

February 2006

# Contraband

## Fly Casters

Tom Nixon Chapter

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 in Room 202, Kirkman Hall on the McNeese campus, Lake Charles, LA. Speakers: Report by Jim Gill and Danny Williams on fishing the Mountain Fork at Broken Bow, Oklahoma**

### President's Message

The first news that I have to report, is that it looks like we'll not be able to meeting in Gayle Hall for quite a bit longer than first anticipated. Plans currently call for the building to open no sooner than the spring semester of 2007. So we will continue meeting in Kirkman Hall.

At our January meeting it was brought up that a possible way to get better participation in the club, would be not to have formal "meetings", but to have some of our monthly meetings actually be activities...especially local fishing trips, both fresh and salt, that might be held in late afternoon or even on a Saturday, possibly. This would give the more inexperienced fly fishers the opportunity to fish with experienced fly anglers in that type of fishing. I believe this is a good idea, and is worth pursuing. We would also still have events such as our "Cast and Eat" where club members could learn how to cast or improve their casting with instruction. We also need to consider whether we are going to hold a conclave this year, and try to set an approximate time of year at least. So come to our February meeting with your ideas and suggestions.

I have updated the Calendar and Events sections on our webpage, which I must admit I neglected last fall. I just plain had to much to do. (Rita is still making herself known, at work I am currently trying to get 3 different instrument damaged by the storm back in working order, and others are other professors responsibilities.). If

you look at our meeting dates, after this February they say tentative, because dates will depend on what we plan at this month's meeting. I'll try to keep the webpage Calendar and Events pages updated more regularly. Currently they are complete through June.

The fight against open-rack (aka open-loop) LNG terminals in the Gulf of Mexico is still continuing. I must mention that I am in no way opposed to LNG terminals, just to ones use technologies that potentially extremely damaging to the environment. Closed-loop and forced-air (so called Mustang technology) are two other known options, that do not carry the same environmental impact. Last week I participated in a conference call between several people from the Gulf Restoration Network, several different clubs, and a representative from the Texas Recreational Fishing Alliance. Shell's permit is being challenged by GRN, the Louisiana Charter Boat Association and other members of what is known as the "Gumbo Alliance" in a lawsuit, since the LNG terminals are still covered by federal legislation for deep water ports requiring the best or least damaging technologies to the environment. Oral arguments should begin the first week in March. It appears that the coast Guard will suggest that most environmentally friendly alternative for Conoco Phillips proposed Dolphin Island LNG terminal is a closed-loop type of system. The Coast Guard is not required to, but may make recommendations on the types of technology used. Final hearings on Freeport McMoran's proposed LNG terminal will happen

sometime in early March. Permits for the Beacon Port LNG terminal south of the mouth of the Sabine River should also be considered soon. After a lulu, things are busy on this front once again.

Mark Delaney

### **Conclaves and Meetings**

This coming weekend is the Acadiana Fly Rodders Conclave which will be held on February 18th at Grace Presbyterian Church, 518 Roselawn Blvd., Lafayette, LA. It will feature a talk by the Kings of Broken Bow, OK on fishing the Mountain Fork and a talk by Pete Cooper on saltwater flyfishing. There will be demo tyers, casting coaches, a distance casting event and lots of good food and fellowship.

March 4 looks to be a busy day. In Louisiana, Red Stick Day, the Red Stick Fly Fishers conclave will take place from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at Waddill Education Center, 4145 N. Flannery Rd., Baton Rouge, LA. The featured speakers and tyers are Craig and Jackie Mathews of the Blue Ribbon fly shop of West Yellowstone, Montana. They will give at least two presentations. Another presentation will be given by Zee Zeringue on Terrebonne redbfish. All presentations will occur in the Skeet Building. In the Education building there will be at least 14 demo tyers. The demo tyers present will be Craig and Jackie Mathews, Larry Offner, Capt. Ron Begnaud, Pete Bongiovanni, Ted Cabali, Walt Holman, Mark Delaney, Joe "Jeaux" McMahon, Walt Monkal, Paul Lawler, Don Lawler, Jerome and Diana Hebert, Greg Saunders, Roger Emile Stouff, Barry, Dauphin, and Mike Sharpe. Other events in the Education Center include auctions, etc. Supplemental programs will occur at the Pavilion on the west pond. In the morning these will consist of "Basic Fly Casting" and "Knots and Leaders." In the afternoon "Basic Fly Casting" and "Techniques for Bream." Admission is free to this event and lunch is available for \$5. Complimentary soft drinks will be provided all day. In Texas on March 4th, Fly Fish Texas occurs at Athens, TX and on the 4th and 5th The Fly Fishing show occurs in Austin, TX.

