



JUNE 2003

## Prez Sez

The war funk I was in has abated greatly and spring has finally arrived. The fishing has been terrific due in part to Game and Fish depositing several thousand trout in Shoestring shoal. Many things are going on in the Southern Council and they should interest you greatly.

### The Bunkhouse

Thomas Payne, a noted writer and framer of the U.S. Constitution, said, “Nothing is accomplished if all objections are satisfied”. (I would love to read the first few drafts wouldn’t you). It now appears to me the “Bunkhouse” project is one that will go quietly back on the shelf due to attempts to satisfy everyone. Although the adamant objections were few but significantly vocal, the lack of support from our clubs drove the most nails. Usually projects such as this suffer from lack of funds (not the case here as we had almost \$10,000 pledged) but the over whelming lack of interest was disappointing. I feel much of the Federations’ frustration reflects the same attitude. I want to thank those few clubs who did consider the merits and responded in some form as well as the SOC board for their help and Hunter Ryan for the design work.

### Hooked on a Cure

The Pro-Celebrity fly fishing event June 29-30 benefitting St. Jude Children’s Hospital is well on track for a very successful event. Many noted personalities including Flip Pallot , the Reel Guys, and Andy Bean among other local icons are on board for this inaugural benefit to be covered by ESPN in Mountain Home, Ark.. April Conrad, event founder, can be contacted at [troutx2@tsixroads.com](mailto:troutx2@tsixroads.com) for further information. Pat Smith is also assembling a list of volunteers to assist in this effort.

It’s odd how things change. I proposed an event about 7 years ago patterned after the Snake River One Fly (appropriately the Ozark 4 fly) which was derided as something close to blasphemy by the SOC board due to the “competition” aspect. Here we are finally embracing such an event. I am encouraged that things do change and sometimes for the better.

### The Long Casts

The board and our new editor Harvey Ragsdale are deep in some significant transitions to the Long Casts. Long discussed, we will soon have the publication offered by email and on the Southern Council website.

This will allow us to reduce our printing and distribution costs to non-FFF members allowing more funding to our area projects. As soon as our ingenious tech-heads work out the kinks, it will come on line.

#### Gender Bias

The federation is struggling with re-associating itself with several lady fly fishing clubs in other councils as they had been alienated from the FFF by past prejudices of some of the all male clubs. I am so grateful that we sincerely support women in fly fishing as equal members, quality flyfishers, talented fly tiers and recognized clubs. If anyone can offer suggestions to Jim Rainey and President Greg Pitts please contact them with your thoughts.

#### Conclave 2003

Joe Butler, Pat Smith and Dennis Slane have promised a yet greater event this fall. Look in this issue for details and schedules.

#### Ambassadors program

Walter McLendon, V.P. Membership, has now finalized what may be your clubs answer to finding that special guest speaker for your club meetings. A panel composed of your board of directors and other qualified speakers is offering to visit your club events at minimum expense. This being an effort to bond a closer relationship with you and the Southern Council. Contact Walter if you wish to join our panel or engage one of our speakers. We will publish the list of speakers and their resumes on our web site.

In closing I am asking for your prayers to assist my good friend Frank Melton battling a form of bone cancer. Recently diagnosed, frank and Billie are long time Federation members as well as tireless SOC supporters, they need your encouragement and thoughts in these very difficult times.

Roger Maler  
President, Southern Council  
Federation of Flyfishers

## **CONCLAVE CHAIR 2004**

Dennis Slane  
V.P. Development

It's a busy time for all, yet we are in need of someone to step up and be our conclave chair for 2004. How about you? Personally I would like to see the job swing around the council so that each area is given a chance to chair a conclave. Missouri folk have given the most over the years and the last two to be specific. Texas has the most clubs in the council - should be someone from that area to my way of thinking. Dallas and Fort Worth have in the past – how about another person or club from Texas taking on the conclave???

Oklahoma has not been represented with a conclave chair in many years. As you can see -- many of you are due. About time to step up and show us your stuff, don't you think? If you can get in touch with me on this I would appreciate it. The best time is now so you can work with Joe Butler and get a feel for what all

has to be done to run a successful conclave. Remember -- The conclave chair job is actually the easiest job. The hard job is the Raffle and Auction Chair. Take the conclave chair and protect yourself from the really hard work!!

This years conclave is shaping up nicely. Joe Butler had done a great job in getting fantastic headliners and one of the best lineups of seminars and programs we have had! Good Work! !! If you have not made plans to attend this October, do so now. **ALSO, DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR RAFFLE AND AUCTION ITEMS.** A challenge has been made to all clubs. Let's see who is paying attention to this challenge and who wimps out! If you don't know about this challenge contact me or Jim Murphy the raffle and auction chair.

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## **Ambassador Program**

Walter McLendon  
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Your council officers have volunteered to present free monthly programs to your club if you contact them. This is part of a new incentive to increase FFF membership. We ask that your club commit to purchasing FFF memberships in return for the program of your choice (see below). In Texas, designated ambassadors have been . selected for presenting programs. If you would like to volunteer to help in Texas, Louisiana or Oklahoma, please contact me [waltermc@sprynet.com](mailto:waltermc@sprynet.com). These programs are designed to be like the ones you currently have at your meetings. Because of travel costs, we ask you to choose an ambassador near to your club. Ambassadors cannot make an evening meeting unless you are located near them, so instead, you might plan a special activity on a Saturday so they can come and present their program. Please contact the person you want to present for arrangements.

We have a special FFF incentive program where your club can purchase 12 new FFF memberships and use them in anyway you see fit. For this purchase, you receive a choice of a very nice fly rod, reel or tying vise (see a list of them on our website (<http://www.southerncouncilfft.org>)). We suggest that you raffle your prize to your membership to raise the \$348 cost of the 12 memberships. You can use this money to offset the individual cost of membership or for some worthy club project. When you sign up for the 12 FFF memberships, you can ask to begin accumulating 15 more so once you reach 15, the FFF will automatically notify you to select another prize, then continue on for the next 15. It should be very possible to raise more than your cost of these memberships in your raffles since the prizes are of such good quality.

Since some small clubs cannot afford 12 new memberships, we ask that you join the FFF Incentive Program to accumulate 15 new memberships. There is no time restriction on this program at the present

time and you might also plan special club projects to raise money to purchase these memberships. These new memberships could be used to reward outstanding club members for their hard work in your club. Please commit to whatever number you can support and let us know.

This new program will give you the opportunity to personally meet your elected representatives, exchange ideas and learn more about our council and the FFF. Officers will get to meet you and see firsthand how your club operates. We hope this program increases the relationships between clubs and our council to the benefit of both. Thank you very much for this opportunity. We look forward to seeing you soon

## Ambassadors

**Bob Tabbert (Louisiana)** - I have two 30 minutes 35mm slide show-talks.

1. *“Sight Fishing for Brown Trout in Tasmania”*
2. *“Fishing for Native Brook Trout in Remote Spring Ponds of Northern Wisconsin”*  
Have given these several times, good slides, interesting fishing, from big browns to tiny brookies. Bob wants to visit the Western IL FF club.

