



Guadalupe River Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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GRTU Meeting

Saturday, April 25th

Canyon Lake CRRC
Sattler, TX
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9 AM - Lease Access
Orientation & Social Hour

10 AM - Business Mtg

11 AM - "Restoration Projects
to Improve Trout Fisheries"
with Duke Welter

12 - Raffle & Lunch

12:30 PM - Lease Access
Orientation

1 PM Stream Restoration Clinic

Win a Rod & Reel -- see p. 13!

Trout Unlimited Grassroots Leader to Speak and Lead Clinic at April Chapter Meeting

Traditionally, our April chapter meeting each year has been devoted to trout conservation. This year is no exception. We are privileged to welcome John "Duke" Welter, Chair of Trout Unlimited's National Leadership Council, to speak at the chapter meeting and also to lead a clinic on stream restoration during the afternoon.

Our meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th, beginning at 10

AM. It will be held at the Canyon Lake Community Resource Recreation Center, located on the South Access Road in Sattler, just south of Canyon Dam. For directions, see the article on page two and the map on page three of this issue. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Duke will speak on "Stream Restoration Efforts that Improve Trout Fisheries." He'll describe

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Trout Unlimited's National Leadership Council Chair John "Duke" Welter, shown here leading a session at last year's annual meeting, will speak at our April chapter meeting and will then lead a stream restoration clinic.

TU's efforts in the Upper Midwest to improve trout fishing by improving trout habitat and will report on the progress of TUDARE, the Trout Unlimited Driftless Area Restoration Effort. *[Editor's note: Our chapter's first Coldwater Outreach Conservation Fund grant, to help restore Trout Creek in SE Minnesota, was a part of that effort.]* In the afternoon, Duke will lead a workshop on how to build coalitions of organizations to restore trout streams.

Duke Welter was elected Chair of the National Leadership Council at the Trout Unlimited annual meeting in Boise, Idaho in September, 2007. He is also the Vice Chairman of the TU Board of Trustees. Duke is a resident of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and previously served as Secretary of the National Leadership Council of Trout Unlimited. The position of Chair is the highest volunteer position in Trout Unlimited's national organization. In this role, Duke helps set Trout Unlimited's conservation and organizational agenda.

Duke is a recently retired lawyer (he says he's a "recovering former attorney") who is an active outdoorsman, pursuing trout in the streams of the Driftless Area in the summer and upland game birds with his springer spaniels in the winter. He may be the only speaker we've ever had here in Texas who will admit to wearing snow shoes on a regular basis. Duke has served in the past as a member of the board of governors of the State Bar of

Wisconsin, and serves on the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board.

Duke has served in every level of TU's volunteer organization, from local chapter to state council to the national level. He served as the Wisconsin State Council Chair from 1998-2001, the Great Lakes Regional Vice President from 2001-2003 and was the Wisconsin representative to Trout Unlimited's National Leadership Council in 2003.

"Duke Welter was elected by his peers to TU's highest grassroots position because he has a long history of getting the conservation job done in Wisconsin," said Steve Moyer, TU Vice President of Government Relations. "One of his most outstanding accomplishments is to have served as the guiding force behind TU's Driftless Area Restoration Effort (TUDARE), a four state effort (WI, MN, IA, IL) designed to restore trout stream habitat in the region."

Welter has volunteered extensively with Trout Unlimited's Clear Waters chapter in Wisconsin. He has been the recipient of numerous awards, including Trout Unlimited's Conservation Volunteer of the Year Award in 2002, the Wisconsin State Council's Lee & Joan Wulff Award for Conservation Leadership in 2000 and the Wisconsin River Alliance "River Champion of the Decade" in 2003.

We look forward to Duke's visit and hope you will join us for this very informative day on the river.

