



DESERT FLY CASTERS *Forward Casts*

DESERT FLY CASTERS A BARBLESS CLUB



FEBRUARY MEETING:

Wednesday, March 13, 2002
Dinner- 6:00 PM
Meeting- 7:00 PM
American Legion Post #2
2125 S. Industrial Park Ave.
in Tempe

"Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you get rid of him on weekends"

submitted by
Peter Klemmins



President's Report-March 2002

Bob Harrison

Fishing season is upon us. One recent report advised the smallies were starting to be out and about for fly rodders. We just happen to have an outing to Apache Lake at the Burnt Corral campground coming up in March. My notes show that Dave Weaver and Jim Dickson will be hosting this one. To get everyone ready for a full season of fishing, we have our annual Fly Fishing 101 on the Salt River. Plans are to hold it at the Pebble Beach picnic area on the Salt River (north east side of Blue Point bridge). Be sure to check the web for any late changes. This is just the start to a full season of outings. If anyone is interested in a trip to South Padre for Reds in early April let me know. Budget estimates are around \$1000 for airplane, rental car, rooms food and guides (3 days). We can discuss more of the details if you are interested. Seneca Lake in April is a great lake to learn lake fishing from a float tube. It also a good tune up for getting your strike up to speed before the great White Mountain Spectacular in June.

Speaking of the White Mountain Spectacular it is a great time for experienced and not so experienced fly fishers. There is a lot of water to choose from. You can join up with a group to almost any of the lakes. As a group, each of you can start with different patterns and different depths and stripping to dial in on the fish. Once someone has the technique for the day, everyone can see if they can do it better than the first. Remember, we have the Winn campground group sites reserved. There is a \$10 per vehicle charge to join the outing. Jeff Fox will have a sign up list started and be collecting the money for it starting at the March meeting.

Our program for March is Game and Fish coming in to talk about the Apache and Gila trout restoration projects and fishing around the state in general. They often provide a little insight that you may not have known before. Once in a while they let out their secret fishing spots but it is usually during a break.

Clean those lines. Replace those leaders and tippets. Fill in the holes in the fly boxes. Winter is behind us. There is no more procrastination time. Remember one of the worst things you can do to a fly rod is leave it in the closet.

Tightlines

March Presentation by AZ Game and Fish Department Recovery efforts for Apache and Gila Trout

The program for our March 13th meeting will be presented by biologists from the AZ game and fish department including Scott Gurtin, the "new kid on the block" who will be leading the recovery efforts for Arizona's two native trout species. This is a great opportunity to find out what has been done, what needs to be done, and what we can do to help with the ongoing effort to get our native species delisted. We will also here from Cliff Hamilton, Executive director for Wild Life for Tomorrow, a volunteer organization that works with the AZ game and fish department. Cliff has a special event planned at Christmas Tree Lake to aid in the recovery efforts for the Apache trout. Don't miss this presentation, and put together some good questions for our guest speakers.

Small Mouth Fishing- March 23-24 Apache Lake - Burnt Corral Campground

To get there - take the Apache Trail past Canyon Lake up over Fish Creek Hill and until you see the sign for Burn Corral Campground. Generally a good road, (Fish Creek Hill is rough looking the first time you see it), and easy access to the lake. Or take the Beeline Highway to the Roosevelt Lake turn off After you cross the dam, take the Apache Trail to the Burnt Corral turn off. Or take Highway 20 to Globe Miami, head towards Roosevelt Lake, just before crossing the dam take the Apache Trail turn

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The search for 'New Water'

By Peter Klemmers

The motivation for this adventure spawned several years ago while pondering events at La Pinta Beach, our Rocky Point event location. The sunrises are still as beautiful as ever, unfortunately, a shack, a house and a casino inroach on the sunsets. Too many people, ATV's, not enough fish and that constant drumming of the human desire to look over the next hill.

The next opportunity to fish where Puerto Penasco was twenty years ago, became where Penasco was 100 years ago.

Thinking all DFC members were anxious to answer the call of fishing uncharted waters would be a priority. Wrong, I heard all the excuses, "That's when I change ink in my fountain pen;" "My sneakers need new laces;" "I am afraid of Mexico." During this years DFC outing at La Pinta I was chill-in' with Jake Colmenero and Gordon McHardy, and thought "I'll throw out the Port Lobo's bait". WELL SHAZAM, they bit! Not only did they bite, Dave Weaver asked if he could go with us. Yipes, this getting better and we haven't left our own area code yet.