**Roe:er Maler (Tennessee)** - 3 Programs

1. *“Sinktipzing”* (Includes a 20 minute video filmed at the 2000 Conclave along with a 30 minute discussion and display of the equipment I use). A Q&A session usually follows. Club will need the video equipment necessary to project the video either to a screen or TV depending on the size of the group. If the club is near a stream I can do the program on a sat. in the water.
2. *“Flyfishing Travel”* (Slide presentation and/or discussion of the following destinations):
  - a. The Alaskan Kianai River and Kodiak Island for Salmon and Dolly Varden Trout
  - b. Tarpon fishing in Mexico out of Cancun.
  - c. Redfish and Spec (sea trout) fishing in the gulf in general as well as a 3 day trip to the Chandelier islands out of Biloxi, Miss.
3. *“A Comprehensive Beginner's Fly Fishing Class”* (1-2 hour class, including gear, strategies and flies). The Mid South Fly Fishers will soon have the complete program on video and in writing for distribution to other clubs if any are interested.

**Walter McLendon (Texas)** -

1. *“Fly Fishing East Texas”* (Overhead projection of lake and stream layouts, favorite fishing spots, structure, boat ramps, etc.).
2. *“History of Fly Fishing and Tying”* (Overhead projection of pictures of examples of subjects being covered)

**Chuck Easterling (Arkansas)** - *“Practicing with a Purpose”* (a casting workshop, a systematic approach to improving a caster's skill). This should take - 3 - 4 hours and should be scheduled for a Saturday.

**Brian Ellis (Missouri)** -

1. Topics In Fly Casting - *This is a program that consists of a combination of lecture, demonstration, and hands-on casting instruction program tailored to a clubs requests and available facilities.*
2. FFF Certified Fly Casting Instructor Preparation Workshop - *The purpose of the certification program will be discussed along with the knowledge and skills required to pass the certification exam. Assessment of participates skills and identification for areas of improvement will be made as time permits.*
3. Fly Fishing The Ozark National Scenic Riverways - The Current and Jacks Fork Rivers in Missouri (Available late summer 2003)
4. FFF Certified Fly Casting Instructor Certification Exam - *This exam requires the availability of a second Certified Master Casting Instructor to conduct the test. This exam might possibly be scheduled prior to one of the previous topics.*

**Steve Jensen (Missouri)** -

1. "Getting Started in Saltwater Fly Fishing"
2. "Fly Fishing Western Waters"
3. "New Zealand on a Budget"
4. "Knots and Leader Systems"

Since Steve works full time, weekdays will be hard to arrange and weekends might be also.

**Dennis Slane (Missouri)** - "Camp and Dutch Oven Cooking" (*Slide show and practical hands on demos or any combination there of*). *I will be doing my own club Southwest Missouri FF in April-- should be ready to take the show on the road after that.*

**Shawn Taylor (Missouri)** - I would be willing to do a show for the clubs in Russellville & Rogers, Arkansas and for Springfield, Missouri

1. "Wake Up To The North Fork" - *A presentation on the North Fork of the White River in Southern Missouri. Describes techniques that work there and in many other rivers throughout the country.*
2. "Tricks of the Trade" - *A show made up of many tips learned from years of guiding and stealing techniques from other guides.*
3. "Central America Combo" A show describing the incredible variety of fly fishing available in Costa Rica and Panama.
4. "Flyfishing Norfork Lake" - *A video presentation of the different species that can be caught on flies on Norfork Lake. Features the guide service of Darrel Binkley of Bink's Guide service. We are giving this video presentation at the Sow Bug Roundup.*

**Texas Ambassadors**

**Constance Whiston (Austin)** -

1. Fly Fishing & Kayaking, Fly Fishing the Texas Hill Country
2. Fly Fishing Private Ranches of Texas including Rancho Rio Grande on the Devils River, Llano Springs Ranch, 700 Springs Ranch and Rancho Del Norte,

3. The Fly Fishing Women of Texas Fly Fishing the Upper Potomac with Lefty Kreh and others

**Bob Woodruff (Northeast Texas)** - offers a series of Entomology programs and fly fishing on some Texas lakes.

**Mark Marmon (Houston)** - "Urban Angling"

**Al Crise (Ft. Worth)** -

1. "Fly Casting for Texas Rivers" - *A casting clinic for moving waters of Texas. The mends, dumps, slack line cast. + several others (can be done on the grass) 2-3 hours hands-on*
2. "Fly Fishing the Brazos River" *From PK to Lake Whitney Tail race. 1-2 hours (I will try to get some slides ready for this.)*
3. "Teaching the Instructors" - *Just what should an instructor know to put on a fly casting clinic. All day. 6+ hours. (break for lunch.)*
4. "Fly Tying for beginners 'Oh that Wooly Bugger'" - *Basic fly tying for youth (FWFF vises)*
5. "Basic Rod Building" - *Maybe. All day or two classes or just a talk on rod building.*
6. "Bugs For Breakfast" - *What fish eat for breakfast. Trip to the river with nets.*

### **Oklahoma Ambassadors**

**Steve Ford Tahlequah** - "Fly Fishing the Scenic Rivers of Northeastern Oklahoma" or "Okie Fly Fishing" (still working on this video, will be ready this summer)

## **EDUCATION**

Mike Reuck  
V.P. Education

Kansas City, MO has 3 fly fishing clubs and I have been fortunate to have belonged to two of them. The Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association, K.C. and the Heart of America FF. Our Heart of America FF club began in 1988 and now has more than 150 members.

We meet once a month for education programs and fly fishing trips. We have been j lucky enough to have had some outstanding programs including Flip Pallot, Jack Dennis, Skip Morris, Dave Hughes, Mike Lawson, Sylvester Nymes, Dave & Emily Whitlock, Jay Fishy Fulham, Gary Borger, and this year Lefty Kreh.

Unfortunately, this year's program was scheduled the same weekend as the Sowbug Roundup on March 28th and 29th. I had waited all my life to get to see Lefty Kreh in person and I can say that it was worth it.

Lefty had a stroke in September and a heart attack in December, but he was truly magnificent at our program.

After dinner on Friday night at the Hardware Café in Liberty, MO he agreed to come to my house and tie flies with the Liberty Fly Tyers. This is a group of 10 people that have gotten together every Wednesday night for the past 3 years.

Lefty sent me a letter the next week with two of his flies, a Jailbait and a Bucktail Deceiver. Lefty said that he enjoyed being at our club and the brief evening with us on Friday. He did the same thing with a group of his friends back in the 1950's. They would get together at one of their homes and tie flies and show slides of their latest trip. Their group is still close today -almost 50 years later.

