



# WIND KNOTS

## August Meeting

Date: ..... August 25, 1987  
 Place: ..... The Apollo Room  
 Viscount Hotel  
 2828 S.W. Fwy (Kirby Exit)

Time: ..... 7:00 ..... **Fit to be Tyed**  
 "Deer Hair Bug"

7:30 ..... **Main Program**  
 Panel Discussion:  
 "Saltwater Fly Fishing"  
*Brooks Bouldin*  
*Joe Dogget*  
*Dave Hayward*  
*Chris Phillip*

## July Meeting

At the July meeting, attended by a crowd of 75 people, John Scarborough deftly handled a short business session. The main program featured a description of the fly fishing opportunities offered by The Lakes of Danbury. Mike Wood and our old friend, Dan Edwards, did a nice job on this presentation.

Mike and Dan have issued a standing invitation to club members to come to The Lakes of Danbury any Saturday afternoon at 4:00 PM. They will give you a complete tour of that fishing paradise, and you will then be allowed to fish until dark without charge. Be sure to call ahead (409-922-8622) to set up an appointment.

## Entomology

The next Entomology Class will be held **September 24th** at St. John's Church, Room 010, at 7:00 PM. The subject will be **Caddis Flies** and the teacher will be *Judy Lehmborg*. A basic knowledge of insect life will help you catch more fish and will increase your fly fishing pleasure. Don't miss it. I'll see you there.

## Fly Tying

Ed Rizzolo announces that the next Intermediate Class will be **September 10th**. The subject will be Saltwater Fly-tying and the teacher will be either *Brooks Bouldin* or *Mitch Whitney*, an unbeatable parlay either way. **Don't miss this class!** Come to St. John's Church, Room 010, at 7:00 PM. .

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Now is the time to sign up for Beginners Classes, which start Thursday, **January 14th** and continue each Thursday for seven weeks. They will be held at the church at 7:00 PM. You need to pre-register for the Beginners Classes by calling Ed Rizzolo at 482-6260 (h) or 643--5775 (o).

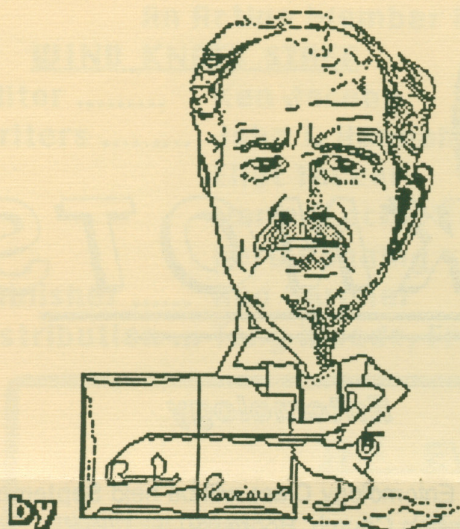
Ed reminds last year's Beginners to return their borrowed equipment, so it can be readied for the next class. Please bring it to the August or September club meeting.

The fly-tying classes in this club are second to none. **Get involved!**

## THANKS

I wish to thank all members who showed concern about my accident. Anyone who opts to trim trees within sight of the Aransas Bay flats, and especially the day after winning the Orvis 9-weight outfit at the club auction, *deserves* to fall on his head.

*George Ayres*



by

John T. Hannah

**MIST ON THE RIVER, REMEMBRANCES OF DAN BAILEY**, by Charles F. Waterman, Yellowstone Press, 1986

There are two recent books about or by Yellowstone area fishermen. *MIST ON THE RIVER* is one of them. The other is *BUD LILLY'S GUIDE TO WESTERN FLY FISHING*, which Lilly wrote with help from Paul Schullery. (Waterman and Schullery, incidentally, have both written fishing histories recently.) The Lilly and Bailey books are not especially important for their content - future generations of readers will not likely be hanging on every word - but they are important in that each represents the life of a significant figure from the history of western fly fishing. Bud Lilly now lives in semi-retirement in Bozeman, Montana. Dan Bailey died in 1982.

