

President's Report

Have you checked out our new web site? Brent Goodman has done a professional job

putting this site together. Mighty fine Brent! Try it at www.ffnwf.com.

We had us a real good time at the annual family fall picnic. We had a big time with John and Karen Brand getting the fish and shrimp and doing the cooking. And a mighty fine job they did. Andy collected the money from attendees, took care of the tickets for the many raffle prizes, drank a beer or two from his WW II collapsible cup and told some lies about his experience in the Spanish American War. Some folks we havent seen in ages showed up and we hope to see them more often. Cutter must have had the duty and we missed him along with quite a few others. Jerry Aldridge took the 4 piece, 7 wt. rod and his bride also took a prize. Larry Goodman took Jerry's reel (thanks VP for providing the reel and David Bernard for providing the rod). Others also took other prizes. Thanks to Bill Evans and Debbie Brock of Reef Illusions for the raffle prizes they donated and the display of reels. VP Kevin did a commendable job (he lost) with the casting games. Travis was the big loser - he won.

Our conservation committee chairman, Terry Mc Cormick has arranged to have Karen Finkle, Director of the Green Shores Project for the DEP join us as guest speaker at the November 5 meeting.

Casting instructor David Lambert will be at our November 16 clinic. David has taught fly casting to Fortune 100 CEOs, discussed casting theory with former US Presidents and taught many young and old folks to cast. Lambert is active in the Federation of Fly Fishers and the First Coast Fly Fishers in Jacksonville, FL. He has also taught at Orvis fly fishing schools and for Trout Unlimited. David was at our October 2001 casting clinic and everyone attending had a great time with David and we all came away with added casting skills. So whether you are an expert or novice caster, join Lambert at 9:00 AM November 16 for expert casting instruction. And as an added bonus, Chef David Bernard will provide the drinks and food for the clinic. The

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menu will be: white beans with pork and sausage, philly cheese steak sandwiches on quality hoagie rolls with melted cheddar and jack cheese, grilled chicken and kosher pickles. All this casting, food and drinks will be paid for by your club. To insure we have enough food, let David Bernard saltwatrflyfishr@aol.com or 435-0529 know if you will attend the clinic and if you will bring guests.

Its time to stand up and volunteer to serve as an officer for your club for 2003. Vice President Kevin Cohenour, Secretary Alan Heilig and Treasurer Don Lupone have agreed to serve in their respective positions for 2003. However, we are still in need of a new President. The election, appointment and/or approval of officers will take place at our December 3 meeting. Also at our Tuesday 3 December meeting we will select our Angler of the Year.

Our annual Christmas party will be held at the Lighthouse Restaurant, NAS Pensacola on 12 December, 2002. See all the information about the Christmas party elsewhere in this newsletter.

For those of you who have it, e-mail can be a blessing and a curse. It is a blessing because it is quick and convenient and a curse because of all the unsolicited offers you get. As many of you know, our club maintains an e-mail list to send out meeting notices and information on items of importance to the club.

Our e-mail list needs up dating. Some addresses are out-of-date. If you have an e-mail address, send it to Jerry at jamayfly@aol.com with a copy to myself at reginat@gulf.net. If you need to make changes, send it to the same addresses. We promise to treat your e-mail in-box with respect.

Around the Bay... and Further Away

October is one of the best months to wet a line in these parts. Bruce Vail had a great weekend wading at Port St. Joe with his brand new Monic line, the first or one of the first of the clear floating lines. He caught a few reds and specs on poppers but **dozens** on his favorite old standby, the "Seaducer". In shallow, gin clear water, it's hard to beat the seaducer which settles lightly on the water and has good action even when sitting still. Bruce netted several specs "as long as his arm" and in Bruce's case, that is a long spec. His largest red (about 3 feet) almost spooled him and finally broke off about 10' away.

Art deTonnancort and Tom Regina were not too happy with their recent wetern trip although the pictures below show some nice San Juan river rainbows. The guide with Art looks like Andy Kim, the inventor (I think) of the "Yong Special" that Art has so much success with.

