

Fellowship, Food, Fishing, Friends, Fun
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MARCH 2004

Sunday, February 22nd, not only brought sunshine, 74 degree weather and light breezes, but also brought together nineteen club members, a welcome guest and one well behaved Labrador retriever for great fellowship, food, fishing and fun.

There were "No Fishermen Left Behind" except for those members who failed to take advantage of the great camaraderie and opportunity to cruise the Blackwater River in Milton and to experience a well managed NAS Whiting Field military recreational facility. Those who did not attend missed hot coffee and Krispy Kreme doughnuts, the sighting of a Bald Eagle, cypress trees, spanish moss, waterfowl, fast boats, fly rods, chili, hot dogs, cold beer, soda and most of all, the experience to share all of this with great friends.

Thanks to all of you who attended and for your kind words of appreciation, but I especially want to thank Tom Regina for all the grocery shopping and his tasty chili, Allan Helig for the great cooking, John Brand for the area briefing with charts and Joe Higgins our professional photographer who took the pictures published in this issue, and for the many more of you who provided guidance in making the call on weather forecast, set up, clean up, etc. Look forward to another great club trip in late May or early June with dates to be announced.



The 2004 Membership Directory will be available at the Bull Session and Casting Clinic in March. If you cannot attend those meetings, your copy will be mailed to you. The Directory will be finalized right after the Business Meeting on March 2nd, so if you have paid by then, you will be in the directory and continue to receive newsletters and other club benefits.

President's Report

We are so lucky to have a great and energetic Board. There is much developing in increased vision for activities and service to the membership and community.

Last Sunday we had an outing at the Whiting Field marine complex located on the Blackwater River. No fish were caught, it being a little early, but nearly 1/3 of our membership participated, and everybody had fun and enjoyed the fellowship. Trip chairman Art planned and executed this event with the help of several stalwarts, mostly Board members. Don't worry if you missed it, there are more promised.

The Board has approved our assistance to the Kids' Day fishing activities in May, and we will have a visit to our Saturday clinic sometime in the Spring from a small middle school aged church group which has shown some interest in our sport.

The PJC course starts 3/3/04 and ends 4/28/04. Slots are open, so if you, your significant other, your 16 year or older children, or any friends have any interest, this course is guaranteed to whet it. Tom Regina is in charge and can give you any info you wish.

This seems like a good time for me to say that my opportunity to serve the club, has meant much to me, although it pales when viewed in contrast to the work many others have, are, and will be doing for the organization. You should know that if you get pleasure out of your present functioning in the club, it will be magnified many times over once you have an opportunity to serve on and/or with the Board in furthering the goals of the club. I've been in many organizations in my life, professional and social, and have been president of some, but I have never enjoyed an association with a finer group of people than what we have here. You deserve to have that too. So, forget that old military adage; instead do volunteer and jump in, the water's fine. Tight lines....Jay

PJC Fly Fishing Class

Your club will teach the PJC Fly Fishing Class again this year. The classes begin March 3 and run through April 28. The classes are held Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 PM in room 1704, building 17 at the main PJC campus. (There will be no class on March 17 due to spring break).

Several members of the club have been assigned as "core instructors". However, help is needed from the general membership to assist in passing out materials and helping with the fly tying and casting instruction. You need not be an expert to help and you may pick up a few tips along the way and have fun at the same time. For more information call Tom Regina at 456-8808.

March "Quick Ties" Tom Regina

Fly shops will sell you twelve strike indicators for \$9.95. However, Travis Akins will show- and -tell you how to tie strike indicators and save those \$\$\$ to buy Tom some beer (Editor's Note: guess who wrote this article).

At the March 20 Casting and Fly Tying Clinic (the date of the vernal equinox), Travis will teach us how to tie "Mighty Fine Strike" indicators. Travis will show us how to take poly yarn and thread and turn them into *high floating, fish mouthing your nymph, set the hook, catch the fish* things. Bring your vise or use one of the club's. Travis will provide the yarn, thread and hat pins. Hat pins? Yep, hat pins. Recipe on page 4

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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, 6:30 PM

FISHING TRIPS - AS SCHEDULED

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

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The Crackleback... Original Recipe by Ed Story

Hook	Dry Fly 1X Long, Dai-Riki #300 Size 12 was the original hook used by Ed.
Thread	Black 6/0 or 8/0
Body	Pale morning dun turkey round
Shellback	3 strands of peacock herl
Hackle	Dark Furnace or Brown

1. Place hook in vise and lay thread base from the eye to bend. Select a size 12 hackle and tie in at the bend with the hackle's dark side facing toward you. Measure the hackle with a gauge or gape of the hook (barb length 1 ½ times gape width).

2. Place 3 strands of peacock herl on top hook shank with at least an inch extending rearward from the hook. Tie in the herl along the full length of the shank leaving a little room for the head of the fly. Return tying thread to bend. Cut a full length of turkey round approximately ¼ inch in diameter and tie in by the points along the full length of the shank starting at the bend.

3. Wrap the turkey round forward in firm, slightly overlapping turns to form the body of the fly. Tie the round in just behind the eye and trim the excess. Some tyers like to use Hackle pliers to wrap the turkey round; others prefer to wrap with on hand and use the other to keep the round from unraveling. Apply a light coat of head cement to the turkey round body, this makes the body much more durable.

4. Bring the peacock herl forward along the top shank of the hook and tie in just behind the eye. Palmer the hackle forward with 5 or 6 turns and tie in behind the eye. Trim the excess, build a small head, whip finish and coat lightly with head cement.