So, if you don't have a small group of fly tyers -then start one. Begin by tying your favorites. Learn to tie warm water as well as trout flies. When the daylight hours get longer in May-September, you can practice casting exercises in the back yard.

## **TEACHING PROGRAM**

Bob Tabbert  
V.P. Conservation

I would like to share with you a teaching program that the Acadiana Flyrodders started last summer with the Jean Lafitte National Park Historical Site. Through a club casting clinic that we held on the lawn in front of the Park's Headquarters we met some of the Park's Rangers. They asked for our club's help in teaching fly fishing in their Jr. Ranger's summer program. We ended up teaching fly fishing during the 3 sessions of their Jr. Park Ranger's Program. We ran 20 kids, each Friday, through a 3-station program. We used our club's equipment, training rods, reels and vises. The National Park did all of the organization. We utilized their meeting rooms for our teaching. After lunch each day we took the young fly fishers fishing in the bayou that runs through the park. It was a successful teaching experience for everyone. We have just completed the plans with the Park Ranger for this summer's program. The Head Ranger is convinced that every National Park that has a Jr. Ranger summer program would jump at the opportunity of receiving fly fishing educational help from our FFF clubs.

## **CONSERVATION**

Bob Tabbert  
V.P. Conservation

Conservation of our fisheries has to begin at the grass roots. Each of us has to take an active role in protecting, restoring and watching over our fisheries. With over 4000 members in the 46 clubs in the Southern Council spread out over 7 states we are a conservation force capable of influencing and executing many conservation projects.

After 6 months into this 2-year volunteer assignment as VP Conservation for the Southern Council it has become apparent through contacts with the conservation officers of our clubs that there are many excellent grass roots conservation projects that are actively being carried out by our membership. A few examples: The San Marcos Fly Fishers have an on-going clean up project in the San Marcos River. Visit their web site: [www.ctff.org](http://www.ctff.org) for pictures and details. The Fort Worth Fly Fishers at: [www.iflyfish.com/fwff](http://www.iflyfish.com/fwff) along with help from other Texas clubs working with the U.S. Forest Service, and the Texas Park and Wildlife Dept. have developed a fly-fishing only lake at Windmill Lake, near Decatur, TX. The Ozark Fly Fishers are lobbying the State of MO to restrict gravel mining on Missouri streams. Visit their web site for details on how you can help: [www.ozarkflyfishers.org](http://www.ozarkflyfishers.org). In Arkansas members of several SC clubs are helping to stabilize the banks of the Strawberry River by the hard work of planting trees. In February, Southern Council club members from AR, TX, MO and TN met on the Little Red at Winkley Shoals to help the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission with an electro-shocking program. These clubs and their members are to be applauded for their volunteer grass roots conservation efforts. What is your club doing to help restore and protect the quality of our fisheries? Everyone of our clubs could adopt a portion of a river, stream or lake near their club to clean up and watch over. If you run into conservation projects that need some seed monies to kick-start your conservation project consider applying to the SC for funding. Download an application for funding form off the FFF website, <http://www.fedflyfishers.org>, or request a copy from me. Fill out the form, have your club's president sign it and send it on in to me. It is my job as VP Conservation to obtain funding either from the SC's Board and/or the FFF Conservation Committee. Funding for 2004 conservation projects should be in my hands by Sept 15 for presentation to the SC's Board at their Oct 2003 Meeting. My e-mail, phone number and address can be found in the Long Cast and/or on the SC's web site. What makes a "good" conservation project? A conservation project that combines preserving or restoring the quality of our fisheries and at the same time teaches or involves the younger generation is a good conservation project and has an excellent chance for funding. With a limited supply of Southern Council's conservation dollars available, think in terms of \$250.00 or \$500.00 requests. Larger funding requests can be obtained from the National FFF Conservation Committee. I will do my best to obtain conservation funds for your projects.

Keep watching over our fisheries

## **A CONSERVATION QUESTION**

Bob Tabbert  
V.P. Conservation

Does your club have a conservation project? One low cost conservation project that any club could adopt is a "Water Clean Up" of a portion of a river, bayou, or lake shore that is used by your club for their outings. A "Water Clean Up" is a low tech, hands on, grass roots conservation project. The next time your club has an outing, consider taking along a few garbage bags and spend some quality time picking up trash, improving the quality of the waters.

For more ambitious “Conservation Projects” that require some funding, consider applying to the FFF for conservation grant. You can obtain an application off the FFF's website at <http://www.fedflyfishers.org>, click on Conservation and download a copy of the application. You could also contact me directly at 211 Urseline Street, Lafayette, LA 70506 and I will send you an application. Fill out the application with the details of your club’s conservation project and have your club’s president sign it and send it on to me. It is my responsibility as V.P. Conservation to guide your request through the appropriate channels to obtain funding, either at the Southern Council’s level or on to the National FFF. Requests for 2004 Conservation funding should be mailed to me by the middle of September. You could also hand deliver your request to me at the Mountain Home Conclave in October. I would be glad to meet with you at the Conclave and discuss your club’s conservation efforts. The Southern Council’s Board meets in early December to make their budget decisions for 2004.

Watch over our fisheries. I hope to see you at the Conclave.

## **“VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY”**

Bob Tabbert  
V.P. Conservation .

Lewis and Clark reached the Great Falls of the Missouri in 1805. There they started to catch a strange looking trout. Not like the brook trout from eastern waters; no blue halos with red spots, no white edges on the fins. These trout had black spots all over and red marks on both sides of their jaw. These red markings, or slashes, looked like bleeding cuts. Merriweather Lewis named this new species of trout: *Oncorhynchus clarki* in honor of his friend William Clark.

At the 2002 FFF Conclave in Livingston, Montana, while fishing Du Puy’s Spring Creek that flows into the Yellowstone, I caught a 14 “cutbow”, a hybrid between Lewis and Clark’s cutthroat and the rainbow. Last fall at the FFF Southern Council Conclave in Mountain Home, Arkansas, I volunteered as a casting instructor-guide for Youth Day on Dry Run Creek. On his second cast, actually sort of a heave, my young student launched a size 16 brown scud into a foam seam and hooked up with a large fish. The lad brought the fish in, head up, and I slipped the net under and lifted. As I turned to show the grinning boy his first trout safe in the net, a round of applause broke out. Behind us, up on the wooden viewing platform, a group had gathered to watch the fighting and landing of this 21" cutthroat. After removing the scud, we gently released it. One happy young fly fisher; one thrilled mentor.

