



Guadalupe River Chapter of Trout Unlimited

# Newsletter

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## GRTU Meeting

Saturday January 23, 2016

CRRC Building  
South Access Road  
Sattler, Texas

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9AM Social Hour

10AM Business Meeting

11AM Speaker  
George Daniel

12- Lunch

1PM GRTU Board Meeting

## January Speaker George Daniel

George Daniel began fly fishing at the age of 6 in Potter County, PA, a remote region filled with wilderness and beautiful brook trout. By age 14, George's family relocated to PA's limestone region, which contained the state's best trout fisheries. By the age of 17, George was travelling throughout the state, seeking lessons from expert anglers. By age 21, George had learned from the best anglers in the NE, including his mentor Joe Humphreys. Out of curiosity and with the support of his wife, George began entering local and national fly-fishing competitions.

He earned a spot on Fly Fishing Team USA and remained on the team for 7 seasons. Also during that time, George was on the US Youth Fly Fishing Team's coaching staff, including two years as head coach. George's real motivation to compete was to travel the world and learn from world-renowned anglers to develop a global approach.

In that brief period, George had success by winning back-to-back US National Championships and placing in the top 5 in the 2006 World Fly Fishing Championships. Eventually, competitive fly-fishing took its toll, so George retired at age 32 to spend more time travelling with his family and to focus on fly fishing education.

George is a former manager of the TCO State College Fly Shop and now owns and operates Livin On The Fly LLC- a guide/educational service company located near State College, PA. George remains involved with the US Youth Fly Fishing Team as well as writing and conducting fly fishing clinics/presentations across the country. He recently became a contributing editor for Fly Fisherman Magazine. His first book, Dynamic Nymphing has become a best seller.

Currently, his second book project titled "Strip-Set" which was released in September 2015. George lives along the banks of his favorite trout stream with his wife, and their two children.

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# President's Letter

## Rocky Start

The chapter has experienced a whirlwind this fall with lots of things that have made for some really interesting leadership conversations.

The October meeting was postponed due to a major rain event for the first time that anyone can remember. Member safety was a real concern and I think we made the right choice. That led to some interesting scrambling to get all the pieces into place for a replacement. The November meeting came off pretty well and we caught up quickly. Great speaker and neat flies. Thanks to Dakus and Rafael for working through those challenges.

The rain impacted our fishery and the Lease Access stocking timing. There was a tremendous amount of back and forth about when was the right time to put the fish in the river. Given the unpredictability of Mother Nature, I am not sure that there is ever a really right answer. I can tell you without hesitation that the board put a lot of thought into how best to serve the members (especially those who had Thanksgiving plans to fish) and to consider the viability of the fishery. Jimbo Roberts in his role as VP of Fisheries was very much engaged and I appreciate his energy. We should all be thankful that he is such a good steward of the fishery. There are some who disagreed with our decision. I respect that and always welcome dissent that is constructive and focused on solutions. If you have a better answer, share it with either me directly, one of our officers or someone on the board.

But, I also consider the process as something that we must embrace for this decision and all the others that come down the road. The board represents the membership and the membership is why we are all engaged as leadership. You can be sure that all of the leadership understands this opportunity as a privilege. It is definitely not about the pay. I want to offer a little more insight into the "behind the scenes" of the leadership and how things work at our January meeting. My desire is to ensure that everyone feels very comfortable about how they can reach the leadership and how they can serve the chapter if interested. There are many levels to contribute and we are always looking for folks with energy.

Then there is Troutfest. Your chapter leadership is meeting tonight to discuss how best to handle a series of issues with this event. I intend to provide you with an update at the January meeting and most likely via other sources as soon as possible. As with the stocking issue, the board is weighing several options along with some incredibly critical facts in determining an appropriate course of action. The course of action

will also be one that focuses on ensuring the chapter is positively (or at least not negatively) affected financially and remains in tune with our community obligations while struggling with a general, ongoing lack of volunteer support.

Let's talk about more fun things..... I am hearing (because I have been too busy to fish) that fishing should be getting better. I hope you are finding that to be the case. The best days of the year are ahead of us now with the colder temperatures of January and February. Get out catch some fish, clean up behind you, laugh at yourself, and hug a loved one.....

Here is to the new year, better fishing, and peace.

