


December 2007



# Contraband Fly Casters

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**December Meeting: Tuesday December 18, 2007 in Room 200 of Kirkman Hall on the McNeese campus, Lake Charles, LA. Last Rod Building class at 6:00 pm, Regular meeting at 7:00 pm**

#### **Vice President's Message**

It is hard to believe, but we are almost at the end of another year. Quite a bit has happened in that year. The two big highlights for our club were that the first FFF Gulf Coast Council conclave and Expo was held in Lake Charles in May and we actually managed to get a group fishing event together thanks to an invitation to fish Fred Hannie's pond. We hope to do more of such fishing events in the years to come. We are also holding our first fly swap (but it seems that the numbers of participants are a bit low) and those flies will be due at the December meeting. We've also held our first "class." This one was to take advantage of the rod kit offer of the FFF if a class was offered. We've seen some very nice rods constructed. A few of us (like myself) are way behind due to other pressures. I intend to make quite a bit of progress after tomorrow when McNeese's semester ends.

On the conservation front, all of the open loop LNG plants proposed for the gulf have been shut down, but another one has just been proposed. This looks like it will be an ongoing fight.

Another legal issue is the public access issue, which is still being challenged both in court and elsewhere and is something that every fisherman ought to keep an eye on.

With a new governor coming into office, we can hope for more enlightened conservation and sporting decisions. (I am, however, a born skeptic,

and I'll believe things are better when I actually see it.)

Remember, our January meeting will be the election of officers for the Contraband Fly Casters for 2008.

Mark Delaney

#### **Litigation to Protect Grayling**

The Federation of Fly Fishers, The Center for Biological Diversity, Western Watersheds Project, Dr. Pat Munday and George Wuerthner have filed suit to overturn an April 2007 decision by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service denying protection of the Montana fluvial arctic grayling as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. The lawsuit was filed simultaneously with several other suits filed by the Center for biological Diversity. Science clearly shows that the Montana fluvial grayling is highly endangered. However, the U. S. fish and Wildlife Service deemed the extinction of the grayling "insignificant." This is **not** an option under the Endangered Species Act. The Montana fluvial grayling is the last population of grayling in the lower 48 states. The only state with a healthy population of grayling is Alaska.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Winter and spring bring in the meeting and conclave season. Some of the events you might

wish to attend are listed below:

- Jan 9-13 New Orleans Boat Show, Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA (Details at <http://www.nmma.org> )
- Feb 9 Acadiana fly Rodders Conclave, Grace Presbyterian Church, 518 Roselawn Blvd., Lafayette, LA. 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
- Feb 15-16 Little Mo Fly Fishing Festival, Community Center, Murfreesboro, AR
- Mar 6-9 Louisiana Sportsmen Show, Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, Gonzales, LA (Details at <http://www.lasportsmenshow.org> )
- Mar 8 Red Stick Day, Waddill Outdoors Education Center, Baton Rouge, LA
- Mar 13-15 Sowbug Roundup, Redeemer Lutheran church Family Life Center, 307 W. North St., Mountain Home, AR Thu-Sat 9 am - 4 pm
- Apr 11-13 Lake D'Arbonne State Park, Farmerville, LA. Celebration of warmwater fly fishing sponsored by Ouachita Fly Fishers of West Monroe, LA. Fishing, lodging cooking available.
- May 16-17 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gulf Coast Expo, Lake Charles Civic Center, Lake Charles, LA. (For more details please visit <http://www.gulfcoastfff.org> )
- May 29-31 Southeastern FFF Conclave, Callaway Gardens, GA. (More details at <http://www.secfff.org> )

**Last Chance to Become an FFF Member at Reduced Rate**

The chance to become an FFF at the reduced rate of \$15 for the first year ends December 31, 2007. If you want to join, you need to fill out the application and mail it in. The form is available on our alternate website at <http://cbfc0.tripod.com/index2.htm> . Sorry, this applies ONLY for new members, not renewals.

