

President's Report

At our July 2 meeting Milt Mays gave a presentation on his recent trip to Appalachicola, where he and Art DeTonnancort spent a weekend fishing for tarpon. If you missed the meeting you missed a great presentation by a very skilled angler and locator of fish. Ask Milt or Art about their trip - they will be glad to fill you in and share their great pictures and memories.

At a recent meeting, John Brand mentioned the trophy trout fishing on Kentucky's Cumberland River. John piqued my interest, and I have been doing some reading on the subject. The Cumberland tailwater, it is said, provides the premier trout fishery in the Bluegrass State. This trout tailwater stretches more than 80 miles from Wolf Creek Dam in Russell County, Kentucky to the Tennessee border. This portion of the Cumberland is heavily stocked with almost 100,000 trout a year and is 557 miles from Pensacola. That's only about 30 miles farther than the trout fishing waters in western North Carolina. If you would like to learn more about this cold water fishing area see the book "*Tailwater Trout in the South*", by Jimmy Jacobs. I have a copy of this book and will be happy to loan it.

Speaking of reading about fishing in the south, both cold, warm, and salt water, take a look at "Southern Anglers Journal", at: www.southernanglers.com; or, again, I will loan my copies.

A mighty big welcome, to new member Kevin Turner. Kevin is a biology teacher at one of our local high schools.

Thanks to Don LuPone, we now have a refrigerator at the meeting house. The frig is stocked with big boy and little boy drinks and available at all meetings. Big boy drinks - one buck. Little boy drinks - four bits. No charge at Saturday casting and tying clinics.

I recently had a shirt embroidered with our club's logo (as shown on the address page of this newsletter). Bosso's Uniform Co., 1120 W. Government St. (438-7608) does the embroidery. They do a great job, and the cost is less

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than \$6.00 (you provide the shirt).

The library continues to grow. We have the new Dave Whitlock fly tying video "*Dave Whitlock Originals, volume 4, Sheep Minnow Series*" available for members to checkout.

Other videos are on order.

Please check page 4 for your e-mail address. If it is wrong or not listed let Jerry know.

-Tom

FLIES & LIES VIA E-MAIL

We continue to try and improve our electronic submission of "Flies & Lies" via e-mail in the format of a "PDF" file. Your computer will probably already read a PDF file with Adobe Acrobat or similar software. If not, free downloads are available from "www.adobe.com".

We will continue to send the next several issues via mail and e-mail on a trial basis. Thereafter, if you choose, we can send your copy by e-mail alone. This would save our club money (postage, printing) and all the pictures and fly patterns would be in living color!

Club members will be queried this fall regarding their preference.

ZIP CODE CHANGE

Please note that the zip code for the FFNWF downtown post office box has changed to 32591. We collect the mail just 2 or 3 times monthly so if you need to reach a club officer more quickly, try something faster than our PO box.

Tyer's Corner... Kevin Cohenour for Jerry Aldridge

The fly for August is the *Irresistible*. We will only have the one pattern for August, as our illustrious newsletter editor (and my fellow fly tying instructor) Jerry Aldridge is out west trying to save the trout (or at least give them an entomology education). I will teach the *Irresistible* at the Saturday fly tying clinic on August 17th. For the bull session tying clinic August 8th, we will have an open forum. Is there a particular pattern or step that is giving you fits?? With all the talent we have at the clinic, we can come up with a solution. Come armed with your questions and equipment - or use the club's vises.

The *Irresistible* is a pattern which has been around for a long time for good reason...it catches fish. I first became familiar with the pattern as a 12 year old fly tying beginner. My dad loved to fish with the *Irresistible* in those days (and still does). I asked the school teacher who was teaching the tying class to show me how to build one. I made many flies for my dad, and enjoyed each fish he caught. The most challenging was a size 22 *Irresistible*, complete with hackle tip wings. I still enjoy tying for my dad. Today, the *Irresistible* is still the first fly my father will tie to his tip-pet if there is not an active hatch. It is a great attractor pattern resembling several different insects, and in particular a nice juicy bite. I have fished the fly successfully across the country for trout and bluegill, and in size 8 even the occasional bass. So, come to the August 17th tying clinic. We will spin some deer hair, and trim a truly "*Irresistible*" fly. See page 3 for recipe.

