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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

BOARD MEETING
1ST TUESDAY, 6:15PM

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PJC Fly Fishing Class Canceled!

General Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida, February 7th, 2006, President Jay Williams, Jr. presiding

President Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., Feb.7, 2006. The minutes of the January, meeting had been included in the monthly newsletter. Therefore, Travis Akins made a motion that they be accepted as written. The motion was seconded and approved. **Pat Poloski and Travis Akin were seated as the newly elected Board Members at Large.** The treasurer's report had been discussed at the business meeting held prior to the general membership meeting. Alterations to that report are to be presented to the general membership for perusal and approval at the March meeting.

President Williams has firmly established the dates of the club picnics and outings for May 14th, and October 1, 2006 **at Shoreline Park, Gulf Breeze.**

Tom Regina reported that the Pensacola Junior College Fly Fishing Course would start March 1st, have a two-week pause for spring break, then continue until April 26th. The cost is \$40.00.

Karen Brand, stated that the dates of the **Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave at Callaway Gardens**, were June 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2006. Carl Warmouth, head of the **Callaway Gardens** fly shop will give her a report regarding the particulars of the conclave in April.

Art de Tonnancourt has four piscatorial expeditions to North Carolina, scheduled for this spring. As always, Art encourages anyone interested in going on a club trip should contact him personally for information and availability.

Bill Parrish says that the library inventory is completed and that the materials are ready and available for use.

Representatives of the "Fishin' Chix", ladies fishing club were present at the meeting. Their president, Claudia **Espenscheid** told us about their club and **its** membership. She expressed great interest in learning about fly fishing, and the possibly of participating in our club. They were heartily welcomed and encouraged to attend our Saturday casting clinic, fly tying, and gourmet lunch.

Attending members reported that the fishing in the area had been sporadic with mixed results in both salt and freshwater.

Subsequent to proper motions, president Williams adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted; Gerald (Jerry) Giles, Secretary

New in the Library.... Tom Regina

Club librarian Bill Parrish is adding DVDs to our library and his first addition is a mighty fine DVD titled "Streamer Fishing For Trophy Trout" by Kelly Galloup. Kelly Galloup is a fly fishing and tying author, lecturer, and guide.

Kelly Galloup, who co-authored "Modern Streamers For Trophy Trout" with Bob Linsenman, has developed a new way of fishing streamers for big trout. Kelly's 25 years of guiding and free diving to observe trout behavior have resulted in this unique system. The flies, retrieves, tackle, and tactics are all covered in this DVD. In the chapters of this 120 minute instructional DVD, Kelly will cover *The Predator Theory, Rigging For Streamers, Holding Water, Fishing The Far Bank, Wade Fishing Streamers, Jerk-Strip Retrieve, Boulder & Pocked Water, Mid-River Holding Water, and Streamer Flies For Trophy Trout.*

The *jerk-strip* retrieve, essential to Kelly's technique, is just one of the finer points of streamer fishing you will learn from this DVD. You will learn about the lines, leaders, and fly patterns that will bring bigger trout to your fly. Kelly will teach you the tactics you need for trout that have charged but missed your fly thus giving you a second chance at the fish.

An innovative tier and creator of fly patterns, Kelly Galloup shows us his selection of patterns for streamer fishing for big trout. He reveals his system of selecting the style and color of flies as he progresses through a day of fishing.

President's MessageJay Williams

As we begin the New Year, plans are being made for various trips and excursions by individuals, and by the trip committee chairman, Art deTonnancourt. Flyfishing is a highly personalized sport where the angler really competes with himself, although he may, on a more superficial basis, compete with his confreres for numbers and size of catch. In spite of friendly competition, as in all sports, there are some rules for fly fishing, vis-a- vis interaction with other folks on the stream or even larger body of water.

Attention to the following should make everyone's experience more pleasant and lessen any potential conflicts with others trying to enjoy the sport:

Fundamentally, simply apply common sense and courtesy. However, the following is specifically helpful. It's from www.flyfishingonline.com Archives, and titled Fly Fishing Ethics. It's found in Fly Fishing 101, Part 20 of the Archives.

