

Flies & Lies

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MONTHLY MEETINGS
Meetings at Miraflores Park
17th Avenue between
Belmont and LaRua

BUSINESS MEETING
1ST TUESDAY, 7 PM

BULL SESSION
2ND THURSDAY, 6:30
PM

**CASTING & TYING
CLINIC**
3RD SATURDAY, 9 AM

BOARD MEETING
4TH TUESDAY, 6:30PM

**PJC Fly Fishing
Class....Tom Regina**

**Further Adventures
of Tom & Jerry....Tom
Regina**

**President's Mes-
sage....Milt Mays**

**Bull Session Fly with
Kevin Cohenour**

**Clinic "Quick Tie" Fly
with Tom Regina**

**North Carolina
Trout....Tom Regina**

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*Dues are due! Please pay your annual membership dues of \$30 to
Karen Brand at any of the February meetings or mail your check
to her at 5870 Country Club Rd, Milton, FL 32570*

Pensacola Jr. Collegege Fly Fishing Class 2005.... Tom Regina

Again this year the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida, in conjunction with PJC, will conduct the PJC Fly Fishing Class.

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 PM at the PJC Pensacola campus, building 17, room 1740 beginning March 2 and ending April 27 with the exception of March 23, spring break.

We will teach the basics of fly fishing, including equipment selection, fly tying, fly casting, knots, leader construction and the practical application of fly fishing techniques.

The lead instructors will be Milt Mays, Travis Akins, Jerry Aldridge, John Brand, Karen Brand, Kevin Cohenour and Bruce Vail. However other club members are needed to serve as proctors for the casting, knot tying and fly tying instruction. Additionally, two volunteers are needed to transport the fly rods/reels and fly tying equipment/materials to and from each class session. To volunteer contact Tom Regina, 458-2978 or reginat@gulf.net. For members willing to serve as proctors - see you at the classes.

FFNWF Fly Fishing Class March 2-April 27, 2005... Curriculum

Week 1 3/2/05	Opening remarks by President, FFNWF Getting started, choosing your tackle Video tape "Fly Fishing Made Easy" Introduction to fly tying. (Materials, tools, set-up)	Milt Mays Travis Akins 17 minutes Jerry Aldridge
Week 2 3/9/05	Fly fishing knots Fly tying -Woolly Bugger	John Brand Karen Brand
Week 3 3/16/05	Introduction to casting Video tape " The Art of Fly Casting" Fly tying - Clouser Minnow	John Brand 35 minutes Travis Akins
3/23/05	Spring break	
Week 4 3/30/05	Casting instruction and practice Fly tying - Crazy Charlie	John Brand, Milt Mays Kevin Cohenour
Week 5 4/6/05	Casting instruction and practice Fly tying - Blue Wing Olive	John Brand, Milt Mays Kevin Cohenour
Week 6 4/13/05	Casting instruction and practice Fly tying - Lefty's Deceiver	Milt Mays Bruce Vail
Week 7 4/20/05	Casting instruction and practice Fly tying - Gartside Gurgler	John Brand, Milt Mays Jerry Aldridge
Week 8 4/27/05	Casting review and practice Local fishing roundtable Class evaluation Invitation to club membership by FFNWF President	John Brand, Milt Mays Jerry Aldridge PJC staff Milt Mays

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

Further Adventures of Tom and Jerry (Tom is a Slow Learner) ... Tom Regina

The other day Jerry called to invite me to fish with him. I think Jerry wants me to fish with him so he can boast about his *superior* fishing skills. When Jerry fishes with Travis, Travis out-fishes him. I don't. However, Jerry may be asking me to go fishing because when his boat craps out he gets me into the water to pull him about so he can catch more fish than me.

I accepted the invitation.

We put in at Bayou Texar. Jerry climbs into the boat on the trailer. I back the boat into the water. Park the car and trailer and wade out to the boat because Jerry doesn't want to scratch the boat hull on the sand. Not a problem. I know I will get wet anyway towing his boat around. Jerry maneuvers his craft into the bayou. We start fishing. Right off I out fish the curmudgeon. I land

three spotted sea trout. That doesn't sit well with Jerry so we move away from fish to look for fish (why?).

Across the bay to Hoffman Bayou. Stop the boat. Jerry eats his lunch. I cast. No fish. I think Jerry knew there were no fish in Hoffman that day. He was trying to tire my casting arm so he could shame me. Jerry blindfolds me and we motor away to a secret bayou. Jerry catches many fish. Reds and sea trout. I none.