EDITOR'S NOTE: The Crackleback Queen (Karen Brand) wrote this recipe based on Feathercraft Owner Ed Story's original. CQ and her fishing buddies have caught trout on this fly from the Smokies to the Rockies to the Sierras and lots of places in between. CQ says to fish it as a dry fly until the end of the drift, then pull it under, strip it back and hang on for the strike! You might also try skittering it or fishing it as a nymph or wet fly. Under the water or on top, dead drift or dragging—it is deadly!

Make your own Strike Indicator.... Travis Akins

A strike indicator is a very useful tool for nymph fishing. A few years ago I came across instructions for making my own indicator that works better than any store-bought one that I have used. It floats well, is easy to remove and adjust, and is reusable.

Here's how to do it. You'll need a large pin (I steal them from my wife's sewing table), about 4" of doubled yellow poly yarn, and fairly strong thread (3/0 or better).



Place the doubled poly yarn and pin in the vise. Attach the thread with a jam knot and wind thread forward about 1/2 to 3/4 inch. The thread has to be very snug. The best way to do this is by holding right behind the thread as you wrap. Place a couple of whip finish wraps at the end. **DO NOT CUT THE THREAD!**

Remove the pin (which may require you to loosen the vise jaws a little) but keep the material in the vise. Tighten the vise enough to hold the material. Bend the thread wraps back until the ends meet. Make several tight wraps around both ends and whip finish. Apply a couple of liberal coats of head cement to the thread wraps. That's it.



Around the Bay.... and Further Away



The Tuna Troubadours (Skeet Lores, Bill Locher, Bruce Vail, John Brand) were at it again in Cajun country, this time bagging several tuna plus this magnificent Mako. There must be a long story behind this picture. Bob Quarles is still finding bull reds on the fly. The background in the photo hints at where he caught it.

Summer is fast approaching and it's time to start thinking about Boy Scout Camp again. Camp dates this year are Monday through Thursday, June 7-10, 14-17 and 21-24. Once again, we will teach fishing and fly fishing merit badges plus fly tying. The camp at Defuniak Springs is a great place and the lake is full of large bream and bass that you can catch outside of class hours. Give Vick Vickery a call at 478-3584 if you can provide some help.

Congratulations to Captain Bob Turpin as 2003 Escambia County Employee of the Year. Bob is Chief of the Marine Resources Division.

Thanks to Travis Akins for a fine lesson in tying with a rotary vise at the February clinic. Travis pays attention to the fine points of tying and is an engrossing teacher.



Registration Form
South Eastern Council Federation of Fly Fishers
2004 Conclave and Fly Fishing Show
May 13th, 14th and 15th, 2004
Gulf State Park Resort, Gulf Shores Alabama, 36542
1-251-948-4853 or 1-800-544-4853

Conclave Events	Cost	Number	Total Cost
Individual Registration by April 15	\$15.00	_____	_____
Family Registration by April 15	\$20.00	_____	_____
Individual Registration on site	\$20.00	_____	_____
Family Registration on site	\$25.00	_____	_____
Friday or Saturday Only Day Pass	\$10.00	_____	_____
Thursday Night Cajun Cookout (Donations Appreciated)	NONE	_____	_____
Friday Night Reception (Donations Appreciated)	NONE	_____	_____
Saturday Breakfast with Tom Travis	\$10.00	_____	_____
Saturday Women's Outreach Luncheon	\$12.00	_____	_____
Saturday Night Banquet and Live Auction	\$17.00	_____	_____
Conclave Pins	\$ 5.00	_____	_____
Pins from Past Conclaves also available at registration			
Raffle Tickets	\$1.00 ea. or 6 for \$5.00	_____	_____
All FFF Members will be given \$5.00 worth of raffle tickets with registration			
Workshops:			
Friday Morning: Carl Warmouth: Improving Casting Distance for Fishing—Limit 15	\$40.00	_____	_____
Tom Travis: Tying Trout Flies with Turkey—Limit 15	\$30.00*	_____	_____
Friday Afternoon: Dan Lagace: Casting Instruction for Ladies Only—Limit 15	\$40.00	_____	_____
Bob Clouser: Tying the Clouser Minnow—Limit 15	\$30.00*	_____	_____
Saturday Morning: Dan Lagace: Casting with the Opposite Hand—Limit 15	\$40.00	_____	_____
Tom Travis: Tying Salt Water Tube Flies—Limit 15	\$30.00*	_____	_____
Youth Fly Fishing Clinic	NONE	_____	_____
Saturday Afternoon: Bob Clouser: Casting Heavy or Bulky Flies—Limit 15	\$40.00	_____	_____
Keieran Frye: Tying Gummy Minnows—Limit 15	\$30.00*	_____	_____
* Indicates a \$5.00 Material Charge to be paid to the Tying Workshop Instructor			
Federation Membership or Renewal		_____	_____
Check No. _____		Total Amount	_____

Full Name: _____	FFF Member No: _____
Street or PO Box: _____	Expiration Date: _____
City & State: _____ Zip: _____	FFF Club: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____	

Make Checks Payable to: **South Eastern Council Federation of Fly Fishers**
 Mail Registration Form and Payment to: **Larry Goodman at 3215 Newton Place, Pensacola, Fl. 32503**
 For Additional Information, Call: Dave Duffy at 828/765-8239 or Buzzy Burns at 228/863-6373
Make your Room Reservation Before April 13th, 2004 and let them know you are with the FFF

Want to Join the Federation of Fly Fishers? Include your membership with registration!			
Individual Member \$29.00 _____	Family Membership \$35.00 _____	Senior (+65) Membership \$22.00 _____	
3 Year Individual \$70.00 _____	3 Year Family \$82.00 _____	Junior (-14) Membership \$11.00 _____	
Individual Life \$465.00 _____	Couple Life \$696.00 _____	Life Payment Terms Available	



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Business Meeting 7 PM	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Clinic - Casting, tying gourmet lunch 9 AM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			