

Pensacola Fly Tying
by Tom Regina

Flies & Lies

September 2003

Jerry and Kevin have spent countless hours preparing pattern sheets for the newsletter and conducting the fly tying sessions at our Thursday night bull sessions and Saturday morning fly tying and casting clinics.

As a club member who has developed a real interest in the hobby of fly tying, I really appreciate their efforts.

Over the past two or three years we have learned dozens of new patterns from easy, to not so easy to some down right hard ties.

I began to think about what I as a member could do to help in our educational (and fun too) endeavor. I came upon an idea which I call "Quick Ties".

At our Saturday casting and tying clinics, fly tying is "free lance". That is you decide what fly you want to tie and your club will have an experienced fly tier available to help you if needed. This gives Jerry and Kevin a break from the instruction, and a chance to tie some flies for fun too. However if you are a novice tier and are more comfortable with formal instruction try "Quick Ties". Quick ties is a new part of our Saturday clinic. "Quick ties" will help novice tiers learn basic skills by tying simple and quickly dressed flies.

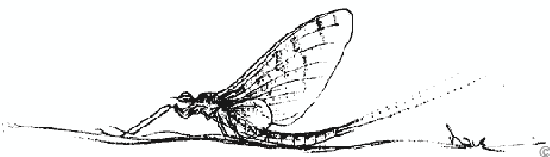
At the Saturday, September 20 clinic, the Skip Morris "Dark Skaddis" dry fly will be taught. This caddis fly is quick and easy to dress. Instead of the traditional elk hair wing on the *Elk Hair Caddis*, the *Skaddis* wing is made of polypropylene (poly) yarn which is easier to work with.

The tools needed for this tie are: vise, bobbin, and scissors. The materials used are dry fly hook, brown thread, brown dubbing, pearl krystal flash, brown yarn, yellow yarn, and brown hackle.

Your club does provide material and tools. You may bring your own if you wish.

I hope to see you at the Saturday clinic for the first of our "Quick Ties".

See page 3 for tying directions.



EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a great idea that former FFNWF president Tom Regina had. How about some of our other many outstanding tiers coming up with some ideas for flies they can instruct to the members?

Also, if you have an idea for a fly you would like us to teach at one of our two monthly sessions, please let Jerry or Kevin know. We are working on the materials list for next year now.



Clip art courtesy www.davewhitlock.com

President's Report

I'm currently in Booth Bay Harbor, Maine, nearing the end of a great week. By the time you read this, I'll be home and we'll likely have had our September 2nd business meet-

ing. The Board meeting will be held the same date beginning at 6 PM, so be reminded that those meetings are open to all members.

I'm not aware of any local news at this writing. However, Jerry Aldridge, the Brands, and (I think) Tom Finkle, are out west living out the dreams of many of us.

I'm not living out a bad dream, myself. This is my first trip to Maine's beautiful rocky coast and harbors. I've been motorboating, and sailing on a J-24, both owned by an acquaintance of the friends I'm visiting. He's rebuilding a Whitby 42 yawl and hopes to go cruising in about a year, if he can get his wife to agree. He's heard about our gulf coast races to Isla Mujeres, Yucatan. I'm going to keep him informed, so he might participate in a year or so.

I'm struck by how many Concordia yawls are around here, not to mention some fine looking Hinckleys. The number of boats, of all sizes, is second only to the number of lobster pots.

I'm "OD"ing on lobster, sea scallops and haddock. Last night I had a dish called "champaigne" lobster, where the major lobster pieces are out of the shell and served with a great tasting, creamy sauce that includes some champaigne. This is some major fine dining and served up with my favorite, a Bud longneck. Today, at noon we're going to lunch and have plain ole lobster, best approached with a bib, followed by a wash cloth. So, eat your hearts out guys and ladies, but be ready to give us all a fishing report at the meeting.

I apologize, if I should, for deviating from the usual content of such reports, but there warn't nuthin' else for me to tell.

Tight Lines,
Jay



Fly Fishing Tip



A **new subsurface** fly will catch more fish if the human and chemical smells are deodorized by rubbing it with underwater plants or muck.

Courtesy Dave Whitlock at www.davewhitlock.com

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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 St

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Dark Skaddis... Skip Morris

HOOK	1X Long dry fly hook
THREAD	Brown 6/0 or 8/0
BODY	Brown poly dubbing
Wing:	Pearl krystal flash, topped by brown poly yarn and bright yellow yarn on top
Hackle:	Brown dry fly hackle



1. Attach thread one hook eye distance back from hook eye. Wind thread to bend and back to the 2/3 position (1/3 back from eye).

2. Dub thread. Wind dubbed thread to bend and then back forward to the 2/3 position, making a carrot shaped taper.



3. Secure four strands of pearl krystal flash at front of body with long end to rear, extending about 1 hook shank past bend.

4. Secure brown yarn at front of body on top of krystal flash, long end to rear. Cut butts to a taper down to just behind hook eye (about 1/2 hook eyes distance is a good rule of thumb for this pattern). Attach the yellow yarn on top of and secure as for the brown. Cover all butts well.