Back across the bay and back into Bayou Texar. Jerry catches more fish. And more. And some more. I don't know how. But at the end of the day the score is Tom 3, Jerry 15+. Travis, how can I skunk this curmudgeon? **(Editor's note: Tom made up the bit about Travis out-fishing me.)**

Saltwater Fisherman Practice Catch and Release...NOAA Report

"Saltwater fisherman practice catch and release"....A recent report by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) shows that over the last 10 years saltwater fish caught by recreational anglers is up by 11 percent. However, the number of fish anglers keep has remained flat with no significant growth in the past 10 years.

One NOAA official said he was encouraged by this recreational fishing catch and release trend because the healthier and more abundant the fish populations, the better the fishing experience for the public.

Of the 10 most popular saltwater fish species caught by recreational anglers, on average 60 percent are released alive. The NOAA report identified the top recreational catches as spotted sea trout, Atlantic croaker, summer flounder and striped bass. The top species caught by recreational fishermen in 2003 was spotted sea trout with about 33 million caught and about 68 percent of the spotted sea trout released alive.

Recreational fishing is one of Americas most popular outdoor sports with about 15 million anglers making close to 82 million saltwater fishing trips in 2003.

The Membership Directory will be updated in February and the 2005 Edition will be given or sent to club members in March. A draft copy will be at all club meetings In February so please review it to make sure your entry is complete and correct. Thanks....Jerry Aldridge, Editor

President's MessageMilt Mays

Well, another January is history. Thank God we are that much closer to spring fishing! There has been some good fishing this January, if the weather allowed. Unfortunately, our January club trip was met with another arctic blast, so more of us could not experience some of those rat reds and maybe even get into some bonito, or big reds. There was a big fish experience I heard about from Jerry—but my lips are sealed. Visiting member, Tom Finkle didn't catch it, but from past experience, I am sure he MUST have caught something bigger, and many more of them!

Hopefully, by the meeting in February we will have some central heat, but I don't want to break any records holding my breath. So, I will hope for warm spells for the meetings in February. Maybe we will have another great program like we had from Travis. His talk about his summer sampling of the Rocky Mountain National Park and the headwaters of the Colorado River really brought back memories and, I think, captured the beauty and wonder of a special time we all envied. After that talk I was ready to get a camper and head out!

Welcome to the board the new members Mitch Pippin and Larry Goodman. I know they will inject some wise and vivacious blood into the

board meetings. Boy, where are my hip boots!


The last bull session was attended well as was the casting clinic, spicing up post-Ivan recovery blues and got me salivating for fishing times to come. What better way to start your Saturday than learning to tie a fly, listening to yarns from Hoot, and having a grilled spicy sausage with a beer. And, since the weather was great, we were able to get out in the sunshine and tie a few wind knots. It's so much better than connecting a dishwasher! I tell you, since Ivan, I have a new appreciation for plumbers and miter saws!

See you soon, and don't forget to get your dues in by the end of February, or we will take your first-born child. You know, I think we changed that to extra money after some of the members had no problems giving us their first-borns. Anyway, you don't want Don Lupone coming after you for money. I hear he has some upstate New York Italian cousins.

Here's to big fish, and if not, at least good weather! And barring either, then at least good friends and maybe a wee dram!...Milt

P.S. If we don't get a volunteer soon to do the Newsletter, this will be the last time you will see a president's message. So somebody, please step up!

FOR SALE - Orvis Pontoon Boat by "Water Skeeter" model PPB2505S. Used three times. A highly maneuverable craft to take you into spots not accessible by wading. Setup is easy. No tools needed. Inflate the 14" diameter pontoons in less than five minutes using the double action pump included. Assemble the steel frame and attach it to the pontoons. Includes comfortable two position seat, adjustable leg rests, aluminum oars, rod holder, stripping apron, anchor pulley and storage/carrying case. Boat measures 50" x 96" x 16". Weight capacity 250 lbs. Anchor not included. Tom Regina, 458-2978, reginat@gulf.net.



Parachute Caddis... Kevin Cohenour

HOOK	Standard dry fly, size 12 to 20
THREAD	Olive 6/0 or 8/0
POST	White antron
BODY	Olive dubbing
WING	Mottled turkey
HACKLE	Mixed brown and grizzly



1. Secure hook in vise and wrap thread to just past mid-shank. Wind thread forward to just past the middle of the part just covered with thread. This is the post location.

2. Secure wing post by laying yarn along top of hook. Make 3-4 wraps through center of yarn at wing tie in location. Pull the two ends upright. Make several contiguous thread wraps up post. Wind thread back down post and wrap around shank. Wrap thread to bend.



