

# ALAMO FLY FISHERS

## NEWSLETTER

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### Just One More Cast



By Clay Gill  
President – Alamo Fly Fishers

Happy New Year! As another year begins, we look forward to an exciting season of fishing just around the corner. This past year was super and we had a lot of fun. Many people have worked diligently to insure opportunity for all. We extend a hearty thanks to all those who worked toward our goals and interests.

The Christmas party was great! More than seventy attended and it was large, loud, and proud. The food was super at Tommy Wilson's BBQ. After the dinner, an exciting raffle topped off a very enjoyable night. Our thanks to host-Tommy Wilson, and all those who managed the event, like John Marfin and Todd Fleming who worked tirelessly to facilitate the celebration and raffle.

We would like to thank the following providers for continued support in making these exciting raffles a reality. Oneshot Outdoors gave us a Sage rod, Gruene Outfitters provided a gear bag, and hat, Tackle Box provided a fly line, Lefty Ray Chapa provided a guided trip, and Shonto Ranch provided a guided trip. Bruce Young also provided a box of his amazing flies. Joe Fernandez and John Vera also provided tackle items for the draw. Additional items were purchased by the club to round out the ticket. Without this support we would not have been able to provide such an event. Be sure to thank and support those providers that care so much about us. They make these much-needed fundraisers a reality.

We recently met in a planning session to map plans up to the summer months. The activity calendar in this newsletter outlines the events that Outing Director-Jon King has in store for us. Check our web sight for these event dates and descriptions. Also posted will be any overnight changes due to weather or cancellations. Activities have been planned for all interests. Buddy Robichaux will continue to cover the education aspects and casting as the year evolves. If anyone has any special needs or requests such as casting, fishing, boating, or skills contact a club officer to facilitate your request.

Guadalupe River Rainbow Trout fishing may be a problem again this year, due to high flow rates. If so, this activity will relocate to locations where there will be Trout

and safe access. We will continue multiple monthly outings to cover most of the fishing interests of our various members. This strategy will continue until our two big events of the spring. The White Bass Outing in March and the Bud Priddy One Fly in May will bring us into the float trip season and summer action. The Priddy One Fly can be some great catch and release fishing, with many people catching dozens of fish in the Nueces River around Camp Wood. Plan on these outings for lots of fishing action and a great time together. Announcements will be coming soon to coordinate these outings. Jon King will be providing details, maps, and sign-up sheets soon at the meetings. The Dutch oven cooks should practice your favorite dish and deserts. I smell a contest brewing soon.

Don't forget the club dues are now payable. You can send them by mail to our Post Office box, or pay at the meeting. A downloadable form should be on the web site soon to give us your mail list info and e-mail. If your e-mail or address has changed, get a form from Todd's raffle table at the meeting to update the club mailing list for the newsletter. Deadline for maintaining a place on the mail list is February 01. If you don't mind receiving the letter by e-mail, please indicate this on the dues form to help us on the mailing costs. Mike Richards will send you one each month through the web.

Don't forget to check Jay Forrest's announcement of the ever-popular chef presentation at the January meeting. Our popular Chef and cooking presentation is always the largest meeting of the year. This one will be super, so bring your wives and friends. There should be tasting opportunities again, and some recipes for those interested.

We look forward to the fishing action soon with the warm weather and spawns around the corner. Don't let cabin fever get you down. On the second and third day after these cold fronts, fishing can be very good in fresh and salt water. Remember to slow your presentations and know those fish are still there, just moving a bit slower, and deeper. A warm spell in winter can be big action for those who venture out. Texas is a year-round fishery.

Traditionally this club is, and has always been a place where you never meet a stranger. We like it that way. Come join us for a visit if you have not been to a meeting, and try an outing with us. In keeping that tradition, the result is what we seek outdoors. I look forward to another outstanding year together. Being a time for resolutions, let us resolve to teach and promote conservation to our younger anglers, and introduce the great outdoors to the lives of some not yet so fortunate. Tight lines to all, and a wonderful, prosperous year to come. ■

## **January Meeting ( Jan. 21 )**

### **Program**

## **Cooking Fish with Jenevee**

**By Jay Forrest,**  
**Vice President – Alamo Fly Fishers**

In response to overwhelming enthusiasm, we have invited Jenevee Burns back for an encore performance. For those of you who missed last year, Jenevee is a camp cook extraordinaire who moonlights as a chef when she isn't cooking over coals and wood fires. She is funny, cute, talented, cute, a great cook, cute, and entertainment for the whole family.. When the bachelors found out she was single last year I thought for sure someone was going to propose right then and there. More seriously, Jenevee is a chef at La Mansion. Her cooking blends sophistication with practicality. Last year the recipes she demonstrated would work in a fine restaurant, at home, or over a wood burning fire. Her experience in the kitchen and as a camp cook provides her with insights that you are bound to find useful. Don't miss this program! And be sure to bring your spouse or significant other. ■

Refer to [www.alamoflyfishers.org](http://www.alamoflyfishers.org) for:

- Updated information on club activities
- Cancellation of club activities

## **Calendar of Events**

January	12	-- Trout Fishing on the Guadalupe River
January	25	-- Trout Fishing on the Shanto Ranch (\$45.00 for half day)
February	9	-- Trout Fishing on the Guadalupe River
February	22-23	-- White Bass Fishing (Location to be announced)
March	2	-- Swap Meet
March	?	-- Alamo Cement Lake
March	21-23	-- Colorado Bend
April	?	-- San Marcos River
	?	-- Port Aransas or Censontli
May	17	-- Bud Priddy One Fly Contest
October	10-12	-- Big Shell

## **January Outings**

## **Fishing for Trout on the Guadalupe River and the Shonto Ranch**

**By Jon King**  
**Outings Chairman – Alamo Fly Fishers**

This year over the next few months we will try to have two types of outings each month. The first will be a combination of our casting clinics and fishing sessions conducted on the local waters. The second will be our usual monthly fishing trip for some serious fishing and good food afterwards.