I often hear at our club meetings the question: “What does the FFF do for us?” This year the Southern Council funded five conservation projects totaling \$4,500.00. These funds come from profits generated by Council Conclaves. The FFF Board of Directors recently granted \$17,500.00 for nine conservation projects throughout the United States. These conservation grant funds come from FFF membership dues, Conclave profits, contributions, and other sources. Any FFF club may submit proposals requesting conservation grants from either the FFF or the Southern Council.

Until I became involved as Southern Council V. P. for Conservation, I had no concept of the many worthwhile conservation and youth educational programs supported by the FFF. Until I began to attend Council and FFF Conclaves, I had no idea of the fun and satisfaction I could receive by being an active member.

Now when someone asks, “What does the FFF do for us?” My response is: “What have you asked the FFF to do for you?” Has your club asked for a grant for that worthy conservation of fly fishing education project? Have you taken advantage of the marvelous educational and fellowship opportunities that FFF and Council conclaves provide?

Join the FFF, not only to improve your fly fishing skills, but also to help conserve and protect the coldwater, saltwater, and warm water sport fisheries that YOU enjoy. Membership in FFF will become your personal “Voyage of Discovery”

Link to FFF Membership form: <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/joinup.htm>

## **OUTREACH QUESTION**

Sheryl Knight  
Outreach Chair

**How many Outreach members does it take to make a successful conclave?**

**ANSWER:**

**All of us!**

Good News Outreach Members – we will have Maggie Merriman as our Outreach Speaker for the Conclave this fall. Some of you have heard Maggie before and know what a treat this will be. Maggie is a well-respected member of the fly fishing community and has long been a champion of women in fly-fishing. I remember the first National Conclave I attended in 1987 - Maggie was teaching fly-casting. She continues this tradition at the SCFFF Conclave 2003 and will provide instruction at two fly-casting seminars, beginner and intermediate/advanced. Maggie will also present a program titled “Reading Trout Streams” and will be attending our Outreach Luncheon. Maggie has also graciously agreed to join us at the Outreach Booth.

This year we will also have a fly-tying seminar with Diane Fozdar-Blair, Cheryl Farrell, Sister Carol Ann Corley and Sherrie Steele; a Digital Photography seminar with Mike Clark (I saw this at Sowbug - you don't want to miss it!), a first-aid seminar, titled “Hey, it hurts when I do this” with Dr. Michael Lack; Dutch Oven Cooking with Al & Ouida Wilkie; and a Fly Fishing Antiques Roadshow with Dennis & Amy Galyardt. Our “Roadshow” seminar is a blatant knock-off of the ever-popular Antiques Roadshow, so bring your fly-fishing collectibles and Dennis will fill you in on its history and value. And the SCFFF

Outreach Luncheon - last year's luncheon was recording setting - attendance, raffle and auction fundraising and our first Outreach Fly Plate, we hope you were able to attend. This year's luncheon, hosted by the Mid-South Fly Fishers, promises to be an event not to be missed. Johnny Chamness will be as our auctioneer, so you know hilarity will abound.

Did any of you catch the comment about the Outreach Booth? That's right, the Outreach Committee will have booth at the SCFFF Conclave in October. We will be selling our cookbook, having a special raffle, displaying our Outreach Fly Plate and Maggie will spend some time there for some one-on-one questions. *Don't miss this opportunity to get to know a great lady outside the seminarforum* We will need some volunteers to help host the booth - if you would be interested please contact Pat Smith or myself. The more volunteers we have the less time any one person will have to spend hosting the booth. Also, I would like to start collecting photos of Outreach Programs and Luncheons from years past and create a SCFFF Outreach Scrapbook; this too will be on display in the booth. So if you have a favorite Outreach moment captured on film please send us a copy (hard copy or digital). Please provide the year and the names of anyone in the photos.

Did any of you catch the comment about the Outreach Fly Plate? I hope so. To date (May 4th) Pat and I have received 6 flies **AND** to be blunt we need **MORE**. Several gentlemen have offered to provide flies, and I want to thank all the men that have volunteered their handiwork, but the Outreach Plate is intended to showcase the Women of the Southern Council (that sounds like a tacky calendar).

Ladies, please send your flies as soon as possible.

We are not asking that you be a Diane Fozdar-Blair, or Sherry Steele, or Sister Carol Ann or Judy Lehmborg (1 am leaving out a lot of great women tyers but I am writing this pretty late at night and this article is already 3 days late). We are only asking that you supply your best effort. I am not a tyer but I have created my own variation on the Stimulator, one of my favorite patterns - its name, much to my husband's chagrin, is "Hot Pants".

One last thing, you will notice when you review the schedule and registration that we will be charging fees for some of the Outreach Programs. We have done our best, in the past, to avoid fees and avoid limiting class size, so please know that our goal is to recoup our expenses and to provide the highest quality instruction possible. Please support our efforts to make SCFFF Outreach a model that others can look to for leadership. And if you have ~ concerns I am always available to discuss them with you.

Thank you --see you in October -

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## To Catch and Release or Release in the Grease ...Is that really a question?

By Brian Camp

Unless you've been living in a cave somewhere deep in Duane Hada's revered Ozarks, then you must surely be aware that the Federation's motto is, "A good gamefish is too valuable to be caught just once." The late, great Lee Wulff is the originator of the phrase and I consider this the most important thing that ever came out of our organization. If nothing else, this is certainly the most influential thing the Federation has done because Lee's words of wisdom have been embraced by millions of anglers over the last 30 years. Believe it or not, Mr. Ray Scott, founder of the Bass Anglers Sportsman's Society, heard Lee speak at a Conclave once and this was the inspiration that caused him to institute catch-and-release at all B.A.S.S. tournaments. Mr. Scott's unprecedented actions then went on to influence fishing tournaments, both in freshwater and in saltwater, *worldwide* and a strong catch-and-release ethic has now been engrained into untold numbers of fishermen, whether they fish tournaments or not. And to think that a humble, gentle guy like Lee Wulff could make this sort of incredible, far-reaching impact upon a fishing mentality that rarely released a fish of any size or species unless it was into the sizzling hot grease of an iron skillet. Personally, I find this whole chain of events truly amazing.

What concerns me now is there seems to be a rapidly growing number of *fly fishers* that measure their success on a stream, lake, bay or whatever by how many pounds of fish they bring home. I've run across a few of these folks and when asked why they do this, the pat answer always seems to be that these are just "bream", white bass or some other "non" gamefish. In the case of our Southern trout, I'm really getting tired of the excuse, "They're stocked by the millions and someone fishing corn will just take them home if I don't". Wrong.

Just because we fish in warm water or in stocked trout streams that weren't originally trout streams doesn't give us an excuse to do whatever we please. As Federators, we are supposed to be stewards of *all* aquatic resources. And our mission is not to just protect them, but to enhance and improve them as well. Killing fish does nothing to enhance a fishery though admittedly in a few extremely rare cases, removing some fish may be a viable method to improve or enhance the ecosystem. Overpopulated brook trout fisheries and farm ponds full of stunted bass are two classic examples. But you can easily go too far in these situations and it takes careful monitoring of the catch rate and the population density in the fishery to make harvest a viable fisheries improvement tool.