1. A section of water belongs to the first person fishing it. It is inconsiderate to crowd an angler who was there first.
2. A slow moving or stationary angler has the right to remain where he/she is. If you are moving, leave the water and quietly walk around the angler in position in the water.
3. If an angler is resting the water, (Allowing the water to calm down after some form of disturbance. Generally, after a fish has been caught, the act of the fight scares the rest of the fish and makes them hesitant to hit on a fly. So, you rest the water until it is fishable again) or is planning his/her next move, it is his/her water. Don't jump in without permission.
4. A person working upstream has the right of way over someone fishing downstream.
5. Always yield to an angler with a fish on the line.
6. Do not enter the water directly in front of someone already in the water.
7. Always recognize property rights. Leave all gates as you found them.
8. Do not litter. If you brought it in, take it out. Leave the area cleaner than you found it.
9. Try not to make tracks whenever possible.
10. Wade only when necessary. The aquatic food chain is fragile.
11. Obey all state and local fishing laws and rules.

Ours is a GREAT sport and stress reliever, as well as an opportunity to enjoy the mysteries of outdoor life. Being ethical and considerate in your practice of the it is a minimal price to pay for its rewards. Tight lines....Jay

The Woolly Bugger.... Tom Regina

The Woolly Bugger is one of the most popular streamer flies ever developed. It will take trout (and other species of fish) in all kinds of water from spring creeks to freestone streams, large and small rivers, ponds, and lakes, in fast and slow water. It is primarily fished as a streamer but can also be dead drifted as a nymph. Milt (Cutter) Mays has landed many trout dead drifting Woolly Buggers on the Tuckasegee River in North Carolina.

The Woolly Bugger is a searching fly that trout and other fish take as many food types. The fly can be tied in as many color variations as there are colors of chenille, hackle, and marabou. However, olive, brown, and black seem most useful because these colors most closely imitate the colors of the natural foods available to fish. The Woolly Bugger can be tied weighted with non lead wire, without weight, with a bead or cone head, or a combination of wire and a bead or cone head.

The Woolly Bugger... Karen Brand

Hook	Mustad 9672, Size 4
Thread	Black 6/0
Weight	.025 inch round non-lead wire
Tail	Black marabou
Hackle	Black saddle hackle
Body	Large black chenille
Head	Black 6/0 thread



1. Flatten the hook barb and place the hook in the vise. Using a jam knot, tie the thread on the hook two hook's eye distance back from the hook eye. In close touching turns cover the hook shank with a neat thread base back to the hook bend.
2. Beginning at a point about 1/4 inch in front of the last thread wrap at the back of the hook, wrap about 20 to 22 turns of non-lead wire over the hook shank stopping 1/4 inch behind the hook eye. Clip the wire tag ends as close to the hook shank as possible and smooth the sharp ends of the wire with your thumbnail.
3. Over wrap the full length of wire with thread wraps to cover and lock the wire to the hook shank. Return the thread to the back of the hook shank.



4. For the tail, select a single long plume of marabou. Grip the plume between the thumb and forefinger of one hand at a point equal to one hook length. With your other hand strip away the "fuzz" from the butt end of the feather quill. Place the tail on top of the hook shank so the thumb and forefinger "pinch" the hook shank and the feather at a point even with the last rear thread wrap. Take 3 or 4 "soft loop" thread wraps, then 4 or 5 firm thread wraps at the tail tie-in point to anchor the tail to the top of the hook shank. Wrap the thread forward in closely spaced turns tying the stripped marabou quill to the top of the hook shank. Stop the forward thread wraps 1/4 inch from the hook eye. Cut away the tag end of the quill and take a few thread wraps to neatly cover the butt end. Return the thread to the tail tie-in point at the rear of the hook shank.



5. Select a long slender saddle hackle with barbs that are of a length equal to 1 to 1 1/2 times the *hook gape*. Tie the saddle hackle in at the last rear thread wrap point by its tip leaving about 1/4 inch of the hackle point pointing toward the front of the hook. Pinch-grasp the chenille 1/4 inch from its end and strip away the "fuzz" from the inner thread core. Using the tying thread, tie on the chenille by the striped thread core directly over the hackle tip. Wrap the thread forward in close turns to neatly cover the hackle tip and the chenille thread core. Continue wrapping the thread forward with a few spiral wraps to the front thread tie-on point.