It will be important to attend as many meetings as possible and check the [www.alamoflyfishers.org](http://www.alamoflyfishers.org) web site for the latest information as events develop or plans change. To determine the current flow rate of the Guadalupe River below Canyon Dan call 830-964-3342.

This is your club so take advantage of the opportunity to participate in its activities.

So here we go Boys and Girls, on January 12th we will meet at Hueco Springs Camp on the Guadalupe River for casting and fishing at 8:00 am. To get there take HWY 337 west from IH 35 in New Braunfels to River Road, turn right at the River Road Ice House and follow the signs. Turn in at the yellow TEXAS FISHING sign and park in the designated parking areas only, otherwise you will be charged an entrance fee. Bring your favorite flyrod and fishing gear as none will be available.

On January 25th we will go to the Shonto Ranch in Kerrville. This will be a half day trip and cost \$45.00 per person who attends whether they fish or not. We will meet at the Albertsons store in Kerrville at 9:30 am and proceed to the ranch as a group. Do not be late as we have to meet their representative at the front gate at the arranged time.

This is an opportunity to catch some very large trout along with the usual largemouth bass that are present also. You can bring a kayak, canoe, bellyboat or fish from the bank as most people do. Bring whatever you want to eat and drink, or pick up something at Albertsons.

To get there take IH10 to Kerrville, exit at HWY 16, turn left and proceed through town to the Albertsons store parking lot. Please try to be there on time or a little early so you can get those last minute items, like a camera or lunch.

See you at the next meeting, good fishing. ■

# Future Outings

By Jon King  
Outings Chairman – Alamo Fly Fishers

## February

On Saturday February 9th we will go back to Camp Hueco Springs on the Guadalupe River for more casting and fishing. It is a lot easier to go to the Guadalupe to learn what you need and what you have forgotten, then it will be when we go to the SAN JUAN RIVER in New Mexico. Make those adjustments, additions, and upgrades to your equipment now, at one of our local fly shops--see a pro.

On Saturday and Sunday February 22nd and 23rd we will try to do some white bass fishing as a warm up for the Colorado Bend trip. Location will be determined based on fishing activity at that time. Stay turned for further developments, and the latest word on where they are biting.

## March

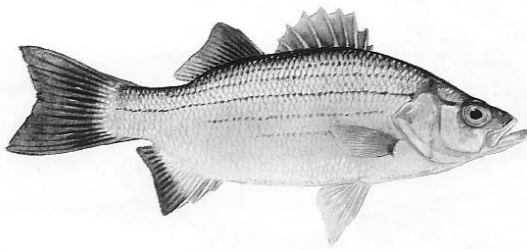
In March we will be visiting the Alamo Cement fishing lake for a members only fishing tournament. Time and rules to be announced.

On March 21st to 23rd will be our annual trip to the Colorado Bend State Park for the White Bass Trip and Saturday night dinner.

## April

In April we will try to float and fish the San Marcos River with the Central Texas Fly Fishers. They are making the necessary arrangements and will inform us when everything is set.

The second trip in April be a Saturday-Sunday trip to either Port Aransas or Censontli. This would be a camping outing-- easy on the pocket book.



### Shonto Ranch

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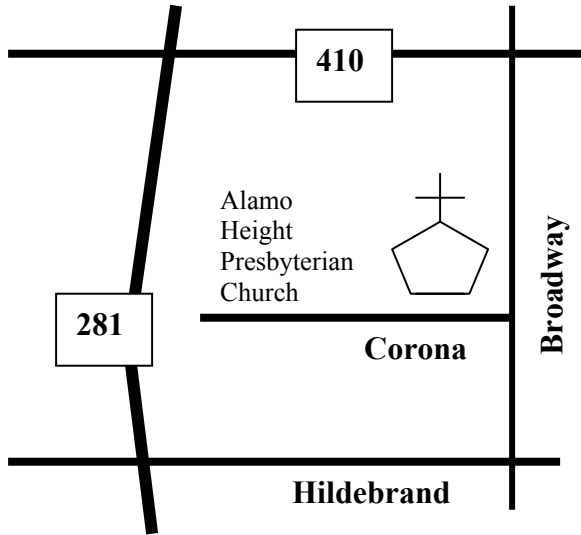
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The water in that river is so polluted that if you catch a trout, he thanks you.

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I was glad when that fish got away. There wouldn't have been room in the boat for both of us.

## Where to Find Us



**Alamo Heights Presbyterian Church  
6102 Broadway**

## Regular Activities

**Meetings** are held the third Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. at Alamo Heights Presbyterian Church, 6201 Broadway.

**Fly tying sessions** are held every Tuesday at 7 p.m., with the exception of meeting night. Bring your vise and tying gear or just come and share in the discussion.

### Alamo Fly Fishers club officers

Clay Gill	President	491-0555
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AFF Web Site--<http://www.alamoflyfishers.org>

## Local Fly Shops

### **Tackle Box Outfitters**

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### **One Shot Outdoors**

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