

November 2007

Contraband

Fly Casters

Tom Nixon Chapter

November 2007 Meeting: Tuesday November 2007 in Room 203, Kirkman Hall on the McNeese campus in Lake Charles, LA. 6:00 pm Rod building Class, 7:00 pm regular meeting

Vice President's Message

I'm sorry the newsletter is coming out this late, but things have overwhelmed me at work for the past few weeks. With the end of the semester looming nigh at McNeese things are frantic. Please not the room change to Room 203 of Kirkman. The room change is necessary since there is a major construction project going on in Room 201 where we had been meeting. (Actually we could have our meeting in any room on the second floor except 201 the week of our meeting since McNeese is out on Thanksgiving holiday.)

With things so hectic at work, it was nice to get a little relief and slow down for a bit the first weekend of November at the North Toledo Bend Rendezvous. Ron Foreman and I both attended from our club. Ron and I actually did a little fishing (but not a whole lot of catching) as well. I talked to several people I hadn't seen in quite a while and actually tied some flies for the first time since early August (some Clousers to replenish my boxes and one very large and very purple Calcasieu pigboat.) Unfortunately it was back to the rat race on Monday.

On the conservation and water rights issues, the New Orleans Fly Fishers and Red Stick Fly Fishers have put their money where their mouths are and are helping to support an Amicus Brief in the water rights case of the two fisherman arrested by a sheriff over flooded "land" often under water on

a river. You probably remember the case from last year. It is still ongoing. For more details you can look at the November Red Stick newsletter at <http://www.rsff.org/redltr/redltr0711.pdf>. It looks like this case will be going on for a while yet.

Mark Delaney

November Rod Building Class

This month's class will be entitled "Personalizing Your Rod" and will include such possibilities as special trim and intermediate wraps, addition of vinyl and water slide decals, writing on the blanks and how to preserve that writing, butt wraps, etc. There are all sorts of little tricks to many of these small personalizing touches. Adding what you like to your rod will make the rod distinctly "yours."

FFF Membership Drive

The unique membership offer for first time members is still going on, at least until December 31, 2007. Non-members of affiliate clubs (such as the Contraband Fly Casters) are encouraged to join at the heavily discounted rate of \$15 for the first year of FFF membership. Benefits include discounts to FFF conclaves, access to members only information at the FFF website, a very well done quarterly magazine, etc. To make things

easy for you, the membership form (already signed by President Ron Begnaud) is included in this newsletter.

Elections Scheduled for January

It hardly seems possible but it is nearly time for elections of Contraband Fly Casters officers again. All positions are up for election/reelection. If you think you may like to serve, please contact any of the current officers. Elections will be held at the January meeting.

Contraband Fly Casters Membership Form

The 2008 Contraband Fly Casters membership form is also included in this newsletter.

had to reorder and I'm still waiting to see a copy. (Google checkout is no longer a payment option since they've had problems with it) so any one who really want a review, I'd suggest they talk to Ron foreman who DID get his copy of the premier issue. My opinions will just have to wait. Such is life...



Contraband Fly Casters 2008 Membership Registration



NAME/FIRST _____ LAST _____

PHONE/HOME _____ WORK _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ CITY _____ STATE/ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____

TYPE OF FISHING YOU ARE INTERESTED IN (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

___ COLDWATER (TROUT/SALMON)

___ INSHORE SALTWATER (REDFISH/SPECK/FLOUNDER)

___ WARMWATER (BASS/PANFISH)

___ OFFSHORE (LING/TRIPLETAIL/DOLPHIN, ETC)

___ FLATS (BONEFISH/TARPON/PERMIT)

___ BIG GAME (BILLFISH/TUNA)

DO YOU OWN A BOAT? ___ YES ___ NO DO YOU OWN A CANOE/KAYAK? ___ YES ___ NO

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE FEDERATIONS OF FLY FISHERS? ___ YES ___ NO

PLEASE RETURN WITH \$25 TO 2018 PLANTATION DR., LAKE CHARLES 70605. CHECKS PAYABLE TO CONTRABAND FLY CASTERS. MEETINGS ARE THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7 PM IN ROOM 202, KIRKMAN HALL ON THE McNEESE CAMPUS IN LAKE CHARLES. PRECEDING EVERY MEETING AT 6 PM THERE IS A FLY TYING SESSION.

