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TROUT FISHING TRIP TO WYOMING

By Ed Hubert

It was all about BIG TROUT!! From watching Gordon Eastman videos, I had known for some time that the upper Big Horn River in Thermopolis contained some very large browns, perhaps 17" to 21", or larger. Their growth rate is phenomenal. But a call to Joe Deromidi, fishery biologist with Wyoming Game and Fish Dept., alerted me to yet another hot spot, the North Platte River west of Casper and just downstream of the Alcova Dam. I mean rainbows in the 18" to 20" range as starters and much bigger than

that. It was worth a trip from Florida to Wyoming and a week's vacation to find out.

On Thursday June 6, I flew into



Upper Big Horn River upstream of Thermopolis.

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Message from the President

Dear Club Member:

It's a privilege and honor to be elected Club President. I will put forward my best effort to server the club and the interests of the membership. In return, I ask for your help and your support to achieve our goals for the year. Peter Stoecklin June 2002

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Here is my understanding of our club's purpose:

Provide a forum for fellowship and fun in the context of fly fishing trips, and monthly meetings with relevant salt and fresh water fly fishing programs. In support for this purpose we publish a newsletter, arrange for speakers and meeting rooms, and maintain our administrative records necessary to be a non-profit organization. In order to honor those who introduced us to fishing, we support fishing opportunities for disadvantaged youth (Take a Kid Fishing Program). I hope that each of you can buy into these goals and make them your own.

It takes a lot of work to on the part of officers and members to have a successful club. This past year our club officers and volunteers have done an excellent job. We need to thank them for taking an active interest; committing their time, and making the unselfish effort to make things happen. My personal thanks to Danny Riley, President; Don Killingworth, Vice President; Wayne Southwell, Treasurer;

Treasurer's Report for July

by Wayne Southwell

Beginning Balance:	\$926.51
Expenses:	\$350.00
Revenues:	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance:	\$576.51

Notes:

Expenses = \$350-newsletter
Revenues = \$0

and Jim Stenson, Secretary for their service last year and previous years.

To achieve our purpose next year I suggest some goals. Here is what I have for CLUB GOALS this coming year:

- Continuation of our Program Speaker or Planned Learning Activity at every meeting
- Continuation of our Monthly Newsletter with interesting articles
- Continuation of our Club Raffle with really good stuff
- Continuation of at least one Volunteer Youth Activity for the year

In addition, I think we need:

- An increase in Paid Membership of at least 50% over the current level
- An increase in Planned Fishing Trips to at least six this per year with a balance between salt and fresh water and local and distance trips.

Now, I have some questions for you.

- What are we doing right that you want to see continued?
- What do we need to start doing that would be new?
- What do we need to discontinue?
- What can you contribute to achieve these goals?

Your officer team and volunteers will proceed to plan the pro-

grams and trips for the year. We will need to make some important assignments. Can you volunteer for the assignment of your choice or would you rather wait to be asked?

Your feedback and your offers to volunteer will be appreciated. You can contact me or any of the officers.

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May your fishing days be successful,

Peter

Please be sure and fill out the survey on page 7

Meeting Notes from July 8, 2002

The members present completed a survey prepared by our new President. A copy will be available on our web site and in hard copy format for all members who missed the meeting. The results of the survey will help to guide and influence the plans for the next year.

Scott Paterna, owner of Jerry's Bait and Tackle Store, spoke on the fishing conditions on the flats. It was a very interesting and informative program. Scott makes use of email and other electronic means to get the word out to fisherman. In performing this service, he has grown his business significantly over the past three years. To summarize his message, we are seeing the positive effect of the net ban. Scott articulated some other issues such as pollution that need to be addressed in order for the long-range success of

our sport fishing to be assured. Scott talked about the importance of fishing tournaments and how his business has grown as a result of the activity. Scott also talked about his support of fishing activity for Boys and Girls Club members. Our President volunteered to personally help Scott on any project related to kids. His addition, Pete committed to lead the club to support this effort. All members present also volunteered to help. Finally, Scott offered to order fly fishing tackle (that he does not stock) for club members at a good price.

Our new president presented some of his ideas for the club (see the Presidents Message). The members had a wide-open discussion of club activity past and future. Club policy and practices were also discussed.