3. Dub the thread with olive dubbing. Wrap the dubbed thread to a point slightly behind the post.

4. Cut a section of turkey quill equal to the hook gape. Remove the thick section that was near the stem. Fold quill in half lengthwise. Secure at front of body with 5-6 wraps. Cut the rear end of the wing at an angle so it extends about a hook gape past the bend.



5. Select a brown and a grizzly dry fly hackle one size larger than the size of the hook. Secure hackle just behind the post. Push hackle upright with fingernail. Secure hackle up the portion of the post covered in step 1. Wrap thread down post. Dub thread and cover wing tie-in area to rear of and under post.

6. Wind hackle downward in 3 wraps to base of the post so each wrap is below the previous. Secure hackle around post and cut excess. Dub thread. Pull hackle fibers up and wind dubbed thread forward to a hook eyes distance back from eye. Form a small, neat head, whip, cut thread and coat head with cement. Cut post to a little less than 1 shank length high.



Quick Ties with Tom Regina... Brassie

HOOK	Mustad 9671 or other 2X long, 2X heavy, size 12-20.
THREAD	Black or brown 6/0 or 8/0.
BODY	Brass, copper or colored wire.
HEAD	Black or brown dubbing or peacock herl.



1. Crush the hook barb and fix the hook in the vise. Using a jam knot, start the thread about two hook eyes distance behind the hook eye. In touching turns wind the thread back to the hook bend then back to the front tie-in position. Cut a length of wire and mount it on top of the hook shank with several tight thread wraps.



2. Continue thread wraps to the rear, securing the wire to the top of the hook shank, stopping at the rear thread wraps. Cut away the excess wire at the front of the fly and wrap the thread forward to cover the tag end of the wire.



3. Make the first wire wrap behind the rear thread wraps. In close tight turns, wrap the wire forward.



4. Stop the forward wire wraps at the position shown and tie off the wire with several tight thread wraps. Clip away the excess wire and cover the tag end with a few thread wraps.



5. Dub the head or tie on and wrap peacock herl for the head. Build a neat tapered thread finish head and cement the thread head.

The Brassie is a quick and simple fly to tie. This nymph was developed in the Southwest, and is now fished all over. The Brassie nymph imitation sinks like a rock and is very productive on rivers and streams with lots of caddis.

North Carolina Trout.... Tom Regina

Many members of our club make several trips a year to fish the Tuckasegee and Nantahala Rivers in the mountains of Western North Carolina. The Tuck and Nan are heavily stocked by the NCWRC. There are days when an angler from our club will catch and release 20 to 50 and more trout. Art deTonnancourt, Jerry Aldridge, Travis Akins and John and Karen Brand usually catch and release many more.

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) has posted at www.ncwildlife.org, the trout stocking schedule and numbers of brook, brown and rainbow trout to be planted in North Carolina trout waters during 2005. **Between March and November 2005 the NCWRC will stock 18,500 trout in the four miles of the Nantahala River delayed harvest area. In the 5.5 miles of delayed harvest area of the Tuckasegee River, the NCWRC will plant 49,000 trout during the same period.** The Nantahala and Tuckasegee Rivers delayed harvest areas account for only a small part of the trout stocked by the commission. Go to www.ncwildlife.org to get the full number of trout stocked throughout North Carolina. The commission will stock many rivers, streams, creeks and lakes in North Carolina during 2005.

The Nantahala and Tuckasegee Rivers and many other streams, rivers, lakes and creeks, including the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, with many miles of wild trout streams, are within 520 miles of Pensacola - about a nine hour drive. Any club member thinking of fishing the Nantahala and Tuckasegee Rivers, either solo or as a group, can contact Tom

Regina, Art deTonnancourt or Jerry Aldridge. Any of whom can give driving directions and advice on arranging lodging and meals as well as where and how to fish either river. Travis Akins is the angler to see if you want to fish the wild trout waters of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. See you on the river.

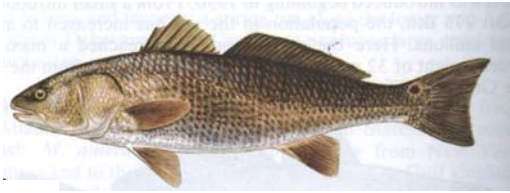


What is this mystery fish?

Who is the mystery angler?

Find out at the meeting on February 1st, 7PM

(photo taken at twilight)



FEBRUARY 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Business Meeting 7 PM	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Clinic - Casting, tying gourmet lunch 9 AM
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