Directions to the Canyon Lake CRRC Recreation Center

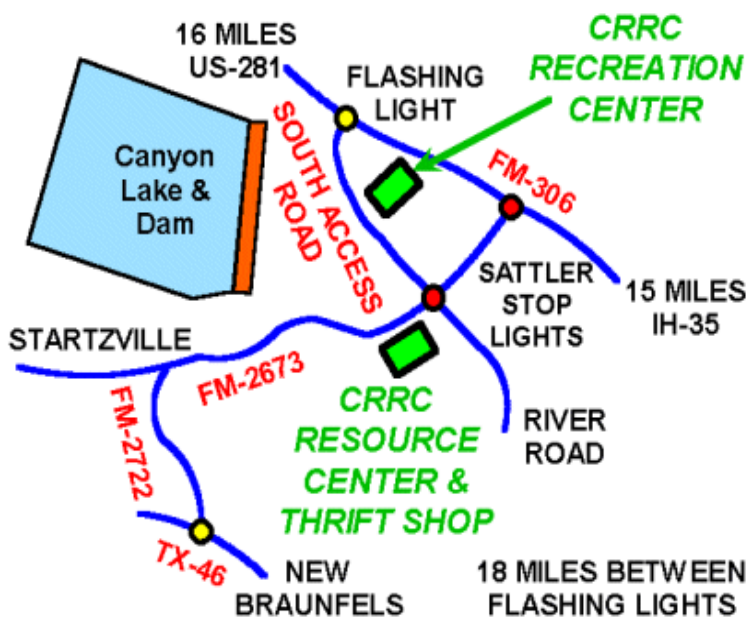
>From NORTH or SOUTH: Just North of New Braunfels on I-35 take Exit 191, (Canyon Lake Exit), which is FM 306 and go WEST, about 14 miles to Sattler (Canyon Lake area). Go past the traffic light at FM 2673 in Sattler for about 2 miles, (through Canyon City) and turn Left at the blinking caution light and small road sign marking the South Access Rd. Follow the South Access Road for about two miles, passing below the dam and across the spillway. The Recreation Center will be on your left.

>From the WEST: From US 281, turn EAST on FM 306, which is between Twin Sisters and Spring Branch. Drive about 16 miles to the blinking caution light (just before you enter the area called Canyon City). Turn Right on South Access and follow the directions above to the Recreation Center, which will be on your left.

>From the EAST: From I-10, take SH 46 to I-35. Go North on I-35 to Exit 191 (Canyon Lake Exit), which is FM-306. Go west, (Left), on FM306, and follow the directions for North and South above.

Of course there are other routes, just check your Texas map for other ways that might be better for your travel, or check our link to an online map at www.grtu.org.

Map of GRTU Meeting Area



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Coldwater Outreach Conservation Project Updates

The GRTU Coldwater Outreach Conservation Program provides grants and funding to other TU Chapters and organizations that protect, conserve and restore coldwater fisheries throughout North America. Over the past three years, GRTU has placed its name on river conservation projects in Minnesota, Colorado, and New Mexico. Texas Boy Scouts saw GRTU's name prominently displayed on the river conservation signs when they visited Camp Alexander in Eleven Mile Canyon, Colorado, this summer. The New Mexico project for protection of native Rio Grande cutthroat trout on Los Alamos Creek just took a major step forward when the NEPA study process we helped them fund was placed under contract. Detailed updates were posted on the Conservation forum of the GRTU website.

This year GRTU is studying and considering two other coldwater projects.

First, our nearest neighbor fishery and home waters to many of our north Texas members, Mountain Fork near Broken Bow, Oklahoma, has been letting us know about two upcoming projects that they would welcome GRTU assistance and participation. These are installation of turbulators at the dam to increase the flow of colder lower reservoir waters out of the dam outlet, which, unlike Canyon

Dam, is not located at the base of the dam. They also have a secondary project to clean out and repair a reregulation dam on the lower river that is clogged and preventing good water flows into some prime trout water. Neither project is ready for permitting and funding at this time, but the folks in Oklahoma are keeping us in the loop, both so we can learn and so we have the opportunity to help a fishery enjoyed by many of our members.

The GRTU board has also been getting educated on one of the most important coldwater conservation issues facing our country at this time. The proposed Pebble Mine in the headwaters of the Lake Iliamna and the Kvichak River would place at risk the most prolific sockeye salmon habitat, and the home of some of the largest rainbow trout, in the world. Construction of the world's largest earthen dam in the world's most active seismic region and use of mining techniques that would fill that reservoir with some of the most toxic heavy metals in the world would place this fishery just one accident away from disaster. Bob Armstrong, former Texas Land Commissioner and Department of Interior under secretary, attended the January GRTU meeting and spoke to both the chapter and the board about the importance of this resource to all of us, including those of us in Texas who hope to enjoy these waters someday or would just like to know that it's there.....or who want to eat a wild salmon without fear of what toxins may be hiding in its flesh.

Each year a small portion of the GRTU budget is dedicated to Coldwater Outreach projects such as these, providing GRTU members an avenue to get involved with the protection, restoration and conservation of coldwater resources, not just on the Guadalupe, but throughout North America.