It was agreed to publish the newsletter on the web site and to mail it to members for a period of time. We are going to improve on getting the word out to members. Anyone who needs help downloading the newsletter or getting email should contact a club officer.

The president introduced the idea of allowing guides, businesses, and other club supporters to put their business card on our web site and in the newsletter. All present thought it was a good idea. Club members can provide input to the President for inclusion on the web site. Check the our web site for the initial version.

The President ended the meeting by introducing his stringer for 2002-2003. This is a 30-foot rope. For each trip event, each program, each news article, and every other achievement of the club, a symbolic fish will be added to the stringer. The President wants this stringer full of good fish by the end of his term. In closing, Club Members agreed to the following phrase "For Fun and Fellowship, We all Fly-Fish!"

THE RAFFLE REPORT

by Wayne Southwell

THE AUGUST RAFFLE

The August 12th, raffle will be comprised of five (5) items, awarded in random order as selected by the winning members.

- 1) A Cortland 444 fly line.
- 2) An Orvis Hatch Batch fly set.
- 3) An Orvis large indestructible

fly box.

- 4) An assortment of Umpqua Trout hooks.
- 5) John Kumiski's Saltwater Fly Fishing book.

Raffle tickets will be available for sale before the meeting at a cost of 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, or 7 for \$20. As always, any additional raffle items donated by the membership will be greatly appreciated.



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Casper, Wyoming, and drove 135 miles to my motel at Thermopolis. Thermopolis is a little town with about 3400 plus population, famous for its hot springs. When I arrived at the motel, there was a message from my guide, John Schwalbe. "I'll pick you up at 5 A.M.", was the mes-



Guide John Schwalbe with 21" rainbow on Upper Big Horn River

sage. Still shaking my head in disbelief, I called him and said, "John, all I have to say to you is, the trout had better be hitting GOOD!" As they say, the early bird gets the, er, uh, well, TROUT, of course!!

So, come Friday morning, we two "birds" were on the Big Horn River early. At 5:45 A.M., we put in south of Thermopolis. From the Boysen Dam north for 30 miles, the Big Horn is a tailwater fishery. According to John, the trout start to feed at dawn and then quit in the early afternoon when it gets hot. Indeed, the trout were rising all over the river. The surface was covered with spent Trico spin-

ners, a tiny mayfly about a size 20. And the trout were gorging themselves on these Tricos. After John rigged me with a 4X tapered leader and a Parachute Adams size 18 for a main dry and a size 20 Trico spinner for a dropper, I was ready for business. Everywhere there were ripples from feeding fish. Now and then

a trout could be seen with its snout above the water, sucking in Tricos. The trick was this: Cast about a foot upstream of the rise and throw out a little slack to avoid drag, hold your breath and get ready!!

There's a suck and a ripple,

and the Trico's gone. Hook-up!! The big brown tears off 50 or 60 feet of line and then bulldogs to throw the hook. Or the big rainbow runs 10 or 20 feet, then goes ballistic two feet into the air, and then takes off again. Whew!! Ten or fifteen minutes later John would net a nice, fat 18" brown or rainbow. These trout are incredibly chunky, solid, and very, very feisty. They grow that way in just two years time from fingerlings. John removed the hook, massaged the tired trout, and he swims away. John says that I hooked up with about 50 trout, netted and released 25. All of these are browns or rainbows, 17" to 21", no cutthroats.

Through the morning, we tried a Pheasant tail nymph and a Prince nymph, both in size 18. But by far, the Trico spinner was the winning ticket.

The Big Horn is a pretty river, with Russian olive trees lining the bank. The river is clean, slow, unspoiled, with light fishing pressure. Cattle ranches border its banks, for the 7 miles we drifted. Besides, the day was mostly sunny with pleasant temperatures. It offers excellent dry-flyfishing, but bait fishing is also allowed and practiced.

Saturday afternoon I drove back to Casper. Why? To check out the North Platte River. Big rainbows, remember? I went to the Platte River Fly Shop west of Casper on the way to the Alcova Dam. I met Mark Boname, my guide for two days on the North Platte. Mark owns the shop and also has a B.S. degree from the University of Wyoming in fishery biology. So I figured that I was in safe hands.

