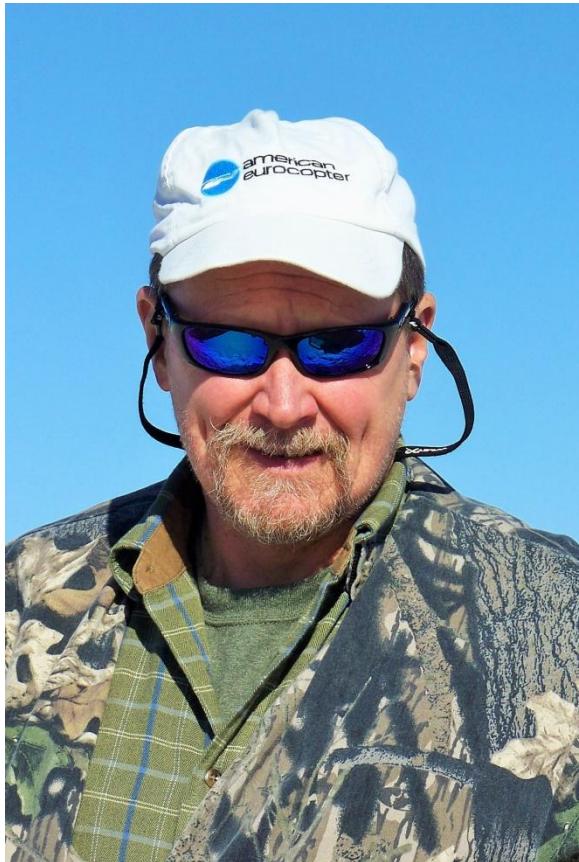


Exemplary Service is Recognized in Clay Gill



Many of you may not recognize Clay Gill. For the past 10 plus years Clay has been faithfully writing "Just one More Cast" and the "Scouting Report" for our newsletter. Clay is now enjoying the retired life and will be stepping away as a long time contributor to our newsletter.

What many of you may not know is Clay Gill's fly fishing journey began in the San Marcos River in 1958. Clay joined the AFF in 2000. He was the Vice President of the AFF in 2001, and President in 2002. Clay was quickly recruited by Bruce Nelson to contribute to our newsletter and has been writing "Just One Cast" and the "Scouting Report" each month for more than a decade. That my friends is exemplary service.

Over the years Clay has worked expos, casting/tying, and scouting events. Clay has also done much fundraising through the years, and he corralled/recruited many of the current, recent, and past officers. Many changes were made during his tenure as an officer that created a much larger club. We went from keeping our funds in a cigar box to having a bank account and we moved the Christmas party from a cold windy small family style outdoor ranch to a comfortable family style restaurant. Needless to say,

the wives enjoyed this immensely and we've been having an annual Christmas party each year thereafter.

Clay was also instrumental in our club having monthly speakers/guides which interested a great many members. As a result, the club prospered. Clay was also helped with increasing outing participation with new locations like a club outing to the Shonto Ranch, the South Llano River, Big Shell, and coastal kayak outings before they became as popular as they are today.

Clay has always directed his writing towards the new comers and has helped build a family style environment in our club where one feels welcome. Over the years Clay has introduced many members to new places and techniques. In fact, Clay introduced me to fishing for white bass at the Nueces River near George West. I am forever grateful.

Clay states the most rewarding part for him was the smiles on kid's faces when we taught them to tie/cast and then catch a fish in the same day. What made it all grow and flourish so quickly has been amazing teamwork.

Clay is an awesome man that I am proud to call my friend. In fact, Clay, when he worked behind the counter at Sportsman's Warehouse provided me with more fly fishing information that I could digest. Sportsman's Warehouse was on my direct drive home so I used to stop in every other day to talk with the individuals behind the fly fishing counter. Most of my conversations were with Clay.

Clay, the board of directors, officers, and members of the Alamo Fly Fishers offer our sincere thanks to your for your many years of exemplary service and wish you well in retired life. We wish you the very best and hope your travels don't take you far from your friends in the AFF.

Tightlines,

Walter Ross