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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings at Miraflores Park
17th Avenue between
Belmont and LaRua

BUSINESS MEETING

1ST TUESDAY, 7 PM

BULL SESSION

2ND THURSDAY, 6:30
PM

CASTING & TYING

CLINIC
3RD SATURDAY, 9 AM

BOARD MEETING

1ST TUESDAY, 6:15PM

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President's MessageKaren Brand

This Spring has been a busy one for the Fly Fishers of NW Florida! We sponsored two major events that gave the club a lot of good publicity in the community and our annual club auction raised money for future club projects! Both the Spring Clinic and the PJC Class introduced fly fishing to quite a few local folks as well individuals from Alabama and as far away as Ohio, plus we gained several new members! I would like to welcome 9 new members, Noel Faddis, Ralph Gaither, Jeannie Koenemann, Robert Korose, Dave Sundstrom, Obery Washington, Robert Wilson, Jim Eanes and Ralph Peotker. Ralph Gaither, Ralph Peotker, Obrey Washington and Robert Wilson were all new members that attended our PJC Class and Jeannie Koenemann attended the Spring Clinic and won the Temple Fork rod we raffled off. The rest of the new members heard about our club either from the new club website, www.FlyFishPensacola.com or by word of mouth.

I want to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members and we hope to see you all at future club meetings and events. We have several important dates on June. June 5 is the general membership meeting and we will have a guest speaker from the Greenshores Project and they will give us an update on the project and how the club might want to get involved. Thursday, June 14th is our Bull Session and I will be leading the tying session teaching a new fly called the Veiled Egg. This is a streamer that has been successful in fishing for big trout on western rivers. For those that are not interested in tying, John will be offering casting instruction. June 16th is the Saturday Clinic and Tom Regina will be leading the tying, John Brand will be offering casting instruction and Russ Shields and Jerry Giles will be preparing us a fine lunch! Hope you see ALL of you in June!

Karen Brand, President

Casting & Tying at the Club.... Tom Regina

At the Thursday June 14 Bull Session, starting at 6:30 PM, Karen Brand will teach us how to tie the Veiled Egg fly. Karen discovered this fly during a western fly fishing trip last year and recommends anyone planning a western trip pack a few Veiled Eggs in their fly box.

Now that we have more daylight in the evenings John Brand will demonstrate and give instruction on a particular casting technique at each Thursday Bull Session during the summer. At the June 14 session, also starting at 6:30 PM, John will teach the *cross body cast* for dealing with wind or obstacles such as a boulder in a stream you may want to cast your fly behind with an up stream presentation. John will also provide general casting instruction at the Saturday June 16 clinic starting at 9 AM. John is a patient and kind instructor. He will not whip you with a fly rod if you are having problems with your casting technique. He will not even swear at you under his breath. He will work with you and when you walk away from the casting session, you will be a better fly caster.

Also at the Saturday June 16, 9 AM clinic Jerry Giles will teach us how to tie the Latex Larva Nymph. Jerry is a meticulous and accomplished fly dresser who can teach us some of the finer points of fly tying.

Your club will provide fly rods, reels, and all fly tying materials and tools at both the Bull Session and the Saturday clinic. If you have your own flinging stick and tools please bring them. In addition, while bringing stuff, bring a guest, two, or more. Bring mama and the kids. Bring your neighbor. Bring your boss. Bring a co-worker. Heck, bring a stranger. We have fly rods and tools for all of them to use and we will treat them well.

At the Saturday clinics, your club provides a "gourmet" lunch along with big and little people's beverages, and it is all free for both club members and guests. At the June 16 clinic Russ Shields and Jerry Giles will be grilling "Bavarian Burgers" with all the "fixins". If you cannot make it in time to participate in the fly tying and casting activities be sure to show up in time for lunch. If you miss any lunch prepared by Russ and Jerry... then shame on you.

Latex Larva Nymph.... Jerry Giles

The Latex Larva Nymph is dressed using the strand body technique. Wrapped strand materials are excellent for forming segmented bodies. The variety of strand products available to the fly tier include but are not limited to (let your imagination be your guide) wire, stripped feather quills, horse tail hair, vinyl V-rib and D-rib, hollow and solid vinyl cord (Larva Lace), latex strips, scud back, floss, chenille, and others. In fact the variety of strand materials used for fly tying is almost limitless and the number of strand materials grows as new products continue to become available to us. As an added bonus, dressing fly bodies with strand materials is fast and easy.

