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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

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2008 dues are due! Please pay your annual membership dues of \$30 (\$10 associate members) to Larry Sisney at any of the February meetings or mail your check to him at 700 College Blvd, H-106, Pensacola, FL 32504.

President's MessageKaren Brand

The weather for the January Saturday Clinic was rainy and cold but Russ and Jerry cooked up two pots of chili so all that were in attendance had a great time, stayed warm inside, and learned how to tie a new fly! The club has a busy schedule planned for the next couple of months so if you have a bad case of cabin fever, join us at one of the upcoming meetings!

The February schedule includes the General Membership Meeting Feb 5, Bull Session, Feb 14 and the Clinic Feb 16th. The PJC Class is March 5th thru the April 30th and we need volunteers to help with tying and casting instruction.

Teaching Fly Casting

John Brand will hold a special class on Teaching Fly Casting at the Saturday Clinic, Feb 19th. This is especially designed for club members who are interested in learning how to teach the students how to cast. It should be fun and you may even pick up some pointers that will improve your casting. Tom Regina is the coordinator for the PJC Class, so if you have questions on the class, please give him a call.



I know that the Presidents message is supposed to include all the official club stuff but I also wanted to include a short fishing report. John and I headed to North Carolina Dec 21st and fished the Tuck the week between Christmas and New Years. Fishing was excellent and the weather was not bad, in fact a few days we even had warm temps and hatches but unfortunately no rising fish. Streamers, specifically Wholly Buggers, black and dark green, were the go-to flies and John even had good success throwing the "Flesh Fly". The majority of fish we caught were Rainbows with a fair number of Brookies, including a fat 18" fish that I landed, but very few browns. John caught multiple fish over 20 inches on his Sage 000

and the rainbow in the picture I caught throwing a wooly bugger with the Sage 00. We traveled over to the Davidson River in Pisgah National Forest but the drought this summer and fall had taken a toll on the river and it was evident they had lost fish. The water conditions are improving but it may take a year or so for the fishing to improve. I look forward to seeing and fishing with many of you in 2008! Karen Brand

General Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida, January 8th, 2007, President Karen Brand, presiding

The board of directors held informal discussions on a number of subjects.

It was decided that we present possible dates for the Spring Clinic, and a Fall Picnic, at the general membership meeting.

It was proposed and approved that Larry Sisney send a treasurer's report to all members.

Russ Shields will check with the Clarion Inn, at University Mall, regarding hosting the club Christmas Party in 2008. Paul Lukkar suggested we also check with Zea's for their proposal. Karen Brand will do so. The board will determine reimbursement for guest speakers/presenters expenses on an individual basis.

Bob Holton agreed to chair the web site committee. Skeet Lores advanced the possibility of revenue from providing sponsor links on the site.

Paul Lukkar volunteered to take the responsibility of Publicity Chairman.

The discussions proceeded to the General Membership Meeting at about 7:00 P.M.

Art de Tonnancourt proposed that the spring auction be held June 3rd, 2008. He asked for boat owners to auction a "Day of Fishing", lauding the success of such an offering in '07.

The Pensacola Junior College Fly Fishing Class is announced as March 5th. -30th.

The club Fall Picnic will be on October 12th, at Shoreline Park.

The Spring Clinic will be held March 29th.

Following requests for any further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

At the Thursday February 14 Bull Session starting at 6:30 PM, the trout and inshore fly tying kits will be available for members and guests to use for tying flies of their choice. I will also lead interested fly tiers in tying a Griffith's Gnat. If you have a favorite fly you tie or a tying technique you use and would like to share your knowledge with us, please do a "show and tell" at the Bull Session.

At the Saturday February 16 Casting and Tying Clinic starting at 9 AM Russ Shields will lead interested fly dressers in tying Kyle Burrell's Parachute Beetle. If you have never tied a fly this will be a good time to get started in the enjoyable art of fly tying. All fly tying materials are provided by your club. If you have them, bring your vise and tying tools... or use the club's vises and tools.

3/0 John Brand will give casting instruction and casting tips at the Saturday clinic. John is an expert caster and instructor and he is happy and more than willing to share his knowledge and skill with you. Want to learn casting skills and techniques that will get your fly to the fish? Want to learn something as simple as how to grip your rod? Want to learn how to pick-up line, lay down line, get more distance with your cast, improve your back cast and forward cast? John can help. Want to learn how to change the direction of your cast, how to throw a curve cast, a tuck cast? See John.

As usual Russ and Jerry Giles will feed us a mighty fine free lunch at the Saturday clinic. Drinks are also on the house. (*Remember however, drinks should be paid for at the bull sessions and regular meetings.*)

As always guests are welcome at all our meetings, bull sessions, and clinics.

Around the Bay... and Further Away



From Karen Brand....I have lined up a speaker for the March Meeting. Old Florida Outfitter is a guide service and Orvis endorsed fly fishing school down in San Destin. One of our new members attended their school and suggested that we might want to invite them to the club. I contacted them and they would like to come to the March 4th meeting, and we can work out the details at the next meeting.

