



AUSTIN FLY FISHERS

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Austin Fly Fishers

Zoom Meeting
Thursday, January 20th 7:00 pm
Keith Barnes will present info on White Bass fishing

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Hello Austin Fly Fishers and Happy 2022!

All those twos turning up during this pandemic make me think of the phrase "two steps forward, one step back", a truism we are turning into action as we return to a virtual meeting for January.

With a bit of luck, we can resume stepping forward very soon and return to meeting in person in February. In the meantime, we've got things to do (learn about white bass fishing from Kevin Barnes, our January speaker) and places to go (fishing).

I'm looking forward to being the AFF president and to working with the other board members and you to promote fly fishing education, conservation and philanthropy and to keep Austin Fly Fishers going strong.

Also, I'd like to thank Dave Bush, our previous president, for all his work for AFF and for the ongoing assistance he's providing to the club. I'd also like to thank all of the new and returning board members for volunteering and continuing to support the club. It is their generous donations of time and effort that keep our club functioning for all. If any of you would like to help AFF, we still have openings for Vice President and Conservation Chair. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

An upcoming event we have to look forward to is Troutfest TX, organized by Guadalupe River Trout Unlimited. Troutfest TX is a popular fly fishing-focused event with nationally known speakers, a banquet, expo, and free casting instruction to be held February 18-20 at the Lazy L&L on the Guadalupe River. For tickets and information go to

www.grtu.org.

I'm going to close each of these monthly messages with a recommendation or two. This month's recommendations are a) enjoy Troutfest and b) go trout fishing on the Guadalupe River.

Happy Fishing!
Kathi

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Sam Perry \$1,500

SKIFF Donation

McBride Foundation \$1,000

Memorial Fund \$1,320

Casting for Recovery

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Living Waters Fly Fishing

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And club members generous contribution of items for the auction

Using the funds generated from these contributions, our club is sponsoring 3 participants in the CfR retreat this year costing \$3,000.

Financial Report

by Jim Robinson

12/1/2021 to 12/31/2021

Begin Bal. Checking	\$20,354.31
Income:	
McBride Foundation (SKIFF)	\$1,000.00
Memorial (SKIFF)	\$1,320.00
Sam Perry	\$1,500.00
Membership	\$3,894.54
Party (Casting ACH)	\$107.08
Party (Casting cash)	\$192.00
Total Income	\$8,013.62
Disbursements	
Total Disbursements	\$00.00
Net	\$8,013.62
Unencumbered:	\$18,061.48
Encumbered Funds:	
Casting for Recovery	\$2,664.60
SKIFF	\$7,641.85
Ending Bal-Checking	\$28,367.93
Bank Balance	\$28,367.93

January Speaker – Keith Barnes

Our January presenter is Keith Barnes. It will be available Thursday, January 20 at 7:00 pm on:

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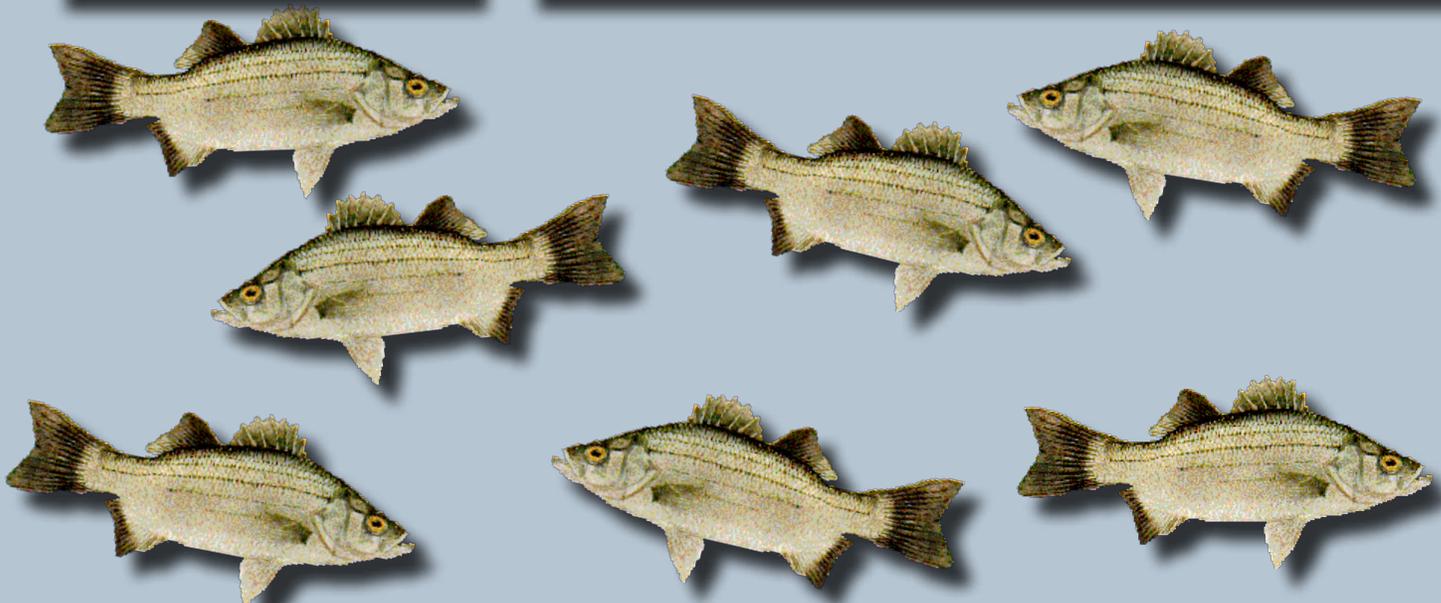
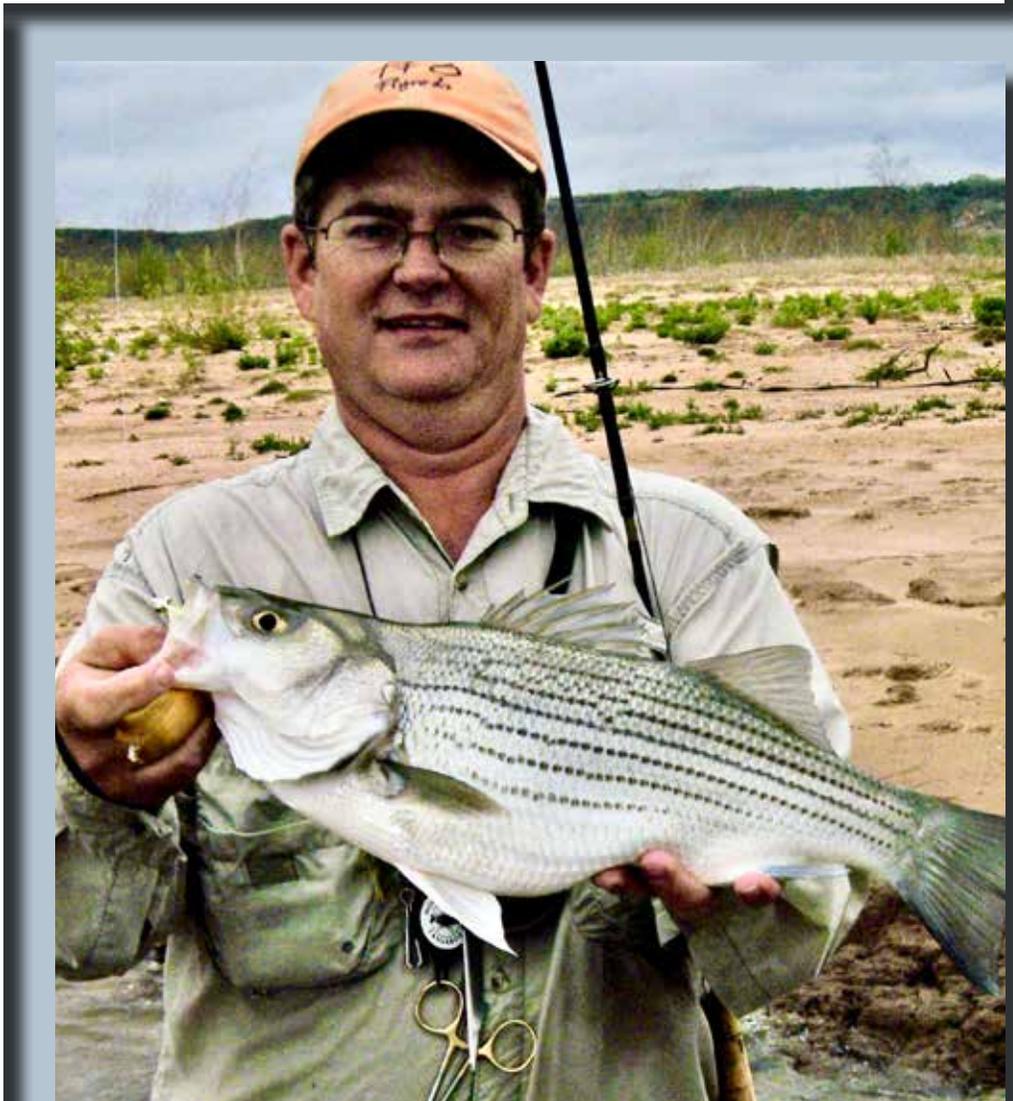
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I live on the Highland Lakes and have been fishing these lakes for over 20 years. Fishing has always been a big part of my life. As a child, I fished every chance that I could. The desire to feel a fish pulling on my line has never dimmed, in fact it grew stronger. While I truly enjoy fishing, I discovered that I also enjoyed taking others' fishing. Putting someone on their first fish, teaching a client a new technique, or just showing a friend a new stretch of water are just a few of the reasons that I started guiding.