Sage Rod for April Raffle

Thanks to the folks at Sportmans' Finest in Austin, we will be offering a Sage fly rod for our raffle item at the April chapter meeting. The rod, an SLT 9'6" five weight, four piece, would be an ideal nymphing rod for the Guadalupe. The SLT has a medium-fast action and a smooth, silky feel when casting. It is both light in hand and very accurate. Anyone who enjoys casting a fly rod as well as fishing with it would appreciate the SLT. So join us at the chapter meeting on April 25th and buy a few raffle tickets to give yourself a chance at this rod, which retails for \$600.

President's Message

This is my final article as Chapter President; my term has come to an end. It has been a pleasure to meet and work with all of you. I was reviewing my article from April of last season and noticed how excited I was about how Mother Nature was cooperating with minimum flows. What a difference a year has made with severe drought conditions in central Texas. Keep praying for rain, this region really needs any amount that they can get.

We have had a great season with the quality of Trout and plenty of early season holdovers. These exceptional Trout have brought some interesting side effects for the chapter. With the low flows and the high level of traffic on our lease sites, we have seen the relationship with some of our land owners strained. I would like to remind all of the lease members to be very diligent in following lease rules; abide by all speed limits and parking restrictions. Please leave the lease site better than you found it by picking up debris as you leave. These little steps go a long way in preserving strong relationships as good stewards of the river.

In February, the chapter held its second Troutfest event at Rio Raft in Sattler. The event started off a little slowly at the Friday night mixer, but we had a great turnout for the events on Saturday and the BBQ dinner. The added kid programs were well received. I think the "big" kids had as much fun as the youngsters. Thank you to all the River mentors, Al Crise for the casting and kids entomology class, Gretchen for the kids' craft program, and the organizing team (Corby, Mark, Dennis, and Ron). Look for the article on Troutfest later in the newsletter.

The general state of the chapter is very healthy. We have had a better than expected lease signup season. Our conservation initiatives are moving along very nicely. The two conservation committees are pushing forward to define and set a strategy for the chapter. This is a very difficult process and takes a considerable amount of time by our volunteers. We have had a very rocky start to our Project Healing Waters initiative. The model that has worked at other facilities doesn't seem to be getting a foothold at BAMC. We are trying

to modify the approach, and are having an event in March. I am really hopeful that this program can find its footing and grow in the future. The one area I wished we could have expanded during my term was Trout in the classroom. My goal was to have nine active tanks starting with the San Antonio area. For various reasons we were unable to get this established. Hopefully, the next administration and chapter members will continue this initiative and look to expand this fantastic program. We have continued to gain national exposure with a TU TV episode being filmed and aired on a national cable channel.

The April meeting is our official annual chapter business meeting which means we have chapter elections for Board of Directors, President, and officers. According to the GRTU chapter by-laws, the chapter members vote and elect the Board of Directors. The Board then votes on the President and other offices at its April board meeting.

Other Trout Unlimited news, 2009 is the 50th anniversary for the organization. There is a special web site set up for special anniversary events <http://www.tu50.org>. The celebrations will be culminating with its 50th anniversary celebration and annual meeting at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Traverse City, Michigan August 17-24, 2009. If you are looking for a trip to a beautiful part of the country with some great fishing, this would be a great destination.

See you on the water,

Greg Neubauer
GRTU Chapter President



Fisheries Report

This year has been one of our best years ever for the fishery. The flows are perfect for wading; we have 16 great leases, and 12,000 lbs of new fish in the river. The average trout is about two pounds but we have some much larger. In addition to these newly stocked trout, we've also had a larger number of holdovers this year, thanks to the enforced minimum flows over last summer.

If you haven't fished the river this year you truly missing an opportunity to catch a trophy trout right here in the Hill Country of Texas. We are seeing consistent hatches of Caddis, BWO's, PMD's, and Trico's, just to name a few. With the older, bigger trout we are even having some dry fly catches.

That said, we are facing a challenging summer. The river is the lowest I've seen it in my 20+ years of fishing it. We are in drought conditions and need some substantial rains between now and the hot months of summer and fall (August and September are our hottest months). So pray for rain, not too much, just enough.

We don't want to go through another flood. This is Texas, so it could happen, changes in the weather can happen in the blink of an eye. A full lake at 909' = 200+cfs flows for the remainder of the yearly agreement with GBRA.

