-6838) for free advice on equipment, flies, destinations or if you just want to talk fishing.

Festival Success





Call for Recommendations

This budget year the executive board approved donations to three different conservation programs. Each is a \$500 contribution. Any worthwhile program or effort will be considered. If you have a recommendation, please forward your thoughts about it to the executive board via Frank Schlicht or Jerry Loring, whose telephone numbers appear elsewhere in this issue.

Conservation of our fisheries is one of the founding principles of the Texas Flyfishers. We have contributed in years past to the Galveston Bay Foundation and the Coastal Conservation Association. Both are huge contributors to conservation in their respective arenas. Are we overlooking other groups and issues? Please forward your ideas and passions.

Jerry Loring

Big Outings

by Tom Lyons

Our illustrious treasurer, Bruce Heiberg, came up with the idea that we should set up our outings schedule for the full year and find leaders for some of the "Big Outings." (See the schedule elsewhere in this issue – Ed.) I was detailed to do a bass outing in mid-April and volunteered for a saltwater outing in the fall.

I have been successful in the arranging the fall outing beyond my fondest dreams! I have scheduled a full weekend with Billy Sandifer surf fishing on North Padre Island. We will be fishing for jacks and anything else around if the jack fishing turns sour. I have Billy booked for a weekend that he and I will choose. We are looking at the end of September or early October.

The logistics are not fully developed yet, but I do know we will be camping on the beach and whoever comes will either need a four wheel drive vehicle or be with someone who has one. Those who aren't into camping can stay in the

city and run out and meet the rest of us each morning. The camping idea was Billy's and he will be staying with us on the beach. The Club has agreed to pay one day of Billy's fee (\$400). The participants will come up with the remaining \$400 plus the tip. I plan on dividing the \$400 plus 15% of \$800 by the number of participants, making that figure the price of admission. I will start sign-ups for this event at the next meeting and will expect payment in advance later this summer before including anyone in on this outing.

Billy says we will convoy down the beach until we see signs of feeding fish and he will set us up to ambush them as they go by. It will be more like a hunt than anything else but the chance to get a jack on a fly makes it all sound worth the effort.

For the April bass outing I am looking at a place in Damon (not Seven Lakes) run by the Great Texas Bass Club. I will check this place out in the next few weeks and publish the particulars on the web site and in the *Windknots*. I want to get us into a place where we can get some topwater bass action. If this place doesn't work I am looking at Columbia Lakes. I know the topwater action is good there in April. 

Stay tuned for further developments!

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Contact Jeff Gregory at jefflgregory@yahoo.com or call 281-550-1016 for more information.

Proposed Outings Schedule.

Here is our proposed outings schedule for 2003 and early 2004. We're doing it a little differently this year. 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 8, 2003	Port Mansfield saltwater outing. This is a boat trip only. 1. Captains: if you have a boat or can get one, please sign up and say if you can take someone else. 2. Crew: if you need a ride, sign up as available crew and a captain may invite you, space available. Contact Tom Lyons for sign-up and details, tflyons@aol.com .
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: cthorton@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 Christie, 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, cthorton@ehshouston.org ,
May 17, 2003	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 7, 2003	West Matagorda Bay. Contact TBA.
June 13-15, 2003	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 21, 2003	Double Lake, Coldspring, Texas. Walk-ins, canoe or kayak. Contact Clarke Thornton for sign-up and details. cthorton@ehshouston.org .
July 12, 2003	Crystal Lake. Walk-in, canoe or kayak; alligators. Contact Clarke Thornton for sign-up and details. cthorton@ehshouston.org .
July 19, 2003	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.
October 2, 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.

GOING ONCE.

Going once, going twice, SOLD! Sound like an auction? You bet. It's our annual Texas Flyfishers auction coming up on March 15th at the Bethany Christian Church on Westheimer between River Oaks Blvd. and Kirby, just east of Lamar High School.

This is the club's major fund-raiser for the year, and it's a lot of fun. Make plans to be there to buy great fishing

gear, guided trips, artwork, and much, much more.

The silent auction will begin at 10 a.m. There will be a terrific spaghetti lunch at about noon. The live auction will begin immediately after lunch and will end around 2:30.

The auction is a great opportunity to donate some of those not-often-used fishing and related treasures so someone

else can enjoy them. That way you'll have room for your new auction purchases. If you have items to donate, bring them to the February club meeting or drop them by Orvis or I Fly, the Angler's Edge.

I hope you are making plans to attend the auction this year. Mark your calendars now for March 15th. See you there.

Rick Rawls, Auction Chairman

Intermediate Fly Tying Course

The Intermediate Fly Tying Course begins Thursday, March

13th. If you want to enroll, come to the Bethany Christian

Church at 6:30 that evening to sign up. The church is on

Westheimer between Buffalo Speedway and Kirby, one block

east of Lamar High School. Bring your tying tools, and con-

tact Frank Schlicht at 281-437-6915 prior to the class to

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Information and articles should be submitted before the second week of each month.

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Norbert Burch
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