

THANKS FROM THE FLY FISHERS OF  
NORTHWEST FLORIDA TO

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For your generous donation of three fly rods (Pfleuger Trion 8 wt, Marathon 9-10 wt, Eagle Claw 5-6 wt) to the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida. The rods will be well used in classes we teach at Pensacola Junior College, at Spanish Trail Council summer camp for the Boy Scouts of America and monthly clinics at our club house.

### *2003 Directory*

The 2003 membership directory will be ready by mid-March. Please check last year's directory for the accuracy of **NAME, SPOUSE NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER(S), E-MAIL ADDRESS**. New members not in last year's directory should provide the required info. A working copy will be at all the March business meeting for your corrections and additions. If you can't attend, please contact Jerry Aldridge at [jamayfly@aol.com](mailto:jamayfly@aol.com) or 478-9255 to make sure your listing is correct.



Watch for the story on Skeet's tuna in the April issue. This yellowfin is bigger than Skeet!

# Fly & Lies

MARCH 2003

## MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE OVERDUE!

Please pay Karen Brand or Don  
Lupone no later than March 4!

If you have not paid membership  
fees, this is the last newsletter you  
will receive

**RENEW before March 4 - \$30**  
**After March 4 - \$35**

**NEW MEMBERS - \$35**

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - \$10**

Once again, the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida will teach a spring flyfishing class at Pensacola Junior College from March 5 - April 30, every Wednesday evening from 6-8 PM in Room 1704, Building 17.

For new club members who would like to enroll, call PJC Continuing Education, 484-1797. Cost is \$40.

For all you old salts, we need lots of help especially in casting and tying instruction, so come on out! An outline of instruction with dates, subjects and lead instructors is on page 5.

# President's Report

Spring is only a couple of blocks away from the corner, and I'm certain all of us are ready to get out of our cabins and get on the water. This is a great time to get out the equipment, check the rods, reels, lines and leaders. If it has been awhile since you cleaned and treated your floating lines, that would be a worthwhile

undertaking during rainy days. Also important is the cleaning and lubrication of your reels, and "tuning up" your fly box contents. Remember, there are great flies offered up at the auction, if you can outsmart Tom Birdwell who is an avid purchaser of quality flies at every auction, however, at the fly tying sessions and clinics he tells us that "the fish don't care". Ever thought of politics, Tom?

We have 65 paid up memberships for 2003, so far, and have had great attendance at the fly tyings and last week's clinic. Clinic is a great place to obtain basic and advanced casting instruction, use different rods and reels, and begin to covet those you cannot yet afford. You can find out about a lot of other stuff, such as sinking lines, shooting heads, and a myriad of other topics that make fly fishing such a great sport with enough breadth and depth to suit nearly everyone. Last but not least, are the "gourmet" (so I exaggerate some) food and drink that are provided gratis by the club, but get there largely through the efforts of our trusty past President Tom Regina.

Fly fishing can suit the tastes and pocket book of nearly all of us, and can if you wish, be a somewhat expensive hobby, but nowhere in the world can you find more benefits for \$30 a year, than what this club offers. The frosting on *that* cake, is YOUR PRESENCE. Be the Fly....Jay

## *Around the Bay and Further Away... Jerry Aldridge*

I was going to put in a picture of a brace of nice 22" speckled trout but they looked like bait alongside Skeet's yellowfin and Bruce's blackfin caught on a fly. The April issue will have the story.

Meanwhile, several anglers are just about ready for the first trek of the spring to North Carolina. Sure hope the snow melts before March 15th. Other groups are going in April and May - we look forward to all their tall tales.



Season opens again for specks on March 1st. Fishing for specks has been just short of spectacular for those plying the bayous in 6-15' of water with a fast sinking line. Keeper-sized fish (all released) have been the rule unless netters beat you to your favorite water.

We will tie top water flies at the clinic and bull session in March. Kevin will lead us through Joe Blado's Crease Fly and I will tie some of my favorite poppers, bangers, gurglers and other things that float. Come tie with us and fill your boxes for spring!

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**FFF REPRESENTATIVE - Larry Goodman**

**FISHING TRIPS - David Bernard, Travis Akins, Bill Evans**

**LIBRARY - Kevin Cohenour**

**MEMBERSHIP - Karen Brand**

**DIRECTORS AT LARGE - John Brand  
Bill Locher Tom Regina**

### 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 LaRua St**

## *Crease Style Foam Fly... Kevin Cohenour*

Hook	Long shank stainless, size 1/0 to 6
Thread	3/0 to match foam color
Tail	Bucktail or saddle hackle/bucktail
Flash	Krystal flash or flashabou on top tail
Body	Sticky back foam with nylon or mylar laminated
Eyes	Stick on tape eyes
Glue	Gel super glue and 5 minute epoxy

1. Tape nylon material or mylar sheet (nylon dress fabric works great, and is available in many colors) to table top with scotch tape. Peel protective paper from sticky back foam. Carefully laminate foam to material. You only get one chance so be careful!

