



# AUSTIN FLY FISHERS

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Austin Orr with shark caught in the Louisiana Marsh  
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**Our AFF Meeting Thursday, March 16  
at Northwest Recreation Center**

- 6 pm Outdoor Casting and Indoor Fellowship**
- 7 pm Cassio Silva -Fly Fishing for White Bass**



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March! Tumultuous weather, flowering trees, daylight savings time and fun fishing! This month's speaker is fishing guide Cassio Silva who's going to give us great tips for fishing for white bass and other local species, just in time for our members' outing to Colorado Bend State Park, March 18-26. There's still availability at our group site so sign-up for a day or a

week and come welcome Spring and catch some fish!

Other upcoming Spring highlights include an April presentation by Jim Gray on fishing the Llano river followed by a May outing to the Llano to apply what we learn. Looking forward to all of it!

Happy Fishing!

Kathi

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### Financial Report

by Jim Robinson  
2/1/2023 to 2/28/2023

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$27,796.16
<b>Income:</b>	
Raffle	\$125.00
Merchandise: cash	<u>\$259.95</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	\$384.95

<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Dave Bush (Shirts)	\$1,446.45*
Darron Reed (Program)	\$150.00
Summers Mark (ADP)	\$947.19*
Wild Apricot (auto debit)	\$ 60.00
International Tran cg	<u>\$ 1.80</u>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	(\$2,605.44)
<b>February Net Income</b>	(\$2,220.49)

Ending Bal-Check book	\$25,575.67
Bank Balance	\$27,969.31
Difference(outstanding cks)	\$2,393.64
Unencumbered Balance :	\$17918.59

#### Encumbered Funds:

Casting for Recovery	\$1,106.23
SKIFF	\$6,550.85

\*Ck Outstanding



## March Speaker

### Cassio Silva – Fly Fishing for White Bass

Our speaker for the March 16 meeting will be San Antonio-based fishing guide Cassio Silva. Just in time for our Colorado Bend outing, Cassio is going to present techniques for fishing for white bass and other local species.

Cassio grew up on a small island in Brazil, fishing has always been part of his life. Cassio's father, an avid diver and spear fisherman, sparked a passion for the water and pursuing fish that still burns strong today. After picking up a fly rod, this passion grew and has taken him on some of his greatest adventures. From salmon fishing in British Columbia, chasing trout from Colorado to Montana, and pursuing saltwater species on the Texas Coast and beyond.

Prior to guiding and teaching others about fly fishing, Cassio spent many years in the classroom as a high school History and Social Studies teacher. Guiding allows him to combine two devotions, fishing and teaching. With this background, he works with both novice and experienced anglers of all ages, teaching new skills, sharing his knowledge, catching fish and making memories!



# The Louisiana Marsh in February

## by Austin Orr

There's a small group of us that tries to get together every year during the cold months for a run down to the marshes of Louisiana. We have slowly evolved from a group of starving college kids with ill-advised boat loans and trucks without working AC to a group of young professionals still paying off those same boat loans. This year, the group decided that February was the month that best aligned for the majority, so plans were made. I was supposed to work the weekend in question, but at the last minute work was cancelled and down I-10 I went. Fishing was tough for bull reds but we all had shots at big fish and if you just wanted to pull on a fish then the black drum were more than willing to oblige.





The Louisiana Marsh in February cont.



## SKIFF Report for March 2023 by Bob Maindelle

As I reported to you last month, I injured my left rotator cuff during a fishing trip with clients back on December 20th. Surgery ensued on January 13th.

Following surgery, I immediately began physical therapy. Phase one involved protection of the repair and prevention of reinjury. Phase two, which I am in now, involves increasing flexibility and range of motion through a regimen of daily exercises.

I'll enter Phase three, which involves strengthening, soon and should be able to enjoy use of the shoulder as I used it prior to surgery sometime in May. Full recovery comes at around the one year mark.

Hence, I did very little fishing in February, although I was able to conduct a few on-the-water sonar training sessions, as they did not require me to launch and load my own boat. I did not conduct any SKIFF trips during the month of February.

For those new to SKIFF, SKIFF is an acronym for Soldiers' Kids Involved in Fishing Fun. It is a program now in its 13th year, sponsored by the Austin Fly Fishers, and supported by the McBride Foundation, the Sun City Rod and Gun Club, the Sun City chapter of Women Helping Others (WHO) and a number of supportive individuals, all of whom desire that kids separated from a parent by that parent's military duty, be given an opportunity to experience the outdoors through fishing during that time of separation, free of charge. The program also offers a time of respite for the home-front parents who may need a short break from single-parenting. Thank you for your support!

