

**AUCTION**....Well, folks, it's that time again. On May 4th at our regular business meeting we will hold our annual auction. The auction has been a great asset to the club. Many of the things that we continue to enjoy are a direct result of the generosity of our members at this event.

What we need now are your donations. We, of course, will accept practically anything (being the discriminating folks that we are) but a fly fishing theme is preferred. So, dig through that old gear and bring it with you to the meeting. We already have a couple of rods and various tools/gear.

Actually, I would like to know in advance (if possible) what you are bringing and have you bring it the night of the auction. You can email me at [travisfly7@aol.com](mailto:travisfly7@aol.com) concerning your donations.

The club board has set some guidelines concerning minimum bid donations. Minimum bid means that you would donate an item and expect a certain amount of money in return for the sale of that item, anything more would go to the club. In order to make minimum bids work better, it was decided that we would limit the number of those items to fit the current auction and examine the amount of the minimum for each item to maximize the benefit to the club. This function will be performed by the auction committee who will also handle negotiations with the donor.



**MAY 2004**

**SCOUT CAMP** needs you! We will teach the Fishing and Fly Fishing merit badges at Camp Euchee near Defuniak Springs from June 7 - 10, 14 - 17 and 21 - 24. Classes are Monday through Wednesday with merit badge exams on Thursday. Meals and lodging are provided and the fishing in the lake is wonderful. Contact Vick Vickery at 478-3584 or [fwvickery@juno.com](mailto:fwvickery@juno.com) if you can make time to act as a volunteer instructor for any of the camp weeks.

**LATE SPRING MIXER FISHING PARTY** - This is an early notice of the "Late Spring Mixer Party" scheduled for Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The objective of this club event is to continue welcoming our newer club members. This will be an opportunity to fish with new partners ... we can start the process of "hooking" up with new partners at the May 4<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting. For this trip, let's make deliberate efforts to mix with club members who aren't our usual fishing partners.

**WHERE?** Fishing in Big Lagoon or the pass and the Gulf.

**WHEN?** Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Experts say best time for spec fishing is before daylight.

**WHAT ?** Boating and wading opportunities. Rendezvous 9 AM at Art's Big Lagoon House for early morning fishing reports with coffee and doughnuts; then again at 1:30 PM for hot dogs, beer, soda and fish stories. **FULL DETAILS IN JUNE NEWSLETTER ALONG WITH BRIEFING AT THE JUNE 1ST REGULAR MEETING.**

**SPRING PICNIC** - Sunday, May 2nd at Shoreline Park, Gulf Breeze. Socializing at 11 AM onward with lunch around noon. Bring a "potluck" dish to complement hamburgers and hotdogs provided by your club. Adults \$5 each, kids under 16 free. Some folks will fish beforehand so bring your boat or wade the grass beds. Please RSVP Tom Regina, 458-2978 or [reginat@gulf.net](mailto:reginat@gulf.net) so he can buy enough groceries.

## *West Fork Pigeon River... Tom Regina*

The West Fork of the Pigeon River in Haywood County, North Carolina is the only branch of the Pigeon River that receives stocked trout. The five mile "hatchery supported" section of the west fork, from the triple-arch bridge on NC 215 to Queen Creek, will receive a total of 1410 brook, 1410 rainbow and 705 brown trout between March and July 2004. The two mile "delayed harvest" section of the west fork, from Queens Creek to the game lands boundary, upstream of Lake Logan, will be stocked with a total of 4235 brook, 4235 rainbow and 2120 brown trout between March and May, July, October and November 2004.

The West Folk Pigeon River is a medium-size flow, smaller than the Tuckasegee but larger than the upper Nantahala. Although NC 215 closely parallels the river, it is a quiet, somewhat isolated trout water.

Art deTonnancourt, Mitch Pippin and I fished a small part of the delayed harvest section of the west fork in April. We all caught trout but not in large numbers. The trout ran in size from about 6 -14". The smaller fish appeared to be juvenile wild trout as they still had par marks and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission only stocks "catchable" trout seven inches and larger.

For those seeking a less pressured fishing area with rapidly flowing water and rocky hideouts for the fish, long quite deep pools, lots of pocket water and ample casting room, the west folk is worth exploring. Do however take your wading stick. This is, in every sense of the definition, a "freestone stream". Thought not deep except in the pools, it is a difficult river to wade. The entire river bottom is composed of large rocks and boulders. A light rod, four weight or less is ample "gun". A nine foot stick will not be a hindrance.

