

DECEMBER 2003

PREZ SEZ

A 22 degree forecast tonight has sobered me to the fact that winter is here for real. Being a fair weather fisher brings me to the couch, TV and ESPN 2 for entertainment. It also gives me spare time to focus on the Southern Council and the many exciting things going on.

Conclave 2003

An overwhelming success must be credited to Joe butler, Jim Murphy, Dennis Slane, Chet and Pat Smith along with the dozens of volunteers who gave of their time and energy. The first such event in many years which has been a financial success too. The consensus being 9/11, the Gulf war and the economy had taken its toll on the SOC as well as the industry in general. The 2004 chairman, Chet smith, has already met with his committee for the advance planning of the event.

FFF Mid-Winter Meeting

New FFF president, Gary Grant, is departing from past procedure of E-board conference call meetings by scheduling a meeting in Las Vegas in late January. This should allow more head to head discussion of the many issues before the new board. A major revision to the way the FFF interacts with the councils and clubs is in the works. All of which anticipates a closer relationship at all levels as well as the start of serious review of our 100% plan. More on that after the meeting is held and I can report the progress.

Competitive Fly Fishing Events

A final draft of the very restrictive regulations will be presented for adoption by the board. Bob Tabbert and I have work closely with Verne Lehmborg to protect the fishery and the environment. You all will be pleased with the end product which allows us to continue the Hooked on a Cure Event in 2004 with FFF blessings.

Southern Council Board Elections 2004

I am amazed that my term will be up in October and the SOC board will soon be soliciting nominations for completed board terms and those wishing to leave. As such, we ask your participation in selecting and or nominating worthy individuals to a council wide election next year .Please be sure your nominees are willing and able to serve on the board and under stand the commitment they will be making.

Ambassadors Program

In spite of all our efforts, only a few clubs have availed themselves of a very worthwhile source of talented speakers in our pool. If you don't watch out we are just going to show up at your meetings anyway! Check out the SOC web site and contact Walter McLendon or my self for information.

Not much else to dwell on.

Tight lines and Warm waders to all !

Roger Maler

Congratulations SOC Award Winners

Brian Ellis

Congratulations are in order for some members of the FFF Southern Council. They were recently recognized with awards presented during the Southern Council Conclave on October 4th in Mountain Home Arkansas.

Kelly Warren received the "**Woman of the Year**" award. Kelly is very active with the Fort Worth Fly Fishers as Conservation Chair and has earned the designation of "Approved Fishing Instructor" with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. She is one of the key organizers of the extremely successful "Trinity River Fly Fest". Kelly's determination and conviction was instrumented in the establishment of Windmill Lake in the LBJ Grasslands as a fly fishing only Lake that also has a catch-and-release regulation for all bass. Congratulations Kelly!

Dennis Reed received the "**Man of the Year**" award. Dennis is very active with the Northeast Arkansas Fly Fishers and has held every office in that club, sometimes more than once. He is an active organizer of fly fishing clinics at various local schools, the scouts, and with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission functions. He has been very supportive of the Southern Council by volunteering for several activities such as the chair for the "Fly Tying Coaches". Congratulations Dennis!

The "**Junior Fly Tyer of the Year**" recipient was **Kristina Murri**. Kristina is a very talented young fly tyer and is known for her foam body flies. She has entertained Texas clubs with presentations from her Sth grade science project entitled "Testing Knots Used For Fly Fishing". Her talent, skills, and enthusiasm make her a great ambassador for our sport. Congratulations Kristina!

Tom Bly is the recipient of the "**Conservationist of the Year Award**". Tom is an Arkansas Game and Fish Commission fisheries biologist for the Little Red River watershed. He produces a newsletter entitled "Fish Tales" that is received by many within the Southern Council. He has achieved some remarkable success in improving

the fish habitat on the Winkley Shoals area of the Little Red River. Tom has been instrumental in establishing the Collins Creek project, which is a youth only fly fishing stream similar to Dry Run Creek next to the Norfolk Tailwater. Three different Southern Council clubs nominated Tom. Congratulations Tom!

The winner of the "**Teacher of the Year**" is **Allen Crise**. Allen is extremely active as the Education Chairman of the Fort Worth Fly Fishers. For the past few years he has conducted approximately forty fly-tying/casting classes per year, the majority to kids, and the future of our sport. Allen was instrumental in creating the Boy Scouts Fly Fishing Merit Badge. He is a Texas " Approved" fishing instructor and an FFF Certified Casting Instructor. I personally know that Allen is extremely active with the FFF Certification Program and he is continuing to improve his skills as a casting instructor. Congratulations Allen!