We are working in conjunction with TPWD on a telemetry study. The equipment has been tested and 35 trout have surgically been implanted with transmitters. After a 21 day holding period, to make sure the meds used in surgery were fully dissipated from the fish, they were stocked at various locations through out the river. We will report the results when the study is complete. This will be great data to help manage the fishery.

Fishing has been phenomenal. Becoming a member of our one-of-a-kind lease program may be one of the best moves you can make.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the river.

Bill Higdon
V.P. of Fisheries

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Project Healing Waters

Project Healing Waters (PHW) is a program designed to assist with the physical and emotional recovery of wounded service personnel. Established initially at Water Reed Army Hospital, GRTU has been working on establishing a program here in Central Texas, based out of Brook Army Medical Center (BAMC) in San Antonio. Last year we helped Matt Bovay, who has been badly burned in his service to our country, get back in the water and catch his first rainbow trout on a fly. Next, we sent David Palasky and his son Anthony to a PHW national event on the Smith River in Montana. On March 18, we have planned an event that will bring several wounded warriors from BAMC to Bill Higdon's Inn the Hills lodge for a day of fishing and outdoor camaraderie. Each of these events takes both countless volunteer hours to organize, and money to put on. I'm recruiting for a couple of key volunteers in the paragraph below and would appreciate it if you would consider making a financial contribution to GRTU in the name of PHW. We'd like to be able to send another soldier from Texas to that national event and we'll need to raise a couple of thousand dollars to make that happen.

Key PHW Volunteer Needed – We're looking for one or two key volunteers to help us with PHW. Ideally, these volunteers would meet the following criteria but most any individual who can make the commitment will be considered. Retired, ex-military, living in the San Antonio area, fly fishes with GRTU or Alamo Flyfishers, and is willing to go to BAMC at least twice per month, at a regular day and time (probably a weekday afternoon). Your job would be to make regular contact with the BAMC Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy staffs and make them aware of the PHW and our desire to recruit wounded warriors that want to learn to fly fish into our program. As the OT/PT staff begin to recommend wounded warriors to our program, you would be there to talk to the soldiers about PHW and how we can help them overcome their injuries and get back into the outdoors.

Believe it or not, the major challenge faced by our PHW program so far has been the interface with BAMC and finding soldiers that want to participate. There are a LOT of organizations attempting to donate tickets, trips, events, etc. to these soldiers and it takes regular base contact to both get through the "noise" of all of these groups and

to convince base personnel that our program is for real, well-established, and has a national track record of success. Many of the soldiers may be intimidated by the idea of fly fishing, which may have seemed difficult, even before they were wounded. Before they are going to sign up to come to one of our fishing events, they need to be made comfortable that they can do it, that we can help them overcome their injuries and that there will be familiar faces where they are going. All of the PHW programs that have succeeded across the US have been established by having one or two key volunteers willing to take on this role. Right now, most of us who are volunteering for PHW and are trying to make this work either don't live in San Antonio or are still employed full time, making it difficult for us to maintain this regular contact with the base.

If you would like to make this commitment and serve in this role for GRTU's PHW program, please contact either Jeff Schmitt (jeffs@grtu.org) or Lloyd Matthews with Alamo Fly Fishers (Lloyd.Matthews@eyaktek.com). If you can't volunteer, but still want to help, please send cash, check or money order to the GRTU Treasurer in the name of Project Healing Waters.



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Membership Report

by
Steve Stilp, VP of Membership

Our GRTU 2008-2009 **Lease Access Program** provides many access points on the river and is effective November 1st 2008 through October 31, 2009. Several of these access points are annual, meaning you have fishing access to the river year round.

Lease members can sign up children (ages 10-17) at no additional cost. What a wonderful opportunity to spend time with your children on the river.

We will be stocking the river and continue to stock the river over the year. As a **Lease Access Member** you will be

notified via e-mail when the stockings take place and other activities including Membership Meetings. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Additionally, you will have access to our private online "**Forum**" where you can ask questions and get answers.

To join go to: www.grtu.org and click on **membership**. Our site accepts credit cards.

You can also renew your National TU Membership on our www.grtu.org website.

If you have questions click on CONTACTS on our website home page and e-mail or call your Area Representative.