The West Folk Pigeon River is about an hour and a half, 70 mile drive from Bryson City, NC. To reach the delayed harvest water from Bryson City, take US 74 East to Waynesville, go South on US 276 to the village of Bethel and turn right onto NC 215. About five miles down NC 215, you will pass by Lake Logan on your right. About one half mile past Lake Logan you will see on your left a "North Carolina Wildlife" sign indicating a public fishing area. Go wet your worm.

**FOR SALE: Canoe, Old Town Katahdin 16'.  
Fiberglass. Excellent condition. Cane seats.  
Two paddles, anchor outrigger, cane seat  
back, sidesaddle motor mount, storage cover.  
\$725. Tom Regina 458-2978.**

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

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

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*Feather Tail Gurgler .... Based on the Original Recipe by Jack Gartside*

**HOOK** Mustad 34007, size to suit prey  
**THREAD** Red 3/0 or flat waxed mono  
**TAIL** 4 or 6 hackles, concave side out, crystal flash  
**BODY** Ice chenille over 3 mm foam  
**THROAT** 2 wraps of red hackle  
**BACK/LIP** 3 mm foam (second layer optional)



1. Place de-barbed hook in vise. Lay thread base from eye to bend. Select 2 or 3 pairs of hackle. Cut and trim so they are equal in length and about 1 1/2 times the length of hook. All feathers can be tied in at once using the pinch method or you may choose to tie half the feathers on one side first and the second half in the next step. You may even choose to tie the feathers in one at a time. Tie in so feathers bow outward. Top tail with 10 or so strands of crystal flash.



2. Cut a section of 3mm foam two hooks long and the width of the hook gape. Trim one end of the foam into the form of a stake. Tie in the sharpened end just behind the hook eye and then wrap the thread over the foam in 6 or 7 equally spaced turns back to the bend.



3. Tie in a length of ice chenille at the bend. Wrap the thread forward over the foam in the tracks of the previous thread wraps stopping an eye length behind the eye. Then wrap the ice chenille forward in the thread tracks, tie in and trim excess. Tie in a red hackle, wrap two turns to simulate gills, secure and trim excess.



4. Bring the foam forward and tie in just behind the hook eye with several firm wraps. Cut a second piece of foam and tie in directly over the first. Whip finish over the tie-in point and then lift the foam and whip finish again just behind the hook eye. Coat all thread wraps liberally with head cement

## *2004 Southeastern Council Conclave and Fly Fishing Show....Karen Brand*

It's not too late to register for the 2004 SE FFF Conclave and Fly Fishing Show coming up May 13, 14 & 15th in Gulf Shores, AL. Registration at the door for both Friday and Saturday is \$20.00 for an individual and \$25 for family. You can also buy a one day pass for either Saturday or Sunday for only \$10.00. Registration gets you into all the free programs, casting demonstrations, fly tying demonstrations and the commercial exhibits.

An Emotion "Fisherman" kayak will also be raffled off at the Conclave. This is a kayak rigged out just like the ones that John and I have with rudder, extra hatches for storage, paddles and high-back seat. Raffle tickets are \$10.00 and will sold during the 2-day event. You do not have to be present to win and if a club member wins, John and I can haul it back to Pensacola for you!

If you have questions about the kayak call or email John at 516-1833 or [jbrand@santarosamri.com](mailto:jbrand@santarosamri.com). If you have questions about the conclave call or email Karen at 516-1852 or [kbrand@santarosamri.com](mailto:kbrand@santarosamri.com) or Larry Goodman at 433-5135,

### **SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES, THURSDAY MAY 13**

2:00PM-5:00PM	Registration	Ballroom, Lobby
3:00PM-5:00PM	Murray Neames—Turkey Frying	O. B. Community Center
5:00PM-TIL	Welcome Supper (Cajun Feast)	O. B. Community Center