Materials

Hook	Mustad 9671, 2XL, size 14
Thread	6/0 brown*
Underbody	6/0 brown thread
Body	Hairline Dubbing, Inc. Nymph Stretch Skin, Natural Latex, 1/8" colored with brown Prismacolor water proof marker
Thorax	Brown Life Cycle Nymph Dubbing
Head	6/0 brown thread, black may be substituted



Tying Instructions



1. Debarb the hook and mount it in the vise. Lay down a smooth neat thread base from the hook eye to a point on the hook bend directly above the hook barb. Cut about a four inch strand of 1/8" natural latex from the skein and taper one end as shown.



2. Tie on the latex strip to the top of the hook at the hook bend with the straight edge of the strip facing up. Wrap the thread forward to the hook eye forming a smooth neat underbody.



3. While stretching the latex strip, wrap it forward with 50% overlapping turns. Decrease the amount of stretch with each successive wrap so very little or no stretch is applied to the last wrap. Continue to wrap the latex strip to the tie-off point. At the tie-off point take two tight thread wraps over the latex strip. Stretch the tag end of the strip and take several more tight thread wraps over the latex strip. While still stretching the latex strip cut the tag end away close to the hook shank.



4. Color the segmented latex body with a brown waterproof marker pen. Other nymph colors such as olive, black, and red, etc. may be used.



5. Dub a buggy thorax. Form a neat thread head. Cut away the thread and apply head cement to the thread head.

Veiled Egg... Karen Brand

Material

Hook	Dai-Riki 155, size 6, egg, 2X strong, 5X short
Thread	Gudebrod GX2 and 6/0 white
Egg	8mm natural roe Trout Bead
Lashing	4lb. Test monofilament
Weight	.015 inch lead free wire (optional)
Veil	White crosscut 1/8 inch rabbit strip



Tying Instructions



1. Debarb and mount the hook in the vise. Start the GX2 thread one and one-half hook eye distance back from the hook eye. Lay down a thread base back to the hook bend to a point directly over the hook barb. Cut about an 8 inch piece of monofilament from the skein. Thread a tag end of the mono through the Trout Bead hole and center the bead on the mono. Take the same tag end 180 degrees around the bead and reinsert it into and through the bead hole in the same direction as you did the first time. Center the bead on the strip of mono. (Note: Red monofilament is used in the pictures for illustration purposes).



2. Tie the Trout Bead on to the top of the hook at the hook bend. Lash the two mono "legs" to the top of the hook shank with tight touching GX2 thread wraps forward to the thread tie on point. *Do not encroach the hook eye.* Fold the mono legs back over the top of the hook shank and lash them down back to the bead tie on point at the back of the hook shank.



3. Optional - Start the .015 inch lead free wire 3/32 inch in front of the Trout Bead. Take 8 to 10 touching wraps of wire forward to just past mid shank. Cut away the wire tag ends and bind the wire down to the hook shank with back and forth GX2 thread wraps so the wire will not move when the crosscut rabbit strip is applied. When finished binding the wire down the thread will be hanging at the bead tie on point at the back of the hook.



4. Cut about a 6 inch piece of crosscut rabbit from the hide strip. Orientate the 6 inch piece of rabbit strip on the bench horizontally in front of you with the hide side down and the fur slanting toward you. Cut about 1/8 inch of fur from the right hand end of the strip. (*Southpaws figure it out*). Cut this furless end of the hide to about a 45 degree angle. Tie this cut angle to the top of the hook adjacent to and in front of the Trout Bead with the fur up and slanting toward the back of the hook. The angled cut tip of the strip should be tied on with very tight GX2 thread wraps. (Note: *Gudebrod GX2 thread is very strong and it will be difficult for you to break it*). Spiral wrap the thread forward to the thread tie on point without encroaching the hook eye.