Several of our guys have made trips to the Smokies and surrounds including Art, Tom, Jay Williams, Don Lupone, Kevin Cohenour (I'm sure I left someone out). Have not heard much in the way of fish stories but Tom does report excellent fishing on Kentucky's Cumberland River drifting the 16 miles just below the dam with a guide. Lots of rainbows in the 13-14" class mostly on streamers and nymphs. That part of the river is wide and deep with little public access so a drift boat is the best choice. Tom's guide says that trout fishing is good for another 50 miles downstream with some public access and water more suitable for wading.

Santa Rosa Sound has provided wonderful fishing this month. I have been out several times, some with Travis Akins, sometimes alone. Every time but one, popper and gurgler top water action was great first thing in the morning with continued good action later with various clousers. Most mornings I caught (and released) about 2 dozen specs, some small but about a third keeper size up to 20". This will only last until the water cools to the low 70s so get out and wet your line. The areas near Naval Live Oaks and the east side of the EPA have been hot. And you may get lucky as I did and run into a huge school of bull reds busting bait on the surface. First cast with a half and half and my new 7 wt bowed but did not break as a copper-backed behemoth had her way with me for the next several minutes. Finally, 35" of beautiful redfish made it to the net. The rest of the school was gone, all

several hundred of them. All this action no more than a few hundred yards from the launch



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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 THURSDAY, 6:30 PM
FISHING TRIPS - AS SCHEDULED

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



FFNWF 2002 Holiday Banquet

This years Holiday Banquet will be held on December 12, 2002. Mark your calendars today and plan to attend. Our banquet committee has put together what promises to be an excellent evening of dining and camaraderie.

The banquet will be held at the "Lighthouse Restaurant" aboard NAS Pensacola. The restaurant is located across from the Museum of Naval Aviation and has a beautiful view of the bay. A list of members attending will be given to the base security for gate access. Please note: **No firearms are allowed** aboard the base and all vehicles are subject to random search.

The schedule of events for the evening will be as follows:

6 to 7 PM Social hour-cash bar

7 PM sharp Dinner/Dessert

8 PM presentation of 2003 officers, 2002 Angler of the Year and door prize drawings.

Dinner cost is \$23.00 per person. Entrée choices are:

-Prime Rib Au Jus

-Broiled Snapper Almondine

-Chicken Cordon Bleu

All dinners will include:

-Buttered New Potatoes

-Fresh Green Beans

-Caesar Salad

-Dinner Rolls

-Iced Tea, water, or coffee

We will have a "special" cake for dessert.

The door prizes this year include several nice items. Total retail value of all prizes is over \$1200.00. Prizes include:

-8 wt Orvis TLS Fly Rod

-4 wt Orvis TLS Fly Rod

-Orvis Battenkill Large Arbor Reel for 6-8 wt Lines

-Renzetti Traveler Fly Tying Vise

-White River Brand Tackle Bag

-and More!

-A special prize for the ladies only...Sorry David!

Each member will receive one ticket for the drawings with their paid dinner. Only members are eligible for the drawing prizes (except for the ladies prize, all ladies who attend the dinner will be eligible). Members who will be unable to attend due to a prior commitment may purchase one drawing ticket chance for \$5.00. No additional drawing chances will be sold this year, so each member has an even chance at winning a nice prize.

Tickets will go on sale starting with the November business meeting, and will be sold through the December 3rd business meeting. A final head count and numbers of each entrée must be given to the club on December 9th, so don't wait...buy your ticket early. To purchase a ticket or if you have questions see Karen Brand or Kevin Cohenour.

Royal Parachute

Jerry Aldridge

Hook	Dry fly, sizes 10 to 18
Thread	Black 6/0 or 8/0
Tail	Moose body hair
Body	Peacock herl, then red floss, then peacock herl
Wing Post	White antron or poly yarn
Hackle	Coachman brown, one size larger than normal



1. Flatten the barb of a dry fly hook and secure in vise. Lay a thread base from the just behind the eye to the bend. Return thread to point 1/3 shank length behind eye. Cut a 1 1/2" length of poly yarn. Select about half the yarn (for a size 14) and set the other half aside for the next fly. Place yarn on top and at right angles to the shank and secure with 5 or 6 figure eight turns. Pull both ends of the yarn up and wrap 6 turns around the base of yarn and on top of shank. Take 3 or 4 figure eight wraps around the shank and the wing post, then another 6 turns around the base. Return thread to hook bend.