While I have been fly fishing for most of my life, I didn't make the transition to dedicated fly fisherman until about 10 years ago. I put down my conventional tackle and really haven't picked it up again. I have concentrated on learning and developing techniques to target fish on the Upper Highland Lakes of Central Texas with a fly rod. Living on the western shore of Lake Buchanan, I have spent countless hours, on more days than I care to admit, pursuing every species of game fish found in Central Texas.

–Keith Barnes



SKIFF Program by Bob Maindelle

Dear Friends of S.K.I.F.F.,

Thanks to unseasonably warm weather during Fort Hood schools' Christmas break, I was able to run several SKIFF trips in the closing days of 2021.

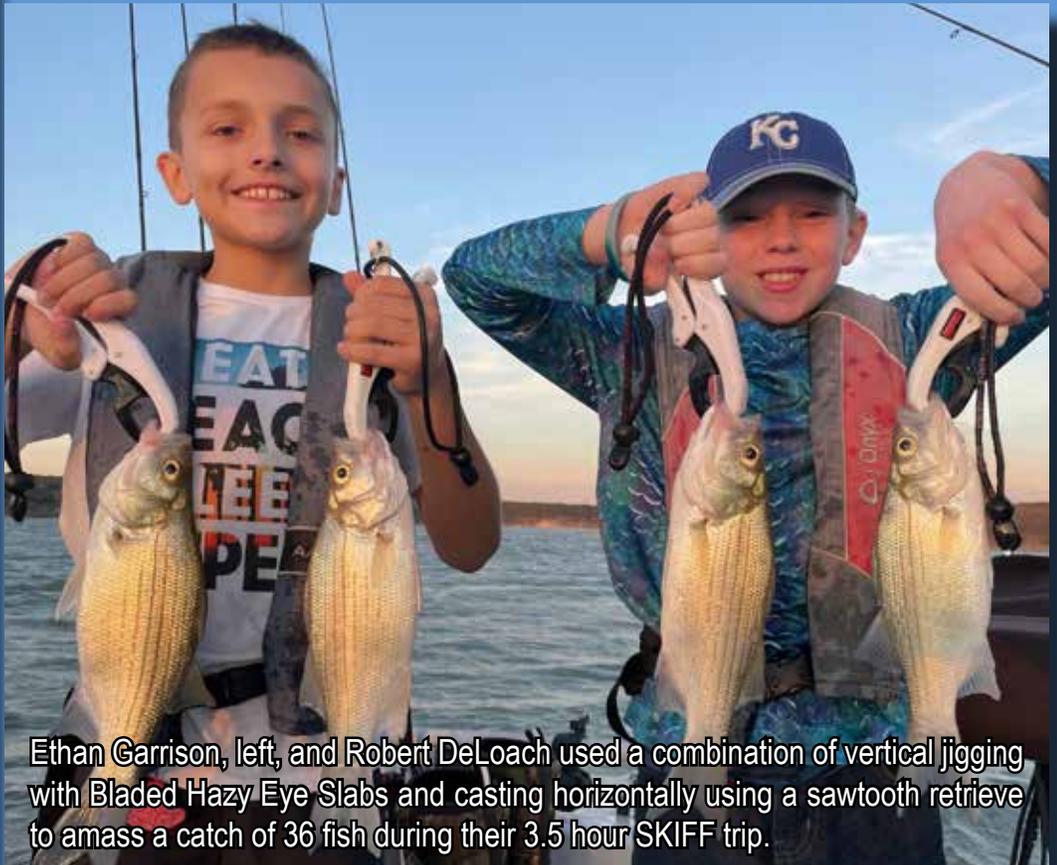
Garcia Trip - On Thursday morning, Dec. 23, I fished with siblings Liam and Sophia Garcia on what was the 2021 season's eleventh SKIFF trip. The children's father, Sergeant Manuel Garcia Perelta, is an automated logistics specialist with four years in the U.S. Army. He is currently deployed. The kids' mom, Veronica Munoz, arranged the trip for them after seeing a post about the opening on the Fort Hood Area Events Facebook page.

