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February Meeting

Date: February 21, 1986
Place: Sonny Look's Restaurant
South Main at the South Loop
Time: 6:30

There will be NO meeting at the church in February. Instead, we will meet on Friday, the 21st, at Sonny Look's. This dinner meeting will feature great door prizes, raffles, a cash bar, dinner (choice of ribeye or stuffed red snapper), a fine speaker, and some snappy dialogue by our president (Scarborough, not Reagan). Dinner, including tip and tax, will be \$10.00. Don't miss it.

January Meeting

Ralph Hutzler ably presided over a crowd of 65 people, including a record 22 visitors. Lots of business was discussed. Brooks Bouldin reported that Texas Trout Unlimited has purchased some nice trout for stocking at the Kanz lease on the Guadalupe, and T. P. & W. will plant some red-band rainbows there also. These fish should be in the river by February 15th. Lease cards, at \$25.00 for the year, are available through Charlie Weems.

Several miles of the Guadalupe, including the lease, have been designated fly-fishing only, although at this writing, local politicians have announced that they do not intend to enforce this law.

Bruce Lowder told a horror story about being hit by a sting ray while wading. The hole in his ankle made Bruce a believer in the leggings now available at most area fishing shops. The main program was presented by Judy Lehmborg. The subject was Entomology, and as expected, Judy did a great job. Her information was understandable and practical.

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TEXAS FLYFISHERS 1985-86 CALENDAR

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July 1985 11-Intermediate Fly Tying
30-Club Meeting @ 7:00 PM

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January 1986 9,16,23,30,-Beginning Fly Tying
25-Guadalupe Outing
28-Club Meeting @ 7:00 PM

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August 1985 8-Intermediate Fly Tying
12-17 IFFF Conclave
27-Club Meeting-Casting
Clinic & Boat Show-7:00 PM

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FEBRUARY 1986 6,13,20,27-Beginning Fly Tying
21-Club Dinner Meeting

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September 1985 7-Saltwater Outing
12-Intermediate Fly Tying
13 - TFF Dinner
24-Club Meeting @ 7:00 PM

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March 1986 1-Colorado River/Weberville Outing
25-Club Meeting @ 7:00 PM

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October 1985 4-6 FFF S. Council Concl.
25-26 - Texas Conclave
27 - Saltwater Outing
29-Club Meeting @ 7:00 PM

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APRIL 1986 10-Intermediate Fly Tying
19-Club Auction
29-Club Meeting @ 7:00 PM
12- 2nd Sunfish Spectacular

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November 1985 26-Club Meeting @ 7:00 PM

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May 1986 8-Intermediate Fly Tying
18-Perchoff-Austin Town Lk.
27-Club Meeting @ 7:00 PM
 (Nomination of Officers)

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December 1985 7-Guadalupe Outing

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June 1986 7 - TFF Picnic
12-Intermediate Fly Tying
24-Club Meeting @ 7:00 PM
 (Election of Officers)

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Elected Officers:

- President - John Scarborough
- Vice President - Ralph Hutzler
- Treasurer - Charles Weems
- Secretary - Mark Hollier

Designated Liaison:

- GCCA - Eliot Tucker
- FFF & TU - Brooks Bouldin

Appointive Positions:

- Windknots Editor - Ken Jacoby
- Program Chairman - Ralph Hutzler
- Outing Chairman - Doug Irby
- Membership Chairman - Tony Woods
- Auction Chairmen - Dan & Charles Fischer
- Fly Tying Classes - Ed Rizzolo
- Fly of the Month & fly Raffle - Norm Crook

Regular Meeting Dates

- Club Meetings - Last Tuesday of the month, 7 PM, St. John The Divine Episcopal Church, Education Building, Room 010, 2450 River Oaks Blvd.
- Executive Committee Meeting-First Tuesday of the month, 5:30 PM, Antonio's Italian Rest., 2920 Hillcroft
- Flyfishers Round Table Luncheon-Every Wednesday, 12 PM, Palm Grill, Viscount Hotel, 2828 Southwest Freeway

BOOK REVIEWS By: John T. Hannah

LADY CHATTERLEY'S LOVER, by D. H. Lawrence

Although written many years ago, Lady Chatterley's Lover has recently been reissued, and this fictional account of the day-to-day life of an English gamekeeper is still of considerable interest to outdoorminded readers, as it contains many passages on pheasant raising, the apprehending of poachers, ways of controlling vermin, and other chores and duties of the professional gamekeeper. Unfortunately one is obliged to wade through many pages of extraneous material in order to discover and savor these sidelights on the management of a Midland shooting estate.