This year we had co-winners for the "**Federator of the Year Award**". The first winner is **Walter McLendon**. Walter is very active with the Pineywoods Fly Fishers and he does their web site. If you attend any of the fly fishing shows in Texas, Louisiana, or Arkansas then I'm sure that you know Walter because he is a fixture at those shows. He is especially active organizing and promoting Texas fly fishing programs including "Fly Fish Texas". Walter is the Southern Council VP of Membership and has done an excellent job putting together the Ambassador Program, which provides volunteer speakers from our council to our clubs at no cost. Congratulations Walter!

The other winner of the "**Federator of the Year Award**" is **Tom Landry**. Tom is a long time member of Acadiana Fly Rodders. He is very active in volunteering at the SOC and SEC conclaves. In fact for the tenth year, he has been a member of the crew of Cajun Chefs that has cooked for thousands of Federators for both of these conclaves. He is among the perpetual volunteers or "go to" guys and gals that really make a conclave successful. Also, for more than a dozen years he has been a leader in the Louisiana and Texas club's yearly rendezvous gatherings on Toledo Bend. Congratulations Tom on being a co-winner for the Federation of the Year Award!

I would like to congratulate **John Henry** for being this year's winner of the "**The Fly Tyer of the Year Award**". John received ten nomination letters from outside his club and several of them were from former recipients of this award. I have received several comments from tyers that said that he has contributed to their tying knowledge. John is a kind, patient, innovative, tyer and presenter. Congratulations John!

This year we have co-winners for "**Club of the Year Award**". The first winner is the **Fort Worth Fly Fishers**. They have a very active club and in fact they won this award last year. Members of their club have received three other individual awards this year. They are involved in all sorts of activities including Boy Scouts Fly Fishing Education, The Windmill Lake Project, the Trinity River Fly Fest, and Fly Fish Texas. Congratulations, once again, Fort Worth Fly Fishers!

The second co-winner of the "**Club of the Year Award**" is **Ozark Fly Fishers** of St. Louis. Their club has been in existence now for thirty-two years. They keep extremely busy with their education programs and in fact teach scores of new recruits to our sport through cooperative effort with the St. Louis County Parks and Recreation Department and other education programs. They run the yearly casting games at the Southern Council Conclave and their club has ten FFF Certified Casting Instructors. They are very active in conservation programs also. They were instrumental in defeating gravel mining legislation that would have been catastrophic to Missouri Streams. Congratulations Ozark Fly Fishers for being co-winner of the Club of the Year Award!

Conclave 2004

Chet Smith (Conclave Chair)

I'm hoping 2004 can top 2003 which was great. The theme will be "Fly Fishing the Southern Council." Our featured speakers will be Dave and Emily Whitlock and I am hoping to get at least two speakers from each state in the council.

First, I would like to get a speaker from either the Game & Fish (or equivalent) to give a program on where to fish in each state and then one or two speakers on flyfishing in that state. I could use your help in two areas, first if you have a contact in your Game and Fish I can contact please let me know (Arkansas and Missouri are taken care of). Second, if you have any suggestions for speakers on fly fishing in your state please let me know. I would like some diversity such as one on warm water and maybe one on salt water or cold water. All programs will have to be standard length preferably an hour not more than two.

Of course, theme programs won't be all we have so if you have heard any great programs recently that you think everyone would enjoy, please let me know that.

Our Chairs for 2004 will be:

Raffle and Auction:	Dennis Galyardt (flyfish@townsqr.com)
Facilities:	Mid-South Fly Fishers
Programs:	Chet Smith (and a person yet to be named, my co- chair decided he would rather go to New Zealand)
Casting Games:	Steve Antonic & Bob Temper, Ozark Fly Fishers
Fly Tying:	Slim Mitchell (slim@raytheon.com)
Commercial:	Harvey Ragsdale (hrags@mchsi.com)
Outreach:	Sheryl Knight (rsk3366@comcast.com)
Outreach Luncheon:	Sharon Yoker & the ladies of Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers (smyoker@prodigy.net)
Registration:	Sharon & Lew Goodson, Heart of America Social Hour: Mid-South Fly Fishers
Youth Conclave:	Allen Crise (flysoup@texas.net)
Thursday Evening Welcoming Party:	Michael Ames & the Northeast Arkansas Flyfishers (Flycaster@classicnet.net)
Awards:	Brian Ellis (brian.j.ellis@boeing.com)

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Council Sponsorships

Pat Smith, Managing Director

In 2002 in their annual Board of Directors meeting in Livingston, MT , the FFF was directed to collect the dues from all clubs either affiliated or chartered with the Federation of Fly Fishers™. By doing this, the Councils lost a portion of their funding. This funding was the only support the Councils received from the clubs.

