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June Meeting

Date: June 25, 1985
Place: St. John's Episcopal Church
Room 010, Education Bldg.
Time: 7:00.....Fit To Be Tied
7:30.....Main Program

May Meeting

The May meeting featured a fine program on the wonderful bone-fish angling at Christmas Island. Dave Hayward was the speaker and he did his usual splendid job.

Perch Fever


A blistering hot Saturday in June found twenty fools at Fayette County Lake competing in the first Texas Fly Fishers' Perchorama. When the day was over, John Scarborough presented the prize for the heaviest five-fish stringer to Dave Hayward. The prize was an Orvis Presentation reel, proving once again that old adage - Them that has, gets. Dave credited his success to the expert guiding of another old adage, John Christ.

Mark Hollier won the award for the largest fish. Mark regularly fishes farm ponds in the Fayetteville area, and probably had the winning perch staked-out on ice for several weeks. The Fischer brothers, Dan and Charles, tied for smallest fish honors. Tony Woods brought in a tiny fish, but John Scarborough ruled it a minnow, and not a perch (nor even a perch).

The most dramatic moment of the day came when Charlie Thanheiser's

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Labrador, Peaches, grew tired of sharing a john boat with her master, and Gary Shepherd, and a mound of empty beer cans. Peaches jumped overboard and swam to shore where other TFFers were fishing, thereby lowering the average IQ in the boat and raising it on the shore.

Hopefully, this club is now perched-out for this year. 


Election

The annual election for club officers will take place at the June 25th meeting. Nominations for all offices will be taken from the floor. Mitch Whitney, current Vice President, will be unable to serve because of commitments on his time. Charlie Weems and Mark Hollier prefer to continue with their current offices rather than to move up. After much deliberation, John Scarborough has agreed to run for another term. The proposed slate is as follows:


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

Dues


Annual club dues are due now. They are \$20.00. If you joined during the year, the amount is pro-rated at \$5.00 per quarter. Complete the form on the back page of this newsletter and mail it with your check to Tony Woods at the club's address.

Don't forget the Federation of Fly Fishers. The FFF is an extra \$20.00 and well worth every penny. You get a fine quarterly magazine; some gifts from the club in the form of casting lessons, tying tools, or six flies; and most important, you join thousands of fly fishers all over the world in supporting our great passtime. 

Chico Fernandez

Chico did has usual excellent job at Abercrombie and Fitch on Saturday, and then put on a superb seminar for a full house of TFFers on Sunday. Charlie Thanheiser hosted a cocktail reception at his home for Chico on Saturday night. 

Fly-tying

Ed Rizzolo will be conducting the July 11th intermediate class (7:00pm at the church). The subject will be thorax dries and comparaduns. All TFFers are welcome. Ed's very popular beginners' classes will start again in January. Watch for them. They fill up instantly. 

Book ReviewsBy: John HannahBook Non-Review

Someone once told me - it was probably my mother - that if you can't say something nice about somebody, don't say anything. I suppose that this applies to saying things about books published by one's national fly fishing club to raise money. I'm referring to the Federation's recent Fly Fishing Always. So I won't say anything. Well, actually, there is one nice thing I can say about the book: it contains photos of Brooks Bouldin and Norm Crook.

One advantage of pursuing our avocation, fly fishing, is that our mistakes are usually known only to ourselves. When I put a fish down, or when I discover I'm fishing with wind knots in my leader, or when I'm asleep when a fish strikes I'm usually the only one who is aware of my bad fishing. And I don't tell anybody.

But: when a golfer hits his ball, all of the terrible things that happen are closely observed by several friends who are standing there watching.

And: when a writer's effort arrives on the printed page, or when an editor okays his proofs, his mistakes or his slipshod work are exposed for even more than several people to see. Even good writers can write bad stuff. When they do, they should keep it, not give it away.

Along with Fly Fishing Always the Federation is offering paperback editions of a number of classic angling books. These I can enthusiastically recommend. There is an order form in The Fly Fisher magazine.

(Editor's note: John calls 'em as he sees 'em and we wouldn't have it any other way, but would like to mention that Fly Fishing Always, despite its flaws, is for a good cause, the Federation. And next month, Hard-hearted Hannah has a book he likes.)

Fishing News

Tony Woods, his wife, and their friends were having a fine time sight-seeing in Santa Fe. But Tony's mind was not on the attractions of that wonderful old city. He was looking to make a break for it. Finally his chance came and Tony was in the car on his way to the Jemez River, where his Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ears fooled some nice brown trout.