6. Wrap the chenille forward with adjacent firm turns to the thread tie-on point. Tie off the chenille and cut away the excess.

7. Palmer, (wrap or hackle) the hackle forward with equally spaced turns stopping just in *front* of the thread tie-on point. Tie off the hackle with several firm thread wraps. Cut away the excess hackle and wrap a neat thread head. Cut away the thread and apply head cement.



March 7th Program... Striped Bass Fishery by Karen Herrington, Fisheries Biologist of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Editor's Note: The following is a summary of Ms. Herrington's presentation. Don't miss it!

"The Gulf race of striped bass was once common to river ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico, ranging from Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana, to the Ochlockonee River, Florida. By the 1960s, the native Gulf race striped bass population had declined significantly due to loss of habitat, including blocked access to historical spawning areas and summer thermal refuges. It is believed that the last population of Gulf race striped bass survived in relatively low numbers in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) river system in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama.

In 1987, the respective agency directors from Florida, Georgia, and Alabama, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service signed a Cooperative Agreement to establish, by mutual consensus, the restoration of striped bass in the ACF river system. The goal of the agreement was 'to restore a self-sustaining stock of striped bass to the maximum extent possible.' Partners in the Agreement have determined that supplemental stocking of striped bass into the ACF system is necessary to maintain the current population and harvest levels because of alterations to essential habitat.

Karen Herrington of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be speaking about the success and challenges of this cooperative program and the current status of the striped bass fishery in the ACF river system.

Tying Travis Akin's Pompano Rocket... Tom Regina



Professional fly tier and longtime Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida member Travis Akins has developed a new saltwater fly he named the Pompano Rocket. Travis says *the Pompano Rocket is a fly picky pompano and their permit cousin cannot refuse. It's also a redfish killer.* Capt. Bob Quarles used the Pompano Rocket recently and "tore up" the specks.

Travis based his design of the Pompano Rocket on extensive research done by himself, Capt. Baz Yelverton, and Greg "Rocket Man" Speer (whose name the fly bears). The prototype rocket started basically as a one color Clouser Minnow. Through trial, testing, and revision, Travis changed the eyes, modified the head with Mylar tubing, added a skirt, and epoxied the head. The Pompano Rocket retains a resemblance to the Clouser but has more sparkle and fish catching flash. It's really pretty.

The Pompano Rocket is sold by Feather-Craft Fly Fishing of St. Louis, MO. However Travis will teach us how to tie his Pompano Rocket at the Thursday March 9, Bull Session. Travis will provide all materials to tie this unique new fly. Bring your vise and tools or use your club's tools and vise. Learn firsthand from the Pompano Rocket creator how to dress and fish this original. Tying and instruction starts at 6:30 PM. Bring a guest or more. We will make them welcome.



No one brought more excitement to the fly rod on television than **Curt Gowdy**. He took us to the most challenging and scenic rivers of the world to watch him and characters such as Phil Harris catch some of the most beautiful trout and gamefish in existence. Also, you felt like part of their circle as they sat around the fire, laughing and joking, and passing around the flask. I will personally always remember that marvelous voice and smile. If you could choose your favorite fantasy fishing companions, he certainly would make the top ten. He died in February, at age 86...Jerry Giles

Temple Fork Day

TEMPLE FORK DAY

At our Saturday Casting Clinic on March 18th, we will host Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle, Temple Fork rep Guy Tillotson, and as many of the public as we can convince to attend. We want this to be a big public event that will put us on the local fly fishing map in order to build and sustain our club.

This is a very important function for our club, and I strongly urge that every member possible attend. We will be doing casting and tying demonstrations and instruction. We will have food and giveaways (I have the promise of a Temple Fork fly rod, as well as hats, flies etc). All levels of assistance are needed, so please plan to come and help out in any way you can. Your club needs you!

For any questions, suggestions, comments, or otherwise concerning this event please contact me at: 474-9691 or email at: travisfly8@aol.com....Travis

What's Happening... Jerry Aldridge

From Art deTonnancourt, Auction Chairman....The famous annual club auction will be held at 7 PM Tuesday evening, May 2nd. Club members and friends are reminded to start gathering useable fishing/outdoor stuff to contribute. Fly fishing stuff is very popular but so is conventional tackle. There will be someone at the clubhouse to accept donations from 4 PM on.