From Pat Poloski....Could you include a short line for the Gulf Coast Kayak Fishing Association's Spring Tournament, which is to be held on May 3, 2008, at Shoreline Park? Start planning now to participate. For more details, please check our website at gckfa.com.

From Larry Sessions....I need to purchase all the **essential** tools necessary for tying flies. If someone in the club has an old or duplicate set of tools I would like to purchase the tools. If you could place this add in the newsletter I would appreciate the assistance. My telephone number is 932-0725.

From Dane Law....I hope the new year is starting out well for you and the club. I am enjoying your newsletters. I just thought I would touch bases and ask that as the club plans trips for the new year, that it consider a group trip with us on the Hiwassee River. Late June - early August is dependable dry fly fishing. We still have some good dates available. Please pass this on to the club trip coordinator. I can arrange boats, lodging, meals, ect. As much or as little as needed. Our website is www.southeasternanglers.com. Thanks,Dane.

Fishing report from the mystery fisherman....I was up on lake Hurricane Jan.15th , the weather was chilly but nice. And best of all the fish were bite'n !! 16 large mouth bass were caught . Next off to lake Karick , on Wed. Hope to send a good report back from there too. Pete Foster

From Travis Akins....Freezing my tush off in Grand Canyon. We've had a heavy winter here. Doing fine, getting some good snow driving practice (even blizzard). These are some pics of an area I visited last week south of here. The first is called (in error) Montezuma's Castle. Named by early Europeans, Montezuma never got within 2000 miles of here. Beautiful place, overlooks a creek that is lined with giant Arizona sycamores. The second one is not far from the first and is called Montezuma's Well. You can barely see the dwellings above the 50' deep, spring fed sink hole in the middle of the desert. It flows underground and out into a beautiful creek downhill. Again, lined with gorgeous sycamores and even had trout in it! The water in the well is a constant 76 degrees. The third is about 20 miles away and is the remains of a Pueblo style hill-top structure called Tuzigoot. There were about 80 rooms on the first floor and 15 up-stairs. The locals certainly built their homes in some beautiful places.



Kyle Burrell's Parachute Beetle....Russ Shields

Kyle Burrell is a professional guide on the upper Green River in Wyoming and the Chattahoochee River north of Atlanta Georgia. Art deTonnancourt and I fished with Kyle on the Green River and Terry McCormick fished with him on the Chattahoochee River. Kyle developed this beetle as a versatile terrestrial for general use for trout and pan fish. I can attest to its efficacy, it's a great fly to have in your box or on your line.

Materials

Hook: Mustad 94833 size 10 or 12
Thread: 6/0 black
Body: 3mm black closed cell foam*
Wing post: White or pink Antron Yarn
Under body: Peacock herl
Wing: Black dry fly hackle to match hook size



* Before you begin to tie this fly, cut out several foam bodies as shown in the photo. The body should be about 7/8 in. long, 3/8 in. wide at the back and taper to 3/16 in. at the front. Round off both ends. (I made a simple die from stainless steel to stamp out identical copies.)

Tying Instructions



1. Flatten the hook barb and mount the hook in the vise. Wrap a thread base from the hook eye to the hook bend. 2. Attach the wide end of the foam body at the rear of the hook with the narrow end of the body extending in back of the hook. Wind the thread forward to a distance 1/3 hook shank distance back from the hook eye. 3. Cut about a 1 1/2 inch piece of Antron Yarn from the skein and tie it on top of the hook shank with figure 8 wraps. Pull both ends of the yarn up to form the wing post. Wrap several tight thread turns around the base of the post to stand it up. Return the thread to the rear of hook at the body tie on point.



4. Tie on three or four nice peacock herls at the body tie on point. Lift the peacock herls out of the way and wrap the thread forward to a point about 3/16 in. back from the hook eye. Twist the herls into a herl rope. To form the under body, wind the herl rope forward and past the post to a point 3/16 in. back from the hook eye. Tie off the herl and cut away herl tag ends.



5. At the narrow end of the body cut a slit equal in length to the distance from the body tie on point to the wing post. Pull the body foam forward so one side of the slit parts is on each side of the wing post. Tie the two sides down on top of the hook shank in front of the post and just in back of the hook eye. Make several half hitch turns behind the head area but do not cut the thread away. Cut away the tag ends of the slit body parts even with the front of the hook eye to form the head. 6. Take the thread up to the bottom of the wing post and make several tight thread wraps around the post in a clockwise direction to form a secure attachment point for the parachute wing hackle.

Kyle Burrell's Parachute Beetle...Russ Shields



7. Strip a few fibers from the butt end of the wing hackle and tie the feather butt vertically to the wing post thread wraps with several clockwise thread turns going up the post about 3/16 in. then back to the bottom of the post.



8. With the concave side of the hackle down, wrap the feather in a clockwise direction from the top of the post thread wraps to the bottom of the post. Use three or four hackle turns to form the parachute wing. Carefully wrap the thread in tight clockwise turns around the base of the post close to the foam body and over the tag end of the hackle to tie off the wing. Cut away the tag end of the wing close to the post. Take the thread forward to the thread wrap area between the body and the head. Make several half hitch turns to finish the fly being careful not to trap any wing fibers under the half hitch wraps. Cut away the thread and apply head cement to the final thread wraps being careful not to get cement on the wing. 9. Cut away the top of the Antron wing post

leaving a tall section for visibility. About 1/4 to 3/8 in. for a size 10 fly seems about right.