Consequently, we are offering clubs and/or individuals away of helping support the Council. Below is a list of some of the expenses that are incurred in doing our annual conclaves. By selecting one of the items and, in effect, being the sponsor for that portion of the expenses, you would be helping support your Council. You will note that Ozark Fly Fishers has already come forward and agreed to sponsor the Council Awards. Each club and/or individual that becomes a sponsor will be given recognition in the program for the upcoming Conclave.

By seeking sponsors for these different items, we will be able to fund more education and conservation projects within the Council. [As a side note, we don't know of your club's needs in these areas unless you tell us!] Please be generous. You can make a difference in the growth of the Southern Council.

Auction Donor Forms -\$115.00
Auction/Raffle Chair Expenses -\$400
Auction/Raffle Room (Ramada) -\$165.00
Conclave Pins -\$900
Council & Casting Awards -\$500 (Ozark Fly Fishers)
Credit Card Fees -\$600
Fair Grounds Rental- \$1,000
Fly Plates (Council & Legends) -\$320
Liability Insurance (Annual) -\$506
Miscellaneous Auction/Raffle Expenses -\$500
Name Tags -\$300
Programs (printing) -\$800
Registration Forms (printing) -\$60
Ribbons- \$180
Rooms for Keynote Speakers (Each) -\$165
Security -\$450
Telephone- \$125
Trash Pickup -\$50
Tying Chair Expenses -\$120

This May Be Your Last Issue of *Long Casts*

Chuck Easterling

During the last several Boards of Directors meetings, there has been a considerable amount of time and effort spent in reviewing the budget. As you might imagine, this has lead to reviews and discussions concerning a number of expense and budget areas. Last December the topics of the cost of *Long Casts* and who was receiving *Long Casts* came up for discussion. I was surprised to learn that of the nearly 4,000 copies of *Long Casts* that are sent out every quarter nearly 2,600 are sent to non-FFF members. In short, we spend approximately \$6,000.00 a year on *Long Casts* and nearly \$3,900.00 of that sum is spent sending it to non-FFF members. This resulted in a discussion as to whether we should continue sending *Long Casts* to non-FFF members. This discussion, however, was tabled until our October meeting and frankly, I was glad that it was as I was unsure how to vote.

At our October meeting it was decided that *Long Casts* would no longer be sent to non- FFF members. I voted for this change, in fact I made the motion to adopt this change. There was a considerable amount of discussion

concerning this and some felt that *Long Casts* was our main tool of communication with non-FFF members and the cost was acceptable in order to remain in touch with non-members.

The Southern Council consists of FFF members who reside in the Southern Council and clubs that are affiliated with the FFF that are located within the geographic boundaries of the Southern Council. Some people, in the past, have felt that they were members of the Southern Council simply because they belonged to an affiliated club. This, of course, as has been discussed many times and is not correct. An individual must be a member of FFF to be a member of the Southern Council.

I think that those of us who voted to no longer send *Long Casts* to non-FFF members appreciate that a number of fly fishers within the Southern Council for whatever reason do not wish to join FFF. I would not question someone's reason or decision not to join FFF; that, of course, is their choice. I hope, however, that non-members realize they are not entitled to any of what might consider the benefits of belonging to the Federation. As an example, non-members should readily understand they are not entitled to, among other things, hold office in the Southern Council, vote on Southern Council policies, tie at the conclave, or receive discount fees at the conclave. With this in mind, it does not seem logical that non-members should receive *Long Casts*.

I think that those of us who voted to discontinue sending *Long Casts* to non-members recognize that communications with fly fishers who are non-members is important. We want non-members to be aware of what the Southern Council and the Federation are doing, what conservation, educational or political issues are of concern. We simply think that this can be more cost effectively accomplished by what is on the Southern Council web site. In fact, in the future, all issues of the *Long Casts* will be posted on the web site and can be accessed by anyone who has any interest in that publication. We simply feel that it is not fiscally prudent nor does it make good sense to continue sending out copies of *Long Casts* to non-members at considerable expense. Also, let me close by saying that what many consider to be me most important and popular issue of *Long Casts*, the Conclave issue, will continue to be sent to members and non-members alike.