- Our mission: Conserve, Protect and Restore cold water trout fisheries
- 3 General Meetings per year
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- River conservation projects
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Check out our website for further information: www.grtu.org

If I can be of help please contact me: Steve.Stilp@grtu.org. We are looking forward to seeing you on the river.



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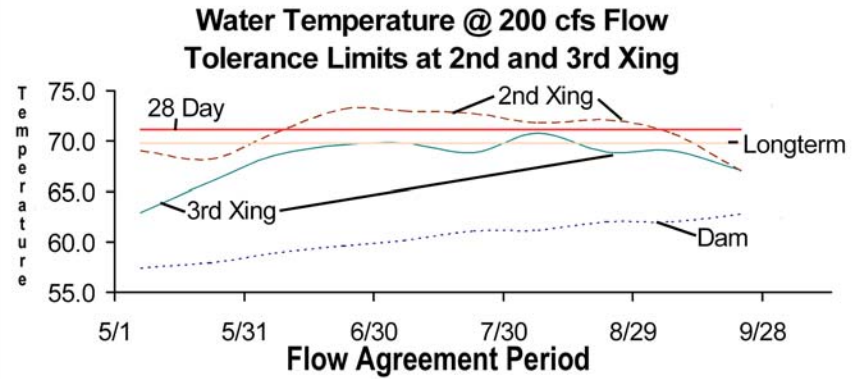
The Flow Agreement: A Fundamental Success for Guadalupe Trout

by
David Schroeder

Water temperature is perhaps the most fundamental factor that determines whether a trout fishery can long survive. Obviously, water temperatures that exceed the lethal tolerances of the cold-water trout are a 'show stopper' regardless of any other conditions. After 11 years of TPWD and GRTU collecting data from seven sampling stations, we know a lot about water temperature at various release rates from Canyon Dam. Finally, I believe we can say that we now know that the Flow Agreement, (producing a flow rate of 200 cfs [cubic feet per second] from May through September), will create a thermal habitat in which trout will survive, year-round, from Canyon Dam all the way to the 3rd Crossing- a distance of 10.3 miles. We know this because we can use the considerable amount of scientific research by trout fisheries biologists who have created a model into which we can plug all of our water temperature data to make a sound determination. And, of course, the actual observations of fishermen who are catching these trout bear this out.

The first chart shows water temperature that is produced by the Flow Agreement at 2nd and 3rd Crossings and is a composite of data that was collected 1998 – 2008:

“Long Term Temperature Tolerance” and “28 Day Temp Tolerance” are practical limits to the warmest temperatures trout will survive, taken from actual field



studies. These parameters were developed from the Michigan/Wisconsin Study, “Field Based Estimates of Thermal Tolerance Limits for Trout.” The upper boundaries: 69.8 degrees F represents at least 95% probability that trout will survive this average temperature over months; 71.2 degrees F represents at least 95% probability that trout will survive this average water temperature for up to 28 days. As you can see, the water temperature of the 3rd Crossing was lower than the Long-Term tolerance for the entire period, and only exceeded the 28 Day tolerance for short periods of time.

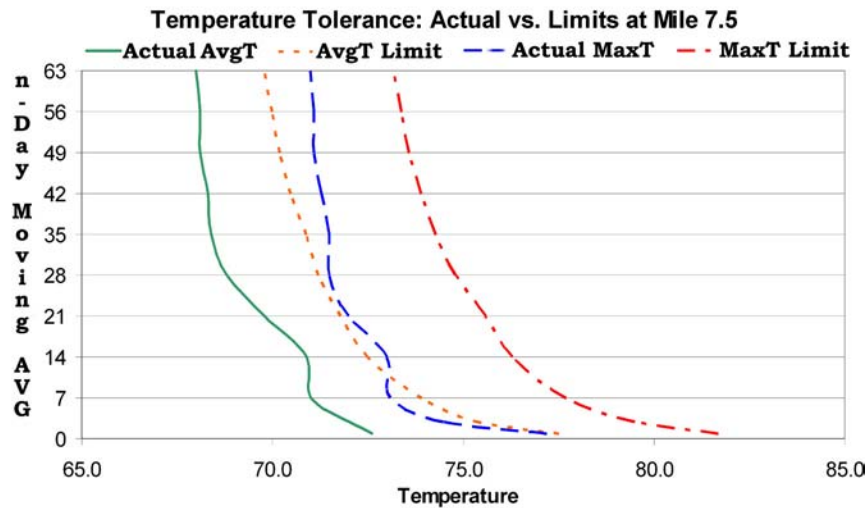
The water temperature at the 2nd Crossing is not as conducive. It exceeded the long-term maximum for more than two months. This does not mean that trout will not survive at the 2nd Crossing, it means the probability is less than 95%. Water temperature from the dam is very consistent year after year; flow rates are not. There are some years that the Flow Agreement is augmented by abundant water in Canyon Lake which would make the 2nd Crossing 95% survivable. Notice how the water temperature at the dam slowly rises from 57 degrees F in May to 62 degrees F in September? That would be