On March 9th and 10th, the Louisiana sportsmen's Chow occurs at Lamar-Dixon in Gonzalez, LA. From March 16 through the 18th, Sowbug Roundup, the large fly tying expo (over 100 tyers) hosted by the North Arkansas Fly Fishers occurs in Mountain Home, AR. And at the end of March on March 25th and 26th, the Shallow Water Expo, occurs in Austin TX.

### **FFF International Fly Tying Competition**

The FFF is holding its first-ever International Fly Tying Competition in support of conservation and education projects. From the FFF website:

"The Federation of Fly Fishers is proud to announce its 1st Annual FFF International Fly Tyers Competition In Support of Conservation and Education, beginning February 1, 2006, and ending at midnight, April 30, 2006. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of the FFF by joining the talented tyers from around the world in this global showcase. The event will feature the talents of new and old members and will help fund the vital FFF conservation and education programs underway throughout the world. Judges in this International Competition will include such notable fly tyers as Gary Grant (Chairman of the Board of Directors of the FFF), Stu Apte, the salt water fly fishing legend, Judy Lehmberg, Bob Jacklin, Jeff "Bear" Andrews, Bob Clouser, Al & Gretchen Beatty, Ron Alcott of salmon fly fame, Bill Blackstone, Chris Helm, Dave Whitlock, Bob Schreiner and Roxanne & Terry Wilson.

The Rules:

The headings "Realistic", "Salmon", "Trout", "Steelhead", etc., represent the major "Groups" of fly patterns. The items listed below the Group heading are the individual "Categories", each representing a specific pattern to be tied. There are a total of 39 categories.

Any member of the FFF is eligible and encouraged to enter his or her flies in this worldwide competition. If you are not yet a member of the FFF, but wish to enter the competition, simply join the FFF on the FFF website ([click here](#)) or call 406-222-9369. A special discounted "Virtual" membership costing only \$10 is being offered for the duration of the Fly Tying Competition.. ([click here](#))

For each fly entered into the competition, a donation of \$5 will be required. Each member can enter one fly per category in as many categories as he or she chooses.

The FFF International Fly Tyers Competition has been structured into 2 parts. First, there will be a competition between tyers within a given FFF Council and between tyers within a given Country. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded in each category, for each Council and each Country. [Click here](#) to see the awards and prizes.

Second, the 1st place winners in the various categories for each Council and for each Country will automatically be entered at no further cost into the FFF International Championship Competition finals. Once again, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded.

At the Council/Country and International Championship levels of competition, each category of flies will be viewed and judged by FFF members, many of which are winners of the prestigious FFF Buszek Award for fly tying. The International Championship winning flies will be mounted and placed in the Federation of Fly Fishers Museum as part of a permanent display. [Click here](#) to see the biographies of the judges.

For those who do not wish to enter the International Championship finals wherein your fly is judged by an FFF judge, there is an International Peoples' Choice Competition available for entry. The Categories within which to enter your fly remain the same as those used for the World

Championship. The difference is, of course, you get to pick the pattern, appropriate to that Category, that you wish to tie. This unique tournament would once again be open only to members of the FFF. There would once again be a donation of \$5 per fly entered. Members would not have to enter a fly into the Council/Country level to be eligible to enter a fly into the International Peoples Choice Competition. Each of these flies would be posted on the FFF Fly Tying Peoples Choice Competition web page, and FFF members at large could then vote online for their favorite patterns. Winners would be announced on the FFF web site. They would receive an International Peoples Choice Award, and the same public recognition offered to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the International Championship Competition.

Also, to encourage multiple entries in both competitions, individuals submitting 5-6 entries, 7-8 entries, 9-10 entries, and 11 or more entries will each be placed into one of four drawings referred to as Level I, Level II, Level III and Level IV. Major prizes such as float trips, fly rods, fly reels and fly-tying tables will be in those drawings. These drawings will be made at the end of the International Championship Competition when the category winners are announced on the FFF website. You do NOT have to be a winner of a Category for your name to be placed into one of the four drawings. Your name being entered into a drawing depends only on the number of categories that you have entered, as indicated above.

The above competitions run from February 1, 2006 to midnight April 30, 2006. Winners will be announced June 1, 2006. Each of the 1st place flies for each Council and each Country in each Category will be displayed on this Competition website. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place flies at the World Championship level will also be displayed.

All flies entered will become the property of the FFF and will be used in the future by the FFF at Federation Conclaves and other FFF events to help raise funding for the many fly fishing conservation and education projects of the FFF.

Contacts for Any Questions You May Have:

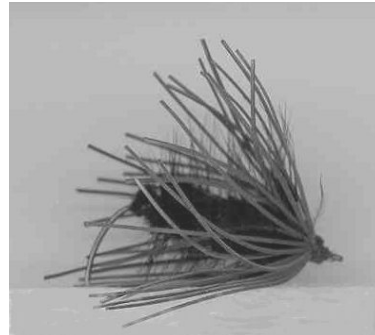
Go to the FFF Forum webpage to post any question you may have and it will be answered quickly. In the event that you need to speak with someone, you can contact Ben Cochran at 276-632-8780. Ben resides in Virginia, so he is on east coast time."