Around the Bay... and Further Away

Several club members continue to enjoy the excellent night speck fishing. Art Detonnancourt has been hitting the "night life" and catching some nice specks. I was lucky enough to get out with Art one evening and caught countless specks on a size 4 "Stringbean".

Jerry Aldridge is out west fishing in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, and who knows where else. He was joined by John and Karen Brand, and our northern member Tom Finkle. From the word we are getting, the fishing on the Green River is outstanding.

Larry Sauls and his wife, Harriett, just returned from an excursion to Alaska. They had a wonderful time float fishing on the Kenai River, and caught countless dolly varden, rainbow trout, and sock-eye salmon. Larry says the guide service they used was fantastic.

Here's hoping your fishing is great and all your loops are tight....

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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,
6:30PM**
FISHING TRIPS - AS SCHEDULED

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

HOOK: Mustad 94840 or equivalent, size 8 to 22

THREAD: Strong 6/0 or 3/0

TAIL: Brown and grizzly dry fly hackle fibers mixed, or moose body hairs

BODY: Natural deer body hair spun and trimmed

WINGS: Grizzly hackle tips

HACKLE: Brown and grizzly dry fly hackle mixed



1. Secure hook in vise. Attach thread at bend. Cut tail fibers from a brown and a grizzly dry fly hackle, or moose body hair (about 15 for a size 12). Mix hackle fibers then stack in hair stacker to even tips (or just stack the moose). Attach tail at bend. Tail length should equal hook shank length. Wind over butt ends of tail (just far enough to secure) and trim excess. Wind thread back to bend and tie two half hitches.

2. Trim a pencil sized bunch of deer hair (less for smaller hooks) from the patch, remove under-fur, cut off tips. Lay atop hook shank at bend; make two loose wraps around the center of the bunch. As you make the third wrap pull the thread tight and release the hair at the same time, causing the hair to rotate around hook and flare.



Make two to three more snug wraps in the center of the flared hair. Make two wraps in front of hair, then two half hitches; pack hair rearward. Add a drop of head cement to the half hitches. Repeat above steps until body is slightly forward of mid-shank. Trim to shape, ensuring gape is open.



3. Attach wings slightly ahead of body (allow room for two to three wraps of hackle behind the wings). Ensure wings splay apart in a "V". Wing height should equal hook shank length.

4. Attach one brown and one grizzly hackle directly behind the wings, shiny side facing forward. Hackle should be measured with a gauge or equal one and a half times the hook gape. Wind the first hackle (I start with brown) three times behind then three times in front of the wings. Secure with two wraps of thread and trim excess. Repeat with the other hackle, mixing in with the first hackle. Secure and trim excess. Build a neat, tapered head; whip finish, trim, and cement.



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Pictured above, Milt Mays hoists a nice tarpon caught on his recent trip with Art DeTonnancourt to Apalachicola. Milt also tells that tarpon were caught here in Pensacola in early July by his neighbor. If you ask him, maybe he will tell you the “secret” fly he caught this hefty silver king on. Tie one up and see if you can jump a tarpon of your own!



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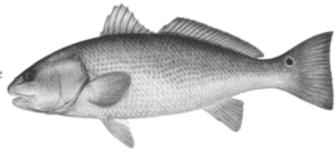
Fly Tying Tip

Don't have a rotating vise to make it easy to see the opposite side of the fly? Keep a mirror (hand-held, or better yet, one mounted on a flexible arm) at your tying table to allow you to inspect the opposite side of the fly. This will help you find mistakes made while tying so they can be corrected before it is too late.



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11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Clinic: Casting, tying, tall tales, gourmet lunch 9 AM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	28	29	30	31