### **SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES, FRIDAY MAY 14**

9:00AM-5:00PM	Registration	Ballroom, Lobby
9:00AM-4:00PM	Fly Tying Demonstration	Ballroom
9:00AM-4:00PM	Raffle and Silent Auctions	Ballroom
9:00AM-11:30AM	Carl Warmouth—Improved Distance Casting for Fishing FEE	Casting Area 2
9:00AM-11:30AM	Tom Travis—Tying Trout Flies with Turkey FEE	Bar
9:00AM-11:30AM	Dan Weber—Furled/Twisted Knotless Leaders	Sea Mist Room
9:00AM-11:30AM	Jerome Hebert—Tying Realistic Foam Flies	Sea Mist Room
9:00AM-11:30AM	Bill Heugal—Introduction to Deer Hair	Sea Mist Room
9:00AM-12:00N	Callaway Gardens Booth—Free Casting Lessons	Casting Area 3&4
10:AM-11:30AM	Walter McClendon—The History of Fly Fishing	Board Room
12:00-1:00PM	Lunch	
1:00PM-4:30PM	Callaway Gardens Booth—Free Casting Lessons	Casting Area 3&4
2:00PM-4:30PM	Dan Lagace—Casting Instruction for Ladies Only FEE	Casting Area 2

## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES, FRIDAY, MAY 14

2:00PM-4:30PM	Bob Clouser—Tying the Clouser Minnow FEE	Board Room
2:00PM-4:30PM	Kieran Frye—Winging It	Sea Mist Room
2:00PM-4:30PM	John Petrie—Furled Leaders	Sea Mist Room
2:00PM-4:30PM	Walt Moskal—Mini-Balsa Wood Popper Construction	Sea Mist Room
2:00PM-?	Crystal Murray—Stand up Fly Fishing	To Be Announced from Kayaks and Canoes
5:00PM-7:00PM	Cash Bar and Hors D'oeuvres	Sea Mist Room
7:00PM-TIL	First/Last Annual Classic Atlantic Bream Fly Tying Contest	Bar

## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES, SATURDAY MAY 15

7:00AM-8:30AM	Breakfast with Tom Travis	Lake Room
9:00AM-5:00PM	Registration	Ballroom, Lobby
9:00AM-4:00PM	Fly Tying Demonstrations	Ballroom
9:00AM-4:00PM	Raffle and Silent Auctions	Ballroom
9:00AM-11:30AM	Dan Lagace—Casting with Opposite Hand FEE	Casting Area 2
9:00AM-11:30AM	Tom Travis—Tying Innovative Tube Flies for Salt Water FEE	Bar
9:00AM-?	Youth Fly Fishing Clinic	Registration Table
9:00AM-11:30AM	Bill Heugal—Introduction to Deer Hair	Sea Mist Room
9:00AM-11:00AM	Dan Weber—Furled/Twisted Knotless Leaders	Sea Mist Room
9:00AM-11:30AM	Dan Wilkinson—Fun with Foam	Sea Mist Room
9:00AM-12:00N	Callaway Gardens Booth—Free Casting Lessons	Casting Area 3&4
9:00AM-10:00AM	Dr. Gordon Hill—Casting on Windy Day	Board Room
10:00AM-11:30AM	Dr. Harry Boyd—Building Your Own Bamboo Rod	Board Room
12:00N-1:00PM	Lunch	
12:00N-2:00PM	Women's Angling Luncheon	Lake Room
1:00PM-4:30PM	Callaway Gardens Booth—Free Casting Lessons	Casting Area 3&4
2:00PM-4:30PM	Bob Clouser—Casting Heavy or Bulky Flies FEE	Casting Area 2
2:00PM-4:30PM	Kieran Frye—Tying Gummy Minnows FEE	Board Room
2:00PM-?	Crystal Murray—Stand Up Fly Fishing	To Be Announced from Kayaks and Canoes
5:00PM-6:30PM	Cash Bar Social Hour	Sea Mist Room
6:30PM-8:00PM	Banquet and Awards Program	Sea Mist Room
8:00PM-TIL	Live Auction with Auctioneer Johnny Chamness	Sea Mist Room



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> SPRING PICNIC SHORELINE PARK GULF BREEZE	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> AUCTION - MAY 4TH, 7 PM, ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, DONATE YOUR SPARE- FLYFISHING TACKLE AND BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK!	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30	<b>14</b> SE Council Conclave Gulf Shores , Alabama	<b>15</b>
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