5. Prepare dry fly hackle of the appropriate size for the hook by stripping the fuzzy fibers leaving about a 1/4" stem. Secure hackle by stem at the 1/3 back point (front of abdomen). Palmer hackle (open spiral) to behind eye in 3 to 6 turns. Secure hackle, cut excess, wrap a neat heat and whip/half hitch. Cut thread and cement head. Trim hackle to a 90 degree "V" underneath. Cut wing to 1/2 to 1 hook shank length beyond bend.

LaFontaine's Short-leg Wiggler

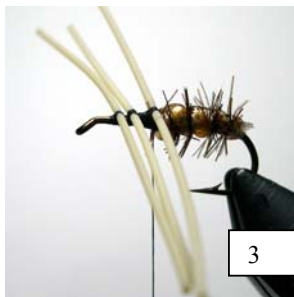
Hook: Standard dry fly, sizes 8-18
Thread: White 6/0
Rib: Brown hackle, trimmed short
Body: Closed cell foam, colored as desired
Legs: Rubber legs
Wing: Clear antron yarn
Hackle: Grizzly and brown dry fly hackle



1. Secure hook in vise. Attach thread 1 hook-eye's distance behind eye. Wind to bend. Strip fuzz from brown dry fly hackle. Secure stem at bend, long end to rear. Wind thread back to bend.

Note: Black thread used in pictures for contrast.

2. Cut a strip of closed cell foam slightly smaller than a hook gape width. Attach at the bend, long end to rear. Wind thread forward to about the 1/3 point. Wind foam to form body. Do not pull too tight (it will compress foam and lessen floatability). Secure foam at 1/3 point and cut excess. Color with permanent pen to desired shade. Palmer hackle forward and secure at 1/3 point and cut excess. Trim hackle fibers short all around.



3. Secure with diagonal wraps the 1st of the 3 legs immediately ahead of foam body. Wind the thread 2 wraps forward. Repeat for 2nd and 3rd of legs. Last set of legs should be secured about a hook-eye distance back of eye. There should be 3 legs sticking out to each side. Trim leg length to about 1" on both sides (this gets them out of the way for the next step. They will be trimmed to length later).

4. Prepare a brown and a grizzly dry fly hackle (strip fuzz) and secure at front of foam body. Wind each hackle 1 time behind each set of legs, and 1 wrap in front of the most forward set.



5. Trim the top of the hackle short. Attach a clump of antron extending to back of bend. Cut butts and cover. Build a neat head, whip, cut thread and cement. Trim leg length to slightly longer than hackle.

Great Speck Fishing Trip

by Skeet Lores

Friday the 8th of Aug., we finally got a day of sunshine and I took advantage of it. I got off to a delayed start when I forgot my PFD and had to go back to the house to get one, so I did not get on the water until about 7 am. I started out east of shoreline park with poppers and had a hit on the first cast! I missed the hook up, but put it right back and it took it again – this time I hooked it! I caught several more on poppers, but thins slowed down pretty quick. I tired the west side of Gulf Breeze, but no luck. I came back to deerpoint and I changed to a brown and white fish-hair clouser with heavy eyes. That is when I really started getting them! I was drifting along with the tide and was catching 2 to 4 fish on every drift. On one of the drifts, I remember catching 6 fish on 6 cast—it doesn't get much better. Most of the fish were 12-14 inchers, but I did catch 4 that were legal. I caught one Spanish, but it was short. I eventually got tired of standing on the bow and flycasting so I just sat down and started using my spincasting rod with a DOA which they ate almost as well as the clouser minnow.



(above) Skeet with a nice redfish.



(above) Milt Mays uses a towel to palm the reel after his drag burned out on a tarpon in July.

CCA Auction Item

Fly Fishing in Beautiful Ireland at Cloghvoola Fishing Lodge! Min Bid: \$2500

Sitting in the valley at the base of the Coomcallee Mountain Range, Cloghvoola is one of the most beautiful wilderness locations in all of Ireland! You and a friend will spend 7 days and nights in a modernized 200 year old farmhouse near Waterville in County Kerry. This package includes all meals, and 6 days with an experienced guide fishing lakes and rivers for sea trout, salmon, and wild brown trout—or add some saltwater fishing for sea bass or pollack—it's up to you! For the non-fishing companion the area holds many sites to take in—including Iron Age forts, ancient abbeys, churches, and monasteries—or play a round of golf at one of Europe's finest, Waterville Golf course. Owning a condo and residing in Islamorada for several years, Cloghvoola owners Roger and Val Baker hold CCA near and dear to their hearts, and are founder members of the Waterville Fisheries Development Group to manage their local fisheries. Roger and Val invite you to visit them and experience true Irish hospitality!

Airfare not included, but you have the option to fly into Dublin or Shannon and drive to Waterville (4hr on country roads) or fly into Kerry (non-international) and arrange to be picked up.

*Trip must be scheduled on mutually agreeable dates and taken within one year of purchase.