## February Issue of online "Hatches Magazine"

The February 2006 issue of the online magazine "Hatches," a production of the sisters sites [www.flytyingforum.com](http://www.flytyingforum.com), [www.talkflyfishing.com](http://www.talkflyfishing.com), and [www.rodbuildingforum.com](http://www.rodbuildingforum.com) is now available at [www.htachesmagazine.com](http://www.htachesmagazine.com). This is their largest production yet, and the quality is still very high...an interesting read, and the price is right...free!! The site [www.flytyingforum.com](http://www.flytyingforum.com) has completed its Fly Tyer of the Year contest. The complete galleries for the contest flies may be found at [http://www.flytyingforum.com/index.php?act=special&page=contest\\_galleryFTF&contest=6](http://www.flytyingforum.com/index.php?act=special&page=contest_galleryFTF&contest=6) if you care to take a look. The other news at this site is that they have started a new forum on classic wet flies and streamers.

## Freshwater Fly of the Month

### Calcasieu Pigboat



**Hook: #6 - 2/0**

**Body: Large black chenille**

**Hackle: 2-3 black saddle hackles palmered over black chenille body**

**Skirt: 56-72 strands of black rubber hackle**

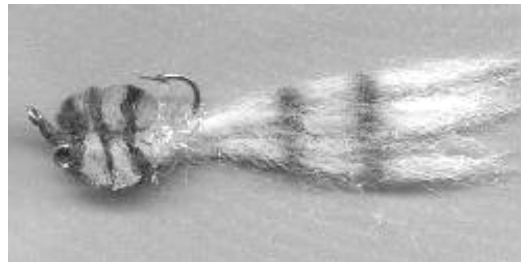
**Head: Black thread**

**Eyes: painted (optional)**

With spring coming soon, tying up a few of Tom Nixon's most famous bass fly is probably a good plan! This all black example was tied by Allan Fish of Greenwood, Indiana.

## Saltwater Fly of the Month

### Dorsy's Kwan Fly



**Hook: Mustad 34007 size 4 or 2, with eye bent approximately 60 degrees toward point**

**Eyes: Bead chain or extra small dumbbells or hourglass eyes.**

**Tail: Craft fur or fish hair, in tan, chartreuse, or light olive colored with sharpie marker to form red, green and purple stripes**

**Body: Hook rug yarn in brown and tan, alternately.**

**Egg sac: Orange yarn**

**Thread: Brown flat waxed nylon**

The Kwan fly is one with a dual personality; it'll function just fine as a crab fly, but with its tail it also does quite well as a streamer. A versatile fly, that is know as an excellent redfish fly.

## Calendar

Feb 18 19<sup>th</sup> AFR Conclave, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Grace Presbyterian Church, 518 Roselawn Blvd., Lafayette, LA

Feb 18-19 Little Mo Fly Fishing Festival, Murfreesboro, AR

Feb 21 CFC Mtg., Rm. 202, Kirkman Hall, McNeese campus, Lake Charles, LA, 6 pm Tying, 7 pm Meeting

Feb 21 NLFF Mtg., 7 pm, Camp Forbing, LA

Feb 23 NOFF Mtg., 7:30 pm, Whitney Bank Bldg., 1441 Metairie Rd., Metairie, LA

Feb 27 ORFF Mtg., 7 pm, 226 Lakeside Dr., Monroe, LA

Feb 27 RSFF Fly Tying, 7 pm, Wildlife & Fisheries Bldg., Quail Dr., Baton Rouge, LA

Mar 1 AFR Mtg., 6 pm, Grace Presbyterian Church, 518 Roselawn Blvd., Lafayette, LA

Mar 2 PBFF Mtg., 7 pm, Louisiana Food & Spirits on Lee Lane, Covington, LA

Mar 4 Red Stick Day Conclave, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Waddill Education Center, 4145 N. Flannery Rd., Baton Rouge, LA

Mar 4 Fly Fish Texas, Texas Freshwaterfisheries Center, Athens, TX

## Officers

**President:** Mark Delaney, 337/475-5956 (Off), 337 / 477 - 3845 ( Home ), [chemprof2001@yahoo.com](mailto:chemprof2001@yahoo.com)

**Vice President:** Ron Begnaud, 337/477-7584, [redchaser@xspedius.net](mailto:redchaser@xspedius.net)

**Treasurer:** Danny Williams, 337/479-4077, [dwilliams@lwcpafirm.com](mailto:dwilliams@lwcpafirm.com)

### Club e-mail address:

[contrabandflycasters@yahoo.com](mailto:contrabandflycasters@yahoo.com), messages will come from "Jean Lafitte"

**Club website:** <http://cbfc0.tripod.com>