I'm not a judge or a one-man jury and I'm certainly not the type to force-feed my own values down your throat, though you may run into a Federator somewhere that will- there's certainly no shortage of people willing to lend an opinion in this organization! But ultimately, the choice to kill a fish or release it is yours and yours alone. All I ask is that your decision to release or kill is an intelligent choice based on sound science. I've actually seen some fabulous sunfish lakes totally ruined by fly fishers (yep, that's right, *fly fishers!*). In fact, I know of one incredible, yet very small, pond that was ruined by the selfish actions of *one* fly fisher over the course of only one season. These folks innocently thought they could not hurt the fishery because sunfish are so prolific. Wrong again. Sunfish may be prolific but when a dedicated group

of *very* good anglers repeatedly hit a small lake and proceed to yank out all of the big boys (the prime brood stock), leaving only dinks, what you may end up with is a pond full of genetically inferior fish that takes years to recover, if ever.

In closing, I would humbly like to add to Lee's timeless motto in that not only is a good gamefish too valuable to catch just once but a good fishery is too valuable, *and rare*, a resource to squander. Think about it, please.

Good Fly Fishing !

## TYING ONE ON

Mike Huffman  
Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers

When I hear the term purist, the hackles rise on the nape of my neck. When I hear an individual apply the term to himself, I dive out of laughing distance and look for the least harmful direction to vomit. Purity, even as a concept, is heavily suspect at least in the latter part of this century. After all, even the driven snow has some hereditary acid rain content. So at best we are dealing with a relative issue and not an absolute.

I won't use commercially raised worms. ..I won't throw a plug with more than six treble hooks. ..I won't touch a spinning rod. ..I don't tie with any synthetics (except maybe nylon thread, mylar tinsel, and a few non-bone hooks). ..I only fish dry flies upstream. ..and only at certain times. ..” Are we to suppose that the purist of the pure simply falsecast, waiting for a trout to leap free of the water and snatch their virgin undampened offering out of the air? Why not? Hell, that would go a long way toward explaining those days we get skunked.

Secretly, I believe self-proclaimed “purists” are retreating from some preexisting state of being they're embarrassed about. In their sleep they're tortured by visions of finding themselves naked, on opening morning, ankle deep in the most popular corn hole on the river with a tangled spincast outfit in their hands, and without their pipe or even their Latin Thesaurus. An angry mob is closing in around them, including all the classmates they snitched on in school, threatening to pummel them senseless and leave the carcass for the crawdads and bluegill to pick clean.

The whole condition would be pretty humorous if it weren't for the fact some newcomers to the sport are actually put off by such buffoons. I found myself amongst a few last year on the fly fishing only stretch of a Connecticut river. As luck would have it, I caught and released a couple of nice browns. When I arrived at the car, I was approached by two of these well appointed and expensively outfitted fellows. Recalling that I hadn't seen them catch any fish, I casually laid my vest over the keeper ring of my rod, and braced myself for some interrogation. Well, after engaging in some talk about the cost of their equipment, how the Fish and Game Department hadn't been stocking enough, in relation to the income and import of the “average” angler in these waters, they showed me their Wheatley boxes lined neatly with all manner of store

bought tiny nymphs, and other assorted and quite trendy offerings. Then they dropped the question. What was I using? When I produced the somewhat mangled #6 bright purple wooly booger there was a spastic moment of silence, and a slight shifting of weight to their rear leg, as if it was Kryptonite or something. They just didn't quite know how to handle it. I could have only guessed what they were mumbling to each other as they ambled away, but I had the giggles all the way home.

## **YOUTH FLY-FISHING AND THE “QUICK EXPERIENCE”**

Mike Andrews  
Hill Country Fly Fishers

Steve Hall, education director for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, went right to the point in his presentation at the April 2002 meeting of the Hill Country Fly Fishers of Kerrville, Texas. He stated that the prime reason for his being at our meeting could be traced to the fly-fishing instruction that some of our



members had furnished at Camp La Junta, a summer camp for boys, the previous summer. He had been impressed by the success, and it so happened that the La Junta experience was just about what he was looking for to serve as a model for a statewide fly-fishing program for the young people of Texas—a short outdoor experience that exposes youth to our sport in a fashion that equips them with the basics needed to pursue fly-fishing further if the exposure whets their curiosity. The areas of concentration would be a honed version of what occurred under Dr. Guy Harrison's

leadership at La Junta the previous summer with the focus on four activities: fly casting; fly tying; ecology; and ethics (fly-fishing responsibilities and laws). Hall stated that programs already established by other organizations for youth education in fly-fishing were inclined to be too large in scope and too complex to fit his concept of what TP&W had in mind—a program that contained short-term objectives, interesting experiences within a short time span, and appropriate awards such as certificates accompanied by achievement badges, pins, or patches. Steve believed that the Hill Country Fly Fishers could serve as a model that could be replicated on a statewide basis by other fly-fishing clubs.



This meeting proved to be a landmark event when the Hill Country Fly Fishers voted to implement the concept that

Steve Hall had suggested. The club's education committee, under Dr. Harrison's leadership, would coordinate the June and July fly-fishing program this year at Camp La Junta to fit the guidelines outlined by Hall and the TP&W in what was tagged as "the Quick Experience." TP&W stood ready to supply fishing outfits and tying equipment along with other helpful items that might be needed.



As the June date approached, "Doc" Harrison meticulously drew up the final plans for implementation of "the Quick Experience" at Camp La Junta. Our club began to refer to him as Dynamo Doc when he began lining up recruits from our membership to take on teaching responsibilities and mapping out specific strategies for each study unit. On June 17 of this year, we moved into action, and despite some opening day adjustments involving time limits, we were able to initiate the program successfully. As the week progressed, "Doc" and his group of a dozen or so HCFF volunteers fine-tuned their presentations. Martin Persch worked with "Doc" at the fly-tying table turning out Woolly Worms and Gotcha

Beetles that would later be tested when the boys fished. Near the riverfront, Donnie Bunch, Mike Bauman, Jim Kuper, Lee Livingston, and Mike Andrews explained rods, reels, and lines and pointed out qualities that made them unique to fly-fishing. They then followed up by teaching the roll cast and the overhead cast by stressing proper techniques and working to eliminate common casting flaws. Danny Wheat put on a one-man show in his fly-fishing attire as he explained all of the tools and devices used in fly-fishing in addition to other useful stream know-how's. "Doc" Harrison, who was all over the place, also taught classes on aquatic and streamside life forms and water quality. Keith Masters later took over this class. Dennis Glenewinkel served time as a roaming helper and guide as each section went about its work while Walt Saunders did triple duty in teaching fly tying, knot tying, and casting. At various times, during the busy week, Bill Emshoff could be spotted taking candid camera pictures of just about everything that was going on. During the July session, Dr. Bob Harris and Clay Corder would handle the casting and knot tying sessions. The total time spent amounted to a little less than two hours per evening with four groups of boys,



each taking different lessons spread out over a four-day period followed by an evening of fishing the upcoming weekend. Everyone had done a terrific job, and all could drive away from Camp La Junta knowing that something very wholesome had taken place. More of our club members had actively participated in this venture than anyone of us could have predicted, except for the undaunted Dr. Harrison, upon whom enough praise for his zeal and leadership is less than enough. All of our goals had been achieved and were later repeated during the July camp session. Much of the success may be

attributed to the enthusiasm and good manners of the boys, all fourteen-year-olds, who never failed to thank us at the end of each lesson. Fittingly, each youngster was awarded the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's Texas Junior Angler Certificate of Achievement along with a handsome pin to wear on his cap.