Hoped for Review of "Hatches" Print Magazine

I'd hoped to have a review of the premier issue of the print issue of "Hatches" associated with <http://flytyingforum.com>, but it seems Google checkout mangled my order and it never got properly processed, so I've

Freshwater Fly of the Month

Chitto Squirrel



Hook: #4 - 1/0

Thread: Black

Tail: Red hackle fibers

Body: Black chenille ribbed with silver tinsel

Throat: Yellow hackle fibers or calftail

Wing: Gray squirrel tail

Tying Instructions: This is yet another Tom Nixon pattern (plenty of those left!!) Designed for panfish. This is a simply tied yet effective streamer. Attach the thread to the hook and wind to near the bend of the hook and tie in tail of red hackle fibers. Tie in silver tinsel and tie in black chenille. Wind the thread forward near the eye, leaving room for a neat head. Wind the chenille forward to form the body tying ioff and trimming any excess chenille. Rib the black chenille body using the silver tinsel and tie off at the point where the body ends and trimming any excess tinsel. Tie in a throat of either yellow hackle fibers or yellow calftail. Tie in a wing of grey squirrel tail, and make a neat head from black thread finishing with a whip finish. Add head cement if desired. The resultant fly, although simple is quite effective when fishing for panfish.



Saltwater Fly of the Month

Seaducer Noir



Hook: Mustad 34007 Size 2-6

Thread: Black

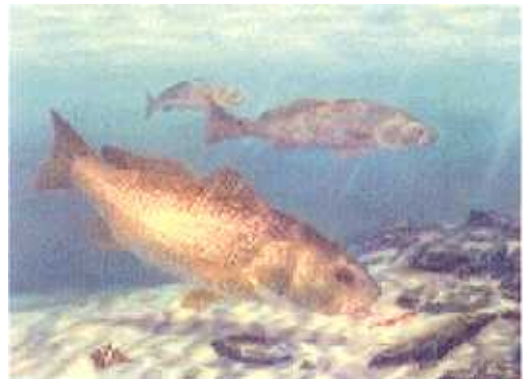
Body: Black and dark purple hackle

Tail: Black saddle hackle accented with a few strands of krystal flash

Tying Instructions: Attach thread and wind thread to near bend of the hook. Attach tail of 4-6 black saddle hackles, accenting with a few strands of your choice of color of krystal flash. Tie in dark purple and black saddle hackle at tie in point for tail. Wind thread near eye of hook. Leaving room for a neat thread head. Heavily palmer the black and dark purple saddle hackle forward forming the body. Tie off near the eye of the hook, trimming any excess. Finish fly with a neat thread head and tie off with a whip finish. Add head cement if desired.

The resultant fly is a mor somber fly than the seemingly standard red-headed yellow tail Seducer. This fly will also land softly on the water due to its' heavily palmered body. The darker colors and soft landing characteristics make this an ideal candidate for heavily pressured of spooky fish either in open waters or the marsh.

This example was tied by the late william Andrus (son of CFC member Bill Andrus).





FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS
2007 Membership Application



Please print this form / fill out and mail along with your payment by check or money order (US Funds) to:

FFF
Attn: Membership Dept
215 E Lewis
Livingston. MT 59047

- Individual – 1 year \$15 Special New Member Rate * (effective July 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007)
- Individual – 1 year \$35.00
- Family – 1 year \$45.00
- Youth under 18 \$15.00
- Individual Life \$500.00
- Retail / Outfitter \$75.00
- Disabled Vet – FREE – Must supply documentation of 50% or more disability
- Sustaining – commercial or mfg. business \$200.00
- Individual – 3 years \$85.00
- Family – 3 years \$100.00
- Senior 65 or over \$25.00
- Couple Life \$750.00

* Must be member of FFF club. Requires club name, number and President's signature below. No prior FFF membership –or- have not been an FFF member since July 1, 2004.

**Note: Postage must be added to the above fees for countries outside the U.S.A.

Canadian Memberships - add \$5.00 per year of membership applying for

All other Countries – add \$10.00 per year of membership applying for

Name _____

Business name (for Retail/Sustaining) _____

Street Address / PO Box _____

City/State/Zip _____

*Country _____

Phone (work / home) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Birth Date (required for Life Memberships) _____

Which FFF Club are you a member of? (full name) Contra band Fly Casters

If joining under an FFF incentive program, which FFF Club or FFF Council would you like to receive credit for? (full name) Contra band Fly Casters

Club FFF Membership Number K99794

Club President's Signature [Signature]

Calendar

- Nov 20 NLFF Mtg., 7 pm, Camp Forbing, LA
Nov 20 Contraband Fly Casters Meeting 6 pm Rod Building
class, 7 pm meeting Room 203, Kirkman Hall,
McNeese campus, Lake Charles, LA
Nov 26 RSFF Fly Tying, 7 pm, Wildlife and Fisheries Bldg.,
Quail Dr., Baton Rouge, LA
Nov 26 ORFF Mtg., 7 pm, 226 Lakeside Dr., Monroe
Nov 29 NOFF Mtg., 7 pm, Whitney Bank Bldg, 1441
Metairie Road, Metairie LA
Dec 4 AFR Mtg., 7 pm, Grace Presbyterian Church, 415
Roselawn Blvd., Lafayette, LA
Dec 10 RSFF Mtg., 7 pm, Wildlife and Fisheries Bldg., Quail
Dr., Baton Rouge, LA
Dec 18 NLFF Mtg., 7 pm, Camp Forbing, LA
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