

## Annual Auction - June 3rd

**H**ard to believe, but its that time again. The auction will take place right after the June business meeting which begins at 7:00.

We have lots of stuff already donated and more on the way. To list just some of the items that will be available: a trip from a local expert and fishing guide, 2 Temple Fork rods (brand new 6wt and 8wt), an Orvis Clearwater 7' 9" 5wt (never been fished), more rods, a 7wt blank, fly lines, tying tools, books, lots of great flies tied by local experts, feathers and buck tails, and much more.

Come early to check out the stuff and especially if you are bringing a donated item. Don't forget to bring your checkbook and/or cash.

Lots of folks come just to see me make a baboon of myself (not much of a reach). So, come on! Have some fun and get some great stuff!.....Travis Akins

# Flies & Lies

JUNE 2003

**L**ong- time club member Bob Quarles has formed Blue Heron Guide Service, specializing in fly and light tackle fishing. He is well equiped with his Maverick flats boat , first rate fishing tackle and great flies. Most important, he knows where to go to catch speckled trout and redfish of the large variety. He knows how to catch other fish, too. The 6 to 7 pound specks in the photos were caught in recent weeks.

Captain Bob has won or placed highly in many of the local fishing tournaments (speckled trout category) over the last several years. So if you or your out-of-town guests would like to hook that catch-of-a-lifetime, gator trout, give Captain Bob a call.

**Bob has graciously donated a fall fishing trip for one or two anglers for our club auction on June 3rd.** That time of year (October/November) brings schools of bull reds nearshore along the beach and in the pass area. If you have never sight cast to schools of huge, coppery redfish, some well over 25 pounds, you ought to try it one time. Talk about buck fever! I have seen accomplished anglers turn into fumble-fingered beginners at the sight of big reds busting the surface. While you are redfish hunting, you most likely will find pods of big spanish and blues just to pass the time. Don't pass up a chance at a red fish trip with Capt. Bob!



## Spring Picnic Photos



**President's Report**

If you missed the annual spring picnic today, you missed some great food, and fellowship, assuming you would agree that pork tenderloin and sausage are great food. We had

approximately 35 attendees, and were happy to see new member Warren Brown (March, '03) and his wife Cathy.

VP Kevin got a day off from having to run casting games, but they will be back at the fall picnic. Milt and Eric caught a snapper on fly this AM, as well as an amberjack.

The group that I was in earlier this month, that went to the Nantahala got run off by the steady torrential rains, with rising muddy waters. We got to fish on the first day, for about 2 hours only, on the Tuckaseege, but most of us didn't get skunked. The weather settled in for the rest of the week, so we returned home on Wednesday. Art, our trip planner, is going to get a Farmer's Almanac next Christmas.

I'd like to remind everyone how important it is to make new members and guests feel comfortable, by each of us making a effort to introduce ourselves to people at our functions that we don't recognize. We have a great club, and a friendly one, but an occasional comment is still heard that the club seems clickish. That impression can be dispelled by our efforts, and also, very importantly, by the new member digging in, participating, and taking advantage of what the club offers. See you at the auction Tuesday, June 3rd.

*Around the Bay... and Further Away*

Inshore, the pass, nearshore and offshore - area waters are alive with the piscatorial bounty of early summer. Have you seen the expanded fishing section of the News Journal On Thursdays? It contains lots of good information. The specks are indeed on the grass along with a red here and there. Try poppers and gurglers early and late and clousers (my current favorite is blue, white and olive) during the day

*Tyer's Corner*

We didn't get to tie one of last month's flies, Cowen's Scampi, so we will tie it this month. The other fly for the month is the Pale Morning Dun, one of the most important western mayfly hatches. Easterners needn't feel left out - the pale evening dun, the light cahill and the sulfur are similar light colored eastern mayflies so with a change in hook size or body dubbing, you can cover a whole range of hatches. All are yellow-bodied and hackled with dun or ginger. See you at the clinic and bull session.

