

President's Report

We had a good turnout for the November casting clinic with casting instructor David

Lambert from Jacksonville, FL. As usual David did a mighty fine job and I am sure helped us all improve our casting skills. Thanks to VP Kevin Cohenour for arranging the clinic and hosting David. Also a big thanks to David Bernard for the great grub he provided and to Milt Mays who took David Lambert fishing (boat ride?) after the clinic.

Have you purchased your tickets for our 2002 Holiday Banquet? Karen Brand and Kevin Cohenour have done a bang-up job arranging the party set for 12 December 2002. Tickets must be purchased by 3 December. See last months newsletter for all the details.

At our 3 December meeting we will be taking nominations and voting for our Angler of the Year award. Voting will be by secret ballot with the results announced and the award presented at the Christmas party on 12 December.

As of January first, 2003 a new slate of club officers will take over leadership of your club. Unless there are any last minute nominations requiring a vote, Jay Williams will become your club president. Kevin Cohenour will continue to serve as VP and Don LuPone will continue to serve as treasurer. Skeet Loes will become your secretary.

It has been my privilege to serve as your club president for the past two years and I thank each and everyone of you for your support and kind words of encouragement during my tenure. As most of you know I was (still am) quite a novice to this fly fishing stuff and I needed all the help I could get to function as club president. In particular I want to

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thank Jerry Aldridge and Kevin Cohenour for their guidance during these last two years. Thanks also to secretary Alan Heilig for his part in keeping and providing minutes of meetings that served to jog my memory as to what took place at past meetings - thus keeping me from being totally confused. Don LuPone, thanks, what a yeoman job you have done as club treasurer. Don, at each meeting has provided us with a detailed and accurate accounting of all our monies and I for one am pleased he will be serving as treasurer for 2003. A few other members I thank for their contributions to our club are: Jerry Aldridge for all he has done editing and publishing the newsletter, instructing us in fly tying and conducting the PJC fly fishing classes. Kevin Cohenour for serving as VP, librarian, and fly tying instruction. Karen Brand as membership committee chair and all the other numerous tasks she gladly accepts. Also not to go unmentioned - Travis Akins - your auction committee chair without whom we would not be able to fund many of the club events we all enjoy. John Brand for his expert casting instruction at our Saturday clinics.

In closing, I ask you to be kind to your new president - as I always am.

Y'all and your kin folks have a pleasant holiday season.

Around the Bay...and Further Away

If you have lubricated all your reels and cleaned your rods and packed them away for the winter, unpack them and go fishing!! If you leave your tackle in the closet, you will miss some of the year's best fishing.

Big reds are still in the Pensacola Pass area and nearshore along the beaches if you can find a relatively calm day to hunt them. Blue fish can be found within a long cast of the beach near the ranger station on Fort Pickens. They are nice-sized for the gulf - a couple of weeks ago I got several in the 3-4 pound range. They are not selective so don't waste your best flies on them but do use bite tippets of wire or heavy monofilament. Has anyone tried the new wire that you can knot just like mono? Spanish mackerel have mostly departed I hear, although I found one large school in the same area as the blues and caught several, all smaller than keeper size.

November and December (until the first or second hard freeze) are prime time for speckled trout. All summer they have been spread out all over the bays and estuaries. Now with the cooler weather and water, specks have concentrated in bayous, river mouths or anyplace they can find water just a bit warmer, usually along deeper structure or in holes. When it gets really cold the trout will again disperse throughout bayous and rivers so they will be harder to find.

The colder the water gets the less active the specks become and the lower in the water column they go. So the key to winter fishing is to fish low and slow. Floating lines work fine down to around 10 feet with a long leader and slow retrieve. For deeper water, a sinking line of some sort is the ticket. Specks seem to be more tide sensitive in the fall and winter. My favorite tide condition in the bayous is a strong incoming around the full or new moon. A few days ago, the incoming tide and the wind produced a strong current coming into Hoffman Bayou so I fished a small clouser minnow just like a nymph, casting "upstream" and dead-drifting and mending and then letting the clouser swing like a wet fly or streamer. Reminded me a little of fishing out west and produced a speck on almost every cast.

Bruce Vail and Bill Locher caught 130 and released 125 on one recent outing near Hoffman Bayou. Terry McCormick, Travis Akins and Tom Regina each got 2-3 dozen, all on outings with me.

Meanwhile, the fishing in the Smokies wasn't nearly as good. Art deTonnancourt, Jim Picardi, Tom Regina and Jay Williams experienced high water, rain, cold and recalcitrant trout. The Tuckesegee was unfishable and the Nantahala almost so because of high water so the guys came home 3 days early without many trout photos. May all your drifts be drag free....Jerry Aldridge

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MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

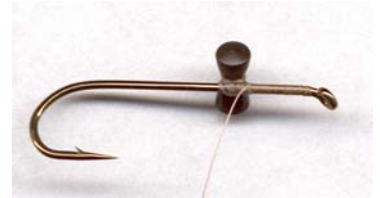
BUSINESS MEETING - 1ST TUESDAY, 7 PM
BULL SESSION - 2ND THURSDAY, 6:30 PM
CLINIC - 3RD SATURDAY, 9 AM
**BOARD MEETING-4TH THURSDAY,
6:30PM**
FISHING TRIPS - AS SCHEDULED

**Meetings at Miraflores Park, 17th
Avenue between Belmont and LaRue
St**



HOOK	4 XL Streamer Hook, size 8 or 10
THREAD	Tan 6/0
EYES	Dumbbells
WING	Foxtail cream and red guard hairs
FLASH	Gold krystal flash and copper flashabou

1. Secure hook in vise and wrap thread to the 1/3 hook shank point. Using diagonal wraps each direction, secure the eyes at this point. Make 4-5 horizontal wraps around the base of the eyes and above shank to lock eyes in place.



