

TRPA Newsletter 2017

Well, this is the time of year when I normally send out a paper copy of the Texas Rivers Protection Association Newsletter. We only send out one paper copy per year, and then we have it available at events throughout the year.

But, the weather is normally pretty lousy in January, and that is what allows me to work on the newsletter. The year has been beautiful, so I just haven't been able to work indoors. And, there are other issues, like the fact that we are in a legislative session and we still don't have filed copies of some of the legislation that we are concerned about.

So, I have made an executive order to hold off on the annual newsletter for a little while, until we either get some rain or until we get the proposed legislation we are waiting for.

Nonetheless, there are some upcoming events that ya'll need to know about, so I am sending out this electronic Winter TRPA Newsletter.

As usual, I will include the information we have for you, including the record we have for your past donations, at the end of this letter. If you need another receipt for your tax return please do not hesitate to e-mail me and I will sent you one.

I hope all is well, and that you, too are getting to enjoy our weather.

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Please go to the TRPA website: www.txrivers.org to read some of the latest news. We got some pretty good conditions through our tuber lawsuit, for instance. There is a link to the final settlement on the home page.

We also got some good news from the Friends of the Lydia Ann Channel (we supported them in their battle against the barge parking area). Hopefully you can read about that story here: <http://files.constantcontact.com/56d48762501/097e2c5b-48c9-4997-a6e1-08c9bd2b1b63.pdf>

San Marcos River Clean Up 32nd Annual - March 4, 2017

On Saturday, March 4, folks from all over Texas will be participating in the world's longest river clean up. We will be picking up trash along the entire length of the San Marcos River (approximately 90 miles).

BANK CREWS

Everyone is urged to help. If you are unable to participate in the water, we need volunteers to work the banks of the river, especially at parks and highway crossings.

RECREATIONAL PADDLERS

The upper sections of the San Marcos River, particularly just downstream of the City of San Marcos, will require the most attention, and the short mileages set for these sections reflect this. Furthermore, the river becomes less accessible and more hazardous as one goes downstream. For that reason, novice boaters should volunteer for section 1 and more experienced boaters for the other sections.

CANOE RACING ENTHUSIASTS

The lower river, from Luling to Gonzales, has several long sections with few bridge crossings and for that reason, we are asking canoe racers (especially teams that have competed in the Texas Water Safari) to volunteer for sections 9 - 11.

CAMPOUT AND GET-TOGETHER

Everyone participating in this event is invited to camp free at either Shady Grove Campground/ Spencer Canoes or at the San Marcos River Retreat for the weekend.

Starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening there will be a meal provided by the San Marcos River Foundation at Shady Grove/Spencer Canoes.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

On Sunday morning at 8 a.m., there will be a non-denominational Christian worship service at the San Marcos River Retreat.

MEETING TIMES AND SHUTTLES

Canoe racers paddling the lower river will meet at Palmetto Park at 8:30 a.m. (Contact Tom Goynes for more information). Everyone paddling the sections of river between Thompson's Island and Luling (sections 2-9) will meet at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning at the San Marcos River Retreat (we will meet in the Chapel). Persons interested in cleaning the banks of the river and the parks and trails in San Marcos, and paddlers interested in cleaning section 1 should meet at City Park in San Marcos at 9:30.

RIVER SECTION LISTINGS (Paddlers)

1. San Marcos City Park to Thompson's Island (2 miles)
2. Thompson's Island to The San Marcos River Retreat (3.5 miles)
3. San Marcos River Retreat to Spencer Canoes (6 mi.)
4. Spencer Canoes to Staples - Hwy 1977 (5 miles)
5. Staples to Fentress - Hwy 20 (9 miles)
6. Fentress to Prairie Lea 1 (2miles)
7. Prairie Lea 1 to Stairtown (5 miles)
8. Stairtown to Luling - Hwy 90 (6.5miles)
9. Hwy 90 to Luling City Park (6 mi.)
10. Luling City Park to Palmetto State Park (14.4 mi.)
11. Palmetto State Park to Gonzales Hwy 90A (14.8 miles)
12. Gonzales 90A to Gonzales 183 (10 mi.)

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

To get to the San Marcos River Retreat: coming from Interstate 35 in San Marcos, get on Highway 80 and head toward Luling for 1.8 miles. Take a right on county road 101. Take an immediate left onto county road 102.

Go 1/2 mile on 102 and take a right on Pecan Park road. Keep going straight (past TG Canoe Livery) and the road will end at the the San Marcos River Retreat office. For more info call Tom Goynes at 512-787-5574 or visit our website at <http://sanmarcosriverretreat.com>.

Annual TRPA meeting

On Sunday, March 6 at 10 a.m. the Texas Rivers Protection Association will hold it's annual meeting in the Cowboy Chapel at the San Marcos River Retreat.

To get to the San Marcos River Retreat: coming from Interstate 35 in San Marcos, get on Highway 80 and head toward Luling for 1.8 miles. Take a right on Old Bastrop (aka CR101, aka CR266 – it's the new traffic light right after the overpass). Take an immediate left onto county road 102. Go 1/2 mile on 102 and take a right on Pecan Park Dr. Keep going straight past Pecan Park Campground (you will actually drive through part of the RV park) and TG Canoes & Kayaks (on your right). The road will enter the San Marcos River Retreat. Head left. The meeting will be in the Cowboy Chapel. For more info call Tom Goynes at 512-787-5574 or visit our website at <http://www.sanmarcosriverretreat.com>

14th Annual Brazos River Cleanup

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Meet at Tres Rios Campground at 9:00 A.M.