Spawning and Minimum Flow

Robert Tabbert VP Conservation

"No Dynamite or Nets Can be used for Taking Trout", early Montana fishing regulation. "No Pitchforks Can be Used for Harvesting Brook Trout", early Wisconsin fishing regulation. Those 'regs' sound ridiculous, however early on, dynamite, nets and pitchforks were all used to catch trout. We could add another: "No Fishing or Giggling trout over their redds". It's done all over, sometimes by accident, other times deliberately. All states try to protect their fisheries with elaborate regulations. In Wisconsin where salmon are sometimes 'accidentally hooked' while on their spawning beds, the 'regs' are 33 pages long. Spawning fish are easy targets. All states have problems regulating, controlling fishing/giggling casting weighted lures over spawning fish. If you have ever observed a female over her redd with a string of aggressive males lined up waiting for an opportunity to get over the redd, you quickly realize how vulnerable this 'string' of fish, stretching out over several feet, is to a cast made down and across. Some of our tail waters in the Southern Council are being exploited during the fall spawning season by similar fishing/giggling practices. Some minimum protection should be offered these fish. Signs alerting fishermen to the location of the redds and requesting that they do not fish over the redds would be a good start. Is there some FFF club out there that will help me in this effort? The proposed trout management plan that the State of Arkansas is now considering does not address this problem. Perhaps you could contact Darrell Bowman, Trout Biologist, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, 201 E. 5th St, Mountain Home, AR,

72653 and request that some form of protection for spawning trout during their spawning season be part of the proposed Arkansas Trout Management plan.

Many native fish have been replaced through stocking by browns, rainbows, cuts or brooks. With spawning seasons overlapping, hybrids have been produced. Cutbows are common in our western waters. This summer, fishing in a spring creek up in Wisconsin, I caught a strange looking brook trout. The trout had the white edged fins of a brookie; it also had the wavy markings on its back, along with some colored spots, no red dots with blue halos. The white belly looked like it has been run over by a truck tire, with chunky black looking tread marks. It was a cross between a brown and a brook, called a 'tiger' . Browns and brooks spawn in the fall. Some states protect their spawning trout, others wink at the practice of dragging a weighted treble hook over the redds and hooking/catching the larger spawning trout. Genetics has shown that when you take the larger fish out of a population you remove the genes that produce the larger fish and end up selectively reducing the population to smaller fish. Why fish over redds during the spawning season? From a conservation stand point it doesn't make sense to remove the larger fish from the population. I know, what difference does it make? There are plenty of big fish out there, enough to go around. We'll never fish 'em out! That's just what they said about the buffalo and the passenger pigeons. To insure populations of large fish for future fishermen our tail waters should be managed to protect our spawning trout by restricting fishing over redds. Are there any clubs out there in the Southern Council interested in helping me with this project?

Minimum water flow out of our tail water dams. Please consider writing to your congressman asking them to support the bill requiring Minimum water flow for our Tailwaters. Forest Woods and Jason Borger speaking at the Southern Council Conclave in Mtn. Home in October made a strong case for becoming politically active in the support of our natural resources. Minimum flow would help protect our fisheries. Without adequate year round cold water flows out of our Tailwater dams the future of our fisheries will be reduced to chance. Watch over our fisheries, if you don't who will?

Club Programs for 2004

Walter McLendon, VP Membership

Planning and organizing your club programs for a year is a big job. Contacting your local state fishing authority is a good starter to find individuals responsible for different aspects of local lake and stream fisheries. Game wardens are always a good contact, for they can provide information vital to you and your new members. Local river authorities usually have people who monitor water quality and know about the fish within your waters; fish hatcheries have biologists who regularly gather and study fish patterns and statistics. Even your local city parks department and fishing tackle shops may be able to help. Certainly your chamber of commerce should not be overlooked. United States governmental offices in your yellow pages can provide individuals who specialize in some aspect of fish habitats. In our southern states, we have the U.S. Forest Service, which has many offices scattered about. They also have biologists and regional managers who might help. The Coast Guard and your state saltwater management authority are good sources if you have coastal waters.