Don't expect *MIST ON THE RIVER* to give you a full-blown biography of Bailey. There is a chapter tracing the events of his life, another about his huge fly-tying operation, and there are perhaps a dozen anecdotes about him. Having read this book I feel as though I know him only a little better than I did when I merely saw him behind the counter at his Livingston, Montana, store. The bulk of the book is about the author's, not Bailey's, angling around the Yellowstone. I have the impression that Waterman had a drawer full of material about rivers in the area and that he saw his Bailey book as an opportunity to use it. Two-thirds of the text consists of short chapters about his (Waterman's) experiences on each of some twenty rivers. In most of these chapters Bailey is hardly mentioned, but the author ties all this to Bailey by naming this section "Dan Bailey's Waters." At one point Waterman says, "I realize now that I wasn't actually

to."

This is not to suggest that this discussion of misty rivers is without merit. Waterman describes in an absorbing way the characteristics and the rich variety of streams near Yellowstone. And there is so much water: Bailey and Waterman each fished the area for decades without covering all of it. Dan said, "In this country almost everything is trout water. If it doesn't dry up in drought or freeze solid in winter or simmer in summer, there'll be trout."

Waterman writes about Bailey's populist attitude toward fishing access. He records that Bailey was inducted into the Fishing Hall of Fame at that institution's inception, and he tells of Bailey's role in developing the Wulff series of fly patterns. When Bailey died, Montana's governor and fish and game commission proclaimed a "Dan Bailey Day."

I know a man who says that he would like to be remembered after his death by his friends having a party, on him. Dan Bailey once said that he would like for people to remember him by going fishing. Both nice ideas, don't you think?

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## The Federation

By: Herb Penning

It's that time of year when we review our TFF memberships for the coming year. Suppose for a moment that in order to belong to TFF you also were *required* to join The Federation at the same time. How would you react? Do you know that many clubs require "dual" membership?

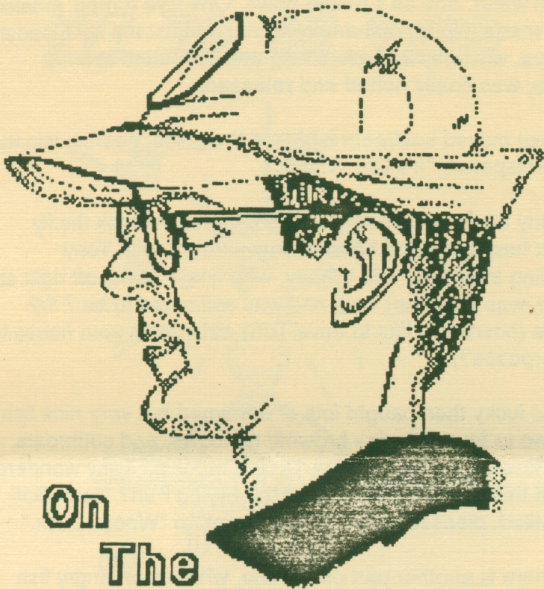
Would you become more actively involved in the FFF? Would you resent our club's attitude? Would you feel that it was bound to happen? Would you not renew your TFF membership?

Think about it. Without the Federation there would not be a Texas Fly Fishers as we know it. Maybe a loose-knit group of people who met regularly but would not have access to speakers, conclaves or seminars. I guess we'd be like one of the city's many fishing clubs.

We are like one of those clubs - only with a sense of focus: to support and develop quality fishing through conservation efforts on a national basis.

Think about it carefully. Be part of the Federation.  
**JOIN TODAY!**

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The  
Salty Side  
by Eliot Tucker

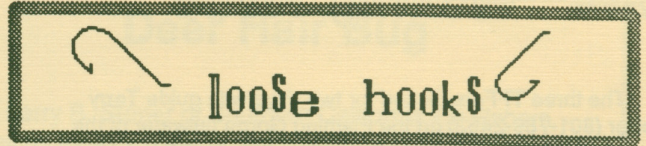
### BE THERE OR BE SQUARE

Harold Wells, whose publication, "Gulf Coast Fisherman," many swear by, says **THIS** September and October there is going to be a seventeen year tidal confluence that is going to make the fishing dynamite! I believe him. Don't miss it, and don't say I didn't tell you!

