

Rockport Fly Fishers

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The President's Note

By Mike Cook

As most of you know Stacy Trimble has been the real driving force behind the Rockport Fly Fishers. She was the one that got a small group of local fly fishers together that eventually formed our club. As vice-president she arranged our meetings, scheduled speakers, set us up for events and pretty much ran roughshod over the board of directors. Stacy recently accepted a new job that requires her to travel extensively and as a result she has resigned from the board. We will all miss Stacy's enthusiasm and friendly smile. I for one will certainly miss her organization skills as well. Please join me in wishing Stacy good luck with her new career. She will still be around on occasion and I'm sure she will attend as many functions as she can. Stacy's resignation leaves an open position on the board of directors. If anyone is interested please contact me or any of the other board members.

I have some more bad news for you. We were unable to get the speaker we wanted for our January meeting. Captain Brandon Schuler of Get-Away Adventures Lodge is teaching this semester and is unable to make the trip. So now you are stuck with me. My presentation is a seasonal guide to shallow water fishing in the Rockport area. It covers a lot of when, where and how. I think you will enjoy it. Hopefully we can get Brandon up to Rockport this summer. We will also be drawing a name for the attendance drawing and someone will walk away with a new Temple Fork, TiCrX, 8 weight fly rod. The rod was donated by our new sponsor, Temple Fork Outfitters.

We will start a new attendance drawing contest at the January meeting and the prize will be announced at a later date. Here's how it works. Attend a meeting or club function and you get an attendance drawing ticket. Bring a guest and get two chances to

win. If the guest joins you get another ticket. The drawing will be held at the June meeting. It's better than the lotto.

I for one am pretty darned tired of our recent weather. December was very nice and we caught a lot of fish including nine trout 24" or larger. January, on the other hand, has been pretty nasty. The last couple weeks have been cold, cloudy, windy and rainy. That makes for some difficult fly fishing. The fish I have been finding have been up on the flats in water about a foot deep, holding over grass and mud. Look for them on flats with nearby deep water access. I have found them to be more inclined to eat after 9:00 am and into the early afternoon. The big trout are not going to eat everyday so if you find them one day and they show no interest you just have to keep trying. Chances are they will be in the same area for several days. Clousers, shrimp and crab patterns will work.

I'm pretty excited about our second year and I hope you are too. It won't be a successful year without your involvement so come on out and have some fun with us.

JANUARY MEETING

"A Seasonal Guide to Shallow Water Fishing"

With Capt. Mike Cook

Thursday, January 31, 2008 7:00 pm

**Rockport Senior Center
912 S. Church St.**

Bring your own beverages and snacks

Meeting Schedule

Our meetings are on the last Thursday of each month. Fly tying and casting from 6 to 7 and General Meeting from 7 to 8:30. Meetings are held at the Rockport Yacht Club, unless otherwise noted.

January 31—Meeting

6:00p-7:00p Casting & Tying Demonstrations, Socializing (Bar will be open).

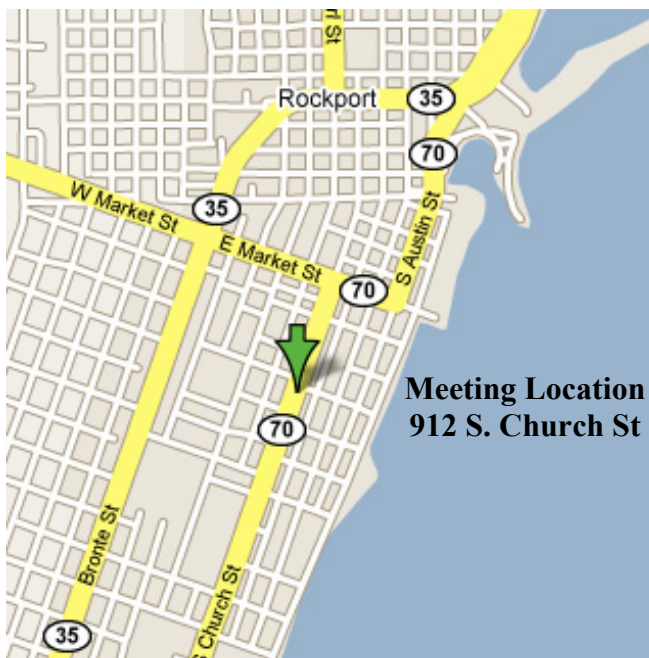
7:00p-7:30p General Club Business

7:30p-8:15p Program

8:15p-8:30p Wrap-up/Door Prize/Raffle/Auction!
(Donations for door prize/raffle/auction needed and appreciated!)

Program Title: “A Seasonal Guide to Shallow Water Fishing” with Captain Mike Cook. Mike has been a full time fishing guide in Rockport since September 2001. Originally from Houston, he got to Rockport as soon as he could. Mike specializes sight fishing with fly rod or light tackle artificial lures in the skinny water around Rockport and Aransas Pass. He is currently president of the Rockport Fly Fishers and is past president of the Saltwater Anglers League of Texas. Captain Mike’s power point presentation covers a lot of when, where and how specific to our area.

February 28—Meeting. Speaker TBA.



For Sale: Yakima Kayak rack w/locking system for a Ford Taurus. I no longer own the car and need to sell the rack. Contact Kathy Ishman at 463-1413.

Wanted: 12-weight fly reel. Call Kathy at 463-1413

Calendar of Events

Fly Tying Roundtable

1st and 3rd Wednesdays (Feb 6 and Feb 20).

All Welcome! No Charge!

6:00pm to 9:00pm

Rockport Senior Center

912 S. Church St. (Loop 70 - south of Market St.)

Featured Tyers and Beginner's Table each Roundtable

BYOB&S (Bring Your Own Beverages & Snacks)

BYOFTS (Bring Your Own Fly Tying Stuff!)

February 6th—Featured tyer Dick Maluski. Dick will be demonstrating his Sheep Head Fly.

Dick is a winter Texan and has been coming to Texas for seven years. An avid fly fisherman, he has been tying flies for several years.

February 20th—Featured tyer Walter Laas. Walter will be tying his Christmas Minnow and is one of our regular tyers.

We need featured tyers for the round table. If you know someone who would be interested please let me know.

Contact: Ron Head

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January 26-27. Guadalupe River fishing for rainbow trout.

February 2—16th Annual Texas Flytying Festival, Houston. <http://www.texasflyfishers.org/festflyer.pdf>. In addition to fly tying , the festival will also host Danish Casting Games: <http://www.texasflyfishers.org/minigames.html>

February 2—Flat Out Fishing Seminar, Corpus Christi. Presentations from noted guides and experts covering a variety of bay, surf, kayak and fly fishing techniques. RFF’s own Sally Moffett and Mark Fisher are among the presenters.

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/newsmedia/releases/?req=20080104a>

March 8—Billy Sandifer’s Big Shell Beach Cleanup.

If anyone is interested in attending the Guadalupe River trip or the Fly Tying Festival, please e-mail Walter Laas at wjlaas@charter.net

Walter Laas

Vice President -- Outings

ROCKPORT FLY FISHERS

Club Membership Form

Please Print

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CHANGES FROM 2007? _____ NO (JUST CHECK 'TYPE' & SIGN)
_____ YES (UPDATE BELOW)

MAILING ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE (hm) _____ (mo) _____
(wk) _____ (alt) _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

_____ INDIVIDUAL \$25

_____ FAMILY \$35 (NAMES: _____)

_____ YOUTH (AGE 16 OR LESS) \$15

_____ SPONSORSHIP \$100

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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