Fishing Report... Captain Baz Veluerton



The false albacore fishing continues to be excellent along the edge of the gulf. On January 6 Ben Walters from Johnson City, TN, landed the first on fly. We were a couple hundred yards from the beach that day as the shore break was too big to get close.

The following Monday the gulf was like a lake, and we were there early armed to the teeth. Ken Hutchison, Nampa, ID, landed the first fish of the day in about two feet of water west of Battery Langdon. Later we ran down to the east past the pier and anchored a hundred feet from the beach in front of the Hampton and Hilton Inns. We were covered up with fish until they finally moved off the beach mid-afternoon. The fish were so close to the beach that one group of three almost beached themselves on a little finger bar. They had to swim hard with their tails partially out of the water to move off the bar. It looked like big bonefish accelerating in very shallow water. I'll attach a second photo of Hutch which shows our position relative to the hotels.



As you can see these fish are very much available to the hearty winter fly caster whose willing to put on a pair of waders and venture out into 62 degree thigh deep water. I tried it two days ago and got skunked, but it wasn't exactly the perfect day. The temperature was 35 degrees when I parked the truck, and the wind was howling 20-25 out of the NE. I stood in about 2 1/2 feet of water in front of the Hampton for two hours until my hands got too numb to handle the fly line. The sun was in and out of clouds. I'll be trying it again the next sunny day with a light north wind a few days after a front comes through. As one of my guide buddies puts it "these bonitos are bad little dudes". I can hardly wait to hook into one from the beach.



One final comment about the bull reds. The word is the big schools have moved well to the west almost to Mobile. A fellow guide claims to have landed seventy in one day a couple weeks ago. There are a few fish down by the Perdido Key condos, but they are hard to find. We landed three on spinning gear January 15 and hooked one on fly, but the leader broke...guide error. How hard would it have been to tie on a new piece of 20# fluorocarbon?!! Capt Baz

Southeastern Council Conclave 2008

2008

18th Annual Southeastern Council Conclave &

Fly Fishing Show

May 29 - 31

Callaway Gardens - Pine Mountain, Georgia

featuring

Lefty Kreh & Steve Rajeff



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Our special guests for 2008 are two of the greatest names ever in the sport of fly fishing! Make plans now to attend the 2008 Fly Fishing Show to see, meet and learn from these legendary anglers.



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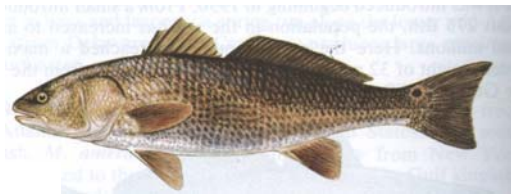
Pensacola Junior College, Flyfishing Class 2008.... Tom Regina

Again this year the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida in conjunction with PJC will conduct the PJC Fly Fishing Class. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 PM at the PJC Pensacola campus, building 17 beginning March 5 and ending April 30, 2008 with the exception of April 2 - 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 Jerry Aldridge, John Brand, Karen Brand, Jerry Giles, Capt Bob Quarles, Russ Shields, Bruce Vail, and Capt. Baz Yelverton. Other club members are needed to serve as proctors for casting, knot tying, and fly tying instruction. Two volunteers are also needed to transport the fly rods/reels and fly tying equipment to and from each class session. If you are willing to volunteer please contact Tom Regina at 458-2978 or tomregina@bellsouth.net.

FLY FISHERS OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA FLY FISHING CLASS CURRICULUM OUTLINE March 5 - April 30, 2008

Week 1 03/05/08	Opening remarks by FFNWF club president Getting started, choosing your tackle Local fishing opportunities	Karen Brand John Brand Capt. Baz Yelverton
Week 2 03/12/08	Introduction to fly casting Fly fishing knots Introduction to fly tying materials and tools	Video Jerry Aldridge Jerry Aldridge
Week 3 03/19/08	Casting instruction and practice Fly tying - Woolly Bugger Local fishing opportunities	Bill Locher Tom Regina Capt. Bob Quarles
Week 4 03/26/08	Casting instruction and practice Fly tying - Clouser Minnow	John Brand Jerry Aldridge
04/02/08	No class - Spring break	
Week 5 04/09/08	Casting instruction and practice Fly tying - Elk Hair Caddis	John Brand Jerry Giles
Week 6 04/16/08	Casting instruction and practice Fly tying - Lefty's Deceiver	John Brand Bruce Vail
Week 7 04/23/08	Casting instruction and practice Fly tying - Gartside Gurgler	John Brand Jerry Aldridge
Week 8 04/30/08	Casting review and practice Local fishing round table Invitation to club membership	John Brand Jerry Aldridge Karen Brand



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3	4	5 Business Meeting 7 PM	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30 PM	15	16 Clinic - Casting, tying gourmet lunch 9 AM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	