## Want Ads

Alfred Denham has a custom flats boat for sale. It is a center console, 19 foot, Aransan Skiff, with a fiberglass hull. This boat has many quality features such as mahogany rails and trim, two live wells, a poling platform, and a Bimini top. It runs in 9 inches of water.

The engine is a 115 HP Mercury with 14 hours, hydraulic vertical powerlift, 26 gallon gas tank, and stainless steel prop. Alfred is asking \$13,500 and he can be reached at 341-7562 (h) or 228-8907 (o).



Brooks Bouldin announces that his Angler's Edge shop is moving to larger quarters on August 15th. His new location will be 8450 Westpark, Suite 103, between Hillcroft and Fondren. The grand opening will be in September, but don't wait that long to go see the Guru.

Words of wisdom from Lack O'Hackle: "If people concentrated on the things that are *really* important in this life, there would be a shortage of fishing rods."

Temp Deaver reports a marked improvement in his fishing success. Last week he fished four hours and caught nothing. This week he had the same luck in only three hours.

## Fishing News

The orange strike indicator jerked sideways and Charlie Thanheiser reared back, setting the hook on another heavy trout. As his rod bent double, he shouted, "Hey Shepherd, you better put on one of these bobbers."

Gary Shepherd shook his head and watched his dry fly complete a dragless and riseless float. Charlie T. and your editor had caught dozens of large trout on weighted #16 Pheasant Tail nymphs that July morning on Utah's Green River, but although the fish were not feeding on the surface, Gary refused to change from his dry fly.

His purism brought another salvo from Thanheiser, "And they call *ME* a stubborn German."

Then, shortly after lunch, the situation started to change on this big and beautiful river. Circles of rising fish began showing on the surface of the deep pools, and Mr. Shepherd began to score steadily with his Borger-style dries. He caught rainbows and cutthroats in the quicker water at the middle of the pools, and big, orange-spotted browns tight against the sheer cliffs where the water eddie

Charlie used his bobber to hang one more trout, a slab-sided, 22 inch rainbow that weighed exactly four pounds; then he and your editor switched to Carrotop dry flies. Although these large trout demanded a good float, even your editor, who always takes his Lake Conroe "cross their eyes" hook-setting technique with him when he goes trout fishing, was able to land quite a few.

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## more Fishing News

The three TFFers fished for two days with guide Terry Collier (801-789-2462) on the Flaming Gorge tailwater of the Green River. They caught 160 trout, averaging 16 inches, on a memorable trip. If you've ever wondered what happens when you hook a large fish in the slow water at the tail of a pool just as your driftboat is entering the rapids, ask Gary.

Several months ago Brooks Bouldin presented a 60 acre lake east of the city as a possible location for a club lease. There was a question about the fish in that lake, a question answered last month by Mark Petrie who hooked, fought, landed, and released an eight pound bass on a black Maribou Leech. He missed another monster which hit while Mark was slapping a mosquito.

Eliot Tucker reports being surrounded by tailing reds the first week in August at Port Aransas. He has never seen so many. These fish were not easy, and our saltwater columnist only caught two, but those two were big.

It appears that not only mad dogs and Englishmen, but also certain TFFers, go out in the noonday sun. Our Fearless Leader, Czar John I, and his friend, Dan Fischer, caught a large number of big green sunfish from the lake at Valley Lodge in August, and did so in the middle of the day.

Many of us have been looking for a place to catch hill country bass in the lovely streams in that area. Frank Schleicher, fishing out of the River End Lodge in Hunt, Texas, had good luck with hard-fighting Guadalupe Bass. The South Fork of the Guadalupe runs through the lodge property, and Frank used streamers to catch a good number of those feisty bass to 14 inches. He also landed an 18 inch catfish from that beautiful stream.