But wait. This is not the end of the story. Shortly after our club became involved with the TP&W project, Larry Hysmith, extension associate with the Wildlife and Fisheries Unit of Texas A&M University, spoke at our May meeting and told of how 4-H clubs were venturing into fresh territory with projects for their organization designed to capture the interest of rural youths whose curiosity had expanded into new areas associated with outdoor activities beyond the traditional 4-H offerings. As a result, the Texas 4-H Sportfishing Program was initiated. As it turns out, the TP&W Junior Angler Program and the 4-H Sportfishing Program are compatible in many ways. With only slight adjustments, virtually the same content may be taught to cover both programs in youth fly-fishing projects, simultaneously if necessary. Dr.Harrison, in a conversation with Larry Hysmith, was encouraged to attempt the 4-H Sportfishing Program sometime next spring, either in one, two, or three sessions.

The bottom line is that our Hill Country Fly Fishers can spearhead both programs with eight to ten members willing to devote several days a week about three or four times during the late spring and summer seasons to make a significant contribution in teaching youths about our wonderful sport-a pleasure that they can enjoy for the rest of their lives. Our club has the opportunity to provide a model in teaching and mentoring for other fly-fishing groups throughout the state. With some experience already behind us and with a game plan that has worked successfully this year, The Hill Country Fly Fishers, with Dr. Guy Harrison leading the way, look forward to future opportunities that point the way in teaching young people to fly-fish. What a fine gift to pass along!

## **Junior Fly Fishers Program**

### **Sponsors .:**

- ~ Federal Sponsor-Sport Fish Restoration
- ~ State Sponsor-State Parks and Wildlife
- ~ Local/Group- FFF , TU, Fly Fishing Club, 4-H Club, Boy Scouts, Camps, National Clubs (Lions, etc.)and Schools

### **Participants:**

- ~ -Boys or Boys and Girls 10-16yrs.
- ~ Numbers 12-24 divided into groups of 5-6 each.

### **Instruction Staff:** [Mentors ]

- ~ Fly Tying Session - 1 Inst. and 1 Asst.
- ~ Fly Casting Session- 1 Inst. and 1 or 2 Asst. [depends on the number of participants for instruction].
- ~ Knot Tying Session- 1 Inst. or may be included in fly casting session.
- ~ Stream Ethics Session- 1 Inst.
- ~ Water Quality and Aquatic Life Session- 1 Inst.
- ~ Fishing Session- 1 Inst. for each 2 participants.

## Curriculum:

### Fly Tyeing Session:

- ~ Successfully tie one fly (fresh water-wooly worm, salt water-clouser).
- ~ Identify four basic types of flies used to catch fish

### ~ Fly Casting Session:

1. Assemble fly rod/reel, backing, line and leader
2. Discuss main difference between fly casting and casting other rod types.
3. Learn mechanics of standard Fly Cast and Roll Cast.
4. Discuss/simulate maneuvering of fly on water, landing and handling of fish.

### ~ Knot Tying:

1. Tie 2 or 3 basic fly-fishing knots (line to line, line to leader and leader to fly).

### ~ Stream Ethics Session:

1. Discuss ethical fly fishing practices that relate to your conduct between you and fellow fisherman whether wading in stream or in *canoe, float-tube or boat*.
2. Discuss safety issues whether wading in a stream with a fellow fisherman or in *canoe, float-tube or boat*.
3. Discuss legality when accessing a stream as to whether you are trespassing on private property or not, since in some states the stream belongs to the landowner and in others the stream is the property of the state.
4. Discuss being knowledgeable about the fishing laws in the state you are fishing. Acquire a booklet published by the state covering the fishing laws of each area that you intend to fish since the laws may differ for specific areas as well individual streams.

### ~ Water Quality and Aquatic Life:

1. Conduct aquatic ecosystem studies such as turbidity water temperature and Ph.
2. Learn to identify the aquatic insects and their life cycle as well as their vulnerability to pollution. Collect specimens (“bug picking”) from stream by turning over rocks or seining or by having preserved specimens.
3. Learn other foods that fish feed on in the local streams such as the crustaceans, vertebrates and invertebrates.

4. Be also knowledgeable of the large number of terrestrial insects that fish feed on in the summer months that fall or blown into the water.
5. Identify three species of fish in the local streams.

**Awards:**

- ~ Presentation of certificates and pins to each class member following completion of the program.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

Mike Reuck  
V.P. Education

The Southern Council has a \$1000.00 scholarship to award to a student who will entering his/her second or later year of college and is working toward a degree that is consistent with the purpose of the FFF. The recipient must reside within the geographical boundaries of the Southern Council and be a member of FFF. Applications can be obtained from Mike Reuck, V.P. Education, 304 Lancelot Drive, Liberty, MO 64068. Also an [APPLICATION FORM](#) is available on the homepage ([www.southernCouncilfff.org](http://www.southernCouncilfff.org)), which can be printed. Either way, complete the form and add the supplemental information as requested on the form, and mail to Mike Reuck. All applications must be postmarked by August 31st, and the winner will be announced at the Conclave in Mountain Home in October.

## **DINE IN STYLE** **SOUTHERN COUNCIL AWARDS BANQUET**

by Pat Smith

The FFF Southern Council Awards Banquet is the highlight of the Conclave. During the evening is when all awards are presented to those who have earned them - the casting awards as well as the regular slate of awards such as Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Tyler of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Club of the Year and so on. After all this takes place, Gary Borger has a great program for us to enjoy prior to the duo of Johnny and Dennis taking the stage.

To put everyone in the proper mood for the evening, we have a wonderful meal planned. The meal, as usual, will be served buffet style so no one can say they went away hungry! This year you will find on the buffet table the following items to titillate your taste buds: Lasagna, ham, fried shrimp, green beans, black-eyed peas, glazed carrots, twice-baked potato casserole, pasta salad, caesar salad, fruit salad, fruit cobbler, rolls, cornbread, coffee and tea.