The trip was planned for January 24-27; we all went to the Mexico consulate to get our tourist permits. The permits are \$21.00 payable to certain banks in Mexico. If you go, get your permit here. We arrived at the plaza around 1:00am and only 1 1/2 agents were available, due to soccer game on TV. We may still be there if we hadn't done our homework. In addition you need a Sonora Only permit for your car. These are available at the plaza. Take multiple copies of any thing not nailed down. This will help you avoid backtracking 160 kilometers, but that's another story. Plan to travel through Caborca on a weekday and get your permit stamped and paid for on the way to or from Lobos.



Dave and Gordon cleaning a few cabrilla for dinner

Ok, driving south on Highway 15 to Magdalena is good, other than it's darker out than 1950 telephone. We turn west on to Highway 2, Ok picture this, two narrow lanes, and all the semi-truck traffic on I-10 and no shoulder. My sphincter has just now relaxed.

Dawn found us at Port Lobo's, we think. A town(?) anyway. Gordon had been there before and led us to the cabanas where most people camp. They are nice, unfortunately Hurricane Andrew's first cousin was blowing through. In looking for a camp place we met up with Betine. Betine is the self appointed Mayor, Chamber of Commerce and housing director at Lobos. He showed us a duplex that was available for \$20.00 per night, with a gas range. "Momma drownt the dumb ones" we jumped on the place faster than the last girl at closin' time.

The fishing didn't go quite as our expectations had hoped. Not much for hook-ups. Dave and Gordon had some luck at the fishiest looking place on the bay. Jake went south to check

that end out and was not breaking any 'bimini twists'. Fortunately 'Hope Springs Eternal' for fishermen, next day found Dave and Gordon on a mission to seek the errant fish, going out through the surf (Dave had a likeness to Tom Hanks in Castaway, does that mean Gordon was Wilson?) planning to fish around the point to the bay, then to the Pad for lunch.

Jake and I are not getting anything, which wouldn't be so bad, except our neighbors were bringing in lot's of fish using hand lines. Grrrr! Even sea trout and barred pargo!

As a last resort we with went with All- American solution, "Throw more dinero at it". Jake and I asked Betine to introduce us to fishermen with a panga. That resulted in our introduction to Indio and Mario,. We cut a deal for the charter and on to the briny we went in search of pargo. Nobody told the pargo, or the triggers, they were MIA. I don't know what cosmic event caused it, but finally the bite was on. Jake and I had a cabrilla on all the time if not double hook-ups. The current is quite strong where the triggers hang; our line would drift over the top of the fish. Indio and Mario used hand lines and had nice triggers all the time. With the success of the 'Jakester fly' still fresh in his mind, Jake has dreamt up a way to possibly get down to the fish, still using fly gear. Stay tuned, a report scheduled for April.



Peter with a nice cabrilla

I could ramble on and on about the fun we had on this trip. As Jake says the four A personalities, Jake Colmenero, Dave Weaver and Gordon McHardy made it home fairly unscathed and still speaking to each other.

In closing let me emphasize the ambience of Port Lobo's this way:

- "If you want running fresh water, don't go"
- "Would you like to meet some sincerely pleasant people, go"
- "Forget any talk of electricity"
- "You want somebody, anybody to speak English, don't go"
- "You are uncomfortable a minority, don't go"
- "A sunrise and sunset as beautiful as anywhere, definitely go"

continued from page one....March 23 24 Bass Fishing/Apache Lake off. The hour and a half drive makes it an attractive day trip. Day use is \$4. Camping is from \$9 to \$20+ per day depending on the campsite. Equipment includes 5-8 weight rod, uniform sink line type 3 or 4. Clouser patterns, foxy minnows (yellow/white and brown/orange), Wooly Worms and Buggers. Remember waders, fins and a float tube. There is a ramp to launch boats as well. You will be fishing for Small mouth, Largemouth, Blue Gill and several other species. If you haven't fished for bass before be sure to ask someone about setting the strike. They tend to clamp down on the prey and it takes a bit more to get a hook set than trout fishing. The weather can range from pleasant to cool and windy. Don't forget your sunscreen. See Dave Weaver or Jim Dickson for details. Because we can't reserve sites in advance, the group tends to be a bit scattered but you can be sure that somewhere there be a gathering to replay the day's action. You haven't seen fish grow until you hear the replays.