Okay, you know I didn't write that. I wish that I could have. So we'll start over. That book review was lifted from HUNTING AND FISHING FROM A TO ZERN, by Ed Zern; Nick Lyons Books; Winchester Press.

Ed Zern is not a serious fisherman. That's not to say that he's not a good fisherman. He's an excellent fisherman, who has fished all over the world, has been president of Theodore Gordon Flyfishers (that New York City imitation of Texas Flyfishers), and is on the boards of the Atlantic Salmon Federation and of the American Museum of Flyfishing. But, still, he's not a serious fisherman. He's a hilarious fisherman, and probably hasn't written a serious line in his life.

Certainly you won't find anything serious in this collection of his work from his previous books, from articles in various sporting magazines, and from his Field & Stream "Exit Laughing" columns. The only possible complaint one could have about this book is that it doesn't contain any new material. But you would have to have been a pretty ardent Zernophile not to find something here that you haven't seen before.

For example you might have missed the ads that Zern wrote for Nash in the early fifties.

"There was a quail-shooter named Bower
Whose outlook was dreadfully sour;
To a Nash salesman, he
Said, 'It's not for me;
It has Twin Beds-but no shower.'"

On The Salty Side

By: Eliot Tucker

RELEASE VS. RECIPE

After employing shining hemostats to gently remove the delicate fly from the magnificent redfish's noble mouth, being careful not to touch the fish with dry hands, softly grasp the fish just above the tail and work the beautiful creature back and forth until it regains its surging strength and returns to freedom to swim again under the sparkling sun in the gin clear water amongst its own kind and loved ones. Oh, what an ethereal feeling!

For a more basic sensation, i.e., great taste and a full stomach, after ripping out the fly with pliers, filet the fish with an electric

knife on both sides but leave on the skin and scales. Marinate these filets in olive oil into which you have shaken copious amounts of garlic powder and Mortons' Natures Seasoning. After three or four hours, place the fish on a barbecue grill skin down and baste with a mixture of lime juice and butter. Do not turn the fish. After about forty-five minutes for a six pound fish or when any fish is white and flaky, remove from the coals. To serve, lift the fish off the skin with a spatula. Do not cut the skin.

Redfish caught on a fly and prepared like this are delicious. Do not try this recipe with a redfish caught on a rubber worm.

Fishing News

Harvey Wechsler scored well on the Guadalupe at Bean's Camp in January. Bean's has some lovely water and the cleanest camp grounds in Texas.

Gary Moon has been taking some nice rainbows in a pretty, east-Texas setting at Boykin Springs. He had one fine flurry of top-water action.

That dangerous duo, Bouldin and McCurdy, nailed 20 nice bass on Bob's Babydoll Muddlers while trying out Brooks's prototype Kick Boat on the Colorado in February. They fished Robert's favorite pool, detailed directions to which can be obtained for a price from Mark Hollier.

Johnny (Levelwind) Ghrist caught 60 nice white bass on the Trinity River near Centerville before the recent rains. He says he used a fly called a Little George.

Winners of this month's "If It's February, It Must Be North Dakota" contest are Norm Crook and Dave Hayward, who hit Huntsville's Raven Lake in the middle of a sleet storm and didn't have sense enough not to fish.

Loose Hooks

The new club calendar in this issue has some changes, so throw away the old one. The calendar is the work of Mark Hollier and Tony Woods.

That same Mark Hollier has his Coleman Scano for sale. It's 15' 8" and will go anywhere. Also for sale is Mark's 5hp Sears Gamefisher motor. These items are both like new, and he wants \$300.00 a piece. 492-0231 (h)
497-6711 (o).

