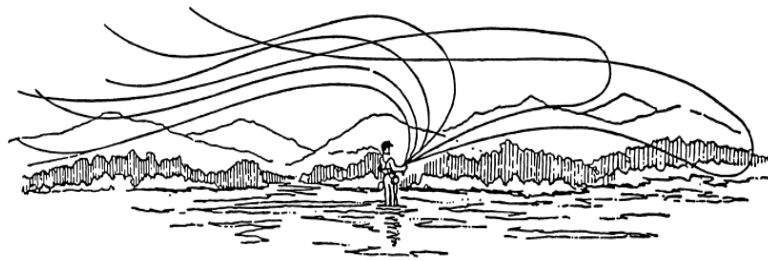


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Charles Jardine

We have asked Charles Jardine, one of our sports true gentleman, writer, artist, and perhaps most talented speakers, to come visit us from his home in Great Britain. With his guidance we are going to explore our beloved sports humble beginnings. What better way than with an Englishman to take us back to fly-fishing's early English roots to help us better appreciate its evolution and development?



Charles Jardine (a lad of Kent) was born into a family of fly fishers and artists; his father being the late wildlife artist and respected salmon fisher: Alex Jardine. Charles began his career coarse fishing (upsetting and harassing shoals of roach, perch and other things with varying success) from the age of three. At the age of six he began terrifying trout with a fly rod, something he continues to do with a passion to this day. During those formative years with a fly rod, growing up on the South of England chalk streams, Charles also became fascinated with the actual world of the trout, their food and habitat. Thereafter, he was depicting the trout and its world and increasingly the bank side flora and fauna in paint, pencil and ink.

He writes extensively for publications abroad such as The FFF journals, Germany's *Fliegen Fischer*, American Angler and also Italian and Scandinavian fishing magazines.

Jardine has written four books. The Sotheby's *Guide to Fly-Fishing for Trout* is now in its fourth edition and translated into five languages and widely believed to be one of the biggest selling

fly-fishing books of all time. The critically acclaimed *Dark Pools: The Dry Fly and the Nymph* and more recently *Small Water Trout Fishing* and the pocket book: *The Fly Fishers Catch*. He

has also co-authored with Bob Church, *Stillwater Trout Tactics*. He has also illustrated a further, twenty or more book on fishing and wildlife.

Jardine's paintings can be found in private collections throughout the world and he continues to demonstrate casting techniques at the national Game Fair, Chatsworth Angling Fair and many other shows increasingly throughout Europe and the USA where he also demonstrates fly tying. At a recent Federation of Fly Fishers annual conclave in the US, he was awarded the Presidents Pin, the only Englishman to receive the accolade. Jardine is also an honorary member of the FFF Casting Board of Governors in America and a Vice president of the Fly Dressers Guild and on the FFF European Casting Board as well as holding the FFF Masters certificate (fly-casting). Jardine is also very proud to be a member of Team Sage.

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Lori-Ann Murphy

Lori-Ann co-founded Reel Women Fly Fishing Adventures in 1992, the first company to offer "women only" trips all over the world. Since then, Reel Women has grown to include:

women and men guided float trips, coed guide schools, basic fly fishing schools, casting clinics, & fly fishing shows. She was the first woman

to become an Orvis-endorsed fly fishing guide in 1988, and has served as a consultant to several tackle companies in the fly fishing industry. She is



currently on the Pro Staff for Rio Products and ClackaCraft drift boats. Lori-Ann has a distinct love for fly-casting and was honored to win "The Best of the West" ISE Casting Competition

in 2003. Her enthusiasm and dedication to our sport is unparalleled and guaranteed to be contagious for everyone around her.

Lori-Ann's home waters are located in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming near Jackson Hole. When she is not fishing or guiding on the river,

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Ian Colin James

Considered by many to be one of the top fly-fishing guides and fly-tying instructors in North America, Ian is famous for his razor-sharp Scottish wit and his down-to-earth fly-fishing methods.

Well-known for his "no bull" approach to fly fishing, for 25 years Ian has shown folks how to cast, how to find fish and how to catch the fish they find. He promotes "Common Sense Fly Fishing" - using the minimum amount of gear to produce the maximum amount of fish. Ian calls a spade a spade, and a strike indicator a bobber.



Ian caught his first fish on a fly when he was 6 years old on the River Clyde in Scotland and he has been at it ever since. In 1995, Ian joined the Canadian

Fly Fishing Team at the 15th World Fly Fishing Championships in Galway, Ireland. That same year at the Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championships on

Loch Leven, Scotland, a fly he created took the largest fish of the event for his team mate Tom Murray.

