

March 2007

Contraband

Fly Casters

Tom Nixon Chapter

March meeting: Tuesday March 20, 2007, Room 204, Kirkman Hall on the McNeese campus in Lake Charles, LA. Flytying 6:00 pm, Program & meeting 7:00 pm, Program: Knot Sense

President's Message

Spring is upon us and that brings thoughts of spawning bass, tailing redfish, bright fat bream and many other fish on fly. It's time to tune up your gear, change leaders, clean or replace fly line, etc. To that end our March 20th meeting will be about "Knot Sense", basic rigging for the fly fishing we do in Southwest Louisiana. I'll present some materials, and welcome input from anyone who has useful ideas on knot's and rigging.

For our April meeting, I've lined up FFF Master Certified Casting instructor Jay Clark who lives in Lafayette to do a casting demo for us. It would be a good time to have one of our "eating meetings" at either Prien Lake Park, or the S.W.L.A. Fishing Club. We'll discuss it and find out what the membership wants to do at our March meeting.

Again, in an effort to boost attendance at our meeting, and help breath some life into the club, I'd like to ask all members to make a call or two to try to get someone to the meeting with you, either a member who hasn't been around in a while, or someone new who may be interested in joining.

Tight Lines,

Ron Begnaud

Louisiana's Disappearing Coast

The New Orleans Times-Picayune recently

ran a series of articles on the disappearing coastline of Louisiana. Previous estimates were that there were 20 to 40 years before things became irreparable. That estimate has now been revised down to 10 years...you can read these pertinent and important articles at <http://www.nola.timespic/stories/index.ssf?/base/news-7/1172875803168190.xml&coll=1>, <http://www.nola.com/timespic/stories/index.ssf?/base/library-121/1172887207154410.xml&coll=1>, <http://www.nola.com/timespic/stories/index.ssf?/base/news-3/1173000030143020.xml&coll=1>, and <http://www.nola.com/timespic/stories/index.ssf?/base/news-7/1173162992150860.xml&coll=1>. You may also wish to check out the CNN story at <http://edition.cnn.com/2007/US/03/01/katrina.claim/>. You may also wish to check out the Louisiana Wetlands video at <http://news.yahoo.com/video/2714> Anyone with concerns for the Louisiana coast and wetlands should take a look.

RAFFLES/AUCTIONS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR GCC-FFF CONCLAVE EXPO MAY 18-20, 2007

Dear Fly Fishers,

As you know we have recently established a new council of the Federation of Fly Fishers, the Gulf Coast Council, our own council! Our

Somewhere I can walk alone by Greg Seitz
<http://www.hatchesmagazine.com/page/month/3>
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Freshwater Fly of the Month

V-Worm



Hooks: No 3 Bass hook and No 12-14 nymph hook.

Thread 3/0 color to match.

Foam tail cut like a "drop", color to match chenille.

2 strands of pearl chenille, any color (black and purple have been hot for me).

5-10 inches of 20 lb mono. You can use spider wire for better worm action/less stiffness)

Lead wire.

Hourglass eyes to match fly size.

The bass are getting close to bedding, and so some type of slow moving worm would be a good addition to the flybox. This is a modification of an old pattern.

Tying Instructions:

1. Set the foam tail over the nymph hook, covering about half the shank. Take thread to front.
2. Set both pieces of chenille and mono on the small hook. Secure and whip finish.
3. Loosely braid the mono and chenille. You'll need at least two pieces of chenille and one of line to do this. Remove everything from vise.
4. Attach the large hook to your vise. secure the rest of the chenille and mono, and form the body. Add hourglass eyes, and whip finish.

5. It's always a good idea to tie bass flies using weedguards.

The original V-worm had atail of chenille, but the foam tail will float the end of the worm up, mimicking the plastic bass worm.

Presentation: Slow retrieve across bed, pausing and shaking often results in hook-ups

Saltwater Fly of the Month

Verveka Bait Fish



Hook: 2/0 mustad

Thread- Mono

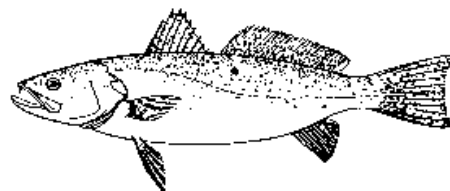
Body- EZ body tubing

Tail- forked saddle hackle

head- eyes imbedded in Epoxy

Tying Instructions:

Very simple--- as you see it... tie in the front and rear...rear with cut fork saddle hackle, tie in front and trim excess off. cover head with epoxy. You can make this bait fish any length and also use a magic marker to have different color toppings. Because of the versatility of the length of the body, this fly can be used to imitate mullet, silversides, etc. Playing with the magic markers one can come very close to the colors of the natural baitfish encountered. This is a ver quick tie. It should be fished as any streamer: experiment with strip speeds, stops and starts an qick darts to mimic an injured bait fish.



Calendar

- Mar 15-17 Sowbug Roundup 9 am - 4 pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church Family Life
Center, 307 W. North St., Mountain Home,
AR
- Mar 16-18 LDWF Outdoors Woman weekend
Camp Grant Walker, Pollack, LA, more info
here
- Mar 17 Paddlepalooza IV, paddlecraft fishing
tournament ? Leeville, LA
- Mar 20 North Louisiana Fly Fishers Meeting, 7 pm
, Camp Forbing, LA
- Mar 20 Contraband Fly Casters Meeting, 6 pm
tying, 7 pm meeting, Room 204, Kirkman
Hall, McNeese campus, Lake Charles, LA
- Mar 26 Red Stick Fly Fishers Fly Tying, 7 pm,
Wildlife and Fisheries Bldg., Quail Dr., Baton
Rouge, LA
- Mar 26 Ouchita River Fly Fishers Meeting, 7 pm, 226
Lakeside Dr., Monroe, LA
- Mar 29 New Orleans Fly Fishers Meeting, 7:30 pm,
Whitney Bank Bldg, 1441 Metairie Road,
Metairie LA
- Apr 3 Acadiana Fly Rodders Meeting, 6 pm,
Grace Presbyterian Church, 518 Roselawn
Blvd., Lafayette, LA
- Apr 9 Red Stick Fly Fishers Meeting, 7 pm,
Wildlife and Fisheries Bldg., Quail Dr., Baton
Rouge, LA
- Apr 17 North Louisiana Fly Fishers Meeting, 7 pm,
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- Apr 17 Contraband Fly Casters Meeting 6 pm,
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