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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 St**

**Newsletter Editor - Jerry Aldridge**

## *The Pale Morning Dun... Jerry Aldridge*

HOOK	Dry fly (Mustad 94840 or similar), size 14-20
THREAD	Pale yellow, 6/0 or 8/0
TAIL	Light dun hackle fibers
BODY	Pale yellow dubbing
WINGPOST	White or cream poly or antron yarn
HACKLE	Light dun



1. De-barb hook and secure in vise. Lay thread base from eye to bend. Build very small thread bump at bend with 3 or 4 turns of thread. Select about a dozen stiff, webless hackle fibers from a light dun neck hackle. Make sure the fibers are at least 1 1/2 hooks long. Remove fibers from quill making sure the ends stay aligned. Place fibers atop hook with fibers extending to the rear one hook length. "Pinch" in place, take three "soft loop" turns

and then apply pressure upward on thread. Notice how fibers splay outward and slightly upward to form a nice tail. Cover fibers forward with firm turns to mid-hook. Trim fibers there.

2. Place thread at point 1/3 shank length behind eye. Cut one inch length of yarn. Select a portion of yarn about a toothpick thick. Place center of yarn on top hook at right angles to shank. Secure yarn in place with 6 wraps of thread. Now wrap 6 more turns around yarn center firmly locking yarn in place. Now grasp both ends of yarn and pull upward and then take a dozen or so turns of thread around base of post with figure 8 turns around base and shank plus a few more turns around post. Return thread to bend.



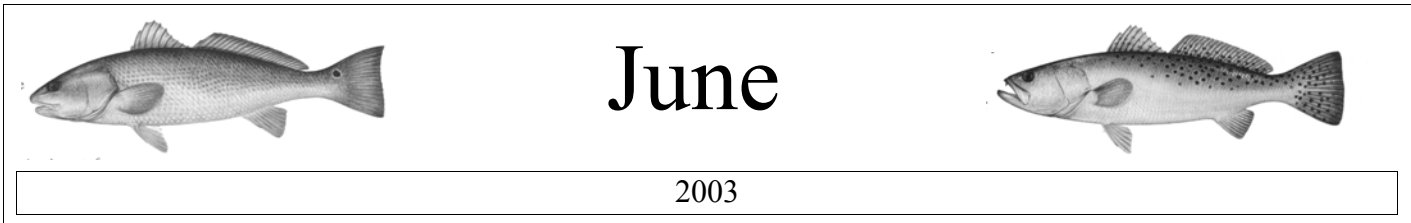
3. Select a "wisp" of dubbing material and twist (one direction only) around thread. The dubbed thread should be just slightly thicker than the thread alone. Start dubbing forward with adjacent or slightly overlapping turns to form the delicate, tapered mayfly body. Dub in back and front to form thorax somewhat thicker than the abdomen. Leave thread hanging in front of wingpost.

4. Select hackle to match hook size. Remove fibers from 1/4" of butt end, Tie in in front of wing post, on top shank with concave side down. Secure hackle with 5-6 thread wraps and trim quill. Wrap 5-6 turns of hackle (counterclockwise looking down) around base of wingpost with each wrap underneath the last. Secure the last wrap just behind eye of hook with several turns of thread taking care to trap as little hackle as possible. Trim trapped hackle and wrap a very small, neat head. Lightly cement the head taking care not to touch hackle with cement. It may be easier to cement the head from the bottom. Cement the bottom of wing post in 2-3 spots, again taking care not to cement hackle.





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<b>ANNUAL AUCTION - JUNE 3, 7 PM - RODS, REELS, HUNDREDS OF FLIES, ACCESSORIES, TYING MATERIALS, ETC. TRAVIS AKINS, AUCTIONEER</b>						
8	9	10	11	12 Bull session Fly tying & tall tales 6:30 PM	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Casting clinic casting, tying, gourmet lunch 9 AM
22	23	24 Board Meeting  6:30 PM	25	26	27	28
29	30					