2322 County Road 312; Glen Rose, TX 76043

*Complimentary Ranch House BBQ dinner after cleanup (served from noon to 4 pm)

*Free canoes and shuttles provided by Low Water Canoes and Rhodes Canoes Note: If you want to be assured of having a canoe, reserve early by email, or calling Ed (see below). Low Water and Rhodes have fewer canoes to offer than they have in past years.

Cabins and RV hook ups available. Call Tres Rios for info 254-897-4253

For info: Ed Lowe at 214-802-6811

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<http://www.friendsofthebrazos.org>

Hidalgo Falls River Festival

Saturday April 15, 2017

The 16th annual Hidalgo Falls River Festival will be held on April 15 at the TRPA Hidalgo Falls property on the Brazos River near Navasota. The festival is the year's major fund-raising event to support our efforts to provide paddlers' access to the rapid. Paddlers, their families, and friends can explore the property, check out the tidepool-like river features, play in the rapid, have relaxing floats up and down the river, and enjoy camping for the weekend. We ask that people contribute \$10/person to help cover expenses (e.g., toilets, electricity).

Directions:<http://philosophy.tamu.edu/~sdaniel/location.html>. During the festival, the gate, which is normally locked will remain open.

Information about the location of Hidalgo Falls, TRPA ownership, pictures of past festivals, etc. can be found at the HF website:

<http://philosophy.tamu.edu/~sdaniel/hidalgo.html>

17th Annual Medina River Cleanup

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Register: 9-12 a.m. at Bandera City Park at the Dam

Food service for volunteers and donors:

breakfast tacos and hot dogs

barbecue: 5 p.m. with river music

Free t-shirts for volunteers

Free tent camping with hot showers: May 5 and 6. Discounts for RV's

Info about the clean up and the Medina River Protection Fund is available at:

www.MedinaRiver.net or write rbrischetto@wireweb.net

Start a Cleanup on Your River

The Texas River Protection Association will help you organize a river cleanup on any river in Texas. The tools are available on our website and we will provide consulting at no charge:

<http://www.txrivers.org/cleanups/index.html>

TRPA Financial Report 2016

General Fund:

Beginning Balance 1/1/2016	\$30,163.22	
contributions for 2016	8,410.62	
Plus interest received	19.66	
Subtotal general fund		\$38,593.50

Less general expenses:

Rio Grande Festival	500.00	
Newsletter	216.99	
Postage	169.90	
Total general expenses	886.89	
Total general fund 12/31/2016		\$37,706.61

Hidalgo Falls Fund 2016

Money earmarked for Hidalgo Falls 1/1/16	\$3,021.89
Contributions received for Hidalgo Falls	991.00
Total money available 12/31/16	\$4,012.89

River Road Fund 2016

Beginning Balance, 1/1/16	\$200.13
Ending balance 12/31/16	\$200.13

Center Point Rockcrusher Fund 2016

Beginning Balance 1/1/16	\$3,950.58
Ending Balance, 12/31/16	\$3,950.58

Center Point Lion's Park 2016

Beginning Balance 1/1/16	\$100.00
Ending Balance 12/31/16	\$100.00

Mike Ash Memorial 2016

Beginning Balance 1/1/16	\$350.00
Ending Balance 12/31/16	\$350.00

Tuber Can Ban Fund 2016
Beginning Balance 1/1/16 \$810.50
Ending Balance 12/31/16 \$810.50

San Marcos Tuber Nuisance Lawsuit 2016
Beginning Balance 1/1/16 \$2,042.40
Contributions Received 13,030.00
Total money available 15,072.40
Legal expenses 6,332.81
Ending Balance 12/31/15 \$8,739.59

Total funds (all accounts) 12/31/16 \$55,870.30

Texas Rivers Protection Association Membership Application

To join, or renew your membership, You can either go to our website www.txrivers.org click on the "Donate / Join" link on the left side of the page and then click on the "make a donation" button to pay with PayPal or a credit card; or you can print this page, fill out the information below and mail it along with a check for your dues.

Name _____

Phone _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Check here if e-mail version of newsletter is sufficient _____

Levels of membership: (check one)

___ Regular\$10 ___ Protector\$25 ___ Guardian\$50 ___ Ranger\$100

___ Bronze\$500 ___ Silver\$1000 ___ Gold \$5000

Is this a renewal? _____ Check if new address _____

All members receive a bumper sticker, notices and newsletters and get to vote at general meetings. Protectors also receive a cloisonné pin with our emblem. Guardians receive the pin and either a logo t-shirt or a Texas Whitewater DVD. Rangers and above receive both.

Guardians need to indicate their choice (t-shirt or DVD) and Rangers and Guardians wanting t-shirts should indicate their size (M,L,XL, or XXL).

Protectors, Guardians, Rangers, Bronze, Silver and Gold members:

Please send the following:

Protector \$25 ___ Cloisonné Pin

Guardian \$50 ___ Cloisonné Pin and ___ t-shirt (circle one) M L XL XXL or ___ DVD

Ranger \$100 & above ___ Cloisonné Pin and ___ t-shirt (circle one) M L XL XXL and ___ DVD

We will not send any merchandise, unless the above section is filled out.

___ I would like to receive a new bumper sticker.

Mail to: TRPA, 444 Pecan Park Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666