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MONTHLY MEETINGS
Meetings at Miraflores Park
17th Avenue between
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BUSINESS MEETING
1ST TUESDAY, 7 PM

BULL SESSION
2ND THURSDAY, 6:30
PM

**CASTING & TYING
CLINIC**
3RD SATURDAY, 9 AM

BOARD MEETING
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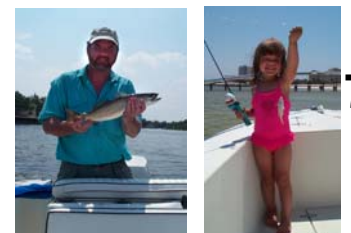


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President's MessageMilt Mays

What a wonderful month was June. We sold a lot of great stuff at the auction, and maybe a lot of not so great stuff. But, we got hard cold cash for all of it, making enough to enjoy the rest of the year in style. Travis managed to squeeze every last penny out of every participant, even Hoot! Thanks to all for making it a great success. Not two days later, the bull session attracted a good participation to learn from Jerry how to tie the Trout Clouser. Then, at the Saturday Clinic, we learned from Tom Regina how to tie a great little quick fly-The Drowning Ant. Russ Shields showed us a trick on picking up the beads right onto the hook using his bayonet forceps. Where does he get all those little tools?

And this, campers, is my last President's message. Jerry Aldridge will be taking over in August. I am moving household items back to Colorado in a few days, and will no longer have the computer. I will be back here July 3-29, to finish my practice, and fish a few more times. I will depart with wife, dog and truck for the new home front, at 6821 Hancock Drive Ft. Collins, CO 80526. There is an extra bedroom for visitors, so look me up if you decide to come out west. Once established I will send my e-mail and phone.

It has been a pleasure being your President for this brief seven months. This club is one of the really outstanding flyfishing clubs in the country. Your dedication to teaching is superb, from what I have seen not surpassed anywhere. The camaraderie of the club keeps each of us connected and allows for a flow of ideas and helping hands that cannot be beat. There are a number of people who keep the club running smoothly, and deserve special thanks. Without these members your club would not be what it is. Please thank them whenever you can. They are: Travis Akins, Jerry Aldridge, Dave Bernard, John Brand, Karen Brand, Kevin Cohenour, Art deTonnancourt, Larry Goodman, Andy Housand, Skeet Lores, Terry McCormick, Mitch Pippin, Pat Poloski, Tom Regina, Russ Shields, Vick Vickery, and Jay Williams.

During my 13 years in this club I have learned a lot, such as: they are "rods" not "poles"; learning to cast fly line takes time, patience, and lots of practice; fly tying is much easier when taught by a person and not a book; Andy will always have another colorful joke; sometimes there really is a pony under all that horse manure; and sharing fly fishing with friends is better than fishing alone. As they taught me in the Navy (and as I learned this last year) -Time, tide and formation (and hurricanes) wait for no man. I am now shoving off. I hope to see you again with a smile on your face, a fish on your line, and some stories to share....Milt



Canoe For Sale

Old Town Katahdin 16'

Fiberglass with cane seats. In excellent condition. Comes with two paddles, motor mount, cane seat back, anchor outrigger and anchor, two PFD's, seat cushion, foam car-top blocks, storage cover, double deck trailer with trailer dolly, spare wheel/tire and gear/tool storage box. \$1050. Tom Regina, 458-2978, reginat@gulf.net.

Monster Bream at Callaway Gardens

I recently attended the South East Conclave of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain Georgia on the first weekend in June. This is a fun event and if you have never attended one you should. Imagine, a few hundred people interested in fly fishing in one location. There's a conference room with anywhere from 20 to 50 tiers at a time showing all types of techniques and designs of flies, from the most elaborate to the simplistic. Also there were many vendors and all kinds of classes.

But while most of the participants sat around talking about fishing, I decided to do some fishing. Callaway Gardens usually charges a fee of \$185 for a half day fishing with a guide, but for this event, they would take a group of five fishermen, or lady as we had one in our group, for forty bucks. For this low fee you got a float tube, flippers, and access to their private lakes or ponds with a guide. So I signed up.