Monday would be an altogether different day. We drove to Alcova, at a place called Grey Reef, and launched on the North Platte. This river is a tailwater fishery of the Alcova Dam, which controls its flow. The North Platte is totally different from the Big Horn. Why? First of all, it is 5 to 6 feet deep and you fish on bottom with nymphs at the drop-offs of gravel shoals. Second, the trout were not eating at all—NOTHING! That's right—we caught a few and pumped their stomachs. We

found virtually nothing inside. And there was no food in the water that we could see. OK, Mr. Fish Biologist, what now? Mark did what any experienced fly-fishing guide would do--he experimented!! As a result, Mark came up with a fly and dropper combo that worked fairly well for the day. I used a size 14 San Juan worm with a size 20 Pale morning dun (PMD) or a size 20 Black midge dropper with two BB shot. The main fly was set at 10 to 12 feet of 3X leader below the strike indicator. I caught and released 19 trout for the day and lost lots more. And I missed a bunch of takes in the 7 miles we drifted. But these were big fish, 18" to 21" rainbows. Despite being cool and windy, it was a good day.

Tuesday was more of the same. Cool and windy, no food in the water, fish not eating. Again, Mark experimented with different flies, trying to find something that would work. But I still netted eleven trout for the day, despite their sluggishness and non-activity. Really, I had a lot of takes, but just could not hook up. And I lost many a good fish. The winning fly combo for the day varied. Nothing worked consistently all the time. Generally it was the same for the previous day, except that a size 14 Rusty scud also worked well as the

main nymph. Both the PMD and the Black midge droppers continued to produce. Trout were the same, 18" to 21", big rainbows, no browns or cutthroats.

My take on the Platte River: A river well managed, with limited access. Lots of big fish. Observed only flyfishers, no bait fishermen. Fish on bottom at the edge of drop-offs, using little nymphs, with a really small dropper. Focus on the indicator and strike at the slightest movement. Remember, by the time you see the indicator move, the trout has already taken the fly for a couple seconds. Add a few more seconds for your reaction time and taking up the slack before you have enough tension in line and leader to hook the fish. By now, the trout has sensed that the fly is not food and has rejected it. So you are going to miss some takes. But if you are alert, you will hook some really big fish.

A few words about my guides. Both John Schwalbe and Mark Boname are excellent. They both know their respective rivers



Ed on the North Platte River with the evidence of a successful trip, a nice fat rainbow.

well. They know what is coming off, where the trout will be, and the technique that works. They are both insightful and spot fish readily. Both of them handle their boats well and put you on fish immediately, not wasting time on unproductive water. Finally, both of them are encouraging and are ready to assist in any way they can. I heartily recommend them both.

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Ed had a good fishing trip this summer. Did you?

Write it up for the newsletter.

Pictures make the story even better!

SILENT AUCTION

by Wayne Southwell

We will be holding a silent auction during the August 12th club meeting, consisting of the following items:

1. A SAGE RPL+, 4 weight, 4-piece, 9-foot fly rod – This is a brand new rod in the tube and comes with an unconditional lifetime warranty. The bidding will start at \$280 for this \$485 rod.



2. A SAGE SP, 6 weight, 3 piece, 9-foot fly rod. This is a brand new rod in the tube and comes with an unconditional lifetime warranty. The bidding will start at \$320 for this \$585 rod.



3. A Tibor Light, Tail-Water fly reel. This is

a brand new reel in the box and comes with a lifetime warranty. This reel was designed for fresh water use but like all Tibor reels, it is 100 % saltwater safe. The bidding will start at \$180 for this \$295 fly reel.



The way the silent auction works is simple. You write your name and the amount of your bid on the bid sheet and the person who bids the highest by the end of the meeting wins the auction.

If you would like to read about these wonderful rods and reels before the meeting and the bidding, check them out at www.flyfishingreview.com

FFF - IMPROVED WEBSITE

If you haven't visited the FFF website lately it is high time you do. There have been many changes made on the site in the last month. We have added a section compiled by fly tier Mike Radencich called the Salmon Flyer. The Salmon Flyer was originally a publication that moved on to a website and has now found a home in the fly tying section of our site. If you've ever wondered about how to tie a Salmon fly this is the place for you.