We join Tony Woods in welcoming new members: Dr. Hy Warshaw, Tom Smith, Dr. Joe Carpenter, Dr. G. M. Harrison, Suzanne Hair, and Kurt Malmquist.

It was nice to see Shelby Gibbs at the January meeting. Shelby attends regularly. Every six months. Just like clockwork.

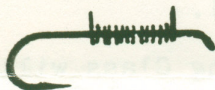
New Club Officers will be nominated at the May 27th meeting and the election will take place at the June 24th meeting.

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The Renegade, to me, always has been a dry fly with fore and aft hackling. That is, until Thanksgiving weekend when I was introduced to the Double Renegade on Colorado's South Platte River. At first glance it looks like a stretched out dry fly with an extra collar of hackle in the middle. There, however, the similarity stops abruptly. Fish it as you would fish a wet fly or streamer, across and downstream with short one foot strips and an occasional twitch of the rod tip.

Your materials will be Mustad Hooks 9672 sizes 4, 6 or 8. Black 3/0 or 6/0 thread. Medium Olive Chenille and Orange Chenille, Brown Neck Hackles, Grizzly Neck Hackles, White Neck Hackles and Lead Wire equal to the diameter of the hook wire.



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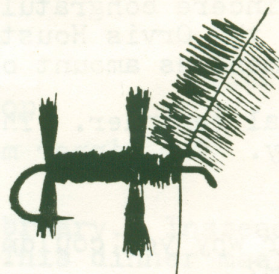
2. Tye in thread. Wrap back and forth to produce an evenly tapered body.



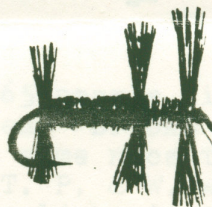
3. Over the Barb tye in a brown hackle butt first, concave side forward. Hackle barbules should be slightly longer than hook gade. Wrap 3 turns. Tye off. Tye in chenille. Wrap 2/3 of remaining hook shank. Tye off.



4. Tye in Grizzly neck hackle, butt first, concave side forward, barbules should be about 1½ times gade. Wrap 3 turns. Tye off.



5. Tye in orange chenille. Wrap to within 2 eye diameters. Tye off. Tye in White Hackle, Butt first concave side forward.



6. Wrap hackle 3 turns. Tye off. Whip finish and you have a double renegade.



More Loose Hooks

A new club has been formed in San Antonio: the Alamo Flyfishers. Brooks Bouldin was the featured speaker at their first meeting, but a great crowd of 48 people showed up anyway. Leaders of this new club are old friends of ours - Pete Jones, Dusty Sprague, and ex-TFFer Earl Rettig. The Alamo Flyfishers. A name to remember.

Remember our club auction, to be held on April 19th. You may drop off donations to Charlie Weems at Houston Camera Repair, 3001-C Fondren; or at the Orvis store. Please don't wait till the last minute.

Last month we mentioned that Bryan Bilinski is joining Willow Creek Press. If you want a catalog or some information on the beautiful, classic fishing and hunting books and periodicals published by Willow Creek Press, contact John Scarborough at 465-5196 (h) or 522-3861 (o).

Ed Rizzolo announces that his Intermediate Fly-tying Class will meet for the first time on April 10th. Unlike Ed's Beginners' Class, the Intermediate sessions will be open to any number of people and there will be no registration. Just show up. If you are a beginner, your lessons will start again in January, 1987.

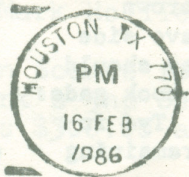
Call your Fishing News to Ken Jacoby at 873-6210 (o) or 409-273-2991 (h).

Our sincere congratulations to Dave Hayward for his promotion to manager of the Orvis Houston store. Besides being one great guy, Dave has done a tremendous amount of good for fly fishing in this area.

A final reminder. There will be no regular club meeting at the church in February. The dinner meeting on Friday, the 21st, replaces the regular meeting.

I wonder why you couldn't use that recipe with a redfish caught on a rubber worm?

Robert McCurdy reports that the Texas Water Commission finalized an order on November 7th detailing stricter requirements for Austin's wastewater plants, an announcement that should be celebrated the length of the Colorado River.



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