2. Select, cut from the hide, clean and stack 6-8 straight moose body hairs. Tie in at the bend so that tail extends a shank length (slightly longer is OK). Use the pinch technique and then wrap over the butt ends all the way to the wing post to form an even base for the body. Cut the butts of right next to the wing post, cover the loose ends and return thread to bend.



3. Lay two strands of peacock herl atop the shank from the wing post backwards. Cover the herl with thread wraps from the wing post back to the bend. Return thread to mid-hook. Twist the peacock herl loosely to form a chenille-like "rope" and wrap 3-4 turns of the rope around the shank at the bend and slightly forward to form a herl butt. Secure with 3-4 turns of thread and then wrap over the herl to the wing post. Don't cut the herl - leave it there for future use. Cut a 3" length of floss and tie in one end at the wing post. Wrap over the floss with thread back to the peacock herl butt. Return thread to wing post. Wrap floss forward in overlapping turns to form a smooth body. Wrap floss all the way to the wing post, secure with 3-4 thread wraps and trim.

4. Select a neck or saddle hackle one size larger than the hook and remove the webby part leaving 1/4" or so of bare quill. Tie in on top the shank with dark side of hackle up and wrap over the bare quill all the way back to the wing post. Return thread to just behind eye. Wrap 2-3 turns of peacock herl around the body just behind the wingpost and then the same amount of turns in front of the post. Secure herl with 3-4 thread wraps and trim excess.



Royal Parachute (continued)

5. Wrap about 6 counterclockwise turns of hackle around the wingpost starting just above the body with each turn slightly below the last. Secure the hackle with 3-4 wraps of thread just in front of the herl. The thread should be wrapped almost horizontally to trap as little of the hackle as possible. With your left hand push the hackle gently backwards and out of the way. If necessary, pick out trapped hackle carefully with bodkin. Trim excess hackle. Wrap small, neat head, cement and whip finish.



6. Working from the top, apply 3-4 tiny drops of head cement to the base of the wing post as close to the hackle as possible. This will cement the hackle wraps in place to form a much more durable fly. Cut the wingpost off about 1/4" above the hackle, either straight across or in the shape of a mayfly wing.

Tyer's Corner... Jerry Aldridge

Several folks have asked lately for a review of parachute style dry flies. Since the parachute is my favorite style, I am glad to oblige. The parachute floats well, even in fast water and is easy for old eyes to see. It floats low in the water and presents a realistic profile to the fish. The parachute style is most often used for mayflies but adapts very well for caddis and hopper imitations. With a little practice, it is relatively easy to tie and quite durable.

The royal parachute at first glance is rather gaudy with its flashy red and peacock body. It certainly does not look like any mayfly you are likely to encounter. But watch what happens to the gaudy body when it gets wet. The red floss turns dark and the peacock transforms to a mossy, dark olive, altogether a very buggy looking critter. Some wag once said that the royal is the adult stage of the prince nymph, another gaudy fly that attracts and catches fish well.

The parachute post is usually white but can be tied in any color. Black is often used in low light situations. A bright color such as orange is useful when you need to distinguish your fly in foam or fast water.

Some anglers prefer to tie with natural materials so various hairs and feathers are used. Natural posts are not usually trimmed at the top so some care must be taken to get the length right. Hair doesn't compress well and leaves a substantial bump where tied to the hook. To more accurately imitate the mayfly's slender body, tie in the hair on the eye side of the post rather than the tail side. Calf body hair is most commonly used but you might also try calf tail, moose, elk or deer hair, turkey flats, mallard flanks...the choice is limited only by your imagination.

Other anglers do not mind tying with artificial materials which opens the door to lots of yarns and flashy stuff. I prefer poly yarn - it is buoyant, easy to see on the water, easy to work with, does not leave a bump where tied to the hook, is durable and dirt cheap, and is easily shaped and trimmed. Antron yarn also works well but is a little more expensive. Various acrylic or nylon yarns available virtually anywhere are OK, too. Stay away from cotton, wool or other natural yarns as they absorb water and sink.

Come tie the royal parachute with us on November 14th at the Bull Session. Your club will provide tools and materials....Jerry

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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