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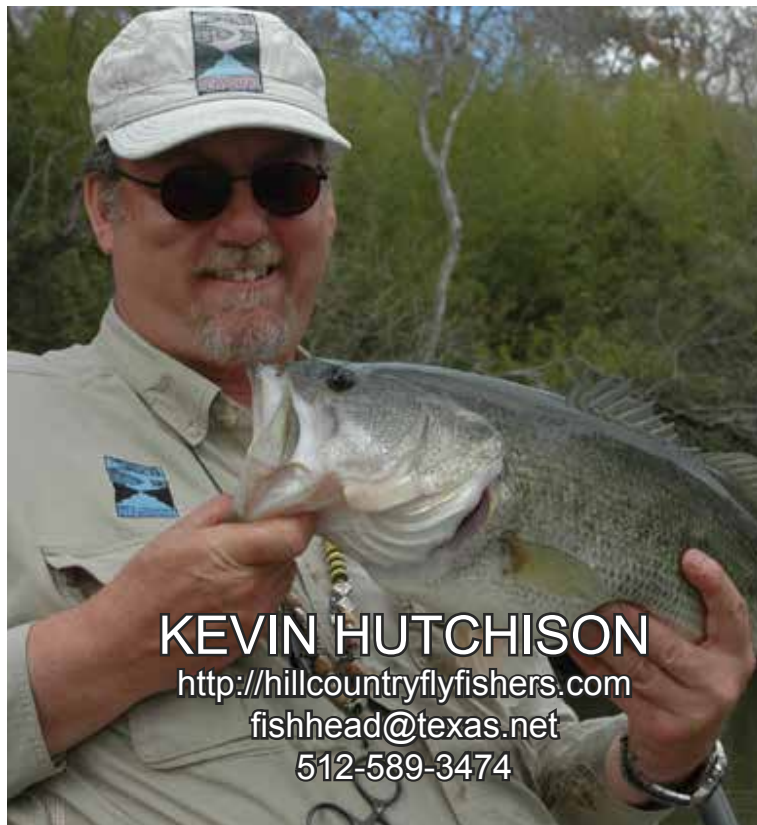
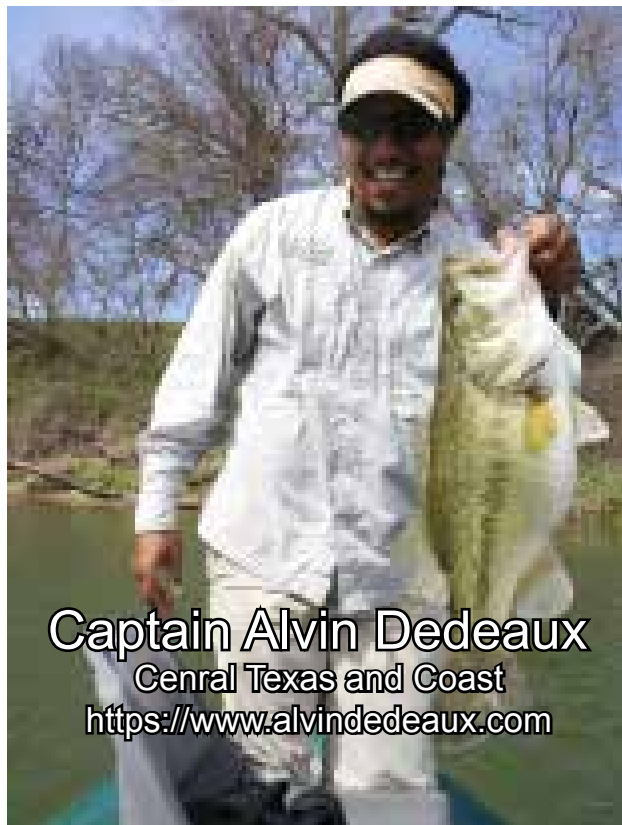
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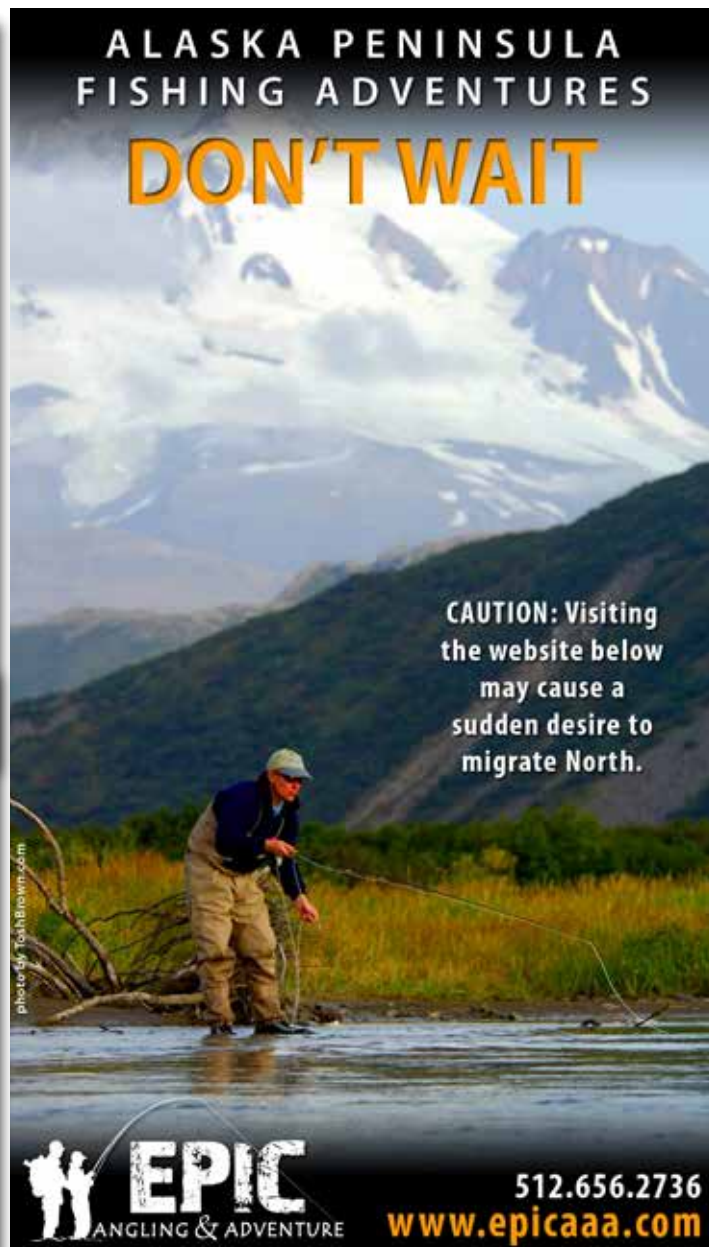
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