Using white, 3/8 oz. Bladed Hazy Eye slabs, the kids landed exactly 100 fish, including 1 largemouth bass, 4 juvenile hybrid striped bass, and 95 white bass.

DeLoach/Garrison Trip – During the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 23, I fished with two young men from different families on what was the 2021 season's twelfth SKIFF trip. Joining me were Robert DeLoach and Ethan Garrison. Ethan's dad, Staff Sergeant Leon Garrison, was recently sent to Fort Benning for a leadership development course. He has served as an infantryman for twelve years. Ethan's mother, Jamie Garrison, coordinated her son's adventure. Robert's dad, Lieutenant Colonel John DeLoach, is currently deployed to eastern Europe with his aviation unit. Robert's mother, Rebecca DeLoach, coordinated the trip after seeing a posting on the Fort Hood Area Events Facebook page.



Sophia and Liam Garcia with 2 of the 100 fish they landed on Lake Belton using Bladed Hazy Eye Slabs during their SKIFF trip on Thursday, 23 Dec.



Ethan Garrison, left, and Robert DeLoach used a combination of vertical jigging with Bladed Hazy Eye Slabs and casting horizontally using a sawtooth retrieve to amass a catch of 36 fish during their 3.5 hour SKIFF trip.



Ian Hinkel took two white bass on one lure at the same time. These two whites fought over this shad-shaped bait, and one got caught on the

By working white, 3/8 oz. Bladed Hazy Eye Slabs vertically, and by casting MAL Heavy Lures (white blade, chartreuse tail) horizontally, the boys landed exactly 36 fish, including 1 largemouth bass, 2 juvenile hybrid striped bass, and 33 white bass.

Hinkel Trip – On Christmas Eve, I fished with 10-year-old Ian Hinkel on the 2021 season's 13th and final SKIFF program trip. Ian's aunt Kayla accompanied him, but did not fish. Ian's father, Andrew Weidlich, has been in the U.S. Army for 9 years serving as a Blackhawk helicopter mechanic and is currently separated from his family while serving in Germany.

Ian used the white, 3/8 oz. Bladed Hazy Eye Slab in conjunction with Garmin LiveScope to land exactly 52 fish, including 1 largemouth bass, 3 juvenile hybrid striped bass, and 48 white bass.

