



# AUSTIN FLY FISHERS

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Club Merry Fishmas Party  
Thursday, December 15  
Casa Chapala - 9041 Research Blvd Suite 100, Austin, TX  
6:30 Social Hour  
7:30 Dinner

Tania Kierklewski with bonefish  
caught in the Bahamas  
Photo by Doug Kierklewski



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## President's Message Matt Bennett

As I write this, it's finally feeling like winter time here in Austin. We've had lows flirting with freezing for the past couple of nights, and Thursday was one of the coldest days I could remember with that frigid wind blowing. Many of us will probably be doing more holiday prep than fishing this month, but there's definitely some fishing to be had, even in the cold. The bass fishing on the Lower Colorado is great this time of year one the warmer days, and the Guadalupe has trout freshly-stocked also. I hope you're all able to get out and enjoy some fishing over the holidays.

Our holiday party is this Thursday, December 15th at Casa Chapal at 6:30 PM. We've given a final head count to the restaurant - hopefully you had the chance to RSVP. If not, we baked in some extra slots, so please still come out. We'll have a full fajita buffet with all the trimmings and bar service also. I even hear there might be some homemade dessert in the works -- come join us for a good time!

While we always enjoy getting together for food and drinks, the main purpose of our Christmas Party is to sponsor two women for Casting for Recovery. We've done this each year and would like to continue doing so, but need your help. There will be a plethora of raffle and silent auction items at the party - including some very generous items from Sportman's Finest, Living Waters, and other club sponsors. If you have any items that you'd like to add to the cause, please get in touch with me this week.

Looking forward to seeing all of you this Thursday and swapping some fish stories over a margarita or two!



Snake attempting to swallow a Perch  
Photo by Dave Hill

## Financial Report

by Shawn Riggs

11/1/2016 - 11/30/2016

**Beginning Bal. Checking \$10,306.87**

### Income:

Dues (AFF&FFF)	\$365.39
Auction	\$145.00
Club Donation	\$1,000.00
SKIFF	<u>\$220.00</u>
Total Income	\$3,000.93

### Disbursements:

Speaker -S. Hamilton	\$600.00
Speaker -P. Dorsey	\$670.00
Club Signage	<u>\$14.04</u>
Total Disbursements	\$1,284.04
Net	\$1,716.89

### Unencumbered:

Unallocated Funds	\$5,113.49
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### Encumbered Funds:

Casting for Recovery	\$670.30
SKIFF	\$6,239.97

**Ending Balance-Checking \$12,023.76**

## It's Time to Join/Renew Your AFF Membership by Jon Creed

First of all, I would like to wish a Happy Holidays to everyone that is receiving this AFF newsletter! I had a great 2016 and I hope you did as well. This year the members of the Austin Fly Fishers had many options to participate in some fantastic outings. From Brushy Creek to the Llano river to South Padre Island we got together as a passionate group and had lots of fun enjoying all that Texas has to offer with fishing & conservation opportunities.

As the year comes to a close, please take a moment to check out the new website for the [Austin Fly Fishers](#) and log into your account to view your profile and current membership status. If you're not currently a member, consider renewing or joining. Your membership in AFF not only goes towards speakers and outings, but also education, conservation, and causes that improve our local & state fisheries, enriching outings for military kids through the SKIFF Program, and our festive holiday party that benefits Casting for Recovery, a program which sends two women in remission on a fly fishing retreat. Member support allows AFF to give back to our communities and keeps these important programs running successfully alongside providing beneficial social and educational aspects to each of you.

If you have any questions about your membership, please contact me at [Membership@AustinFlyFishers.com](mailto:Membership@AustinFlyFishers.com)

## Orvis Helps Raise Funds for SKIFF by Jef Fair

As you are probably aware, earlier this year we at Orvis Austin tried to secure a grant from Orvis to fund the SKIFF program. Unfortunately our grant proposal was passed on in favor of other conservation projects. I have another opportunity coming up that will DEFINATELY bring in funds for the SKIFF program.

For the past few years we have offered complimentary gift wrapping to our customers on Saturdays, and some Sundays, between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We provide the supplies, you provide the labor and customers provide generous tips for the services rendered. Dakus can attest to the generosity of our customers – last year we raised around \$1000 for Reel Recovery in five weekends.