5. Palmer the crosscut rabbit strip forward in tight touching but not overlapping wraps. Stroke the fur back with each turn to prevent fur from being trapped under seceding wraps. Stop palmering the rabbit strip when it reaches the thread tie on point. Separate the fur down to the hide at this point and work the thread down to the hide. Tie off the strip with several very tight GX2 thread wraps. Cut away the tag end of the rabbit strip. Half hitch or whip finish the thread wraps and cut away the GX2 thread. (Note: *A regular scissor action will not give a smooth cut with GX2 thread. Instead use a slicing action with one scissor blade*). Adjacent to the hook eye tie on the 6/0 white thread and cover the GX2 thread and hide end with a neat tapered 6/0 thread head. Half hitch or whip finish the 6/0 thread head. Cut away the thread and apply a small amount of thread cement.

Fishing Report... Captain Baz Yelverton

The end of April and first half of May have continued to be terrific for sight-fishing in both the Gulf of Mexico and inland waters. The cold front that hit around Cinco de Mayo put the pompano down for a few days, but by the following weekend they were back in spades. By May 12 the gulf was like a lake, and the water was so clear it was like fishing in an aquarium. I had a spin fisherman on board that actually got tired of catching pompano and wanted to move on to something bigger. Go figure.

The flats in the Intracoastal Waterway are still producing pompano, redfish and trout, plus the water warming up to the high 70's is bringing in ladyfish, catfish and sharks. Also, you'd better have your 10wt locked and loaded with a big popper at all times for the jack crevalle that appear with little or no notice. We've landed a few on spinning gear but still haven't caught one on fly this year. I'm hoping to boat or at least *hook* one tomorrow...



The first two photos are of Kevin Chase from Orlando who had a great day April 28 sight fishing for pompano, plus he landed the biggest redfish of the spring season. This was a very fat 42" fish that we estimated at 30#. Not bad on 12# tippet with a wind knot...



The next photo is of Lynn Koenemann, Tuscaloosa, with a nice pompano that followed the fly for about twenty feet before eating it. The water was shallow and gin-clear on May 13, and the standard pompano rocket was too flashy for the fish. We had two refusals and changed to a more subdued "secret" fly which fooled this fish. It was all very satisfying.



Finally, here's Jeff Gorrell, Belmont, CA, with his first pompano on fly. This fish nailed one of Travis' pompano rockets while we poled along an inside flat.

We're beginning the transition to summer, and there will be more-and-more ladyfish along the edge of the gulf. Time to break out the 6wt with 40# shock tippet and enjoy the surface action. Plus, I got a report today from a guide buddy that he spotted two nice strings of tarpon cruising down the outer sandbar this morning. I'll be tying tarpon leaders tonight, and we'll spend some time tomorrow staked out in the usual spots. Serious "Tarpon Time" is right around the corner. If you're in the market for an adrenalin rush get a copy of Andy Mill's "Chasing Silver" DVD. There are tricks Andy uses in the keys that will work on the fish here. I can hardly wait to try them....Capt Baz

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCOUT CAMP....This will be the 16th consecutive year that the Flyfishers of NW Florida have taught scouts how to fish and tie flies at camp near Defuniak Springs from June 11-14 and June 18-21.

Fly casting instructions will be held daily in groups and fly tying instructions in a joint session on June 11, 13, 18 and 20 at 6:30 PM (Hinson Hall: Woolly Bugger, Clouser Minnow). Klaus Gohrbandt will help out with casting and tying. We are still short of two volunteers from our club for the tying instructions. We want to instill in the Scouts a feeling of achievement when they become capable of tying a fly well. For that we need the supervision of a sufficient numbers of instructors! Please help to make fly tying a memorable event for the Scouts! Please contact Vick Vickery at 478-3584 or Klaus Gohrbandt at 932-7742.

Fishing Report... Russ Shields & Captain Bob Quarles



"This is the best fishing trip I have ever been on" were the words spoken by Russ Shields' grandson Brian during a recent trip with Captain Bob Quarles. Brian and his grandpa show off a nice jack crevalle and one of the dozens of ladyfish brought to the boat. Brian caught his first fish on a fly. Also along on the trip were Captain Eric Lucas and two more of Russ' family (Sorry Russ, I didn't get the names). They caught lots of fish, too!