**Index of fly Patterns from Contraband Fly Casters Newsletters**

December and July are when we normally list index the fly patterns that have appeared in the newsletter, so you can find a pattern if you are looking for it. The list of 75 flies is below:

0.56%er (fresh) TN	Jul 2004
Albino Serpent (fresh) TN	Sep 2007
Anchovy Bendback (salt)	May 2007
Arkansas Cajun Coachman (fresh) TN	Dec 2004
Baby Shad (fresh)	Apr 2005
Beaded Damsel Nymph (fresh)	Apr 2007
Beadhead Panfish Polecat (fresh)	Jun 2006
Blonde (salt)	Jan 2007
Borksi Barred Shrimp (salt)	Nov 2005
Brim Fly (fresh)	Aug 2004
Brim Streamer (fresh) TN	Jan 2005
Cahaba X (fresh)	Nov 2004
Calcasieu Pigboat (fresh) TN	Feb 2006
Catalpa Worm (fresh)	May 2006
Chili Pepper (fresh)	Jul 2007
Chitto Squirrel (fresh) TN	Nov 2007
Coma Cockahoe (salt)	Jun 2006
CPB Streamer (fresh)	Nov 2005
Crab Apple (John Morin's) (salt)	Apr 2006
Craft Foam Spider (fresh)	Sep 2005
Craft Store Softhackle (fresh)	Feb 2007
Crawfish Impersonator (fresh) TN	May 2005
Crease Fly (fresh, salt)	Aug 2006
Deep Black (fresh) TN	Jun 2005
Del's Merkin (salt)	Jul 2007
Dorsy's Kwan Fly (salt)	Feb 2006
Epoxy Spearing (salt)	May 2005
Epoxy Shrimp (salt)	May 06, Jun 05
Eric the Red (fresh) TN	Feb 2005
Feather Shad (fresh)	May 2007
Feather Finger Mullet (salt)	Oct 2006
Fishscale Finish Balsa Popper (f,s)	Apr 2005
Floating Mullet (salt)	Mar 2005
Gill Getter (fresh) TN	Jul 2005
Glass Minnow (salt)	Aug 2005
Glass Shrimp (salt)	Dec 2006
Improved McGinty	Aug 2007
Jassid (fresh)	Sep 2004
Jitterbee (fresh)	Jul 2006
Kirk's Spoon Fly (salt)	Jun 2004
Left Over Shrimp (salt)	Jul 2006
Lefty's Deceiver (fresh, salt)	Oct 2004
Mitey Mite (salt)	Nov 2006
Montana Nymph (fresh) TN	Aug 2005
One Feather Fly (fresh)	Aug 2006
Pheasant Tail Nymph (fresh)	Sep 2006
Pink Wonder (salt)	Jun 2007
Rattle Rouser (salt)	Apr 2007
Rattle Shrimp (salt)	Sep 2006
Red October (salt)	Mar 2006
Red-Rum (salt)	Jan 2006
Redfish Candy (salt)	Jul 2005
Redfish Chili (salt)	Oct 2007
Redfish Muddler (salt)	Jan 2005
Renegade (fresh)	Oct 2004
Scud (fresh)	Oct 2007
Seducer Noir (salt)	Nov 2007
Serendipity (fresh)	Apr 2006
Shwimp (Danny William's) (salt)	Sep 2004
Sili-Shad (salt)	Aug 2007

Soda Straw Shrimp (salt)	Dec 2004
Tape Shad (salt)	Aug 2007
Tin Liz (salt)	Feb 2007
Trout Candy (salt)	Aug 2004
Velcro Minnow (salt)	Sep 2007
Verveka Baitfish (salt)	Mar 2007
V-Worm (fresh)	Mar 2007
White River Demon (fresh)	Mar 2005
WideSide (fresh, salt)	Nov 2004
Wiggle Bug (fresh, salt)	Nov 2006
Wing-tailed Clouser (salt)	Sep 2005
Wobble Shrimp (salt)	Feb 2005
Yallered (fresh) TN	Mar 2006
Zeeke (fresh) TN	Jan 2006
Zulu (fresh) TN	Oct 2006

Past newsletters are available at <http://www.geocities.com/contrabandflycasters/newslets.htm>.

