

Flies & Lies

NEWSLETTER OF THE FLYFISHERS
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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

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**BUSINESS MEETING NOVEMBER 9TH
2005 CLUB OFFICERS AND ANGLER OF
THE YEAR WILL BE NOMINATED AND
ELECTED. COME OUT AND VOTE!**

Christmas Party.... Karen Brand

Christmas is right around the corner so make plans now to attend the FFNWF **Christmas Party December 1st (Wednesday) at the Pensacola Yacht Club**. The PYC survived Hurricane Ivan and their new chef will be preparing a great buffet for us. Social Hour is at 6:00 and dinner is at 7:00 in the Ballroom. Entrees include *Grilled Grouper with Lemon Caper Butter* and *Smoked Pork Loin with Creole Pineapple Salsa*, and will be served with assorted cheeses, green salad, rosemary roasted potatoes, green bean almandine, rolls with whipped honey butter, plus fruit and chocolate fondue for dipping.

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be

purchased at any of the club meetings in November or by calling Karen Brand, 516-1852; tickets must be purchased in advance. Jerry and Kevin are again in charge of putting together some great raffle items and raffle tickets can be purchased in advance or the night of the party. Those interested in donating items for door prizes please contact Jerry, Kevin or Karen.

The FFNWF "Angler of the Year" will also be announced at the Christmas Party so let's put Hurricane Ivan behind us, count our blessings, and enjoy a great evening!!

For tickets contact me at 516-1852 or KBrand@SantaRosaMRI.com.

Business Meeting Minutes, 7 PM Oct 9, 2004, Jay Williams presiding

New Business

Report on Board meeting:

Based on board meeting recommendation, November meeting was changed from 1st Tuesday to the 2nd Tuesday (9th).

Karen reported on her efforts to organize our Christmas party, using Pensacola Yacht Club. The dinner cost appears reasonable, and to be certain, the board approved a motion granting an additional \$500, if needed, to supplement the cost of food, tax and gratuity. The date is yet to be finalized. When details are completed and approved, the results will be distributed by e-mail and by newsletter.

As customary, \$750 is available to purchase the major raffle prizes. Kevin and Jerry will select and purchase prizes. Raffle tickets will go on sale at the November general meeting, and will be available for purchase at the Christmas party.

In view of the passing of Capt. Bob Gray, the board authorized the treasurer to send \$50.00 to the American Red Cross, commemorating Bob Gray.

In November, at the general meeting, Travis will nominate the 2005 officers and board. nominations then will be taken from the floor, and voting will take place on those positions, and also for Angler of the Year. The latter vote will be by sealed ballot and secrecy maintained until the winner is announced at the Christmas party.

Fishing reports: Hurricane survival reports as well as a few fishing reports were provided by members.

Door Prizes: All members present received door prizes of flies and/or tying material.

Meeting adjourned.

President's MessageJay Williams

The upcoming November 9th general membership meeting is a very important one, so consider this a plea to be sure to come for this 7 PM meeting at which the nominating committee's proposed slate of 2005 officers will be announced. You will have an opportunity to nominate and vote on other candidates that you choose, as well.

Additionally, the nominations and voting for Angler of the Year will take place; however the winner will be kept secret until announced at the Annual Christmas Party. That is held this December 1st, and will be in the newly added facility of the Pensacola Yacht Club. A separate announcement of the particulars will be in this edition of the newsletter.

I will be absent, as will VP Russ Shields, so the proceedings will be chaired by one of the

other officers. Russ and I will be in the Nantahala River area of North Carolina with four other members.

This is a good time to pass along the Board's best wishes for your recovery from Hurricane Ivan, and our hope that the coming holiday season will be a joyous one for you and your families.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the present and immediate past board for its support of me as president these past two years. They have been hard working, and always present for our meetings. FFNWF is a great organization, and serving it in any one of the many ways possible is a gratifying experience for the one who serves. Tight Lines....Jay

Around the Bay....and Further Away with Jerry Aldridge

Hurricane Ivan trashed many of the public boat launches in the area but if you still have a boat and can find a place to launch, you should find some good fishing. Fishing buddies Travis Akins and Kevin Cohenour and I have scouted several favorite inshore haunts and have found at least a few fish everywhere we tried. Speckled trout are still abundant on the grass beds of Santa Rosa Sound and are attacking top water flies such as gurglers and poppers. Because of a very warm October, specks have delayed their annual migration to their wintering places in bayous and river mouths. That delay could change with a few cold nights so be flexible. I did manage to catch one "gator trout" of 26" and 7-8 pounds in Hoffman bayou.

Rain minnows are abundant in the bay and large schools of menhaden appear occasionally, especially at bayou mouths. We saw several skittish schools of bonita and Spanish mackerel but had little luck with "run and gun" tactics. We got bit off several times while drifting for specks though so there are plenty of our toothier critters around. Kevin and I did get into a school of 3-10 pound jack cravelle over a rubble pile in the sound. Kevin got a couple and I caught one and another spit the hook. Jacks are some of the toughest fish around – even a 3 pounder will put a huge bend in an 8 weight rod. Get rid of the hurricane crazies and go fishing!

We note the passing of Captain Bob Gray with sadness. Bob and Maggie have been long time club members and friends. We will miss him.

