

Langley's Trout Candy
by Kevin Cohenour

Every once in awhile a fly pattern comes along, such as the *Clouser Minnow* and *Lefty's Deceiver*, that will catch most any species. The *Trout Candy* has proven itself to be in that category. I first learned of this pattern in 1996 when I walked into Jacksonville's *Salty Feather* fly shop. I asked owner John Bottko for a pattern I could tie for redfish and trout. He described the *Trout Candy* for me. Originated by Alan Langley of Jacksonville, the *Trout Candy* began as a pattern to catch sea trout. But as we quickly found, it is an extremely effective redfish fly. Tied in smaller sizes (6 & 8) it has taken bonefish in the keys. With a marabou tail it has fooled salmon and rainbows in Alaska. It will catch ladyfish all day long, entices snook and jacks, and has even landed flounder and croakers. Tied in size 1 or 2 with large eyes it will get down in the surf to the cruising reds.

The first redfish I ever caught was on a size 4 *Trout Candy* I had tied from John's verbal directions. My buddy and I were fishing a tidal creek off the Sister's Creek area of the Intracoastal Waterway in Jacksonville. We came across a small "pond" which held about a dozen reds crashing bait. On my first cast a fish turned on the fly and inhaled it. He was hooked, and I was hooked too; hooked on redfishing. It turned out to be only a 19" red, but what power.

A couple months later found me fishing in the surf. I saw a large school of reds (over 100) cruising towards me slowly. I made a cast to the edge and a fish quickly took my fly. This turned out to be a 25" fish. A few minutes later I caught and released a 26" red. Now I was high on the rush of fly-fishing for redfish. Suddenly I noticed a large fish swimming slowly along. I cast to him and he turned and took the offering. I could tell this was a larger fish. He quickly went into my backing as he headed north for Georgia. When I finally landed the red, I had a 32" fish caught on a size 2 *Trout Candy*.

Give one a try, tied as described here or with an all white tail, you might be surprised. Tying instructions are on page 3.

Flies & Lies

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FLIES & LIES VIA E-MAIL

Computer whiz Kevin Cohenour has figured out an easy way for you to receive "Flies & Lies" via e-mail in the format of a "PDF" file. Your computer will probably already read a PDF file with Adobe Acrobat or similar software. If not, free downloads are available.

We will send the June issue via mail and e-mail on a trial basis, Thereafter, if you choose, we can send your copy by e-mail alone. This would save our club money (postage, printing) and all the pictures and fly patterns would be in living color!

Club members will be queried in June on their preference.

BOY SCOUT CAMP

We are looking for volunteers who can spend 4 or 5 days teaching fly tying, casting, the Fishing Merit Badge and perhaps the brand new Fly Fishing Merit Badge. Dates are June 9-14, 16-21 or 23-28. For more information, call Vic Vickery, 478-

ZIP CODE CHANGE

Please note that the zip code for the FFNWF downtown post office box has changed to 32591. We collect the mail just 2 or 3 times monthly so if you need to reach a club officer more quickly, try something faster than our PO box.

President's Report

May was a busy month for the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida. We finished the very successful PJC Fly Fishing class. Jerry Aldridge, with the help of many of our members did a yeoman

job with the class. Several of the graduates joined the club.

Speaking of new club members, join me in welcoming the following folks to your club: Ron Stephens, Larry Kellar, Don Barnhart, Bill and Ann Delavan, William "Hank" Greeson, Dennis Howell, Jim McGee, and Jim Straw.

Sunday, May 5, was the day of our annual spring picnic. We had us a real good time and good attendance with plenty of food, drink, camaraderie, and much fishing tales - not tails - lies.

Our next picnic, the annual fall fish fry, will be held at Shoreline Park South in Gulf Breeze on October 5, 2002.

The auction on May 7th was a huge success. Thanks must go to our members who donated the many fine items and also to those who purchased every item we had. We had a net income of about \$2000. Treasurer Don LuPone will give us the final figure in the treasurer's report at our regular meeting on 4 June. Travis Akins deserves a big hand and sincere pat on the back for all his work in promoting, organizing, and conducting the auction. By the way, Travis said he is sleeping well even though he got some of you to pay more for an item than what its real value may have been. But as Travis said "it's for your club". Thanks Travis. Thanks from all of us - especially from Don.

The Longest Silence - A Life in Fishing is a collection of essays written by Thomas McGuane. I dare you to read a few pages from a borrowed copy without adding a copy to your own library. If you like the writings of John Gierach and Nick Lyons, you will love McGuane's. Here are excerpts from the "Longest Silence".

"Early on, I decided that fishing would be my way of looking at the world. First it taught me to look at rivers. Lately it has been teaching me how to look at people, myself included. To the reader accustomed to the instructional fishing writing which I myself enjoy, I must have seemed to have gotten very far afield. I simply feel that the frontier of angling is no longer either technical or geographical. The Bible tells us to watch and to listen. Something like this suggests what fishing ought to be about: using the ceremony of our sport and passion to arouse greater feelings within ourselves."

"Very slowly over my life I have become a fly-tyer. There was a time when I was contemptuous of it, on the grounds that it took time away from fishing, which is not entirely untrue."