Please come help us celebrate the close of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Federation of Fly Fishers® Southern Council. I promise you will have a good time.

## **CONCLAVE SCHEDULE AND PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS**



## ACTIVITIES - FRIDAY - OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
8:00AM - 5:00PM	<b>Registration</b>	Education Building Lobby
9:00AM - 4:00PM	<b>Fly Tying Demonstrations</b>	Education Building
	<b>Commercial Displays</b>	Education Building
	<b>Silent Auction</b>	Education Building
	<b>Casting Coach - by appointment</b>	Education Building Lobby
	<b>Tying Coach - by appointment</b>	Education Building Lobby
9:00 - 11:00AM	<b>Basics of Fly Plate Construction – Michael Verduin and Slim Mitchell</b> - Registration required – Limit 5 - Materials Fee	Bldg. C-1
9:00-10:00AM	<b>Reading Trout Streams - Maggie Merriman</b>	Seminar Room
9:00 - 11:00AM	<b>Essentials and Beyond (Casting) - Chuck Easterling and Art Mazzier</b> - Registration Required - Fee - Limit 8 - Equipment Require	Bldg. C-4 / ASU Campus
10:00 - 12:00AM	<b>Casting Clinic - “Foundations of the Cast/Reach Secret of Fly Fishing - Jason Borger</b> - - Limit 10 - Fee - Equip. required -	ASU Campus
	<b>Tying Clinic - “Designing with Fur Dubbing” - Gary Borger</b> - Limit 10 - Fee	Bldg. C-3
10:00 - 11:00AM	<b>Ozark Tailwater Trout - Duane Hada</b>	Seminar Room
10:30-12:00AM	<b>Digital Photography - Mike Clark</b>	Bldg. C-4
	<b>Sink-tip Symposium – Roger Maler</b> – Registration Required - Fee - Limit 15	Maler Cabin - White River
11:00 - 12:00AM	<b>Certified Casting “Get Ready” Class - Al Crise and Bob Tabbert</b> - Equipment required - Recommend Rod Using for Certification.	Bldg. C-1 / ASU Campus
11:00 - 12:00AM	<b>Fly Fishing Ponds - Terry and Roxanne Wilson</b>	Seminar Room
1:00 - Finish	<b>Casting Games - Ozark Fly Fishers</b>	Casting Pool
1:00 - 2:30PM	<b>Fishin’ What They See, Minnows of the Mississippi Drainage - Fox Statler</b>	Seminar Room
	<b>Take Me to Your Leader - Chuck Easterling and Art Mazzier</b> - Registration Required - Limit 8	Bldg. C-1
	<b>Teaching Advanced Casting - Bill Gammel</b> - Registration Required - Fee - Limit 8 - Equipment Required	ASU Campus
1:00 - 3:00PM	<b>Casting Clinic - Maggie Merriman</b> - Beginning Level - Registration Required - Fee - Limit 10 - Equipment Required	ASU Campus
	<b>Casting Clinic - “Matching the Hatch with Cast/Reach” - Gary Borger</b> - Intermediate Level - Registration Required - Fee - Limit 10 - Equipment Required	ASU Campus
	<b>Tying Clinic - “Designing with Hair Hackles” - Jason Borger</b> - Limit 10 - Fee	Bldg. C-3
	<b>Fly Tying - Diane Fozdar-Blair, Cheryl Farrell, Sister Carol Ann Corley &amp; Sherry Steele</b> (Fee includes materials)	Bldg. C-4
1:00 - 4:00PM	<b>Dutch Oven Cooking - Al &amp; Ouida Wilkie</b> (Fee)	Barn
2:30-4:00PM	<b>Fly Fishing Antique Roadshow - Dennis Galyardt</b>	Seminar Room
3:00 - 4:00PM	<b>Fishing for Steelhead in Michigan - Ken Barnes</b>	Bldg. C-3
4:00 PM	<b>Silent Auction Closes</b>	Exhibition Building
4:00-5:00PM	<b>Outreach Meeting</b>	Bldg C-4
5:00 - 6:30 PM	<b>Social Hours - hosted by MAKO Fly Fishers</b>	Pool Area - Ramada Inn
7:00 - 7:30PM	<b>Evening Program - “Making of a River Runs Through It” - Jason Borger</b>	Convention Room - Ramada
7:30PM - Finish	<b>Live Auction - Part 1</b>	Convention Room - Ramada
7:30PM - Finish	<b>Social Hour Resumes</b>	Indoor Pool Area

## ACTIVITIES - SATURDAY - OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
8:00AM - 4:00PM	<b>Registration</b>	Education Building Lobby
8:00 - 10:00 AM	<b>Tying Clinic - "Designing with Feather Dubbing" - Gary Borger - Limit 10 - Registration Required - Fee</b>	Bldg. C-3
	<b>Casting Clinic with Maggie Merriman - Intermediate or Above - Limit 10 - Registration Required - Fee</b>	ASU Campus
	<b>Casting Clinic - "Tricks and Tips to Develop Great Casting and Mending" - Jason Borger - Limit 10 - Registration Required - Fee</b>	ASU Campus
9:00AM-4:00PM	<b>Youth Conclave</b>	Meet in Lobby
	<b>Silent Auction</b>	Education Building
	<b>Fly Tying Demonstrations</b>	Education Building
	<b>Commercial Displays</b>	Education Building
9:00 - 10:00 AM	<b>Atlantic Salmon Flies - Judy Lehmberg</b>	Seminar Room
	<b>Backpacking for Trout - Steve Fritz</b>	Bldg. C-1
9:00 - 10:30AM	<b>"Hey, it only hurts when I do this" Fly Fishing First Aid - Dr. Michael Lack</b>	Bldg. C-4
10:00 - 11:00 AM	<b>Everything You Wanted to Know About Fly Lines - Mark Shelton</b>	Bldg. C-1
10:00 - 12:00AM	<b>Matching the Hatch - Gary &amp; Jason Borger</b>	Seminar Room/Casting Pool
10:30 - 11:30AM	<b>New Fly Tying Materials - Eric &amp; Joe Schmuecker</b>	Bldg. C-4
11:00 - 12:00AM	<b>How to Organize Fly Fishing Clinics - Mike Rueck and Jim Rogers</b>	Bldg. C-1
10:30 - 12:00AM	<b>Stream Strategies - Roger Maler - Registration Required - Fee - Limit 15</b>	Maler Cabin - White River
11:30AM-2:300PM	<b>Outreach Luncheon - hosted by Mid-South Fly Fishers</b>	Van Matre Senior Ctr.
1:00-2:00PM	<b>Home Waters - John Berry</b>	Bldg. C-4
1:00 - 2:30PM	<b>What Do I Know? - Davy Wotten</b>	Seminar Room
1:00-3:00PM	<b>Casting Clinic - "The Cast/Reach Secrets of the Nymph Fisher" - Gary Borger - Limit 10 - Registration Required - Fee - Equip. Required</b>	ASU Campus
	<b>Tying Clinic - "Designing with Feather Hackles" - Jason Borger - Fee - Limit 10</b>	Bldg. C-3
2:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>Activities Report / Endangered Species - Neosho National Fish Hatchery - David Hendrix - Hatchery Manager - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</b>	Bldg. C-4
2:30 - 3:30 PM	<b>Fly Fishing for Bones - Jud Parker</b>	Bldg. C-1
3:00 - 4:00PM	<b>Conversation with the Borgers - Gary &amp; Jason Borger</b>	Seminar Room
4:00PM	<b>Silent Auction Closes</b>	Exhibition Building
4:30 - 6:00 PM	<b>Social Hour - hosted by MAKO Fly Fishers</b>	Ramada Inn - Pool Area
6:00 - 7:30 PM	<b>Awards Banquet &amp; Presentation</b>	Convention Center - Ramada
7:30 - 8:15 PM	<b>Keynote Program - "Where the Trout Are" - Gary Borger</b>	Convention Center - Ramada
8:15 - Finish	<b>Live Auction - Part 2</b>	Convention Center - Ramada
8:15 - Finish	<b>Social Hour Resumes</b>	Ramada Inn - Pool Area

