



# *International Guild of Knot Tyers* **TEXAS BRANCH** **NEWSLETTER**

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## **The Prez says**

The local IGKT, TxB is rocking along this year. Gary has done yeoman's service in serving as secretary and have a program also. Thanks to him for stepping up to the task. All the board members have contributed the time and efforts and it is appreciated. Jack Keene is still working on the website and keeping it going. Thanks to all of you. Your support and membership is certainly welcome.

If you have a few friends that enjoy knot tying, please bring them along. The October meeting will be "Bring a Knot Friend" meeting. Just get them there and we will have a program and fellowship for them. Be sure to bring some of your work to show off your talents.

I was reading the latest edition of Knotting Matters and was intrigued by the quality of the articles and the variety of topics and areas of interest. Some of that is hard to appreciate but it is interesting. I would like to see some of our members contribute an article to the publication. Any volunteers? Just let Gary and myself know or better yet, just surprise us all.

The meeting this month had to be moved due to conflicts of a couple of members. Primarily the facilities were not going to be available at our normal time. So, sorry about the change and I hope you can make the next meeting on August 15th.  
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## **June 13, Meeting**

Well, once again attendance was down. Way down. But, I won't wear a hair shirt this time.

In attendance were:

Charlie

Rob

John and Dee

...and that was all.

Bonnie

Gary Sessions

Tony

The only Branch business that was transacted was to return the contributions to those members who had contributed to the Brian Field Memorial Fund. The Guild Council, in its infinite wisdom declined to create the Fund. Oh Well.

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## **TxB Calendar**

The next TxB meeting is up in the air right now. Scheduling again. I will try to get the date and location nailed down and get an email out in time for you to react.

Remember that meetings are scheduled for the second Sunday of the even numbered months, even if we sometimes shuffle things around.

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## **Activities**

Barbara and I traveled to Bellingham, Washington to attend the PAB's meeting. We drove through some country that neither of us had ever seen before, namely Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon – as well as some states we had seen before – California, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico. It was a long trip but we enjoyed seeing the new landscapes.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of June the assembled crew visited two rope making plants in the area – Sampson Rope Works and Pugit Sound Rope Works. Basically all that these companies build are braided line. But it was interesting to see how they do it. Both companies afforded our group a guided tour of their plants and allowed us to take almost all of the pictures we wanted – except of their “secret” processes. To tell the truth I didn't understand most of what the “secret” stuff was all about.

On the evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> the PAB conducted an election of Officers and I'm happy to report that they elected a whole new slate of Officers. I wish them well.

A couple of highlights for me were opportunities to meet Brion Toss and C. Ashley's grandson and great granddaughter. I am pleased to announce that my books by Brion Toss are now autographed by the author and I have another Ashley signature in my well-worn copy of ABOK. I even purchased a new book from Brion Toss to have signed. The new book is the first in print (and is appropriately numbered “Book 5”) of a series of seven books to be produced in the future.

I'll try to remember to bring the book to our next meeting. It was a real pleasure to meet Mr. Ashley's grandson, Marc Chardon. Like his mother, Phoebe Ashley Chardon, Marc is very easy to get to know and talk to. And Marc's daughter, Marie, is a jewel of a girl.

## **Membership**

Membership in the Texas Branch (TxB) of the International Guild of Knot Tyers (IGKT) is available to all. The only requirements for membership are paid up membership in the International Guild of Knot Tyers and the TxB annual fee of \$6.00 payable to Rob Higgins, the TxB Treasurer.

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Please keep your IGKT subscription (and your TxB dues) current.

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## **From The Mailbag**

The mailbag was once again empty.

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## **From the Ditty Bag**

The Program Chairperson and Member At Large positions remain unfilled. Just to refresh your memory the job descriptions are printed below.

### **Program Chairperson:**

***Develop programs for the regularly scheduled Branch meetings to include projects and invited guest presenters. The Program Chairman may also call upon Branch members to help develop programs or to demonstrate and teach any specialty a Branch member may have developed .***

**Branch Member at Large.**

***A voting member of the Board with no specific duties. This person may be assigned specific Ad Hoc duties by the Board.***

This issue will be brought up as a Business item at our next meeting. If you have an interest in either position, or think you might know of a member who might be, contact Charlie Holmes or me.

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**Editorial**

No editorial burr under my saddle this issue.

So, in closing this issue of your newsletter, I will wish you all...

**Fair leads.**

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