2. In the foxtail are “red” sections and “cream” sections. Cut a pencil’s diameter of “cream” colored fur from the foxtail. Clean out the under fur to leave only the “guard hairs”. Secure in front of the dumbbell eyes. Wrap over the butts towards the hook eye and make a small cone. Wing length should extend about a hook shank's length past the bend. Pull wing over the eyes and spiral wrap back to the 2/3 position and back forward in front of eyes.

3. Turn hook over in vise so the point is on top. Immediately in front of the dumbbell eyes attach 8-10 fibers of krystal flash, the same length as or slightly longer than the cream fox wing. Secure 8 to 10 strands of flashabou on top the krystal flash. Hold flashabou and krystal flash down, and lightly wrap back to make it “lay down”.



4. Cut a pencil’s diameter of “red” colored fur from the foxtail. Remove under fur. Attach guard hairs on top of the flashabou. Wrap and make a neat, tapered head. Whip and cement.

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ELECTRONIC UPDATE

WWW.FFNWF.COM (club web-site) is up and running full bore thanks to Brent Goodman with an assist from David Bernard. View "Flies & Lies" in living color or look at the pics that will verify all those fishing yarns your fellow anglers have so artfully spun. Or post your own pictures. Brent has done a fine job with the "look and feel" of the site with his hierarchical design allowing for additional capabilities and links as time goes on. Thanks Brent for a job well done.

And speaking of Flies & Lies. the e-mail addresses in the left column have been receiving the newsletter by e-mail (also in color) in PDF format for the last several months thanks to Kevin Cohenour. You can view the file with Adobe Acrobat Reader, a software program widely available and free.

You can print a paper copy from either the web-site or the e-mail in black and white or color. For those of you who like the old-fashioned way, you can continue to receive the newsletter by mail. And now we need to know what your preferences are so please take a few minutes for the following:

- ♦ **Is your e-mail address present in the left hand column? Is it accurate? If not, e-mail jamayfly@aol.com with the correct address.**
- ♦ **Would you consent to receiving "Flies & Lies" by electronic means only to save the club a few bucks in postage and printing? If so, e-mail jamayfly@aol.com with your consent.**

Thanks for your help.

Tyer's Corner... Jerry Aldridge

Kevin will lead us in tying the "Foxee Clouser" originated by Bob Clouser. The Foxee is a great smallmouth fly that also works well for trout (the fresh water kind). Not long ago, Kevin fished with Bob Clouser so he might be persuaded to give us some insight on what he learned, not only about tying Clouser style flies, but also about fishing for smallmouth. If you haven't already, check out any one of several Clouser tapes in our library. Don't miss the December clinic with Kevin!



FFNWF 2002 Holiday Banquet

This year's Holiday Banquet will be held on December 12, 2002. Mark your calendars today and plan to attend. Our banquet committee has put together what promises to be an excellent evening of dining and camaraderie.

The banquet will be held at the "Lighthouse Restaurant" aboard NAS Pensacola. The restaurant is located across from the Museum of Naval Aviation and has a beautiful view of the bay. A list of members attending will be given to the base security for gate access. Please note: **No firearms are allowed** aboard the base and all vehicles are subject to random search.

The schedule of events for the evening will be as follows:

6 to 7 PM Social hour-cash bar

7 PM sharp Dinner/Dessert

8 PM presentation of 2003 officers, 2002 Angler of the Year and door prize drawings.

Dinner cost is \$23.00 per person. Entrée choices are:

-Prime Rib Au Jus

-Broiled Snapper Almondine

-Chicken Cordon Bleu

All dinners will include:

-Buttered New Potatoes

-Fresh Green Beans

-Caesar Salad

-Dinner Rolls

-Iced Tea, water, or coffee

We will have a "special" cake for dessert.

The door prizes this year include several nice items. Total retail value of all prizes is over \$1200.00. Prizes include:

-8 wt Orvis TLS Fly Rod

-4 wt Orvis TLS Fly Rod

-Orvis Battenkill Large Arbor Reel for 6-8 wt Lines

-Renzetti Traveler Fly Tying Vise

-White River Brand Tackle Bag

-and More!

-A special prize for the ladies only...Sorry David!


Each member will receive one ticket for the drawings with their paid dinner. Only members are eligible for the drawing prizes (except for the ladies prize, all ladies who attend the dinner will be eligible). Members who will be unable to attend due to a prior commitment may purchase one drawing ticket chance for \$5.00. No additional drawing chances will be sold this year, so each member has an even chance at winning a nice prize.

Tickets will go on sale starting with the November business meeting, and will be sold through the December 3rd business meeting. A final head count and numbers of each entrée must be given to the club on December 9th, so don't wait...buy your ticket early. To purchase a ticket or if you have questions see Karen Brand or Kevin Cohenour.


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1	2	3 Business Meeting 7 PM	4	5	6	7	
8	9	HOLIDAY BANQUET December 12th at the Lighthouse Restaurant, NAS Pensacola See details inside				13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Clinic-Casting, tying, tall tales, gourmet lunch 9 AM	
22	23	24 Board Meeting Cancelled	25	26	27	28	
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