Fundraising – Mr. Joe Bob Everett of the McBride Foundation let us know the Foundation trustees approved a grant of \$1,000.00 for the SKIFF program on December 8th. Additionally, one of my fishing clients, Mr. Jason Locklin, requested that any donations friends and family might wish to make on the occasion of his father's passing be made to SKIFF. According to Manuel Pena, as of December 28th, \$1,270.00 had been donated.

Happy New Year! Thank you for your support!

Outings -Floating the Dechutes River in the Fall

by Juan Shepperd

I'm thinking ahead. Many people feel the period between mid September and mid October is the best time to fish. Anywhere. End of story. Period. I don't know about your place, but with global warming, mosquitos are still buzzing at my house even in October. What better way than to get out of Texas for a while and treat yourself to a fly fishing trip out west? Not only will you escape the Texas heat, you'll likely see some Fall foliage.

I've secured a guided Deschutes River Float trip in Oregon with 3 nights lodging, meals prepared for you each day, shuttle, and 4 days of guided fishing from 10/9/22 - 10/12/2022 for \$2400. Gratuity and alcohol is not included. BYOB. The Deschutes is Oregon's best known river. It's a desert oasis with wild rainbows, hearty steelhead, whitewater and stunning scenery. I'll be fishing for rainbow (redside) trout primarily in the 15 -20 inch, but I hope to land a steelhead, fresh from the Pacific and running up the Columbia River through the Deschutes and on his way upstream further still to where he was born.

If this trip interests you, let me know.