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by Shirley Johnson

FISHING TIPS: This outstanding Arizona lake fly, designed by our own John Rohmer of Tempe's Arizona Fly Fishing Shop, is more "lobbed" than cast. For best results use sinking line and a slow erratic retrieve. The idea is a retrieve that imitates a wounded baitfish with a sort of "surge & sinking" action. Many strikes come on the sinking portion, so be ready! This is a "Clouser Style" fly, which means it rides hook point up in the water. Because of this, it's especially great for fishing in weedy or woody areas

Foxy Minnow

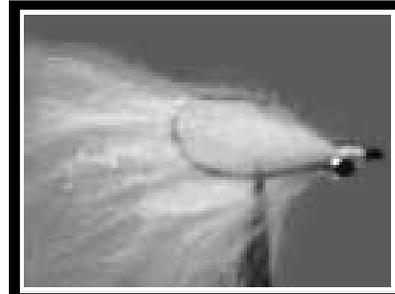
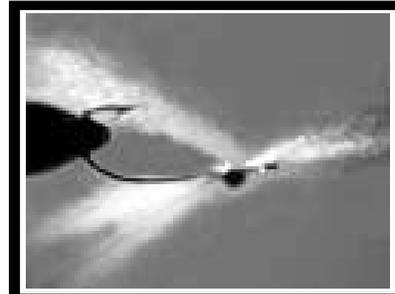
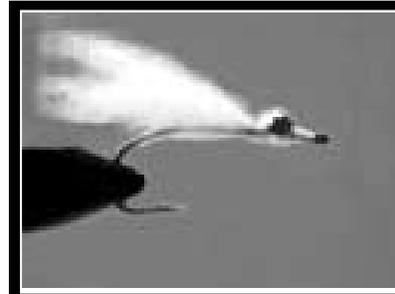
by John Rohmer

INGREDIENTS

Hook: 2X OR 3X Long Streamer (such as Mustad #3366) #2 - #8
 Thread: 6/0 White
 Eyes: Bead Chain or Dumbbell Style, sized for hook
 Underbody: Pearl Arizona Diamond Hair (ADH)
 Top Wing: White Artic Fox Tail (Longer)
 Bottom Wing: White Artic Fox Tail (AFT)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Insert hook into vise in the usual position and tie in eyes on top of hook - 4 eye widths back from eye, using a figure-8 and/or X-wrap of several layers of thread.
 2. Cement in place with Zap A Gap or similar super glue and let harden. Prep several hooks like this before hand.
 3. Tie in a fairly sparse, clump of AFT just in front of eyes and trim hair butts. (this wing should be about 1/2 longer than the hook shank) Tie down just behind eyes also. Bring thread back in front of eyes.
 4. Invert hook in vise.
 5. Tie in a segment of ADH - by the center of the length of hair - just in front of the eyes. (ADH underbody should be just over twice as long as the first wing.) The ADH ends should extend out over the body AND over the hook eye. Tie hair down just behind eyes also.
 6. Fold the front portion of ADH back over the body and tie down behind the eyes only. Return thread to in front of eyes.
 7. Tie in a segment of AFT (about 2X longer than the hook shank) in front of eyes ONLY.
 8. Whip finish and coat with head cement.
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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

The beautiful recent springtime weather in AZ brings thoughts of lazy days casting on bubbling creeks, frisky speckled trout rising to a dry fly and the fact that our annual membership dues are due April 1st (yeah, right!)

It's that time of year again folks! We hold our annual membership drive in March each Spring, with dues due by April 1st every year. You may pay your dues either by mailing a check to: Desert FlyCasters, P.O. Box 41271, Mesa, AZ 85274-1271, or by paying in person at the March meeting. As an incentive, every member who pays their dues this year by April 1st, either by mail or in person, will receive FIVE free raffle tickets at the April general meeting. (This means that your check had to have been received by me prior to our April 10th meeting.)

If you have had any change in your personal information, such as change of address, new phone numbers, new e-mail address, etc. I would appreciate it if you would fill out a new membership form so that I can update our database. You can do this via the

website at DesertFlycasters.com & it will be directed to me or, again, in person at the March or April meeting. I will have plenty of blank membership application forms available.