reflected in steady warming temperatures downstream. However, the diminishing solar radiation reaching the water as the days grow shorter causes the river not to warm up as much which counteracts the warming at the dam. This shows how important it is to having the river shaded by lots of trees to block the direct rays of the sun. Could this be a possible GRTU project to encourage land owners to plant trees along the river? Many trees were felled during the big 1998 and 2002 floods.

[Editor's Note: GRTU's Conservation Committee is planning just such a project, and will further that planning at a workshop with Duke Welter following the April chapter meeting.]

The second chart shows water temperature profiles at various flow rates and distances (in miles), below Canyon Dam. The data that is from late July-early August, because that is when the warmest water temperatures are measured, so these are the harshest conditions for the entire year:

The surprise is how closely water temperatures track together at flow rates of 170, 200 and 230 cfs-



practically the same! So it may very well be possible to reduce the flow rate from 200 to 170 cfs with negligible impact to the well-being of the trout fishery, although there is some uncertainty because not as many readings were taken at 170 cfs as there were at 200 cfs. To keep water temperature below the long-term limit at the 2nd Crossing, a flow of at least 300 cfs would be required. If the Flow Agreement should expire the FERC minimum flow of 90 – 100 cfs would take over. The survival zone for trout would be reduced to approximately 5 miles. I remember many reports of trout kills on the river in August before the Flow Agreement was negotiated.

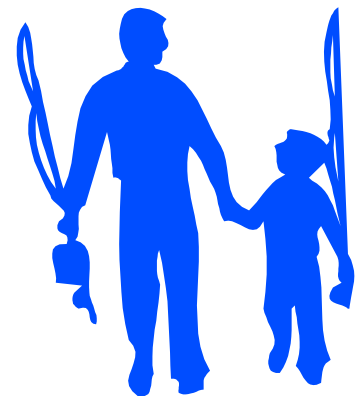
While TPWD will continue the water temperature monitoring program at more locations to produce finer resolution of water temperatures at various flow rates, it appears the main question about water temperatures has been answered. Yet there are still many things that are knowable about the Guadalupe and its trout fishery that we really don't have a good idea about. My biggest question is what is the trout's survival rate? What is

the mortality? Legal harvest, accidental kills and poaching, predation by striped bass and birds, movement of trout up and down the river all affect survival. Efforts are underway such as the aquatic insect study and water quality measurements to gain greater understanding of what could influence mortality.

To know what is knowable always comes down to a great deal of effort of observation, study, sampling, evaluating and plain old fashioned hard work and dedication over many years time to produce quantifiable results. Fisheries scientists have studied many trout fisheries and have created a vast store of data and models that can be used to better manage the Guadalupe Trout Fishery. Now is the time to take stock in what we know; and, what is knowable that we do not yet know. What must be decided is what kind of management plan is needed to enhance the trout fishery. Every year there is discussion about expanding the trophy zone to near the dam, and changing the TPWD regulations to Catch and Release, or increase the length limits for trophy trout, or a slot limit. Just as we did

with the water temperature study, we don't need to re-invent the wheel, we have great sources in TPWD and in National Trout Unlimited where I believe we have not always made effective use of their knowledge base.

Much work has been done by TPWD and GRTU to enhance the unique Guadalupe River Trout Fishery. Now it stands on the national stage as one of the 100 best in America. Although we cannot make the claims of native trout from legendary streams, we can say that the Guadalupe River is an outstanding and highly unique resource in Texas that serves the sport fishing needs of millions, and that GRTU has been very active over its 40 year history in taking the Guadalupe to the next level. We are finally getting this recognition because GRTU is an active participant in Trout Unlimited's national organization and its many trout conservation projects around the country – and I think we know that what goes around, comes around!



