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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings at Miraflores Park
17th Avenue between
Belmont and LaRue

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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Pensacola Junior College Fly Fishing Class 2007

Again this year the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida in conjunction with PJC will teach a fly fishing class. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 PM at the PJC Pensacola campus, building 17 beginning March 7, 2007 and ending May 2, 2007 with the exception of March 21 - Spring Break.

We will teach the basics of fly fishing, including equipment selection, fly tying, fly casting, knots, leader construction, and practical application of fly fishing techniques.

The lead instructors will be Travis Akins, Jerry Aldridge, John Brand, Karen Brand, Bruce Vail, and Capt. Baz Yelverton. However other club members are needed to serve as proctors for casting, knot tying, and fly tying instruction. Two volunteers are needed to transport the fly rods/reels and fly tying equipment to and from each class session. An additional volunteer is needed to contact media organizations and distribute flyers to local sporting goods stores with class and registration information. To volunteer contact Tom Regina, 458-2978 and/or tomregina@bellsouth.net. For members willing to serve as proctors - see you in class.

President's MessageKaren Brand

The General Membership Meeting of the FFNWF is next Tuesday, Feb 6 and we will have several guests. Representatives from sister Fly Fishing Clubs in Mississippi and Louisiana will be in attendance. Buzzy Burns is a member of the Mississippi Coast Fly Fishers, Sid Smith is a member of the Ocean Springs Club, and Catch Cormier is with the Red Stick Fly Fishers in Louisiana. They will be sharing some of the activities they have planned for 2007 as well as providing information on the newly formed Gulf Coast Fly Fishing Council.

Plans are underway for the 2 main club events this spring, the PJC Class and the Spring Fly Fishing Clinic, March 17th. Thanks to members Tom Regina, Paul Lukkar, Klaus Gohrbandt and others who have been helping to coordinate and publicize the events. I will bring additional flyers on the PJC Class and the Spring Clinic to the meeting on Tuesday and I hope you will all pick up copies and help us post them around town.

My fishing trip to North Carolina is not until April, but I am sure looking forward to it! Several groups from the club have trips planned for March, April and May and I have heard that there still might be room available in some of the cabins. If you have never fished in NC you really need to try it and our club has many experienced anglers who would happy to give you a few pointers on how to catch those finicky fish!
See you on Tuesday!....Karen



From Capt. Baz Yelverton....I'm on my way to the Seychelles tomorrow after being delayed a day due to fog. Check out this photo from yesterday. My clients landed 16 of these beauties on flies... 5-6 on poppers. Pretty doggone outrageous for Jan 3.



Ray Lackaye with another pair of nice reds



John and Karen living the high life on the Davidson River in North Carolina



Fly Tying at the Club...Tom Regina

At the February 8 bull session starting at 6:30 PM the club inshore and trout fly tying kits will be available for your use. These kits contain an assortment of fly tying materials suitable for tying many fresh and salt water flies. If you have a particular fly you would like to tie the materials needed for that fly are probably in one of the kits. If not, substitution often works. Some of our skillful fly tying members can help you with any fly tying techniques or questions you may have. So come on to the bull session and tie the fly of your choice. On Saturday February 17 starting at 9:00 AM Tom Regina will teach us to tie the Skip Morris [Gabriel]'s Trumpet Nymph. Your club will provide all the materials. If you have a vise and tools please bring them. If not the club will furnish them. Bring a guest or two. They are always welcome and we have a vise and tools for them also.

John Brand will be on hand at the Saturday February 17 clinic to teach fly casting and to help us hone our casting skills and techniques. Bring your own flinging stick or use our club rods. Bring your bride and the little folks. Bring a guest and introduce them to fly casting. John has lots of patience and will be happy to teach them how to fling a fly.

At the Saturday clinic stew burners Russ Shields and Jerry Giles will fix you a hardy lunch. Big and little peoples beverages will be available - and it's all free. Russ and Jerry put on great feeds so don't miss out. And do bring a guest or two.

Nymph Ties with Tom Reina.... Gabriel's Trumpet by Skip Morris

The Gabriel's Trumpet nymph was developed by Skip Morris, author of many books on fly tying and fly fishing. Morris developed Gabriel's Trumpet for fishing in rivers but has had equally good results in lakes.

Our tie of Gabriel's Trumpet is a slight modification of the original. We will substitute some of the materials called for in Morris's original recipe with materials we have in the club's fly tying materials inventory. This will not change the characteristics of this fly. Unless you have unlimited funds as does Jerry Aldridge (*If I had his money I could throw mine away*), you will find it judicious to substitute materials from time to time. Fly tying recipes like cooking recipes, from recipe to recipe, call for many different ingredients or components. If a fly tier were to accumulate all the ingredients that could ever be used to tie flies from the many thousands and thousands of fly tying recipes all the dressers, bureaus, closets, shelves, boxes, and space in the home would be required to store all the feathers, threads, wires, yarns, hooks, flash, eyes, beads, fur, hair, etc., etc., etc. - and mama would not be happy. Furthermore you likely wouldn't be able to pay the mortgage anymore.