Remember folks, our annual membership dues of only \$30 a year (or \$33 if you need a new name tag) are a great bargain in today's economy! Where else could you get 12 informative & enjoyable monthly newsletters a year (I can't wait for mine each month and read it cover to cover), great meetings with interesting speakers, valuable classes and seminars, exciting group trips and activities, not to mention the camaraderie of flyfishing aficionados of like mind! Hey, all that for only \$30? Maybe we should think of raising the dues.....just kidding. Seriously though...quite a bargain, don't you agree?

So get on the stick...DO IT NOW, before you forget, and drop a check in the mail or see me at the March meeting for yet another year of exciting flyfishing fun!

Georganne Jannenga
 2002 Membership ChairWOMAN!

Intro to Fly Fishing – “Fly Fishing 101”

We will be having a basics class for those who want to learn fly fishing. This class will be held on a Saturday in March, date to be announced. It's open to members and non-members as well, to welcome those invited from the Sportsmen's Expo. DFC will provide rods & reels and instruction to give the novice a good foundation of skills to build on. We'll cover knots, rigging, rod care, common flies, basic casting & line handling. Handouts and refreshments will be provided. We can use a few DFC volunteers to help with the one-on-one instructional portion of the class. There will be a sign up sheet for helpers and students at the February & March meetings.

The Early Season Itch

By Ted Bounds

It's that time of year again. It's too early for the fishing to be consistently good. We get a few good days then a cold front or a storm moving through will put the fishing off again. We all know that it's too early, and chances are good that your fishing trip will be less than great, but we go anyway. There is a chance that you might hit one of the great fishing days at this time of the year, but I don't think that's the whole reason that we keep going fishing when the odds are the fishing will be less than stellar. I think that several other things contribute to the urge we all get to go fishing when we know that our chances will be a lot better in a couple more weeks. Let us take a look at some of these contributing factors.

The lottery factor: This is the same belief that has no foundation in logic that makes us buy lottery tickets and think

that we really have a chance to win when we know that the odds are forty bazillion to one that we won't. In all fairness you never know when your one chance will come up, and I have a really good feeling about next week.

The great day of fishing factor: This is one of the contributing factors that actually makes some sense. The theory is that all days of fishing are great and worthwhile, but some days the catching is a lot better than other days.

The I want to visit with my friends' factor. Talking with your friends over the phone or even at the fly shop during the winter just isn't the same as visiting with them on a stream or lake. You tell your wife "me and bubba are going fishin' tomorrow". She points out that it's too early in the season for you to have a reasonable chance at success, and the weeds are getting pretty tall in the back yard. You reply that "well, I know, but me and bubba just need to get out and have a good visit". Your wife points out that you have talked to bubba on the phone at least once a day all winter. Your reply is "well, it's just not the same". Logic like that is hard to argue with.

I guess that there are many combinations of things that compel us to go fishing when we know that it's too early. We really do get to visit with our friends. We also get to go to familiar places that have pleasant memories, and enjoy the familiar feel of a favorite rod in our hands. Along the way the "it's too early for good fishing" time frame turns into the "this is the perfect time for good fishing" time frame. This is the day that it all comes together-fishing is great- but no one is sure exactly when this day will occur. One thing is certain, you will never hit this day from the couch or watching TV. The only way to hit the day is to be out on the water. And if you are out a little too early, consider it practice for the day. Get out and fish and have a great Spring.



LOCAL DFC FLY FISHING REPORTS

Streams/Rivers

LEES FERRY

Reported by John Rohmer on Tuesday, January 15, 2002 at 08:38:18

Flows are from 9,000 to 17,000 cfs. Most fish are deep, just like last season. Not much spawning activity. I think maybe this Belair strain of rainbow may be reverting to its normal spring spawning schedule. It will be interesting to see. During low water periods like Sundays, conventional dead drift nymphing techniques work well with midges seeming to be the best pattern. Eggs take a few fish but because the spawn was weak, they are not as productive as usual. Most fish are deeper in the river channel. This is because the vegetation on the peripheries is gone due to the low water levels of September. Scuds thrive in the vegetation. Without the spawn to bring the bigger fish in, there is no reason for them to leave the security of the depths. Fishing buggers or leeches on sinktips or using normal nymphing patterns on longer leaders will prove more productive until the weeds grow back on the edges. The weeds need sunlight to grow and that won't happen until the sun gets higher this spring. Different techniques are needed during the course of any river's life cycle. This is one of those times. You have to adapt to the fish and present your fly to them where they're at. Go deep. It is still one of the most beautiful places you can fish. I never get tired of it

Desert Lakes

Alamo Lake

Reported by John Rohmer on Friday, January 25, 2002 at 08:12:40

Some crappie being taken in the river end of the lake 15-20 feet down. Try a small Foxy minnow stripped slowly on a very fast sinking line like a Deep 7. This is one of the first lakes the crappie spawn and likewise the largemouth bass, as well. Look for it to start up for the flyrod soon.