Tony Woods is not only a talented fly-fisher, he is also one lucky son-of-a-gun, as a recent trip to the Frying Pan River at Basalt, Colorado again proved. Tony booked guide John Goff through the Taylor Creek Fly Shop, and when they arrived at a popular spot called The Boulders on a Saturday morning, John was astounded to find nobody else there. This was "Woods Luck" in operation.

Naturally, the trout were feeding madly on nymphs, so they rigged #18 Pheasant Tails on 6x tippets. Tony found that he had lucked into a guide who was so familiar with this stream that he knew some of the fish by name.

"There's One Eye! Try him."

Tony made an upstream cast. The nymph plopped into the

smooth water, and as it drifted down, One Eye turned, inhaled it, and made a long, reel-emptying run against the light leader. One Eye, who was 20 inches long and estimated at 5 1/2 pounds, was finally netted and released.

They moved upstream a bit and the guide, peering into the pool, whispered, "It's Old Whitey."

Tony made another cast. The big rainbow took the fly without hesitation and headed downstream, with Tony stumbling after him. Old Whitey, who finally broke off right at the net, was 23 inches long and was estimated to be 7 1/2 pounds (how'd you like to have Tony estimating your house for tax purposes?).

Old lucky then caught lots of unnamed but very nice fish, from two to four pounds - browns, rainbows, and cutthroats, plus a lovely olive and orange 16 inch brookie. Tony wondered aloud if this was a typical day on the Frying Pan? John Goff just smiled, pleased with his introduction to "Woods Luck."

There is another part of this tale, wherein an angry fish attacked Tony while he was playing Old Whitey. We are not going to report that here. Enough is enough.

Everyone, except Tony Woods, call your Fishing News to Ken Jacoby at 873-6210 (o) or 409-273-2991 (h).



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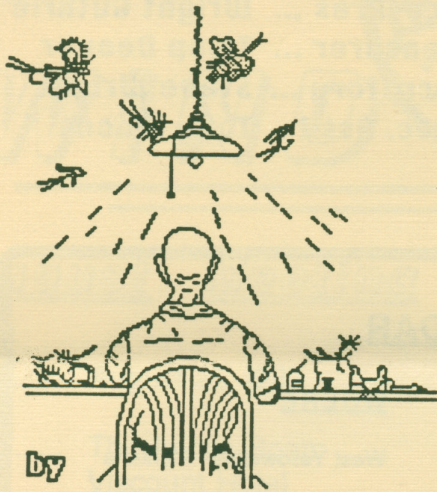
by

**John  
Scarborough**

*We want you new members to participate fully in this club. If you have an interest in any phase of the Texas Fly Fishers and would like to know how you can get started, give me a call at 465-5196 (h) or 522-3861 (o).*

*After reading this month's Fishing News, we are especially interested in finding a new editor.*

## FIT TO BE TYED



By

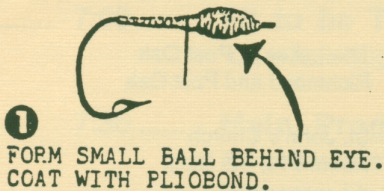
Norm (Lack O'Hackle) Crook

## Deer Hair Bug

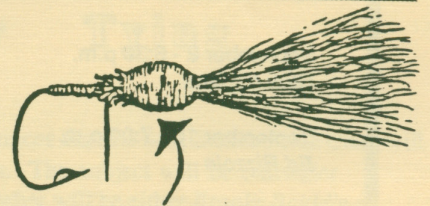
Larry B. Stoner of Southern California Fly Fishers gives us today's pattern. He has done such a great job in his presentation that no embellishments are necessary. To tie this critter you will need Eagle Claw Hook No. 1403 (or equivalent) in sizes #6 or #8, brown flat waxed nylon thread, natural deer body hair (long), thinned pliobond or goop, (while Larry's directions do not call for a weed guard, I strongly urge you to consider it in your tie) and brown dyed grizzly hackle.

While we don't know who originated this bug, it's not likely he would mind if we experimented with colors to suit our particular environment.