Safety programs that might include CPR, exposure to the sun, etc. are always good programs to have. Your local Red Cross most likely can conduct CPR classes or even your fire department. Contact other fly fishing clubs in your area for their list of past programs and presenters and give them yours. Monthly club programs are a very important part of successful clubs. Raising money for speakers can allow you to pay their expenses. Choosing club projects for this purpose helps to get your club members more involved.

Last but not least, visit our council website <http://www.southerncouncilfff.org> and read about our new Ambassador program that can provide your club with free speakers for your monthly meetings or for a Saturday club event. This program, along with the FFF's special incentive program, allows your club to get raise money with very little effort. The Ambassador program is designed to put you in touch with your council officers and learn more about what they do and opportunities for your club. We have tried to make easier for the person responsible for your club's programs by asking that they only make a short phone call or an email to the Ambassador closest to you to arrange your next program, why not try it?

Acadiana Fly Rodders 17th Annual Conclave

The Acadiana Fly Rodders of Lafayette, Louisiana invite everyone to attend their 17th annual conclave on Saturday, February 28, 2004. There will be seminars, fly tying, casting, raffles, very good food, and lots offish stories. Contacts are: Jack Deshotel (AFR President) at (337) 988-3517, email jack_d@deq.state.la.us, or John Hill, email jthill@cox-internet.com.

A Fishing Report

Chuck Easterling

Linda and I have been on edge since our oldest son was deployed to Baghdad. Like so many other parents we are concerned about our son's well being and anxiously await every word from him. This week we received an e-mail from Clint and he advised that his unit has access to a lake that is on the grounds of what was one of Saddam Hussein's palace compounds. Clint said that some very big carp inhabit this lake and he caught one that was around 15 pounds. Clint went on to say that he caught this fish on a rod that he fashioned from a toilet bowl brush. A fine example of GI ingenuity. Clint ended his e-mail with a request that we send him some fishing gear.

For some reason his fishing report and request dor fishing gear has put me a little more at ease with him being in Iraq. I have been thinking about what to send him and that has brought to mind all the past fishing and hunting trips that we made. It seems like just a short while ago I was taking Clint and his brothers to Dry Run Creek. Those many trips to Dry Run Creek eventually, as the boys grew up, evolved into trips to the White, the Norfolk and the Little Red.

After Clint enlisted in the Reserves and as he neared the end of basic and AI training we planned a trip to Montana and Yellowstone. When he completed his basic and advanced training Linda and I went to his graduation at Fort Leonard Wood and the next day he and I left for Montana. We drove twenty-six hours straight to West Yellowstone. That was a great father and son trip, we floated the Madison and camped and fished on Slough Creek. During the trip Clint surprised me with a birthday present, a catch and release net that he bought at Parks' Fly Shop in Gardiner. That net is one of my prized possessions; it is a memento of a time and place shared with a son.

I first used that net when we fished the Lamar River. The day we fished the Lamar was the last day of our trip and the Lamar, in my mind, was in the most beautiful part of the Park. We fished in the presence of buffalo and Canadian geese, it was special day and fishing the Lamar with my son is one of my favorite memories.

This past summer Linda went out west with me. I showed her where Clint and I camped on Slough Creek and where we fished the Lamar. Linda asked if I would like to spend a few hours fishing the Lamar. I said, "No, I don't want to fish it without a son."

I am looking forward to fishing with Clint; I hope we can go back to the Lamar.

Southern Council Outreach

Sheryl Knight

The 2003 Southern Council Outreach Committee opted to have a booth at this year's Conclave. It was amazing how many people stopped by the booth and asked, "What is Outreach?" or "what does Outreach do?" or some other variation on that theme. Having been part of Outreach for almost 20 years I assumed (a dangerous thing to do) that everyone knew about Outreach, but I had trouble verbalizing our goals and mission while working the booth. So when our newsletter editor, Harvey Ragsdale, asked me to write something about Outreach it appeared to be a golden opportunity to let our Council know more about the Committee.

The goal of Outreach as set forth by the Federation of Fly Fishers is to provide activities and programs and act as a support group for women, non-fly fishing family members, novices, etc. These objectives extend to our Council Outreach Committee and while we have been meeting these goals, we have, apparently, been doing so rather quietly. So a higher profile is in order.