We met up at the fly fishing store inside Callaway Gardens at 6:30 a.m. and followed the guide to Blue Bird Lake. The guide's name was Bobby Edmons. Bobby put us in our float tubes, strapped on our flippers, and said "they been hittin' on poppers." That was about all the guiding I got, but what the heck, it was a discount, and after all it was bluegill and maybe some bass.

Well this was my first time fishing from a float tube. In just minutes I had it figured out and it was like fishing from a lazy-boy. I tried a few poppers just as Bobby said and Nothing. So I tied on a fox squirrel nymph, after all I've caught hundreds of bream on them. Sure enough a fair size bluegill on the first cast, but nothing to brag about. A couple more cast then WHAM a big boy. 10 inches long and about a pound in weight. Then another about the same size. Then the rain came for about an hour. Fishing was a little slow, and I was trying to find what would work. It turned out to be using a popper with a dropper and using the popper as a strike indicator. They seemed to see the popper and hit on the dropper. I used several combinations and caught about 8 - 10 of the pounders, nice fat bluegills.

I then tied on a green foam hopper Travis Akins had made as a door prize that I had won. Tied on about eight inches below was a cased caddis with four green glass beads Tom Regina had made and given to me. I cast to the edge of the bank and waited a few minutes. My hopper moved ever so slightly so I set the hook on what I thought was a nibbler. All of a sudden my rod tip was jerked into the water and line was being stripped. I got the fish on the reel. My float tube was being pulled around. This was a fighter but it didn't feel like a bass. Finally after several minutes of playing him, I got his head up. It was a bluegill, a monster bluegill. After about five minutes, I got him in, the biggest bluegill I have ever caught. I laid him on the stripping skirt and he measured 14 inches and weighed 2+ pounds. After taking a couple of pictures, I returned him to the lake so someone else might catch the biggest bluegill of his life..... so far!



Editor's Note: This is not the Monster, just one of the average ones! Terry's picture of the big one didn't turn out good enough for reproducing here. Ask him to show you the photo.

FLIES & LIES

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Foam Bream Popper... Anthony Hopkins Fly

HOOK: Mustad 3366, size 8 to 12
THREAD: 6/0
POPPER: White sticky back foam
COLOR: Fabric paint, desired colors; top coat of water based poly urethane.
TAIL: As desired
COLLAR: Hackle of desired color
LEGS: Small rubber legs, optional



1. Attach thread behind eye and wind to just short of midshank. Cut a small piece of foam, size such that when folded around shank ends just meet. Apply superglue lightly to thread covered shank. Peel paper back and secure foam to shank with open wraps (not too tight). End with thread at midshank.

2. Cut a second piece of foam as for the first. Peel paper backing and secure to shank with front edge even with first piece, rear edge about one hook wrap in back. Secure with open spiral wraps, making the rear end taper down.



3. Repeat with a third piece, attaching so the front edge is slightly ahead of the previous pieces, and rear edge even. The last piece may meet below belly (makes a round popper) or end at the bottom of the sides (makes a flat bottom popper). Whip finish at rear of body and cut thread.

4. Paint popper body top and bottom desired color. Paint the front face red.



5. Let paint dry about an hour, then add additional details such as markings, eyes, etc. Let dry 24 hours and coat with the polyurethane.

6. Secure tail as desired. Wind desired hackle collar. Add legs if desired.

NOTE: Pattern sheet by Kevin Cohenour

June Quick Ties with Tom Regina... Caddis Larva

Staying with the Quick-Ties theme of quick and easy ties using a “new” material we will tie a bead head Caddis Larva. Materials include hook, bead, thread, non-lead wire, antron yarn, dubbing wax, fox squirrel fur and head cement. Tools are vise, bobbin, bodkin, and scissors. Other tools that will make tying this caddis larva easier and quicker are tweezers, electrical test lead clip, dubbing loop twister, dubbing teaser and a whip finish tool.