### Freshwater Fly of the Month

#### Balsa Frog



**Hook:** 1-1/0 Eagle Claw gold Aberdeen hook  
**Body:** Balsa wood, painted with top coat of epoxy  
**Eyes:** Painted, red with black pupil  
**Thread:** Yellow monocord, 3/0  
**Tail:** Yellow crimped nylon (Ultrahair) and 4 chartreuse saddle hackles (tied splayed)

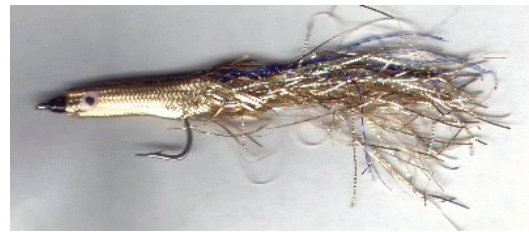
**Tying Instructions:** A cylinder of balsa wood 3/4" diameter by 1 inch high was punched from balsa wood using a sharpened brass tube. The cylinder was split lengthwise down the middle using a small pocket knife. A small rectangle of 3/32" thick balsa wood 3/4" by 1" was cut. A groove to accept the hook shank was filed down the middle of the half cylinder. The hook was then placed in the groove and the 3/4" by 1" rectangle of 3/32" balsa wood was epoxied on using 5 minute epoxy. The

half cylinder and rectangle were held together with masking tape until the epoxy cured. Once the epoxy cured, the masking tape was removed and the body shaped using a rattail file and a wood rasp. Final sanding and smoothing was done using emery boards. The body was then painted in the color scheme desired and the eyes painted. The body was then topcoated with 5 minute epoxy and the body put on an epoxy wheel while curing. After the epoxy had completely cured, yellow crimped yellow nylon and 4 chartreuse saddle hackles (tied splayed) were tied on to make the tail.

This fly is basically a slider, meant to make a wake. An extremely hard pull on the fly line should make the fly dive momentarily. Experimenting with the retrieve is the only way to determine what the bass want!!

### Saltwater Fly of the Month

#### Golden Redfisher



**Hook:** Long shank saltwater  
**Body:** Bucktail, flash  
**Overbody:** Mylar tubing, epoxy coated  
**Tail:** Flash material (or other desired material)  
**Eyes:** holographic adhesive eyes

**Tying Instructions:** This is another pattern from the late William Andrus. His instructions are below:

I tie a basic Deciever with some flash material. I cut some mylar tubing, push it over the body and tie it off at the hook eye. I like to use the tubing cause it is easier to apply the epoxy to. I used gold to compete with the gold spoon, but you can use silver for shad. I'll use some five minute epoxy then grab the hook shank with a clothes pin and rotate it every 30 seconds or so until the epoxy cures.

The fly should be fished like any streamer, which means experimenting with the retrieve.

## Calendar

- Dec 18 NLFF Mtg., 7 pm, Camp Forbing, LA  
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Nov 27 NOFF Mtg., 7 pm, Whitney Bank Bldg, 1441 Metairie Road, Metairie LA  
Jan 14 RSFF Mtg., 7 pm, Wildlife and Fisheries Bldg., Quail Dr., Baton Rouge, LA  
Jan 15 NLFF Mtg., 7 pm, Camp Forbing, LA  
Jan 15 Contraband Fly Casters Meeting 6 pm fly tying, 7 pm meeting Room 200, Kirkman Hall, McNeese campus, Lake Charles LA

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