GRTU Day at the Capitol a Big Success

Texas Senate Resolution 306, sponsored by Senator Jeff Wentworth, proclaimed February 25th to be “GRTU Day at the Capitol.” The resolution, which praised GRTU for its conservation efforts on behalf of the Guadalupe River, passed with no objections. If you’d like to see the text of the resolution, it can be found online at www.legis.state.tx.us.

On hand in Austin on the 25th were over a dozen GRTU chapter members. That afternoon, they organized themselves into teams and fanned out across the Capitol building to spread the good news about GRTU to all the senators and representatives in the 81st Legislature. Teams made office visits to each elected official, bringing with them pamphlets describing GRTU’s activities and presenting each member with an autographed copy of John Ross’s new book, *Rivers of Restoration: Trout Unlimited’s First 50 Years of Conservation*. The book, specially commissioned by Trout Unlimited to mark its 50th anniversary, contains a chapter featuring GRTU’s work on the Guadalupe River.

Special thanks for organizing this event go to Johnny Cargill, former Austin resident and GRTU member, who took time from his new job in Houston to



Prepping books for delivery are Phil Dopson, Andy Niland, Rafael Torres, Johnny Cargill, Jeff Schmitt, Ted Mendrek, Banning Collins and David Brown

make it all happen. Also deserving thanks are David Brown, Andy Niland, and Phil Dopson, who represented GRTU on the Senate floor as Resolution 306 was read, and again to Andy, Phil, and Ted Mendrek, who managed transport and delivery of the 220 books that were presented to the legislators.

The GRTU team that contacted each legislator’s office and delivered the books and pamphlets included David Brown, Johnny Cargill, Banning Collins, Mark Dillow, Phil Dopson, Rich Grayson, Ted Mendrek, Andy Niland, Jimbo Roberts, David Schroeder, Rus Schwausch, Steve Stilp, and Rafael Torres. Thanks to all these guys, most of whom took a full day out of their busy schedules to spread the word about our chapter’s conservation efforts.



Delivering the good word about GRTU to State Representative Harold Dutton are chapter members Rafael Torres, Jimbo Roberts, and David Brown

Over 60 Enjoy Second Annual Troutfest

GRTU held its second annual Winter Troutfest at Rio Raft in Sattler February 20-22. Despite cooler weather and less cooperative fish, a good time was had by all. Events began Friday evening with a pot luck collection of appetizers and plenty of friendly banter as chapter members, families and guests began sizing up the items on the silent auction table and place their initial bids. With everything from bamboo rods, to flies, to caps and t-shirts, there were goodies of interest to almost everyone.

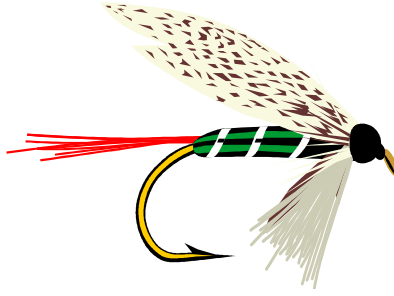
Early on Saturday, Greg Neubauer and Gary Cobb cranked up “The Beast,” the huge rolling barbecue machine on loan from Gyrodata, and began cooking and serving their now famous breakfast tacos. Equally busy was Al Crise, the Federation of Fly Fishers Southern Council’s VP of Education, who’d come down to teach kids about the river and their parents how to fly cast. Gretchen Neubauer also had kid craft activities lined up, while several experienced chapter members served as mentors on the river to new members or beginning trout fishers. Dale Connally and others joined in, setting up a fly tying table at one end of the Rio Raft Conference Room and demonstrating their favorite trout flies to all comers. Saturday ended with a barbecue and more silent auction. In all, over \$2000 was raised through auction items for GRTU’s conservation fund.

Special thanks to Greg, Gary, Gretchen, and the organizing committee of Corby Bittner, Dennis Sheppard, Mark Hazelgrove, and Ron McAlpin. Thanks also to silent auction contributors Gruene Outfitters, Sportsman’s Finest, Living Waters Fly Shop, Ron McAlpin, Jimbo Roberts, Mick McCorcle, Dale Connally, and Linda Perrine.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these important events:

- **April 22nd, 7PM:** Fly Fishing Film Tour, Alamo Draft House, Austin (see ad)
- **April 25th, 10 AM:** GRTU business meeting and elections, CRRC in Sattler
- **April 25th, 1 PM:** Stream Restoration Clinic with Duke Welter, CRRC
- **October 24th, 10 AM:** GRTU Fall chapter meeting with Brian O'Keefe
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