Materials

Hook	Mustad C49S, size 10
Bead	1/8" gold
Weight	.015" lead free wire
Thread	Guderbrod 8/0 brown BCS 98
Tails	Amber goose biots
Rib	Fine red wire
Abdomen	Gold Flashabou
Wing Case	Brown/Gold Flex Wrap
Thorax	Gray ostrich herl
Collar	Brown soft hackle hen saddle



Tying Instructions



1. Debarb the hook and slide a bead onto the hook up to the hook eye. Mount the hook in the vise. In touching turns wrap lead free wire onto the hook shank. The lead free wire should cover about half the hook shank. (*With a size 10 hook and .015 size lead free wire this will require 16 to 18 turns of wire*). Cut or break away the wire tag ends. Using your thumbnail at the rear of the wire slide the front wire wraps into the back of the bead.

2. Using a jam knot start the thread immediately behind the lead free wire. At the thread tie on point and directly in back of the lead free wire tie in the two goose biot tails, one on each side with the concave sides out. Wrap thread back over the biots to the hook bend forming a fork in the tail. Be sure to keep the tail biots tied to the sides of the hook shank. The tails should extend back beyond the hook bend a distance equal to about one-half the hook shank length. Cut away the tag ends of the tail biots.



3. Tie in the rib wire with the front of the wire against the back of the lead free wire to help form a smooth tapered underbody. Wrap thread back over the rib wire to the tail fork and back to the thread tie on point. Use this back and forth thread wrapping to continue building a smooth tapered underbody. Fold a strand of Flashabou over the thread and slide the folded flash up to the hook shank directly behind the lead free wire. Take several thread wraps back over the flash to the tail fork. Spiral wrap the thread forward to a point somewhat more than half way to the bead and up onto the lead free wire a distance of two wire turns.

4. Wrap the Flashabou forward in slightly overlapping turns to the thread hang point. Be sure to completely cover the underbody thread wraps with the flash while retaining a smooth tapered body. Tie off and cut away the excess flash material. Spiral wrap the rib wire forward in six to eight evenly spaced turns to the thread hang point. Tie off and cut away the tag end of the rib wire.





5. On top of the lead free wire at the thread hang point, tie on the Flex Wrap wing case material with the long end extending back over the top of the hook bend. Secure the tag end of the wing case material along the top of the back three lead free wire turns. Cut away the excess Flex Wrap tag. On top of the wing case tag tie on three ostrich herls by their butts with the herl tips extending forward over the top of the hook eye. Cut away the excess herl butts. After the herls are tied on the thread should be hanging directly in back of the herl butt tips.



6. Palmer the herls back to the thread hang point. Tie off the herl and cut away the excess tips. Take the thread forward spiraling it through the herl to re-enforce the thorax.



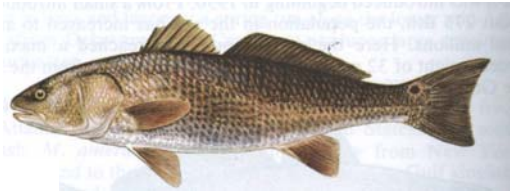
7. Select an appropriate size soft hackle hen saddle feather for the collar and strip the fuzzy barbs from the base of the stem. Holding the feather by its tip stroke the feather barbs back so they become perpendicular, or nearly so, to the stem. Orientate the feather so the concave side is facing you with the tip of the feather extending beyond the front of the hook. Tie the hackle feather bare stem to the hook directly in back of the bead and on the side of the hook facing you. Wrap the thread back over a very small section of bare stem to form a base for the hackle collar. Tie off the bare feather stem and cut away the stem butt.



8. Palmer the collar feather back from the bead in two or three turns. Tie off and cut away the excess feather at the back of the newly formed collar. Work the thread forward through the collar to the back of the bead. Pull and stretch the Flex Wrap forward over the top of the thorax to form the wing case while at the same time manipulating the top fibers of the collar down to the sides of the thorax. (At this point the *collar* resembles legs). Tie off the wing case directly in back of the bead with several



tight thread wraps. Stretch the excess Flex Wrap and cut it away close to the bead. Make several more tight thread wraps behind the bead to securely hold and cover the small butt end of the wing case. Whip finish or half hitch the final thread wraps. Cut away the thread and apply head cement using caution not to get cement on the collar fibers.



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Business Meeting
7 PM

Bull Session-Tying &
Tall Tales 6:30 PM

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Clinic - Casting, tying
gourmet lunch 9 AM

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