

Late Spring Mixer Fishing Party
Art de Tonnancourt



JUNE 2004

The "Late Spring Mixer Party" is scheduled for Sunday, June 6th. The objective of this club event is to continue welcoming our newer club members. This will be an opportunity to fish with new partners ... we can start the process of "hooking" up with new partners at the June 1st business meeting. For

this trip, let's make deliberate efforts to mix with club members who aren't our usual fishing partners.

WHERE? Fishing in Big Lagoon, the pass & the Gulf.

WHEN? Sunday, June 6th. Experts say best time for speck fishing is before daylight.

WHAT? Boating and wading opportunities. Two (2) rendezvous at Art's Big Lagoon house. 9 AM brief on early morning fishing reports from those who chose to launch very early to fish the flats and lights for specs. A short orientation, map pointing, sharing of fishing spots. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. And then again 1:30 PM: hot dogs, beer, soda and fish stories.

HOW? Attend the June 1st business meeting and club **LATE SPRING MIXER FISHING PARTY** briefing. Sign in list will be passed around for boat owners, waders, members needing boat space, etc. Those not attending the Tuesday evening meeting may contact me at artdetonnancourt1@cox.net, preferably before Friday June 4th.

For those who want to fish for specs before daylight by the dock lights and on the many grass flats may launch from Sherman Cove (for club members who have those NAS Pensacola base privileges), a commercial ramp at Rod and Reel Marina less than a 1/4 mile from Art's house, a ramp at Big Lagoon state park 1 mile west, or a free county launch on Galvez St. (south off Innerarity Point Road which would be about 5 miles west of Art's house). Wading and small personal water craft that can be carried may be launched at Art's house across the Lagoon from the Perdido Key National Seashore area. All boats meeting at Art's should stay well east while approaching his shallow water dock. The dock is located as the #7 dock counting from Southwind Marina westward, and his house is painted yellow, white and green with a red roof. Fishing after the 9AM brief may very well be spent jumping schools of mackerel, ladyfish, & red fish in the Gulf or pass, or more spec fishing on the flats until the 1:30 PM hot dog roast.

Four (4) volunteers are needed to assist with some logistics. One to pick up doughnuts at Krispy Kreme on Sunday morning for 9AM briefing; three volunteers for the 1:30 hot dog roast to cook the dogs, set up the serving line and cleaning up. Here is a great chance for those of you who haven't had the pleasure of these tasks to participate in a way that we can get better acquainted. Art's address is 10455 Gulf Beach Hwy (about 1.25 miles west from the traffic light at Blue Angel Parkway and the rear gate to the Naval air station). Art's telephone number is 492- 3833, cell 516-4076.

SCOUT CAMP needs you! We will teach the Fishing and Fly Fishing merit badges at Camp Euchee near Defuniak Springs from June 7 - 10, 14 - 17 and 21 - 24. Classes are Monday through Wednesday with merit badge exams on Thursday. Meals and lodging are provided and the fishing in the lake is wonderful. Contact Vick Vickery at 478-3584 or fwvickery@juno.com if you can make time to act as a volunteer instructor for any of the camp weeks.

President's
Report

I've been sidelined for a couple of weeks following removal of a torn cartilage in my right knee, but am now ambulatory without crutch or cane. Because of that, I had to give up my spot on a trip to Bryson City with Art's group. Luckily, Bill Parrish took my spot. I understand a great time was had by all, although the fishing was not quite as good as during our April trip. I highly recommend to those of you who haven't been up there, to get your group together and share in the good times and fellowship.

Next Tuesday at the general membership meeting, we'll hear a report on the FFF convention held in Gulf Shores this month. See you there....Jay

Otter's Soft Egg... Tom Regina

Hook Mustad C67S size 8 or 10
Egg Otter's Soft Egg (color of choice)
Thread 6/0 black
Glue Zap-A-Gap or other "super glue"



1. Impale the Otter's Soft Egg on the hook through the center of the egg circumference .
2. Slide the egg to the hook bend.



3. Place the hook in the vise.
4. Using a jam knot, build a thread bump about one hook eye length back from the hook eye. Whip finish and trim the thread.



5. Place a small drop of glue on the thread bump.



6. Slide the egg over the thread bump up to the hook eye while twisting the egg to evenly distribute the glue. **DONE.**

This Otter's Soft Egg is simple and quick to *tie*. Its soft texture is life like and fish seem less likely to reject it as compared to other imitation eggs. I have fished this egg, bounced along the stream bottom, catching many trout in western North Carolina.

**FOR SALE: Canoe, Old Town Katahdin 16'.
Fiberglass. Excellent condition. Cane seats.
Two paddles, anchor outrigger, cane seat
back, sidesaddle motor mount, storage cover.
\$725. Tom Regina 458-2978.**

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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 TUESDAY, 6:30PM
FISHING TRIPS - AS SCHEDULED

Meetings at Miraflores Park, 17th
Avenue between Belmont and LaRua

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YakAttack Clouser.... From Bob Clouser' Original

HOOK	Mustad 34007, size 2
THREAD	Red 3/0 or flat-waxed nylon
EYES	3/16" brass "Real Eyes" with tape decal inserts
FLASH	Gold flashabou and peacock crystal flash
BELLY	Natural white yak hair
BACK	Ocean green yak hair



1. Secure hook in vise and lay thread base from eye to bend. Tie in eyes with a dozen figure 8 wraps about 1/3 hook length back from hook eye. Take a dozen horizontal wraps around and below the eyes but above the shank. Add a drop of head cement to lock the eyes in place. Tie in 6-8 strands each of crystal flash and flashabou behind the eyes and cover with thread to the bend. Return thread to just behind hook eye.



2. Cut a 3" length of white yak hair about a kitchen match thick for the fly's belly (remember, the fly flips in the water to ride hook point up). Tie in behind the hook eye, wrap thread over yak hair back to the brass eyes, wrap thread under the shank to just behind the brass eyes and make a dozen or so wraps behind the eyes. Return thread under shank to just forward of brass eyes.



3. Turn fly upside down in vise. Cut 3" length of green yak hair a kitchen match thick for the fly's back. Tie in behind the hook eye and wrap thread over hair back to the brass eyes. Wrap a neat "nose" making sure the yak hair is completely covered. Turn the fly belly-side-up in vise and whip finish. Remove fly from vise and insert tape decal eyes. Coat eyes and thread wraps with 5 minute epoxy and turn fly by hand or machine until epoxy hardens (about 5 minutes). Hang fly to cure for at least 8 hours.

NOTES: The first morning I tried the YakAttack, I caught a 28" Spanish mackerel (my largest ever), 4 other Spanish, a 27" speckled trout (my second largest ever) plus half a dozen other specks, all but one keeper size. The fly looks unruly in the vise but is lovely in the water taking on the look of a translucent, tapered minnow. The flash tends to stay inside the hair which adds to the translucent look. The yak hair compresses under thread pressure much better than bucktail and is generally easier to tie with. Though not as durable as super hair, it seems to hold up better than bucktail. It is less buoyant than bucktail but more so than super hair. Yak hair comes in many colors and is comparable in price to bucktail. Give it a try. As for me, I may have a lot of bucktail to donate to next year's auction....Jerry Aldridge





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		1 Business Meeting 7 PM	2	3	4	5
6 Late Spring Mixer Fish- ing Party....See page 1	7	8	9	10 Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Clinic - Casting, tying gourmet lunch 9 AM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			