DVD & BOOK REVIEWS

reviewed by Bruce E. Harang

From the FFF club wire

Bob Jacklin's *Yellowstone Ties* vol. 1 by Bob Jacklin
Cascade Mediaworks, LLC, Portland, OR, 2005
VHS & DVD, 66 minutes, Color, suggested price \$19.95 - VHS & \$24.95 - DVD

One of Montana's fly tying and fly fishing legends teaches you how to tie 6 of his favorite patterns for the Yellowstone area. The program includes step by step instruction for tying the Grey Wulff, the Royal Wulff, a March Brown nymph, a Green Drake dun, the Platte River Special streamer, and the Great Western Stonefly dry to match the Salmon Fly hatch. With excellent discussion and stories by the author and superb cinematography the viewer will be tying these patterns well in no time. The author also gives well thought out reasons for his adaptations of the various patterns to match the conditions found on his home waters of the Yellowstone area. In addition, the commentary on how Lee Wulff tied the patterns bearing his name is a piece of valuable history from a first hand witness. The well presented information along with the excellent sound and cinematography make this program a pleasure to view and one easy to learn from. An excellent value.

Snook on a Fly by Norm Zeigler
Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg, PA, 2007
109 pages, hardbound, illustrated, Color, suggested price \$21.95

For those anglers desiring to fish the Florida beaches for snook without the need of fancy gear, guides, and extensive arrangements here is a wonderful book to help you realize your dream. Norm Zeigler has written a very readable and informative book giving you the practical knowledge to be able to find and enjoy good fishing while the rest of the family is busy sunbathing. The book contains introductory chapters on reasons for fishing snook, and a concise and interesting life story of this fine game fish.

On a more practical note there are chapters on when to fish for snook and where to look for them during different times of the year, as well as what snook eat. The book also includes practical information on fly fishing gear and tactics including the best snook flies by a man that fishes for snook more days each year than most folks get to fish. For the adventurous there is a chapter on fishing snook after dark and finding the trophy sized snook. The book concludes with a chapter on good places to look for snook during different times of the year as well as a well thought out and written section on the snook fishing ethic. A well done glossary, resources list, and index complete the book.

What makes this book such an outstanding read is that it is well written by an author that is extremely enthusiastic about the subject and who is able to convey his enthusiasm to the reader. Like a good mystery, the reader can not wait to turn the page and read more about this fun and exciting fishery. When you do finally put the book down you reach for the phone and your travel agents number. You will definitely enjoy this book. It is without a doubt one of the finest "how to" fishing books to be published in a long time.

Auction Comments... Art de Tonnancourt

The annual auction was a big success in so many ways. My rough count was thirty attendees who joined the fun with great conviviality. There was over \$1,500 bid for the items that for the most part were donated by the attendees themselves! (No, although we had some interesting and hilarious exchanges amongst ourselves, no one bid for their own items per se.)

How we raised this money speaks volumes about the generosity of our members as well as the morale of our club as an organization. Everyone had a great time. "I've got \$10, \$10, \$10...who'll give me \$9?" That got a great laugh early into the bidding when a senior moment overcame my enthusiasm as an auctioneer. And Bob Willice, one of my relief auctioneers, brought down the house with laughter with his techniques of urging more bids...talk about a "double agent". We all can recognize Jerry Aldridge's diligent assistance in maintaining records for collections and Travis Akins previous years of service as auction chair and as a relief auctioneer.

For those of you who missed this auction, you missed a great time. Be sure to circle your next year's calendar when it is scheduled again.

Photos & Captios by Deb Finkle Carolyn Dreamin!



And yes, the EarthRoamer is forever lodged under the rental property. Hard to charge those solar panels, but otherwise fully functional



Not all of them were 20 inches



The simple pleasures....

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

AUCTION - Art deTonnancourt

CONSERVATION - Skeet Lores

DIRECTORY/NEWSLETTER - Jerry Aldridge

EDUCATION/CASTING - John Brand

EDUCATION/TYING - Tom Regina

TRIPS & OUTINGS -Vacant

FFF REPRESENTATIVE - Larry Goodman

LIBRARY - Bill Parrish

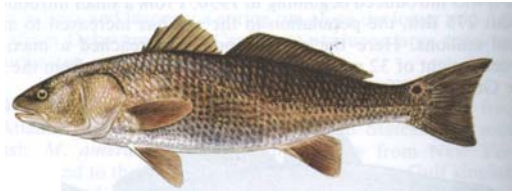
MEMBERSHIP - Karen Brand

PUBLICITY - Vacant

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