Joe

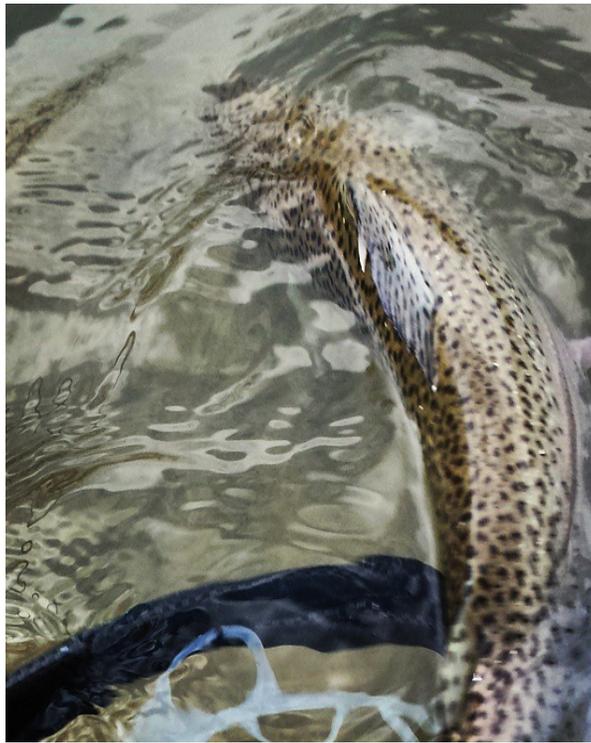


## Letter from the editor:

### Pass the torch!

Change can be a wonderful thing, but as we all know it most often comes with growing pains. First, I'd like to thank Clint Jackson for his dedication to the chapter and the newsletter. Next, I'd like to thank Joe Filer and Mark Dillow personally for their faith in me and support. I am taking the reins of the GRTU newsletter during an exciting time for our chapter. GRTU's accomplishments have been recognized by TPWD and noted in the Winter 2016 issue of TROUT by TU national. There is water in Canyon Lake and rainbows in the river, browns on the horizon. Now to the growing pains! I will make mistakes. By the time you get the January newsletter, January will probably be winding down. I expect criticism. I also expect to get better with every issue we release! With that being said, we need your help! What would you like to see in the newsletter? Suggestions? Comment? Concerns? I'd like to see more pictures of members catching fish! Maybe some sort of photo contest? Most of all I want to see this become the best newsletter possible! Thanks in advance!

Russell Moore  
GRTU Newsletter Editor



## Reel Recovery

Though only a few days in duration, a Reel Recovery retreat can be a life-changing event for men battling cancer. The program blends outdoor activity with directed conversations to create a unique environment conducive to relaxed, open interactions. Retreats are offered at no cost to the participants due to the donation, sponsorships and donated time by organizations like GRTU and people like yourselves. These outings are led by professional psychosocial facilitators and expert fly-fishing instructors. A maximum of fourteen men are invited to participate, to ensure the quality of the instruction and to create a powerful small-group dynamic.

The program is designed to be both experiential and reflective, to develop group camaraderie as well as individual skills, and to build bonds of friendship that provide a reservoir of personal hope.

If you are interested in participating as either a attendee or a fishing buddy visit [www.reelrecovery.org](http://www.reelrecovery.org) and fill out either of the applications and for more information please call Rafael Torres 512-560-4380. Next retreats April 15, 16 & 17, 2016 in Glen Rose, Texas and on May 15, 16 & 17 2016 in Boerne, Texas Please consider helping.



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## Women's Initiative Fly Fishing Day on the Guadalupe

The GRTU Women's Initiative has a day of fly fishing scheduled on the Guadalupe with the Texas Women Fly Fishers. We are scheduled to meet up on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 8:30am in the meeting room at Rio Rafts. The Texas Women Fly Fishers, club outing will be held over this same weekend at the Rio Raft Resort in Sattler, TX. The outing is open to any women wanting to learn more about fly fishing, GRTU and the Texas Women Fly Fishers.

The Texas Women Fly Fishers has what we call a Mullet Mixer on Friday nights starting off our outing weekends. The Mullet Mixer starts at 6:30 and it will be held at the meeting room at Rio Rafts as will the catered dinner on Saturday night. If you would like to join us for the Mullet Mixer—bring your favorite dish or finger food and BYOB. Our speaker is Chris Jackson, owner of Action Angler and has been guiding the river for many years and is a member of GRTU. He will be giving us information about how to best fish the Guadalupe, from fly selection to rigging techniques.

The Texas Women Fly Fisher's will be having Dinner catered Saturday evening at 6:30, so if you would like to join us the estimated cost is between \$10-\$12 per person and we need to know at the time of registration. Registration deadline is January 25, 2016 and the information for registration is listed below.

GEAR LIST: Current Texas Fishing License, Waders, Wading Boots, Wading Staff, 4wt - 6wt (8-9 foot) with floating line and 9-foot trout leaders in a 3x, 4x, or 5x. TWFF has three Fly Rods available for use and a couple of wading staff's, but if you have your own equipment please bring it. If you do not have waders or boots one of the local fly shops will rent them for a reasonable price.

### Area Fly Shops:

Action Angler & Outdoor Center

9751 River Rd, New Braunfels, TX 78132

Cross Streets: Near the intersection of River Rd and Bluff End Rd

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### Reel Fly Fishing Adventures

1642 FM 2673 #3

Canyon Lake, TX 78133

Office: (830)964-4823

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If you would like to attend and meet other women that enjoy fly fishing and want to learn more about what these two organizations are all about please send your RSVP to the following e-mail address; twffoutingcoordinator@yahoo.com . Information needed when registering is as follows (Full Name, phone number, e-mail address, if you will be joining us for the Mullet Mixer on Friday and eating Dinner on Saturday and if you are a Trout Unlimited Guest).