Bill Baker, on Colorado's Blue River in early June, found the water clear but icy cold. He worked some small tributaries with better success and took some nice trout amid beautiful scenery.

Dick Osterweil has had some good ideas, but as he sat in his float tube with his legs numb from paddling and the shore still a long way off,

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he knew that this had not been one of them. He had hitched a ride on a boat out to the power plant at Fayette County Lake and figured that the wind would drift him the long distance to the shore.

Now the wind had changed direction, and he was stranded. It was Sunday evening and Dick knew that the gates would be locked soon. Several bleak possibilities faced him. He might spend the night in the parking lot. He might spend it on the lake in his tube. There was an even worse possibility that he did not want to even think about.

Then a passing boat picked up a grateful fly fisher, and took him to shore.

Loose Hooks

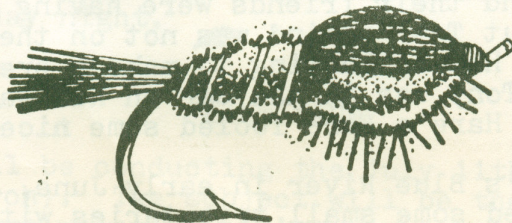
It's time now to register for the Texas Conclave, to be held in Corpus Christi on October 25th and 26th. Get a registration form from Brooks Bouldin and send it in.

Best wishes to Wayne McCleskey, who is moving to Seattle. Catch those trout, Wayne.

Want to join the 18/18 club? That's 18 inch rainbows on #18 dry flies. Bill Bennett is going to the San Juan River in late September again this year, if the river is right, and would like to invite other TFFers to join him for this great fishing.

Concerning the San Juan River in New Mexico, if you are planning a trip we recommend that you check with John Fulton before you go. They are working on the dam there this summer and John will have the latest information from his sister, who lives in New Mexico.

Eliot Tucker is on vacation. His salt water column will resume next month.



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"WHITE LIGHTNING"

rials

- Hook - Stinger #2
- Underbody - yarn - white wool
- Body - "Cloisonne thread for needlepoint" (silver)
- Tail - red feather segment
- Wing - White maribou
Lt. green Flashabou
- Head - spun and trimmed deer hair
- Thread - Orvis monocord

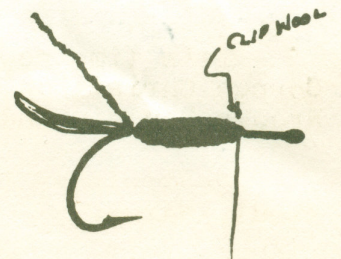
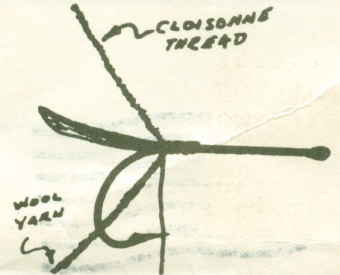
1. Place hook in vice, sharpen hook and mash down barb.
2. Attach thread at mid shank point and wind toward bend. Tie in red feather tail segment. Tail should be 3/4" long.
3. Tie in white wool underbody 8" long. Tie in cloisonne thread (found at Lee Wards) 8" long.
4. Bring thread forward and wind wool forward to within 1/2" +/- of eye - wind toward hook bend and tie off when cigar shape body has been formed and tie off and clip excess wool.
5. Wind silver cloisonne thread forward over wool under body laying one wrap beside the previous one. Tie off and clip excess thread.
6. Coat cloisonne thread with head cement for durability and let dry.
7. Tie in 3-4 clumps of white maribou for the wing. Wing length should extend 3/4" +/- past bend of hook. Clip butts of maribou and tie off off and clip excess.
8. Tie in 6-8 strands of lt. green flashabou as long as the maribou and tie off and clip excess.
9. Tie in clump of stacked deer hair about 1/8" in diameter and flare around hook and tie off and half hitch.
10. Trim head so that head is approximately 1/4 - 3/8" in diameter.
11. Cement head windings.

You can substitute any number of colors for the maribou wing - yellow, black, bright green, olive, purple. With these colors use pearl flashabou over wing.

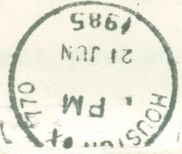
Allow fly to sink and fish using a streamer retrieve and brace yourself for vicious hits!!!!

According to Herb Penning this is a super creation and has accounted for a goodly number of nice fish. Thanks Herb for breaking your long kept silence and sharing your secret with us.

Lack O'Hackle



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