

## April Quick Ties with Tom Regina.... Red Palomino Midge

This Red Palomino Midge is designed to be fished beneath the surface as a rising pupa. When used as a dropper about eight to 14 inches behind a dry fly the *Quick Descent* dubbed thorax quickly gets the fly below the surface. Quick Descent Dubbing is a brand name for an all aluminum dubbing similar to very fine steel wool.

Tools needed to tie this Red Palomino Midge are a vise, bobbin, bodkin, scissors and cigarette lighter. The materials used are hook, thread, standard size ultra chenille, polypropylene yarn (poly yarn), Quick Descent Dubbing and head cement.

At the Saturday April 16 casting and tying clinic, when the moon will be in the first quarter phase, your club will provide instruction and all materials and tools needed to tie this Red Palomino Midge. If you have your own tools please bring them. If you (or a guest(s)) don't have tools they will be provided. Club members are encouraged to bring guests - and don't forget the next generation of fly fishers. Adult beverages and soda pop along with a mighty fine lunch are also provided at no cost. As an added bonus, John Brand, Bill Locher, Milt "Cutter" Mays and others will be on hand giving casting lessons. You say you or your guests don't have a fly fishing pole or a reel with fly string? Not to worry - we got em - ya'll can use em.

### Tying Instructions

Hook	Mustad C49S size 16
Thread	6/0 gray
Abdomen	Red standard size ultra chenille
Wing Case	Light gray poly yarn
Thorax	Gray Quick Descent Dubbing
Antennae	Butt end of wing case



1. Debarb the hook and secure it in the vise. With a jam knot tie on the thread two hook eye distance behind the hook eye. In tight touching turns cover the hook shank with thread back to a point just above the hook barb.

2. Cut about a two inch piece of chenille from the skein. Using a fire stick (coffin nail lighter) carefully melt one end of the chenille to form a neat taper. Tie in the chenille at the rear thread wrap with the melted tapered end hanging past the end of the hook about one to one and a half hook gape distance. At a shallow angle, cut away the forward (butt) end of the chenille. Wrap the thread forward over the chenille butt to form a neat taper down to the thread tie on point. Do not encroach the hook eye.



3. From the poly yarn skein, cut off a piece about two inches long. Using a bodkin, separate the poly yarn in half lengthwise. Set one half aside for use in another fly. At the thread tie on point, tie in the poly yarn wing case on the top of and parallel to the hook shank with about one half inch of the poly yarn wing case fiber extending over the hook eye. Use touching thread wraps to bind the wing case down rearward to about one half the hook length distance.

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4. Dub a thick fibrous thorax of Quick Descent Dubbing forward to the thread tie on point. Again, don't encroach beyond the two hook eye distance behind the hook eye.



5. Pull the poly yarn wing case forward over the thorax and tie it down with about six thread wraps to a one hook eye distance behind the hook eye. Whip finish the tie down threads, cut away the thread, apply head cement to the tie down threads and cut away the extended antenna leaving about a two hook eye distance in front of the hook eye.

Wine corks used in the photos provided by Art & Linda deTonnancourt.

## *What's Happening... Jerry Aldridge*

**APRIL BUSINESS MEETING PROGRAM**....Do not miss Dr. Skeet Lores and his program on conservation issues in Escambia Bay. Learn about the goals of the Coastal Conservation Association and commercial shrimp fisherman.

**BOY SCOUT CAMP**....2005 Dates for camp at the Spanish Trail Reservation in Defuniak Springs are June 12-16, 19-23 and 26-30. We will once again teach the Fishing and Flyfishing Merit Badges plus flytying. We need your help to teach or assist in teaching. The Scouts love our classes! If you can help, even for a day or two, please call Vick Vickery at 478-3584.

**MAY 15th FISHING TRIP AND PICNIC**....Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze has recovered enough to again be the site of our 2005 picnics. See page 4 for details.

**FLY TYERS NEEDED**....The Southeastern Council Conclave Is scheduled for June 2-4 at Callaway Gardens Resort in Pine Mountain, GA. Tyers, **especially trout fly tyers** are needed to demonstrate their skills. We have several fine tyers so lets show up in force! Karen will tell us how to apply at the April business meeting.

**ANNUAL AUCTION**....The annual fund-raising auction will be June 4th at the Business Meeting. We have had some nice donations already so things are starting to shape up. Travis suggested a replacement auctioneer but found himself outvoted by the rest of the board. So start looking through your "stuff" for donations and start saving those pennies and be prepared to have a great time.