Janet Baca-Womens Initiative Chair

# Fisheries Report

Hello my fellow Trout Enthusiasts.

I had a little time on my hands this Dec 22nd afternoon and went down to fish a little bit myself. Those of you who have fished this season all ready know the challenge of fishing for Trout in these high flows. Today the flow was 572cfs and the water, although the clearest I've seen it so far since the October floods, with a visibility of about 1 1/2-2 feet, wading in waist deep water is a bit of a leap of faith. I used my wading staff to probe the bottom for my next step as much as to steady myself in the current.

Here's the forecast. Right lake levels are 909.29' msl and dropping. I expect the lake to reach pool sometime shortly after Christmas. At that time GBRA will drop the flows to whatever the inflows are into the lake. Right now that is 332cfs and falling. I do expect that we have not seen the end of the El Nino rains. That will mean future fluctuations up and down of the lake and consequently flows going up and down. Watch the flows and be careful when fishing the Guadalupe. Eventually things will settle down and we will have more normal flows during the winter and spring. I also expect the lake will cool down even more over the winter, start to stratify this late spring and summer. Next summer we will likely have cold sustaining summer flows and a summer of Trout Fishing the likes we have not seen since 2010.

The first 2 stockings have been completed. We have Trout from the dam down to Huaco Springs. We will have our third stocking about the time you receive this newsletter and then sometime later our first stocking of Brown Trout in some 10 years. We will have stocked a total of 13,000lbs of Trout this season in addition to everything TPWD has stocked. This is the greatest number of pounds of Trout GRTU has ever stocked in one season.

When flows return to more normal levels later this winter, fishing should be outstanding. I expect a slow but steady progression in the clearing of our river. This will make everyone more comfortable wading and fishing for Trout in this the most southern Trout fishery in America. That's something everyone should enjoy and be proud to be a significant part of it's creation. You are making all this possible. Now go ahead and give yourself a good pat on the back, you deserve it!

Jimbo Roberts  
GRTU V P of Fisheries

# TROUTFEST 2016?

By the time this newsletter gets to you, the cat will have already left the bag. Troutfest 2016 is in peril. Sorry to say but at this point the board has decided to at least shelve the event for this year, due to many factors. Finding speakers and presenters has been tougher as our sport has grown and as a volunteer organization we need some enthusiastic, energetic, new help to bear some of the enormous burden involved. We know how much everyone enjoys this yearly festival and are already working on 2017 with a comeback for the ages, so don't for a second think it's gone for good. Just taking a break! Keep watching for future announcements on possible substitutes for Troutfest 2016, there are still some irons in the fire.



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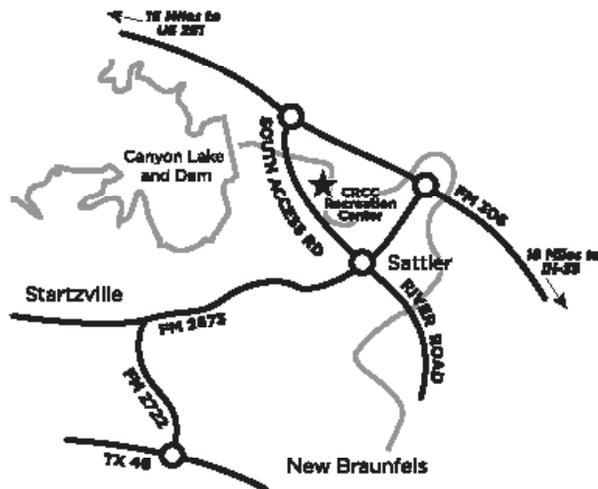
>From NORTH or SOUTH: Just North of New Braunfels on I-35 take Exit 191, (Canyon Lake Exit), which is FM 306 and go WEST, about 14 miles to Sattler (Canyon Lake area). Go past the traffic light at FM 2673 in Sattler for about 2 miles, (through Canyon City) and turn Left at the blinking caution light 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 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 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, 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.

Follow our new map created by GRTU Volunteer Mark Broderick.

## Map of GRTU Meeting Area



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Tied by Chris Johnson of Living Waters Fly Fishing

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Thread: Black, 70 Denier or 6/0

Tail: Golden Pheasant Tippets

Body: Stripped Black Hackle Quill

Underwing: White CDC Oiler Puff

Wing: White Calf Tail

Hackle: Whiting Barred Dark Ginger or Cree



### Moore's Midge

A variation of Pat Dorsey's Black Beauty

Tied by Russell Moore

Hook: TMC 101, Dairiki size 18-24

Thread: 70 Denier, Olive

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Body: Olive Thread

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The following distinguished members of GRTU have been designated, some posthumously, as Honorary Life Members of the Chapter for their exceptional contributions to our work. This honor is reserved for commendatory recognition of individuals whose personal service contributions to the Chapter are deemed to have had outstanding impact in advancing Chapter and TU objectives.

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