I wasn't present for the first Southern Council Conclave in 1973, but I can vouch for them since 1986 and Outreach has always been a part of the Conclave. I was invited to my first Outreach Luncheon before my husband and I cleared the registration line, and I have been a satisfied participant ever since. In 1986 the Outreach Committee organized a Saturday Luncheon that included a speaker, like Chuck and Sharon Tryon or a Barber Shop Quartet, and raffle. Approximately 5-6 years ago the live auction was added. In 2003 we had 8 programs ranging from digital photography, to Dutch oven cooking, to first aid, to fly tying and beginning and intermediate fly-casting. Outreach programs are open to all paid Conclave participants, although some activities include an additional materials charge. We have an Outreach Keynote Speaker and a much more significant emphasis on women in fly-fishing. In 2002 and 2003 we had an Outreach Fly Plate with all the flies in the plate tied by the women of the Southern Council – I hope this fly plate continues to be part of our annual program.

The Outreach Committee also encourages fly fishing education and promotes the sport by looking for and providing financial support to different organizations. In 2002, \$500 was donated to support the Trinity Fly Fest in Fort Worth Texas and in 2003; \$1300 was donated to Casting for Recovery.

The Outreach Committee is self-funded through an annual raffle and live-auction at the Outreach Luncheon. A club within the Council volunteers to host the luncheon. The host club determines the menu, decorations and table favors, and most importantly they organize the Outreach raffle and live auction. If you have attended the Friday or Saturday night Conclave live auction you have an idea of what the Outreach live auction might be like. Johnny Chamness is our Auctioneer and let me tell you, you ain't seen nothin' until you have been to an Outreach live auction --these ladies can spend MONEY. In the past we have helped finance our activities with additional fund-raises including the Southern Council Cookbook and special raffles. This year the full cost of the Southern Council Outreach booth was recouped by a booth raffle for a Temple Fork Outfitter fly rod, Ross reel and Teeny fly line. While the Outreach Committee is self-funded it is a vital part of the Southern Council, and the Outreach Chair is a voting member of the Southern Council Board.

One pet project that I would like to mention is the crafting of a Southern Council Outreach Mission Statement. To help us achieve these goals we have established an Outreach email list. If you are not currently on the list and would like to be part of our communications chain please notify Pat Smith or me. In order to maintain the integrity of the email list Please send any requests for additions or deletions to the list to Pat or myself, this will avoid confusion and help us to maintain the integrity of the list. We will be soliciting input for the mission statement from all Outreach members so watch for emails regarding this important endeavor. It is my hope that by creating a mission statement no one will ever be at a loss to explain the purposes and goals of the Southern Council Outreach Committee.

So what is in store for 2004 ? As the Outreach Chair, I will be working to book the Outreach Keynote Speaker and identify and schedule Outreach programs for the 2004 Southern Council Conclave. ***Suggestions and volunteers are always appreciated*** There will be a 2004 Outreach Fly Plate (***flies need to be to me no later than May 15, 2004***) and there will be an Outreach Booth (***volunteers will be needed, let me know if you will be willing to help at the booth for an hour or two***). The Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers have volunteered to host the 2004 Outreach Luncheon, so many thanks Southwest Missouri. Watch the Long Casts, the Southern Council website, or even better join our email list for more information and announcements about Outreach events in 2004.

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Seabees Can Do!

In the morning of August 2,2003, a group of 8 staff and 19 students from the Navy Detachment Fort Leonard Wood headed by their OIC, Lt. Gerry McNally met with Mr. Greg Maxwell and 8 of his Missouri Fly Fishing Association members at the Waynesville Municipal Park.

This group of highly motivated and concerned citizens opted to spend their off-duty hours by giving back to their community. Their joint task is to clean-up 3-1/2 miles of winding Roubidoux stream that involved wading from ankle-high to chest-deep, 55-degree cold water. They split up into four teams, each team picked up all the trash that may come their way from a tiny Styrofoam cup to circa 1960's white-walled nylon tires then temporarily depositing them in a canoe which they so skillfully navigated and filled-up. At around noon, they all gathered together and claimed bragging rights on which team has the most trash picked-up. The whole group netted 4 tons of debris consisting of regular consumer trash, 25 pieces of automobile tires, two household water heaters, a spring mattress, and numerous unidentifiable pieces of metal. They had to mark and leave on the spot



a refrigerator, an automobile chassis, a stove oven, and a metal dumpster which proved too heavy for this group without special weight handling equipment. "This is like going on a treasure hunt, you'll never know what you might find in these waters", remarked one of the Navy staff. "We'd love to do this over again", said a group of students. Safely back in Waynesville Park, they shared a hearty meal and old time stories dating back to the days when. A student volunteer received a prize for catching the biggest 'crawdad' and another one for the most number caught. But more importantly was what the Navy Detachment received, due to their Seabee "Can Do" attitude; they were inducted into Stream Team One. The Navy Detachment staff and students are now partners with Stream Team in the conservation of Missouri's water lanes as acknowledged by the Missouri Fly Fishing Association.