In Praise of Intermediate Lines

by David Lambert

You're not playing your best game, if you don't own and use an intermediate line.

Saltwater issues an ever-changing set of challenges; there's the wind, seemingly always in force; there's currents and tides; there's water clarity, temperature, and differing depths.

It's the vagaries in fly fishing that make it interesting. But these same challenges tell us that it's time to change our floating-line-only mentality and employ other lines for specific purposes.

My favorite flyline for surf and windy conditions is the intermediate line. I like the Orvis blue intermediate braided line, but Sci-Anglers, Cortland, and Rio, and Air-Flo all provide intermediates that are of good quality, albeit pricey. Save your money and buy your choice.

Intermediate lines are really 'slow sinking' lines, usually with a sink rate of 1.5 to 2 feet per second. With a specific gravity slightly denser than water, intermediates gently slice through the surface film and sink slowly.

This slow-sink quality is a real advantage. It slices through wind, allows your fly to ride just under the water's surface, and it will take a weighted fly down quicker.

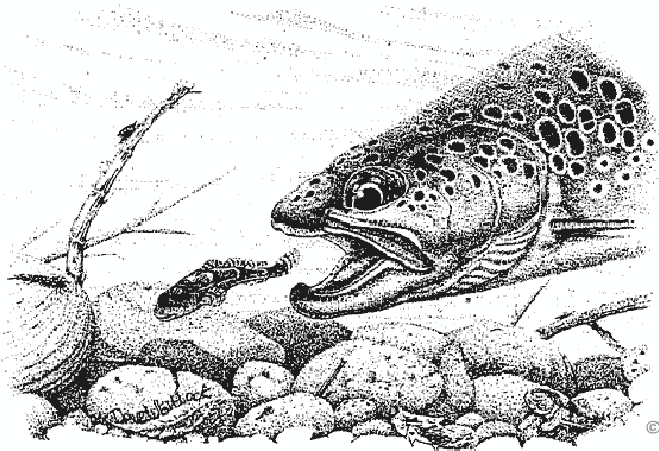
I live on the ocean and do a good bit of surf fishing. An intermediate is a great choice for surf fishing for a number of reasons.

First, because it sinks slowly, an intermediate line isn't blown by wind as it lays on the water surface. Floating lines ride high on the waves, subject to slack created by wind and surface currents. That slack makes it tough to strike a fish, or pick-up to make another cast. An intermediate riding just below the surface stays closer to you (doesn't float down-current) and it becomes easier to make a cast.

Second, intermediates cut the air just like they cut water because they're generally smaller in diameter than floaters. That makes for good casting in windy conditions. Because they are slightly weighted, they provide a deeper load for the rod, which, when you groove the line, gets you a bit more distance and provides you a distinct advantage over the wind.

Third, casting an intermediate usually is as easy as casting a floater, unless you've let it sink too far down. Even then a simple roll cast will bring the line up to the surface, then a slightly rounded cast will deliver the fly quickly and accurately.

All these benefits, and very few disadvantages. Spool up an intermediate if you haven't already, then take it out for a test drive. It'll put zing in your cast and zip in your strip.



“When I have a fly rod in my hand and water all around me, time stops. Let me try that again: Time doesn't so much stop as it passes in a different way. I enter a reality in which I am fully alive, fully focused, where each second is a ripe fruit bursting with juice”.

-Peter Kaminsky Author of *The Fly Fisherman's Guide to the Meaning of Life*.



**CCA FLORIDA
NORTHWEST/PENSACOLA CHAPTER**

2003 Annual Banquet and Auction

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Hilton Garden Inn, Pensacola Beach

**Dinner Menu: Chicken with Crawfish and Andouille Sausage
Open Bar/Cash Bar**

Live Auction, Silent Auctions, Card Raffle, Bucket Raffles.

Major Auction Items: Great Trips, Artwork, Fishing Gear, Jewelry

National and State Objectives:

- Conservation of marine resources
- Protection of recreational fishing interest.

Major issues:

- Prevention of marine protection areas (closing your favorite fishing spot)
- Stopping commercial quota creep.

Major accomplishments:

- Net Ban ending use of entanglement nets in Florida
- Ending commercial harvest of Redfish.

Local Objectives:

- Improve local fish populations by substantially reducing the adverse impacts of shrimp trawl by-catch/by-kill on finfish and other marine life in Pensacola and Escambia Bay. Our local chapter and CCA Florida are urging the FWC to support by-catch reduction efforts and begin the process to amend current shrimping regulations.
- Improvement of Water Quality in Pensacola Bay.

Tickets:

- **Individual - \$60 (includes membership)**
- **Couple- \$110 (includes 1 membership and 1 associate membership)**
- **Corporate Table \$700 (includes 4 memberships, 4 associate memberships, Sponsor print and gifts)**



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7	8	9	10	11 Bull Session 6:30 PM	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Fly Tying & Casting Clinic 9 AM
21	22	23 Board meeting moved to Sep 2 at 6 PM	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				