"I get red-faced doing legs for hoppers; mine look like dogs p_____g on a fire hydrant."Jerry Aldridge

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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 THURSDAY,
6:30PM

FISHING TRIPS - AS SCHEDULED

Meetings at Miraflores Park, 17th
Avenue between Belmont and LaRua
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HOOK Long shank stainless steel, size 1 to 8
THREAD Monocord or flat nylon, color optional (I like red or pink)
WEIGHT Lead dumbbell eyes
TAIL Brown bucktail, krystal flash, white bucktail
BODY Large chartreuse ice chenille, large pink ice chenille



1. Slightly bend the hook shank, at a point just forward of midshank, to bring the eye slightly closer to the point. Secure hook in vise. Start thread and wind back to the bend placed at midshank.

2. Place lead eyes at the bend made in step 1 and secure using "diagonal" wraps (about 10 each direction). Wrap thread horizontally below the eyes (but above the hook shank) to securely fasten. If desired, add a drop of super glue to the wraps. Wind thread back to a point slightly down the bend.



3. Place a small amount of brown bucktail (about a fat matchstick size bundle on a size 1 hook) so it extends about a hook shank's length past the bend. Secure and wind thread back to slightly below bend. Place several strands (about 10) of krystal flash (slightly longer than the bucktail) on top of the brown bucktail. Secure and wind thread back to the bend. Place white bucktail (a smaller amount than the brown) on top of the krystal flash. Secure and wind thread back to slightly down the bend.

4. Secure the chartreuse ice chenille at the bend. Wind thread to just behind the lead eyes. Closely wrap the chenille. Stroke the fibers back between each wrap. Wrap to just behind the eyes, leaving room for one wrap of pink behind the eyes. Secure and cut excess.



5. Secure the pink ice chenille behind the eyes. Wind thread forward to just behind hook eye. Make 1 wrap of chenille behind the eyes, then a figure 8 wrap over the eyes. Closely wrap chenille to just behind the hook eye, again stroking fibers back between wraps. Secure and trim excess. Form a head, whip finish and cement.

Tyer's Corner

The flies for June are Ken's River Shrimp originated by Ken Bay and Stalcup's Cicada first tied by Shane Stalcup.

Kevin Cohenour wrote the recipe for his version of Ken's River Shrimp; you may have watched Kevin tie this fly at the recent SE region conclave in Gulf Shores. Let me tell you - this fly has more moving parts than a merry-go-round. Come tie this one with Kevin at our June clinic. If you master Ken's River Shrimp you will be able to tie just about any salt water fly. I have not fished KRS so cannot tell you much about how it fishes. Kevin will fill us in.

The Cicada was first tied by Shane Stalcup, the gifted and imaginative Colorado tyer. I first came across the recipe in "Flies for Trout" by Dick Stewart and Farrow Allen. When I saw the black, orange and white color combination and the vaguely cricket shape, I knew it would be a fine fly for panfish and perhaps even bass. I tied a few and sure enough, bluegills (and a few small bass) ate it with vigor.

Further intrigued by the Cicada, I tied a dozen or so to take on the western trip in 2001. One of our first stops was the San Juan River, long noted for its large trout caught on very small flies such as Art deTonnancourt's favorite, the Young Special, often tied in sizes 22-28. Karen and John and I went with size 6 cicadas disregarding the conventional wisdom, and incredulous looks from a guide or two.

Those San Juan trout almost did back flips getting to our cicadas! A 7 pound rainbow and several others in the 4-5 pound range plus quite a few smaller fish wiped the look off the face of the guide at the local fly shop. He just could not figure out why his trout would eat anything so big since he had not seen any cicada on the water for a long time.

A closer look at the "cicada" reveals a hint of a cricket or Mormon cricket (locust) common in the west. Another look at it and you can see how closely it resembles the large western stoneflies, especially the salmon fly. It has the right profile so if you change the color combo, it is a great hopper imitation. Whatever

fish take it for, the important thing is that they do take it. So give it a try as a general attractor or as a "hatch buster". Come learn how to tie the Cicada with me (Jerry Aldridge) at the June bull session.

Newsletter Note

The next newsletter (July issue) will be fewer pages than normal. I will leave on a western jaunt about June 23rd so press time will be a day or two before.

Kevin Cohenour has graciously agreed to be "the newsletter guy" for the August issue. I am sure that he will do the newsletter as well as he teaches and ties flies.

I plan to be back for the September issue


Around the Bay... and Further Away

Fishing reports have been scarce this month! Is anyone catching any fish?

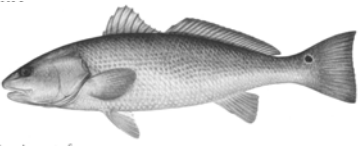
David Bernard and Donna Vannesky caught a couple trout on Mother's Day despite a brisk breeze. I won't tell the actual number or who caught the most. Larry Sauls reported lots of shrimp around his dock pilings in Bayou Texar one night last week but hadn't cast a fly yet. At press time, Regis Galbach and his son were wading and drifting the Norfolk River in northern Arkansas. Tom Ferretti spent a day on a friend's bass pond but hasn't yet reported the results.

Don Barnhart is catching lots of panfish and bass with the flies he tied at PJC and in our bull sessions and clinics. Karen Brand is in Guide School in Idaho and reports catching some nice browns in Warm River after class. Tom Regina, Art deTonnancourt, Jay Williams, Mitch Abernethy and Ray Lackaye are chasing trout in the Smokies.


If any of you saw me in Santa Rosa Sound with a (gasp) spinning rod, please understand that I had to take a guest on his very first fishing outing and the wind was too much for casting a fly. We did manage a few specks, topsail cats and a flounder on (ugh) grubs and flies underneath a popping cork. May all your drifts be drag free....Jerry Aldridge

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