Among other changes you can now submit an address change, meet the FFF staff, read about conservation projects from around the country and view the Fly of the Month photo gallery. Don't forget to check out June's Fly of the Month *Bead Brooks Stone*, a great stonefly to use especially if you are planning on fishing while you're in Montana for the Show!

Speaking of the show, if you haven't registered yet there are still some great classes open and

with online registration you are just a click away from a grand time in Montana. Visit our registration page to read about the 10th Annual Tyathon, find out what informative programs are available, check the water flow of your favorite Montana stream, print out a map to a new fishing access and more. <http://www.fedflyfishers.org>

Cara Vollmer
Communications Coordinator
FFF National Office

FBBF Club Member Survey 2002-2003

Your Name:

Your preferred telephone number:

Your email address (if you have one):

Your preferred mode to receive the newsletter? (US Post, WWW, or email)

Your primary fishing interest is: (saltwater, freshwater, both equally)

Your preferred fishing tackle type is:

(fly fishing, spinning, bait casting, other, all about equally)

Your preferred fishing trips are: (local, instate, out of state, any good trip will do)

You tend to go on club sponsored fishing trips because: _____

You tend not to go on club sponsored fishing trips because: _____

Your preference for raffle item(s) is: _____

Your ranking of the program types one to five (one being the best):

- Fishing Skills Clinic (such as a casting clinic)
- Tackle Building Clinic (fly tying clinic)
- Conservation and Environmental Programs
- Specific Fish Species Program (such as "How to Catch Redfish")
- Fishing Resort and Guide Trip Reports
- New Fishing Equipment and Boat Reports (Show and Tell)
- Other _____

Your first suggestion for improving the club is ...

Your second suggestion for improving the club is ...

Are you willing to contribute to the success of the club by taking a leadership role? Yes / No

If yes, identify the activities you will perform:

- Recruit New Members (how many?)
- Write newsletter articles (How many for the year?)
- Plan, organize, and lead a fishing trip (type of trip, when and where?)
- Take one or more club members fishing on your boat (how many trips can you take and how many open seats would you have available for members?)
- Plan and Organize a Monthly Program (what type and what month?)
- Other Commitments (identify other responsibility that you are willing and able to accept).

Program Plans for 2002-2003

Club Meeting Date	Program Topic and Speaker	Program Type	Club Member Host
July 8, 2002	Flats Fishing Update; Scott Paterna	Saltwater Informative	Peter Stoecklin
August 12, 2002	“My Trip This Summer” by Members; & Interest Survey	General & Club Business	Peter Stoecklin
September 9, 2002	“Learn Fly Casting from the Junk in Your Garage” by Tom Broderidge	Humorous and Informative	Peter Stoecklin
October 14, 2002	Fall Sea Trout and Redfish Program Speaker to be announced.	Saltwater Instruction Program	Wayne Southwell
October	Casting Clinic, Fun Fishing and Food at Bear Creek Farm Date to be announced.	Instruction and Fun	Bill Roberts & others
November 11, 2002	Prospects for Fall Bass and Bream; Members Report on Summer Trips	Freshwater Instruction Program	TBA
December, 2002	Holiday Event, Date, Time and Location TBA	Fun and Fellowship Social	TBA
January 2003	New Fly Fishing Equipment Show	Equipment	TBA
February 2003	Spring Bass and Bream Fish with a Fly Rod; TBA	Freshwater Bass and Bream	TBA
March 2003	Western Trout Fishing Program; TBA	Freshwater Trout	TBA
April 2003	Antique Fly Fishing Road-show and/or Yard Sale	General Interest	Peter Stoecklin
May 2003	Tarpon Program; TBA	TBA	TBA
June 2003	Freshwater Rod, Line, and Leader Selection; TBA	TBA	TBA
July 2003	Saltwater Rod, Line and Leader Selection; TBA	TBA	TBA
August 2003	Fisherman’s Knots You Must Know; TBA	Basic Skills Building	TBA

Club Sponsor List

Food and Beverage

The Buckhead Brewery and Grill; Andrew Olson, General Manager; Telephone: (850) 942-4947 Address: 1900 Capital Circle, NE; The Buckhead is both a great place to eat and our club meeting host location. Enjoy the food and drink. They have great menu items like Colorado Filet, Gator Tail, Extreme Wings, Gone Fishin' and hard-crafted beer. In addition, you will appreciate the Aspen Charm with the Southern Hospitality.