Apache Lake

Reported by John Rohmer on Friday, February 08, 2002 at 19:56:53

Lake level is about 92% and clear. Fishing remains sporadic. Some days you whack 'emsome you don't. Smallies are still in the main lake on main lake points early. As the day goes on, they drop off the edges and we're starting to pick some up in the backs of coves around large underwater structure. Fish shorelines with cobble and any structure you can see in the water. Lake has been windy at times...too windy for flyfishing, but the bigger fish seem to be a little more open-mouthed when there's a good chop on the water. Smallies are hitting crayfish patterns, especially early and baitfish patterns in yellow/white on fast sinking flylines. They're all footballs and strong. Latest outing 2/8 was very good with 25 nice smallies.

Canyon Lake

Reported by John Rohmer on Thursday, January 31, 2002 at 09:42:17

This is the toughest desert lake for the fly rod because it is so deep. AZF&G is stocking the lake with catchable rainbows, some in the 14" range. Hit Boulder Cove or the sandy beach areas with peacock ladies and sinking lines. The big bass will start coming in to chow down on the fresh hatchery food, so you may latch on to the biggest bass of your life as well. We have a 12 lb'r on the wall here that took a #12 peacock lady. Recently float tubers are doing well for trout in the back of Boulder Cove using sinking lines and assorted patterns from peacock ladies to midges. Expect the occasional bonus bass or catfish to take your offerings.

This story is not like that . . .

by Vince Deadmond

Maybe you have noticed, fly fishers have been known to embellish a story. You may have fished with someone all day, and you saw every fish they caught, but when they tell how they caught the prize fish, it is completely different from how you remember the story. Your fishing partner who would have a hard time casting his hat out of the boat, and hitting the water, is now creeping up on large trout, sipping tricos, and only his perfect 65 foot cast into the wind was responsible for the hook up with a fish of a lifetime. Many of the whopping large stories are in an exotic out of the way place, where no one can actually verify the story. Many times the story comes out of a pricey lodge where the guide puts you on to fish, caters to your every whim, and fixes a perfect feast for a shore lunch.

This story is not like that. My fishing partner for the day was my youngest daughter Suzi. Our destination was the Lower Salt River and it's a 15 minute drive from our house. We stopped at Subway for our gourmet stream side lunch. We stopped at the Water Users area first, because I was too cheap to pay the entry fee at the pay places. We fished for 30 minutes without spooking a fish, so it was time to pay the big bucks and go to Pebble Beach. We were in fish finding mode and moving up stream, when we got to the next riffle. An "old guy", anyone older than me has to be an "old guy", was fishing the riffle, we were about to move on upstream when he said, "Come join me, there are some fish in the pool and the riffle."

It is just too tough to pass up holding fish so we stopped and made some casts. I hooked a nice trout and gave it a lip ride, before it decided it didn't want to play any more. Suzi is working on her casting, and her casts are not quite what you see on the cover of fly fishing magazines. Suzi has even learned to untangle some of her own "wind" knots. Suzi made a cast that landed with a plop, but she did manage to make a good mend, and get a good drift. The drift ended when a good fish took her egg pattern for a ride. This was no stocker trout, Suzi didn't panic, she just worked the fish into the shallows with her Cortland 3 weight rod. Suzi landed the Desert Sucker, and just like her dad she estimated the fish to be a 20" fish, when we put the tape on the fish, (it must have been out of the water too long) it shrank to 16". This story is not like many fish stories, it's true.

Phony Fly Fishing Conversation

My dog Fritz and I are the only two guys in a house with four females. My wife and three daughters usually answer the phone, because it is usually not for me, or Fritz. On the rare occasion when someone does want to speak to me, it involves timeshares or magazines. That conversation usually does not last long.