Stream Team is a highly successful conservation program, which cleans and preserves the natural lanes of water around the area, freeing them of urban wastes and pollution. It all started in 1989 when they gathered 14 tons of urban wastes for the very first time. Now the team tries to hold a yearly clean up to avoid that much accumulation in our streams. They now have over 2400 teams with 46,000 volunteers. The program is so successful; it is currently being adapted in Arkansas and Australia. So the next time you allow even a tiny piece of trash get into these streams, take a moment and think of how much effort goes into picking them back up. On your next outing to enjoy and appreciate the natural beauty of one of the many lakes and streams the state of Missouri has to offer, think also of the men and women who labor hard in preserving these natural wonders. Think also of the future, let us all join hands in ensuring that our sons and daughters will have the same lakes and streams from which you and I first learned to swim or caught our first fish. To the dedicated men and women of Navy Detachment Fort Leonard Wood and Stream Team One, our sincerest gratitude and a resounding "Hooray! "

This article was written by: Petty Officer First Class Adorable Javier (yes, that's his real name), Seabee Instructor at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. The article was submitted by: Greg Maxwell, Deputy Garrison Commander (acting) at Fort Leonard Wood. Max has for as long as I can remember been part of cleaning up Roubidoux Creek in Missouri.

Fly Tyers Corner

Terry Tanner, Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers

Pearl Gray Midge Emerger

Materials List

Thread	8/0 Uni-thread or Spider Web(white)
Hook	Tiemco #2487 or similar, size 18,20,22
Tail Shuck	Gray Antron
Body	Gray Antron Yarn



Rib	Pink Metallic Tinsel
Collar	Ostrich (tan) or (gray)
Head	Pearl bead, size 2.5 mm

Tying Instructions

Fig. #1 Slide the pearl bead on the hook and then attach thread and secure bead by wrapping the thread several times so that the bead won't slide. (leave the thread at the bend of the hook shank)



Fig. #2 Attach the tailing shuck and rib, then wrap the antron yarn (be sure tto divide the amount of antron to adjust for the hook size) up toward the bead head followed by the rib and tie off



Fig. #3 Attach one segment of ostrich feather directly behind the pearl bead to form the collar and wrap 2-3 turns (sometimes 4). Tie off with whip finish.

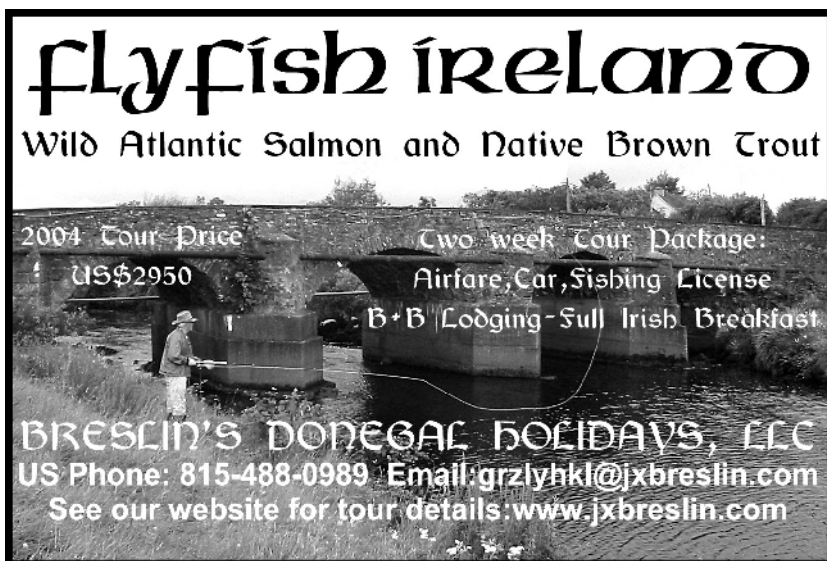


Southern Council Club Contacts

Following is a list of contact people for most of the clubs in the Southern Council. In the next issue of the Long Casts will be a complete listing along with many of the programs, activities and projects the different clubs participate in. This information is being compiled by Walter McLendon, VP of Membership for the council. If your club hasn't replied to his request for information, please contact him. waltermc@sprynet.com