Local Saltwater Guides

Captain Gene K. Strickland; (Club Member); (850) 545-7700; Fly Fishing and light tackle guide. Sight fishing on Apalachee Bay and St. Georges Sound. Tarpon, trout and redfish.

Captain Jody Campbell; Home (850) 926-1173; Light tackle and Fly Fishing for Trout, Tarpon, and Cobia. Jody works out of Shell Point. He is the most knowledgeable guide in that area.

Local Freshwater Guides

Captain David Mock; Home (850) 576-7614 Work (850) 891-5991; email mockdtsh@aol.com. Check www.bassangler.com. David is a freshwater guide in the Tallahassee area for bass and other species. He trips on Lake Talquin and other local lakes.

Bait and Tackle Stores

Jerry's Bait and Tackle (Scott Paterna, owner); 664 Woodville Hwy; 850-421-3248; Scott publishes the flats news weekly by email. To subscribe, send Scott a message at TMSeatrout@earthlink.net. The weekly email covers the saltwater flat from Shell Point east to Ecofina. Jerry's Bait is a full service store. You can count on Scott for the latest fishing report, good bait and tackle. If you are into saltwater fishing tournaments, Jerry's is the place to get connected.

Fly Fishing Gear and Sporting Good Stores

Fly Fishing Made Easy; Lee Avirett (Club Member) Phone number is 224-7425. Lee is a FFF Certified Casting Instructor. He conducts group and private lessons. In addition, Lee is a dealer for Reddington Company. He can help you to select the right combination of rod, reel, and line for your needs. Most importantly, he can help you to learn to cast your rig in a way sure to improve your results and personal satisfaction.

The Hook Box; Len Elzie (Club Member) Phone: 422-009 Len teaches fly tying and sells fly tying supplies, equipment, and related items such as books and videos. He has a large selection in stock of items for all of your fly tying needs. Hard to get and unique supplies for the fly dresser are not problem at this location. Email: hookbox@prodigy.net

Rod Building and Repair; Darrell Pack (Club Member) Phone: 8751670. Darrell builds and repairs rods. Rod modifications to improve your casting are a specialty. Email: anglerstacklemaster@msn.com

Specialty Category

Outdoor Fishing Video Productions by Captain Randle Leger; (Club Member) (850) 997-8641. Randle was one of the very best saltwater guides in the area for trout and redfish. He guided on the Ecofina out of J.R.'s Aucilla River Store for many years. Now, he creates video productions for the fishing venue.

SIX FLIES THAT WORK

by Wayne Southwell

The endless number of saltwater fly patterns on the market might be a little intimidating to newcomers to the sport. I am by no means an expert on saltwater fly-fishing. However, I have been involved in the sport here in the Big Bend area for a number of years and have caught my fair share of fish. Although I own a large number of different patterns and enjoy tying new patterns all the time, the truth is I catch the majority of my fish on just six fly patterns.

The following is a breakdown of the six flies that work for me.

THE COUSER MINNOW can

be tied in a variety of sizes and colors. Depending on the method of retrieve



used, it can imitate a wide range of prey species. One of its great features is that it rides hook up which greatly improves its weedlessness. This is achieved by virtue of the weighted dumbbell eyes tied on top of the hook shank. The position of the weighted eyes also causes the fly to dip and dart when retrieved. Some of the color combinations that I like are chartreuse over white, chartreuse over pink, brown over yellow, brown over orange, black over red, and all black.

LEFTY'S DECEIVER is a great bait fish imitator, which should be tied in an assortment of sizes and colors. Tied sparsely, it imitates small minnows, but can be bulked



up to imitate larger baitfish. The Deceiver is easy to cast and when tied properly it will not foul during casting. The color combinations for this pattern are endless, but my favorites are chartreuse over white, red over yellow, blue over white, dark green over white, all white and all black.

POPPERS can be very effective at times and they produce the most exciting strikes of all, surface strikes. They come in a variety of sizes and colors, as well as, being made out of an assortment of materials (deer hair, cork, etc....). I prefer flat-faced poppers on calm days because they are subtle and cupped faced ones when the water is choppy. The bigger the chop the bigger the cup. Good colors choices are yellow with a red face, white with a red head, all white, and all black during low light and at night.