From Pat Poloski, Publicity Chairman....Hook, Line & Sinker Seminars to be held monthly at Oar House Restaurant, Bahia Mar Marina, 6:30 - 8 PM. March 6, speckled trout. April 10, red snapper and cobia. May 1, sight fishing for redfish. June 19, king and Spanish mackerel. July 17, grouper.

From Pres. Jay Williams....Picnic dates this year are May 14 and October 1. Art deTonnancourt is the new Auction Chairman. Patrick Poloski is the new Publicity Chairman. The Board of Directors will meet at 6:15 PM, March 7th at the clubhouse.

Fly Fishing Tackle for Sale....40 fly lines size 4-12, \$100 for the lot, will not sell individual lines. Fourteen fly rods size 4-12, \$900 for the bunch or will sell individually. Thirteen reels suitable for sizes 4-12, \$500 for the bunch, or three antiques for \$150 and the remaining 10 for \$350, or will sell individually. Ten rod cases, 5 each plastic and aluminum, \$50, Lynn Mize, 497-1167.

Sad Note....Heard recently from Vance Cook's daughter who reported that her mother, Marian Cook had passed away a few weeks ago. Our condolences to the family.

Milt's Golden Oldie...Milt Mays

This is a Golden Stone Fly nymph pattern I designed and tied for a contest at a local fly shop. To my surprise it took first place. It's too early to tell how it fishes. I've caught a few on it, but it's been too cold to judge well. I weighted it quite a bit to get it down quickly for winter fishing. It's a combination of some older patterns tied with oval monofilament instead of d-rib. I'm hoping the under body of dubbing and the d-rib make it a little softer so they won't spit it out. We'll see in a few weeks when the ice is out on the Big T. By changing the colors and size you can match almost any stone fly around. If you decide to try it, please let me know how it works. Tight Lines, Milt

Materials

Hook	TMC 2312 size #12
Thread	Tan 8/0 Uni
Tail	Gold goose biots
Abdomen	Weight front half with lead (or non-lead substitute) flattened. Dub with Gold Hares ear or other similar to smooth out bumps Overwrap with gold floss (color top with tan/brown Sharpie) Overwrap clear D-rib.
Thorax	Weight with lead or non-lead wire(may use tungsten black bead head) Dub with Ice Dub, mix UV olive and UV pearl
Legs	Medium brown rubber, cut longer in back
Wing case	Two made of D's Web Wing, mottled turkey color, cut wide in back, color if desired.
Head	Bead or built up thread, top colored with Tan/brown Sharpie.

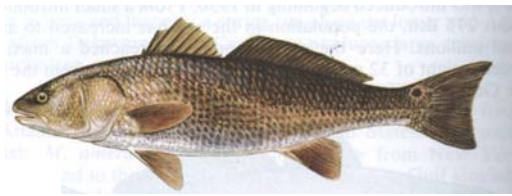


Fly Fishing & Tying Books for Sale...Klaus Gohrbandt

I had to reduce my flyfishing literature book-shelf space when we rebuilt and remodeled our home following its destruction by hurricane Ivan. Therefore, I had two boxes of literature stored in the attic. When I recently saw the boxes again I thought, that another flyfisher might possibly be interested in some of the books.

I offer the books to club members for purchase. They are all in very good condition and deal with fly tying (21), fly fishing techniques (10) and fly fishing destinations (8); collected when I learned to fly fish and fished in and around northern California. I leave it up to the purchaser to pay me what he/she thinks is a fair price; somewhere in a window from \$1.-- to \$10.--. As a guide, I have listed on an inventory the original prices as far as I found them printed on the book.

I will carry the books, and copies of my inventory, with me at the next few monthly general meetings, and at the bull sessions and casting clinics when I attend them....Klaus Gohrbandt



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Business Meeting 7 PM			Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30 PM		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
March 18 Clinic....TEMPLE FORK DAY....See details page 6. Casting, tying, demos, prizes, gourmet lunch. Don't miss it!						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		