-Juan



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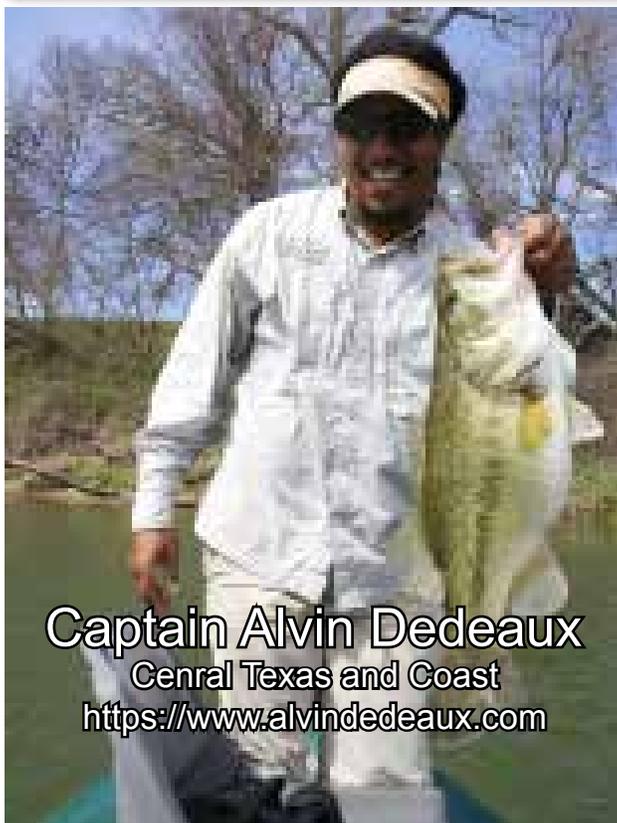
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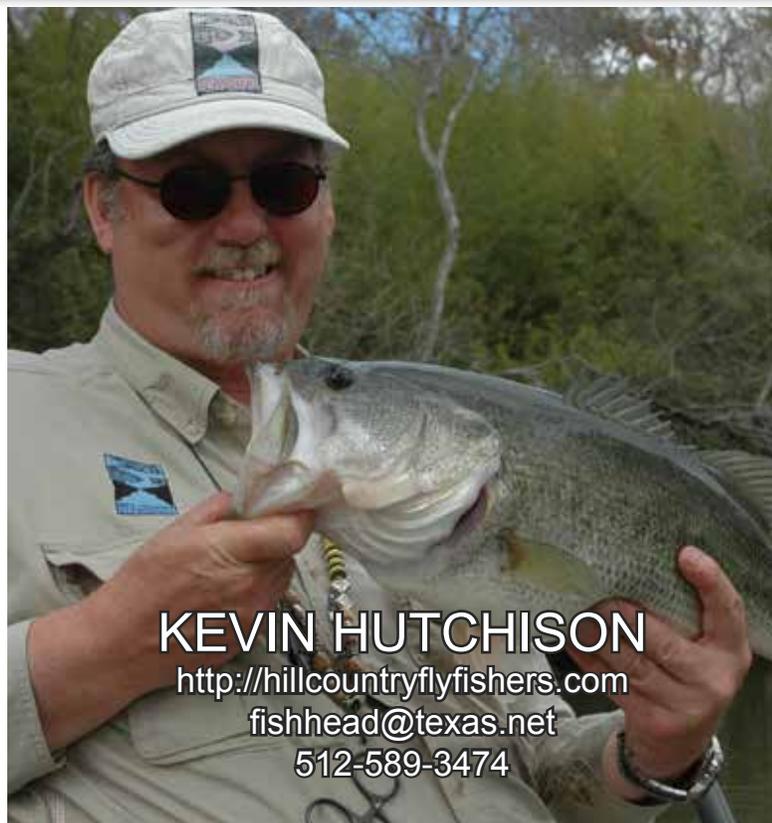
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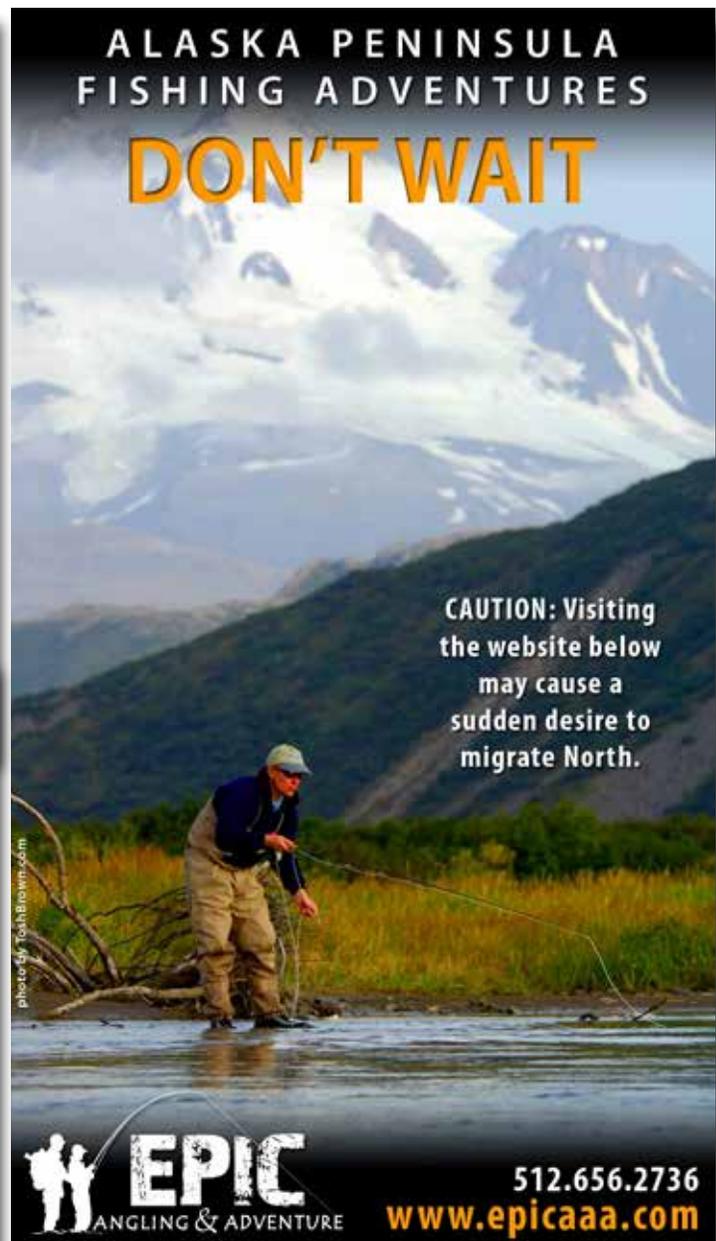
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