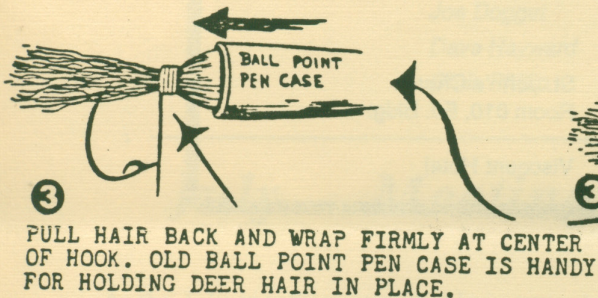
Fish this bug as you would fish any top-water fly for bass or bream. Who knows, our "Czar for Life" might honestly win a Sunfish Spectacular. Too, the "Baron of Brookshire" might land that submarine which purportedly cruises the depths of his loch.



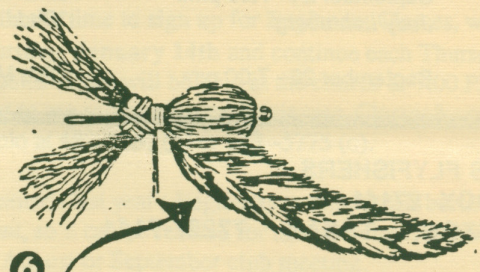
1 FORM SMALL BALL BEHIND EYE. COAT WITH PLIOBOND.



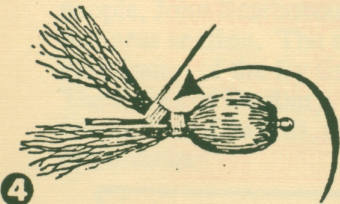
2 CUT DEER HAIR THE DIAMETER OF A PENCIL. EVEN TIPS, REMOVE FLUFF AND SHORT HAIRS. TIE BUTTS DOWN AT CENTER OF HOOK. WRAP THREAD TO EYE AND THE BACK TO CENTER. COAT WITH PLIOBOND.



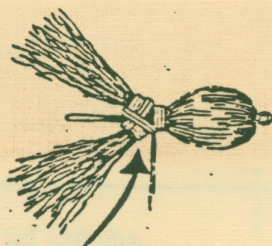
3 PULL HAIR BACK AND WRAP FIRMLY AT CENTER OF HOOK. OLD BALL POINT PEN CASE IS HANDY FOR HOLDING DEER HAIR IN PLACE.



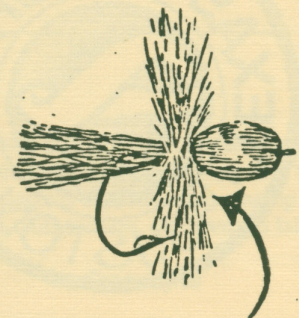
6 TIE IN GRIZZLY HACKLE AT CENTER.



4 DIVIDE TIPS INTO EQUAL BUNCHES. WRAP EACH BUNCH 5 OR 6 TIMES.



5 FIGURE EIGHT BOTH BUNCHES OF HAIR. THIS MAKES BOTH LEGS STAY IN PLACE.



7 4 OR 5 TURNS OF HACKLE.  
LARRY B. STONER

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**TFF EVENTS CALENDAR**

<u>WHEN &amp; WHO</u>	<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>
August 19 - 23	FFF Conclave	West Yellowstone, Montana
August 25 - 7:00 p.m. <i>Club Luminaries</i>	Club Meeting Panel Discussion: Saltwater Fly-Fishing	Viscount Hotel
September 8 - 6:30 p.m. <i>Club Experts</i>	Casting Clinic	The Lakes at Post Oak Richmond and Post Oak
September 10 - 7:00 p.m. <i>Ed Rizzolo</i>	Intermediate Fly Tying: Saltwater Fly-tying <i>Brooks Bouldin or Mitch Whitney</i>	St. John's Church Room 010, Ed. Bldg.
September 12 - 13	Llano River Outing and TFF Picnic	
September 24 - 7:00 p.m. <i>Judy Lehmborg</i>	Entomology "Caddis Flies"	St. John's Church Room 010, Ed. Bldg.
September 29 - 7:00 p.m.	Club Meeting	Viscount Hotel

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