## ACTIVITIES - SUNDAY - OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup>

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
8:00AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Federation of Fly Fishers<sup>®</sup>, Southern Council, General Business Meeting - All Members are welcome and encouraged to attend.</b>	Convention Center - Ramada
8:30 AM - Finish	<b>Board of Directors Meeting (All Council Officers &amp; Club Presidents must attend.)</b>	Meeting Room - Ramada Inn



**2003 SOUTHERN COUNCIL CONCLAVE  
MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS  
REGISTRATION  
OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003**



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**FFF Membership** - Make your statement in support of the FFF ~ **Amount**

___ Individual Membership ..... (\$29)	___ 3-Year Individual ..... (\$70)	___ Senior Membership (65 and older) ..... (\$22)
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(Spouses & Children < 18)	___ Junior (14 Years & younger) ..... (\$11)	___ Couple Life ..... (\$636)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ New Member? ~ Former Member? ~ Renewal? ~

	FFF Member Fees	Non- Member Fees	Number
<b>Registration Fee:</b>			
Individual ..... (By September 15) .....	\$20.00	\$25.00	_____
Family ..... (By September 15) .....	\$25.00	\$30.00	_____
Senior Single (65 or over) ..... (By September 15) .....	\$15.00	\$20.00	_____
Senior Family (65 or over) ..... (By September 15) .....	\$20.00	\$25.00	_____
Individual ..... (On Site) .....	\$25.00	\$30.00	_____
Family ..... (On Site) .....	\$30.00	\$35.00	_____
Senior Single (65 or over) ..... (On Site) .....	\$20.00	\$25.00	_____
Senior Family (65 or over) ..... (On Site) .....	\$25.00	\$30.00	_____
<b>Saturday Evening Banquet</b> (must be registered to attend) .....	\$17.00	\$17.00	_____
<b>Saturday Outreach Luncheon</b> (must be registered to attend) .....	\$15.00	\$15.00	_____
<b>Casting Clinic with Jason Borger</b> - Limit 10 - Equipment Required - ~ Fri 10:00AM ~ Sat. 8:00PM .....	\$65.00	\$75.00	_____
<b>Casting Clinic with Gary Borger</b> - Limit 10 - Equipment Required - ~ Fri 1:00AM ~ Sat. 1:00PM .....	\$65.00	\$75.00	_____
<b>Fly Tying with Jason Borger</b> - Limit 10 - ~ Fri 2:00PM ~ Sat 1:00PM .....	\$65.00	\$75.00	_____
<b>Fly Tying with Gary Borger</b> - Limit 10 - ~ Fri. 10:00AM ~ Sat. 8:00AM .....	\$65.00	\$75.00	_____
<b>Sink Tip Symposium with Roger Maler</b> - on the White River in a limited access area - will need fishing gear. Limit 15 - Friday 10:30 - Noon. ....	\$40.00	\$50.00	_____
<b>Stream Strategies - with Roger Maler</b> - on the White River - will need waders and polarized glasses. Rods optional. Limit 15 - Saturday 10:30 - Noon. ....	\$40.00	\$50.00	_____
<b>Package deal on above two seminars by Roger Maler</b> .....	\$70.00	\$90.00	_____
<b>Teaching Advanced Casting - Bill Gammel</b> - Equipment Required - Limit 8 .....	\$50.00	\$60.00	_____
<b>Essentials and Beyond (Casting) - Chuck Easterling and Art Mazzier</b> - (Registration Required - Limit 8) .....	\$25.00	\$35.00	_____
<b>Basics of Fly Plate Construction - Michael Verduin and Slim Mitchell</b> - Registration required - Limit 5 - Materials Fee ....	\$25.00	\$25.00	_____
<b>Take Me to Your Leader - Chuck Easterling &amp; Art Mazzier</b> - Limit 8 .....	N/C	N/C	_____
<b>Casting Instruction with an FFF Certified Casting Instructor</b> - 1 Hour - Time _____ Fri ~ Sat. ~ .....	N/C	N/C	_____
<b>Wayne E &amp; Catherine Moore Youth Conclave</b> - (Must be under 16 Years of Age) Saturday Outing - Lunch Included <i>Each child must bring a hat, sun screen and sunglasses</i> (Requirements: registration and permission slip signed by parent/guardian prior to Outing. Permission slips available at registration desk.) .....	N/C	N/C	_____
<b>Outreach Casting with Maggie Merriman</b> - Limit 10 - Equipment Required - ~ Beginning Fri. 1:00 PM ~ Intermediate Skill Level and Above - Sat. 8:00 AM .....	\$20.00	\$20.00	_____
<b>Camp Cooking featuring the Dutch Oven with Al &amp; Ouida Wilkie</b> - Materials fee - Friday 1:00 PM .....	\$5.00	\$5.00	_____
<b>Outreach Fly Tying with Diane Blair, Sister Carol Anne Corley, Cheryl Farrell &amp; Sherry Steel</b> - Friday 1:00 PM (Limit 20) The fee charged is for materials (All Levels) .....	\$10.00	\$10.00	_____
<b>2003 Conclave Pin</b> .....		\$5.00	_____
<b>Donation for Thursday Evening Welcoming Party</b> (Helps defray cost of meal) .....			_____
<b>Raffle Tickets: 1 - \$1 or 6 - \$5 or 12 - \$10 or 25 - \$20</b> .....			_____

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