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I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the recent honor bestowed upon me as the recipient of the Southern Council's, Conservation Award of the Year. It is hard for me to express just how much this honor means to me. I have committed my professional career to working in a field where recognition for a job well done is hard to come by. More often than not, due to the conflictive nature of natural resource conservation, biologists are on the hot seat. The biologists that I have had the pleasure to work with accept the odd and sometimes long hours, inclement working conditions, low pay, and few accolades for one reason, a deep love for the fisheries resources. I do know from experience that an "atta boy" from a supervisor, peer, or the public is like a shot in the arm, it cures a lot of ails. To be recognized by such an organization as the Federation of Fly Fishers, whose goals are conservation oriented, surpasses any recognition I could have ever hoped for. As a fisheries biologist and a fly fisherman I am truly honored. I hope that I can continue to meet and exceed the expectations that anglers have of those entrusted with the care of our fisheries resources.

One thing I do know is that of awards given, very few are earned solely by the recipient. This is a perfect example of that. Without the funding and volunteer labor assistance provided by some Federation affiliated clubs, the projects for which this award was presented could never have been completed. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Mid-South Fly Fishers, Northeast Arkansas Fly Fishers, Arkansas Fly Fishers, and the CADDIS Fly Fishers for their generosity and support. THANK YOU!!!

God Bless and see you on the river.

Thomas R. Bly
"Fish Head"
District Fisheries Biologist
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
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As of 11/19/2003

	No	Income	Expenses	Net Profit
Registration -----				\$15,041.38
Pre-Registration	433	\$4,690.00	\$390.69	
On-Site Registration	340	\$6,075.00	\$465.00	
	773			
Banquet	374	\$6,018.00	\$4,724.00	
Classes	91	\$3,815.00		
Youth Conclave Pins (350)		\$925.00	\$901.93	
Raffle -----				\$5,805.00
Friday		\$3,375.00		
Saturday		\$2,430.00		
Silent Auction -----				\$3,905.00
Friday		\$1,446.50		
Saturday		\$2,458.50		
Auctions -----				\$16,858.73
Friday		\$7,613.00	\$849.39	
Saturday		\$10,415.00		
FFF Legend of the Masters Fly Plate			\$150.00	
Council Fly Plate			\$169.88	
Refunds				
Social Hour -----				\$501.95
Thursday Thru Saturday		\$981.70	\$479.75	
Misc. Expenses -----				(\$2,529.88)
Chair Exp. JB (Conclave)			\$450.69	
Chair Exp. HR (Commercial)			\$56.23	
Chair Exp. JM (Auction/Raffle)			\$406.24	
Chair Exp. SJ (Tying)			\$119.35	
Awards (Council & Casting)			\$487.95	
Advertising				
Credit Card Fees			\$680.54	
Donations		\$1,000.00		
Fair Grounds Rental		\$1,000.00	\$1,050.00	
L. C. Sammons Youth Center - Casting Cert.			\$50.00	
Vendors Fees		\$400.00		
Liability Insurance			\$300.00	
Misc. - Old Pins, FFF Merchandise		\$511.00	\$224.00	
Pre-Conclave Party		\$542.00	\$432.48	
Programs (Printing) (Advertising Sales)			\$815.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses			\$335.94	
Security Guards			\$450.00	
Telephone Expenses - Credit Card Line			\$81.86	
Trash Pickup - Fair Grounds			\$42.60	
Speakers -----				(\$4,723.59)
Gary Borger			\$2,706.39	
Jason Borger			\$2,017.20	
GRAND TOTALS -----		\$53,695.70	\$16,819.91	\$34,858.59
WOMEN'S OUTREACH				
Luncheon	77	\$1,140.00	\$727.75	\$412.25
Chair Expenses				\$0.00
Maggie Merriman			\$1,397.86	(\$1,397.86)
Classes	55	\$590.00	\$53.66	\$536.34
Auction & Raffle		\$2,993.00	\$186.90	\$2,806.10
WOMEN'S OUTREACH TOTALS -----		\$4,723.00	\$2,366.17	\$2,356.83
TOTAL CONCLAVE INCOME -----		\$58,418.70	\$19,186.08	\$37,215.4