THE BEND BACK is an excellent minnow imitator and is fairly weedless. Depending on the color combination, it can be made to imitate other prey such as shrimp. It is a good choice when a weedless fly is needed and/or when fishing shallow water. Good color



combinations are brown over orange, brown over yellow, red over yellow, purple over yellow, all white and all black.

SEADUCERS are used to imitate a number of prey species and is extremely effective in shallow



water when a fly that lands softly is needed. It is also a good choice when you need to suspend a fly in the water column. My favorite color combinations are white with a red head, yellow with a red head, all white and all black.

THE SPOON FLY is very effective on Redfish, especially when a weedless fly is needed. Although this fly is hard to make and a little expensive to purchase, it will pay big dividends when fished in and



around grass because of its weed guard and its fish catching ability.

Although there is a wide variety of fish catching flies on the market today, an assortment of the six mentioned above is all you will need for a great day of fly-fishing the salt in the Big Bend.

A Different Kind of Fishing Trip ...a True Story

By Peter Stoecklin

Picture this fishing trip in your mind ... a six-day Boy Scout Canoe Trip to Northern Tier Base, Ontario, Canada. Two teams each have twelve boys with adult leaders. Each team will paddle and portage on lakes and streams in the area north of Boundary Waters, Ely, Minnesota. Their objective is to have a good time and to learn some skills for merit badge requirements.

I was invited to go along on the trip because my brother-in-law has two boys in the troop. In addition, I am an Eagle Scout and I have extensive canoeing experience in this area.

Preparation began last fall. I contributed to the trip planning process. In addition, I helped with the pre-trip training. Most importantly, we conducted a full day of canoe paddling instruction and water safety training. The personal equipment of each scout was checked out and other preparations were made.

I had an additional personal goal for each scout on the trip. My goal was to give each boy a chance to catch a good fish, clean it, and cook it over the open fire. In my book, every boy should have the experience of catching, cleaning, and cooking their fish over the open fire in a wilderness camp. Does this bring back good memories?

To accomplish my goal, I had the following plan. Every night I will take two boys in the canoe fishing. I will assist them with getting their rods rigged with lures that will work. I will paddle the canoe to put them on fish. I will teach the boys to cast their line. I will help them to understand the essentials of the lure retrieval. The fish must do their part. I will coach the boys to play the fish. I will show them how to set the drag properly. I will encourage them to allow the fish to run. I will assist them with getting the fish into the canoe. When success on the water is achieved, we will make a speedy trip to camp to initiate the next steps. I will replace each successful boy with a new recruit. Other adults in camp will supervise the hot fire and skillet with oil ready for the fish. Fun will be enjoyed by all. That was the plan; and that is what happened.

By the end of the trip, every boy in our group caught a good fish. Seventy-two confirmed fish were counted. Selected fish were cleaned, and cooked. Universally, the experience was good. Everyone said "That is the best fish I have ever eaten!" Men and boys alike were overcome with emotion about the experience.

In summary, we had a good plan and we achieved good results.

Now that the trip is concluded, I can reveal my true personal goal. I wanted to emulate the man who helped me to catch my first fish on a Canadian canoe trip over forty years ago. Many thanks to Mr. Bob Cover, My Scout Master, for that great trip and for taking the time to help me catch my first fish. I will never forget that experience. Most importantly, the experience is enhanced by repeating the tradition today with new scouts on their first trip.

There is one short and small addition to this story. First, I confess that I did not go on this trip to catch fish. Fishing was not even my secondary purpose. However, I did make a few casts in strategic places at precisely the right time. Forgive me; I could not resist the urge. You know how it is; don't you? I must say, I was rewarded with my personal best small-mouth bass at 21 inches and my personal best northern pike at 35 inches. I think good deeds are rewarded.

In a later story I may reveal one or more of my true fishing secrets.

Thanks for letting me tell this story and in return please write your story and submit it to the editor for publication.

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Membership in FBBF consists of the following categories with very minimal dues for each:

Individual Member	\$35.00
Family Membership	\$45.00
Student Membership	\$15.00

**The next meeting is August 12 at Buckhead
Brewery and Grill.**

**The board meeting begins at 6:00. The
meeting begins at 7:00.**