Tying Instructions

Hook	Mustad C49S, size 10
Bead	Gold 1/8"
Weight	.020 non-lead wire (Lead wire is heavier than non-lead wire, however in some national parks, California and some other places lead is not allowed).
Thread	6/0 olive
Abdomen	Olive antron yarn
Thorax	Natural fox squirrel fur



1. Crush the hook barb and place a bead onto the hook. Secure the hook in the vise. Wrap 4 to 6 turns of wire on the hook shank. Cut away the wire tag ends. Slide the first few wraps of wire into the back of the bead with the bead up against the hook eye. Using a jam knot start the thread in back of and up against the wire. Build a small thread dam to prevent the wire and bead from sliding back on the



shank. Wrap a few turns of thread over the wire then cover the hook shank with touching turns of thread back to the hook bend. From the skein of yarn cut about a 3" piece of yarn and separate it into two strand segments. At the hook bend tie in two strands of yarn and tie it down to the hook shank with thread wraps going forward to the back of the wire. Cut away the yarn tag end.



2. To produce a neat segmented abdomen, use the electrical test lead clip to tightly twist the yarn. Wrap the twisted yarn in touching turns forward to the back of the wire. (*Twisting the yarn after each wrap keeps the yarn from untwisting and produces a neat segmented abdomen*). Tie off the yarn with several thread wraps and cut away the yarn tag end.



3. Apply a small amount of dubbing wax to the first 1 to 2" of thread just below the hook. Cut a small pinch of fur from the squirrel hide. (*Tying tip: When cutting fur or hair from a hide or tail, always cut the material as close to the hide as possible. This serves two purposes - the hide stays neat so you can see where to cut the material from the hide with subsequent cuts and it reduces material waste.*) Remove



the short underfur from the clipping leaving the long fur and guard hairs. In the palm of your hand, mix the fur and apply the fur to the waxed portion of the thread in the usual manner. Leave the dubbing “buggy”. Form and twist a dubbing loop. Wrap the dubbing loop forward over the wire to the bead. Catch any excess dubbing loop under several thread wraps just in back of the bead and cut away the loop tag end. Form a whip finish between the dubbing and bead. Cut away the thread. Apply a small amount of cement. Do not get cement on the dubbing. Tease out the dubbing.

2005 Callaway Gardens Conclave...Karen Brand

2005 SE FFF Conclave at Callaway Gardens...Callaway Gardens hosted the 2005 Southeast FFF Conclave and Fly Fishing Show that was held the first weekend in June. The Conclave was a success and club members that attended reported having a great time and catching "Monster Bream"! Financially the Conclave was a success for the SE Council but it did not come close to generating the funds that the "Pensacola Conclave" raised back in 1997. Everyone still talks about that Conclave and the outstanding work our club did in making that Conclave a success.

The 2006 Conclave will once again be held in Callaway Gardens! The dates are June 9-10, 2006 and room rates will be very similar to the discounted rates that attendees received this year. In critiquing the 2005 Conclave there are several areas that the SE Council will be working on improving; better maps, better communication in announcing the free programs & fishing opportunities, plus better publicity and advanced notice of the show. If you attended the event and have other suggestions on ways to improve the show, please let me know.

Thanks to club members that attended and special thanks to club member, Larry Goodman, who spent long hours serving as Registration Chair....Karen Brand, 2005 Commercial Exhibits

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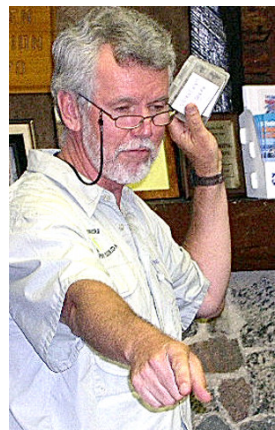
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*This space reserved
for your fish stories,
photos and tall tales in
general. No tall tale
to tall to tell.*



AUCTION ANTICS!



Nice King, Ray



Didn't Bill catch any?

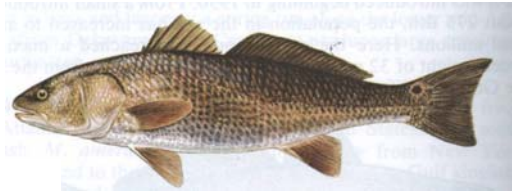


Another great trip to the rigs near Ft. Morgan



Like Father....Like Daughter?





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