2. Cut into rectangles, lengths equal to shank length, width about  $\frac{3}{4}$  shank length. Secure hook in vise and wind thread to bend.



3. Attach tail of bucktail equal to shank length. You may use a tail of saddle hackle on top of bucktail (like on a deceiver) instead. Attach 10 to 12 strands of flash on top tail extending slightly longer. Coarsely wrap thread forward to eye (gives super glue a foundation to grab) and whip finish. Cut thread.



4. Fold foam in half the long way. Cut as pictured on bottom, tail and front.



5. Apply superglue to hook shank. Fold foam over long ways and glue to shank. Trim bottom flat to open gape.



6. Attach eyes and color gills and body. Coat lightly with epoxy over entire foam body and eyes.

## *Poppers, Gurglers and Bangers. . . . and other flies that float*

Springtime brings your favorite fish out of their wintertime lairs in the deep so you need to be ready with your favorite top water flies. Almost all of our local fish will take your popper and there is nothing more fun than to see a speck or blue or.....(pick your favorite) crash on it with all her might! Sometimes they miss on the way up and get it on the way down.

Closed-cell foam has changed the way we make our top water flies. Sure, deer hair, cork and balsa poppers work well but they take so long to build, tie and paint - and mine never turn out quite the way I would like. Long after your deer hair bug is water logged and retired for the day your foam popper will still be floating and popping. Foam can be manipulated into just about any shape so let your imagination rule! March tying at the bull session and clinic will be devoted to tying top water flies with foam - poppers, bangers, gurglers, divers, sliders and a new one on me, Blado's Crease Fly with Kevin Cohenour leading the way. Your club will provide materials. Here are some of the ones I like.



These are Gartside Gurglers from the fertile imagination of Jack Gartside, noted tyer and angler. Easy to cast and simple to tie, they have become my favorite top water fly. Bucktail, crystal flash, sheet foam and grizzly and red hackle are the ingredients. Gartside has a new one out that uses marabou for the tail and palmered marabou for the hackle. It really looks alive in the water.



Bob Popovics uses fairly soft foam cylinders for the heads of his "Bob's Bangers". A hot needle through the center makes way for the shank to slide in or out of the head. With heads and streamer flies tied separately, the angler interchange as he likes.



These are more traditional poppers with heads of harder foam epoxied to the hook shank. The top fly has crystal chenille for the body, the lower has hackle. The tails are bucktail and crystal flash. Painting is done with permanent markers. The eyes are decals. If the head of the bottom fly is reversed, the result is a slider.



These traditional poppers are all artificial and thus a bit more durable for our sharp-toothed friends. The tails are super hair which is not as buoyant as bucktail. The foam bodies provide plenty of flotation.

**FLYFISHERS OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA  
FLYFISHING CLASS  
CURRICULUM OUTLINE  
MARCH 5- APRIL 30, 2003**

<b>WEEK 1</b> <b>3/5/03</b>	Opening remarks by President, FFNWF Getting started, choosing your tackle Introduction to fly tying (materials, tools, set up)	<b>Jay Williams</b> <b>Travis Akins</b> <b>Jerry Aldridge</b>
<b>WEEK 2</b> <b>3/12/03</b>	Introduction to casting (demonstration, safety, individual instruction) Wooly Bugger Knot tying (arbor, nail, blood, surgeon's loop, Johns knot)	<b>Bill Locher,</b> <b>John Brand</b> <b>Karen Brand</b>  <b>John Brand</b>
<b>3/19/03</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>	
<b>WEEK 3</b> <b>3/26/03</b>	Casting instruction and practice Clouser minnow	<b>Brand, Locher</b> <b>Travis Akins</b>
<b>WEEK 4</b> <b>4/2/03</b>	Casting instruction and practice, casting for accuracy Crazy Charlie	<b>All</b> <b>Kevin Cohenour</b>
<b>WEEK 5</b> <b>4/9/03</b>	Casting instruction and practice Blue wing olive dry	<b>All</b> <b>Kevin Cohenour</b>
<b>WEEK 6</b> <b>4/16/03</b>	Casting instruction and practice Lefty's Deceiver	<b>All</b> <b>Bruce Vail</b>
<b>WEEK 7</b> <b>4/23/03</b>	Casting instruction and practice Gartside Gurgler or popper	<b>All</b>
<b>WEEK 8</b> <b>4/30/03</b>	Casting review and individual instruction Local fishing round table Class evaluation Invitation to club membership by President	<b>All</b> <b>All</b> <b>PJC Staff</b> <b>Jay Williams</b>

**NOTE**                    On those evenings when fly tying finishes early, we will answer questions and discuss items of interest (fishing places, flies, tackle, rigging, etc.)

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2	3	4 Business Meeting 7 PM	5 PJC class starts 6-8 PM	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 PJC class 6-8 PM	13 Bull Session Fly tying and fish stories 6:30 PM	14	15 Clinic-Casting, tying, tall tales, gourmet lunch 9 AM
16	17	18	19 PJC Spring Break-No classes	20	21	22
23	24	25 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	26 PJC class 6-8 PM	27	28	29
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