I am asking for volunteers from the Austin Fly Fishers to man the gift wrapping this year. I am hopeful that with a large number of local club members we should have no problem gathering support. Ideally I would like to have 3-4 volunteers on Saturdays and Sundays. Saturday would be from 11am-5pm and Sundays from 12-4. 100% of the proceeds will be collected by the Austin Fly Fishers and earmarked for the SKIFF program. I would ask that you schedule volunteers on your own.

I apologize for the late notice of this opportunity, but hope that you will also agree that it is one you can't pass on. Please let me know if the club is interested and we can get together and start the planning.

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## Dulac, Louisiana by Nils Pearson



Capt. Howard and Jim Robinson  
with black drum

Jim Robinson and his long-time friends visit Dulac, Louisiana each year for the Fall redfish run. This year, Jim sent out an e-mail to his friends advising them there was a 3-day spot available to the first person responding to his invitation. After consulting with my wife, I quickly responded and got the spot. I am so glad that I did. I spent 3 days fishing the 400 square mile Louisiana marsh. What a place! **Captain Lance Ledet** of Dulca Charters has put together a pretty sweet arrangement. He provides an all inclusive package that includes comfortable housing, great meals, and terrific guides at a very reasonable price for parties of 6. During my stay, I couldn't help but notice that quite a few of the pictures hanging on the walls were of celebrity fly fishermen who have traveled to Dulac to fish with Capt. Lance.

After breakfast, he along with 2 other guides roam this enormous estuary in search of big reds and they locate them no matter the weather conditions. After your day of fishing is done, you can relax and enjoy one of Capt. Lance's wife Maggie's home-cooked meals. The easy going family atmosphere at the camp makes you feel like your visiting with your Cajun relatives.





## South Louisiana by Nils Pearson



Ed Parsons with 22 lb redfish

You could say that I got a taste of the Louisiana redfish run on my first trip with Jim Robinson. Well, my second taste was just as sweet. This time, I joined Ed Parsons, Phil Dopson, and Steven Turner on my second trip to the marshes this year. On this trip, Ed had booked us with **Captain Brandon Boyette** of 3B Fly Charters. Our second guide was **Captain Jarid Malone**. You couldn't have asked for two more competent and personable young men to fish with. During the Spring/Summer season, they guide on the Galveston coast and in the Fall/Winter they are in Southern Louisiana. On this trip, our accommodations were a little over the top. We were housed in a beautiful 4 bedroom home with a view of the water that we shared with Capts. Baron and Jarid. Meals were not included but good local restaurants were readily available. As you can see from these pictures, we caught our share of big reds. We are all looking forward to returning in 2017.



Steven Turner



Phil Dopson

# The Fly Tyer's Corner Recipe by Matt Bennett

## Royal Wulff

A very classic dry fly that works well in sizes 18 through to 10. This pattern works especially well in rough waters and is supposed to represent a mayfly.

### Materials

Hook a tiemco 100 is good as it has a little extra shank to work with 18 -10

Thread any dark color, I have used Danvilles waxed 7/0  
Wing white calf tail  
Tail moose fibers  
Body 3 equal sections of peacock herl, scarlet floss and peacock herl  
Hackle a very stiff Rhode Island cock hackle (natural brown)

**Step 1:** Place the hook in the vise and tie in the thread a little behind the eye



**Step 4:** Take two peacock herls and tie them in at the bend and make 3 turns and tie off, cut waste



**Steps 2:** Take a small bunch of calf tail fibers and stack them in a stacker, remove and tie in a bout 1/3 down the shank from the eye



**Step 5:** Wind the thread an equal distance toward the eye and catch in a piece of scarlet floss, wind this to create a short floss body.



**Step 3:** Wrap the thread in front of the calf hair to help it stand upright, cut off excess fibers at an angle. Wind your thread to the bend and tie in a small bunch of moose hair the length of the hook shank, cut off excess fibers.



**Steps 6:** Tie in 2 more pieces of peacock herl and wind them as before, you will now be behind the wing





## Fly Tyer Cont.

**Step 7:** Take a good quality brown cock hackle and strip off the fluffy fibers at the base



**Step 9:** Wind the hackle 3 turns behind the wings and 3 turns in front, whip finish



**Steps 8:** Tie in the hackle behind the wing and tie in the stem in front of the wing, cut off excess



**Step 10:** The completed fly





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