The other night I got a call from Debi's cousin Ric. We talked fly fishing for an hour and a half. I must have been yucking it up, and enjoying myself. When I went to bed Debi had already retired for the evening. She said. "Who were you talking to?" "Your cousin Ric." I replied. "Did he say anything about Uncle Dick and Aunt Mary Jo?" "No." I said. "Did he say anything about my Mom and Dad," She asked.

"No," I said. "Did he say anything about his brother Rob's wedding?" "No, but what does that have to do with fly fishing?" I ask. Suddenly I realized my enjoyable conversation had been a complete waste of time. I had not gotten one bit of family gossip out of it. When I asked Debi, she didn't seem to have much interest in Ric's new float tube, or the tropical lake, (the power plant) he was fishing just outside of Milwaukee. I decided not to say anything else before I lost all phone privileges, but I was wondering if any of our other readers have phone stories that are not like that.

Fishing - World Wide

by Ann Bounds

Earlier this month, I have met several ladies through internet contact, through the clubs of Desert Fly Casters (DFC), Dame Juliana Anglers (DJA), and International Woman Fly Fishers Club (IWFF). Fran Friesen is from British Columbia, Canada; Diana Jeanne, a fly fishing guide in the Colorado Rocky Mountain National Park; and JudyVerhoeks from another IWFF Club, the Flygirls of Michigan. It was truly a pleasure to be able to meet and fish with each of these ladies while they were visiting Arizona during the month of February.

AND NOW, even another contact!!! Lesley Crawford!!! Lesley is a UK lady fishing writer, photographer, and guide from Scotland. I can't tell you what a pleasure it is to be able to fish with each and every one of these ladies! And all this made possible through the internet, the DFC and DJA club, IWFF, and member contacts made world wide!

Our own Loyal Roupe who is living in Dillingham, Alaska now, will be leaving for Italy in March for her 2 week vacation. Again, through the internet, Loyal is making fly fishing contacts in Italy while she's abroad! You remember just a few years ago, Loyal went to Scotland! The internet is very helpful and Ted Miskinnis does a wonderful job in promoting the web sites for both clubs, DFC and DJA.

Thank you Ted.



FEBRUARY'S LADY'S FLY FISHING BRUNCH - A SUCCESS!

On Sunday, Feb. 17th DFC's board members and some helpers hosted a brunch at the Lower Salt River for lady anglers to invite them to learn some great stream techniques and enjoy the good company of veteran fly fishers.

After gnoshing on a great continental breakfast at Pebble Beach Rec. Area, Vince Deadmond and Dave Weaver headed up the team of five "coaches". They guided seven ladies in learning some valuable rigging, casting and mending methods for moving water. Loner gear helped finish off the outfitting for some of the more novice gals. We divided into 4 groups with measuring tapes and scorecards in hand, just in case, to record those Salt River lunkers we'd heard about.

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continued- LADIES FLY FISHING BRUNCH

Though no trout were brought to hand that day, skills were honed and all had a great time. (And Vince still handed out prizes and ribbons.) Thus everyone considered it a fun and successful morning on the river.

This is another example of club events where you can receive great advice and mentoring on the water. It's the best way to introduce fly fishing to beginners and help them get started off on the right foot. And it was a very nice follow-up to the Valentine's Day roses handed out by Dave, to all ladies present at the Feb. meeting. Kudos to all the coaches!
Thanks Guys!

2002 Desert Fly Casters Events

March 23-24 Smallmouth Bass. Apache Lake, Dave Weaver and Jim Dickson will host. Equipment 6-8 weight rod, uniform sink line type 3 or 4, Clouser patterns, Foxy Minnows, waders, and a float tube. The hour and a half drive makes it an attractive day trip, and camp sights are available also. Generally a good road, (Fish Creek Hill is rough looking the first time you see it), and easy access to the lake.

April 4-7 Texas Gulf Coast. Red & Speck Fishing Trip. Host Bob Harrison, need to book now! Equipment 8 weight rod, wading boots, flies that look like shrimp.

April 13-14 Seneca Lake. Need a host. If you go you will catch fish! Equipment 3-6 weight rod floating line will work, sinking line will get you closer to the fish. Need San Carlos Apache Reservation Permit. Two hour drive, and primitive camping, plan to be cold, plan to be hot, early spring weather can change rapidly.

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