CHRISTMAS PARTY RAFFLE

TICKETS.... \$5 APIECE OR 6 FOR \$25....ON SALE AT ALL NOVEMBER MEETINGS....SEE KAREN BRAND

PRIZES....8 WEIGHT ORVIS ROD, 9', 4 PIECE ROD WITH PRO GUIDE MID ARBOR REEL....5 WEIGHT ORVIS ROD, 9', 4 PIECE ROD WITH PRO GUIDE MID ARBOR REEL....RENZETTI TRAVELER VISE....ORVIS MASTER TYING TOOL SET

Bend Back Yak... Jerry Aldridge

HOOK	Mustad 34007 or equivalent, 1/0
THREAD	Red 3/0
WING	1st layer: white yak hair 2nd layer: copper flashabou and gold crystal flash 3rd layer: green yak hair 4th layer: brown yak hair



1. Bend hook 10-20 degrees upward about 1/4" behind eye. Insert hook in vise with point up. Lay thread base from hook eye to just past the point where you bent hook.



2. Select and cut a length of white yak hair about two hooks long and a circular toothpick thick. Tie in behind hook eye and cover butts with thread back to the bend you made in hook.



3. Select and cut 4-8 strands each of crystal flash and flashabou slightly longer than 2 hooks long. Tie in behind eye to form 2nd layer of wing.



4. Repeat Step 2 with green yak hair to form 3rd layer of wing.



5. Repeat Step 2 with brown yak hair to form 4th layer of wing. Form neat head with thread and tie off. Coat head with cement. (A painted or decal eye and epoxy coating of the head are optional).

Quick Ties with Terry McCormick...Black Tadpole

Hook	Mustad 79580, size 6, (4XL)
Thread	6/0 Black
Weight	.025 Lead Free Wire
Tail	Black Marabou
Body	Medium Black Chenille
Thorax	Medium Lime-Green or Yellow Chenille
Hackle	Black Cock



1. Prepare the chenille by steaming to fluff it up. Most chenille comes packaged wrapped around a card and is crushed and nappy with creases about every three inches through out. Steaming the chenille over the spout of a teapot will puff the fibers back out and remove the creases. When steamed, the chenille makes a much nicer dressing and it will be easier to see how close the wraps are).



2. Crush the hook barb and place the hook in the vise. Starting opposite the hook point wind on touching turns of the weighting wire. Wind the wire forward to 1/4" in back of the hook eye.

3. Attach the tying thread to the hook at the front of the weighting wire. Wind the thread in spiral turns back and forward several times over the weighting wire ending with the thread at the hook bend.



4. Tie on a bunch of marabou for the tail. The tail should extend beyond the hook bend one to one and a half hook lengths.



5. Cut several inches of the prepared black chenille from the skein. Expose 1/4" of the chenille core and tie the chenille in by the core at the base of the tail. Spiral the thread forward 2/3 of the hook shank length.

6. Wind the body chenille forward in close touching turns to cover 2/3 of the hook shank length. Tie off the black chenille and cut away the tag end.



7. Attach the lime-green or yellow thorax chenille at the front of the body chenille and wind it forward to a two hook eye distance in back of the hook eye. Tie off the chenille and cut away the tag end. Wind the thread forward to the hook eye and back to the front of the thorax chenille.

8. Tie on a black cock hackle at the front of the thorax and wind the hackle forward in three close turns. Tie off the hackle and cut away the tag end. Build a thread head, whip finish, cut away the thread and cement the head.



October Quick Ties with Kevin Cohenour... R. C. Special

HOOK Mustad C49S Size 10
THREAD 6/0 Red
SHELLBACK 1/8" Gray Scud Back
BODY Light Gray Ostrich Herl



1. Crush the hook barb and mount the hook in the vise. Using a jam knot, tie in the thread at the front of the hook. Wind the thread to the rear of the hook in touching turns to completely cover the hook shank down into the hook bend. Tie in a two inch length of scud back on top of the hook as shown. Trim away the tag end of the scud back.



2. Mount three ostrich herls by there tips at the hook bend as shown. Cut away the herl tips and wrap the thread in touching turns forward to the thread tie in point.



3. Together wrap the three ostrich herls forward with close turns. Tie off the herl with four thread wraps at the tie off position. Cut away the excess herl.



4. Pull the scud back over the top of the fly scratching it just enough so it conforms to the top of the fly without going *too* far over the sides of the bug.



4. Tie off the scud back behind the hook eye and cut off the excess scud back. Build a neat thread head, whip finish and cement the head.

NOTE: This recipe did not appear in the abbreviated October issue.

Board Meeting Minutes, 6 PM Oct 9, 2004, Jay Williams presiding

Meeting convened at 6:05 PM.

Motion to change November meeting from 1st Tuesday to the 2nd Tuesday (9th), passed.

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Meeting adjourned at 7 PM, just prior to the start of the general membership meeting.

*This space reserved for
your fish
stories, photos and tall
tales in
general. No tall tale to
tall to tell.*

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

AUCTION - Travis Akins

CONSERVATION - Vacant

DIRECTORY/NEWSLETTER - Jerry
Aldridge

EDUCATION/CASTING - John Brand

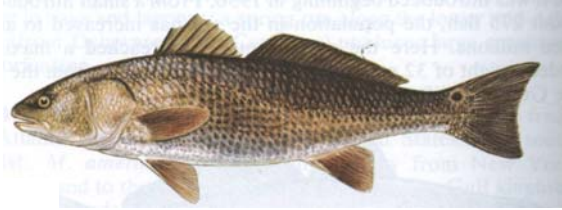
EDUCATION/TYING - Tom Regina

TRIPS & OUTINGS - Art de Tonnancourt

FFF REPRESENTATIVE - Larry Goodman

LIBRARY - Kevin Cohenour

MEMBERSHIP - Karen Brand



NOVEMBER 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Business Meeting 7 PM		Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					Clinic - Casting, tying gourmet lunch 9 AM	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