Across North America, he is also known as "The Carpfather"

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Youth Fly Fishing Cast as A Great Life Sport

Mountain Home, Arkansas - On October 7th, the Wayne E and Catherine Moore Youth Conclave will be conducted as part of the Southern Council Conclave. The Wayne E and Catherine Moore Youth Conclave is being produced by a team of members from the Southern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) and their corporate sponsors. Hard

education equipment for the event. If any young person has special needs or health concerns, please advise us ahead of time.

Learning to tie a fly, what fly to use, how to cast that fly, fighting the fish, and releasing the fish unharmed are all aspects to be covered in the Wayne E and Catherine Moore Youth Conclave.

with the same desires as ours to join the "Youth Conclave Team" and lend a helping hand. You are an important component in this Southern Council effort. Beside valuable information and techniques, we want share other items with our youth participants. As an individual or corporate sponsor, if you are inclined to tie or donate flies for the youth to use we



Photograph subjects are youth and leader participants of the Hooked on Fly Fishing Not on Drugs Program at an outing recently held near Mokane, Missouri in Callaway County. Photo credit to Larry Murphy, Long Casts Editor.

work and special emphasis is being made this year to highlight fly fishing as a life sport for youth. "Our desire is to create an appreciation in our youth for fly fishing as a great life sport," says Allen Crise, VP of Education.

Any young person under 16 years of age is invited to learn the skills of fly casting, fishing and tying. FFF membership is not a requirement to attend the Wayne E and Catherine Moore Youth Conclave. It is open to youth, local and remote, who want to learn to take a fish on a fly. Activities of this life sport do not require strength or power. The only major requirements are a little bit of interest and some determination as a participant. If a you have a hat with a bill, sunglasses or other eye protection (required), waders & wading boots, fly rod & reel and parental consent (required - forms available at registration), then bring them along to the Wayne E and Catherine Moore Youth Conclave. If you do not have fly fishing equipment, we plan to share our

Classes will be set-up for Saturday morning at the fairgrounds location. Other topics to be covered there include what fish eat, how to tie a fly that will take a fish, knot tying, and equipment basics. A casting class will cover pickup and lay down casts, roll casting and nymphing.

After a nourishing lunch (provided) youth, leaders and sponsors will drive or ride to Dry Run Creek. The destination is a "youth-only" fishing area, limited to anyone under 16 years of age. It is located just below the Norfolk Dam where the Rainbows are BIG and the fish are hungry. The youth will experience a "little bit of fun" taking the biggest fish that most will ever see. Plan to bring your camera for some pictures of a lifetime. Since this is designed for the youth of the Southern Council's coverage area, bring a young friend and introduce them to fly fishing in a most excellent environment.

If as an adult, you feel left out, do not despair for we need adult mentors. We invite any adult

would gladly accept them. If you would prefer to donate fly fishing equipment or provide accessories to be distributed, you can count on our gratitude. All of these donated fly fishing items will be given to the youth participants to help them recall the memories of the day at this great Youth Camp. We openly welcome your donations and/or effort, small or large.

Questions or donations can be directed to Allen Crise, VP of Education, FFF Master Casting Instructor, Hawk Ridge Fly-casting School, 2508A County Road 1011, Glen Rose TX 76043 in writing, (254) 897-2045 by phone, or flysoup@itexas.net by email; OR to Pat Smith, Managing Director, Southern Council-Federation of Fly Fishers, 2603 Buford Spur Road, Mountain Home, AR 72653 in writing, (870) 425-1755 by phone, or mngdir@southernCouncilFFF.org by email. Donations should be shipped directly to Pat Smith in Mountain Home. Please mark your donations as being designated for Wayne E and Catherine Moore Youth Conclave. ■

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He is in demand as a guest speaker at various events and is continually championing the cause of fly-fishing, conservation and 'catch and release'. Jardine has represented his country at commonwealth fly-fishing events, winning two team gold medals and one personal bronze. Additionally, has been the manager to the English Ladies National Fly Fishing Squad.

He is passionately pursuing fish across the globe, increasingly amidst the 'bold new world' of saltwater and far flung fishing spots (he holds the current fly caught Nile Perch record for Lake Nasser in Egypt); whilst retaining his love affair with the trout of crystal streams and lakes.

During Conclave, Charles will have two casting clinics, a fly tying clinic as well as an in-stream workshop. He will also present a program on Friday evening prior to the auction. Don't miss it!! ■

Murphy (Continued from Page 1)

Lori-Ann can be found giving presentations at sport shows and fly fishing clubs around the United States. Lori-Ann has been prominently featured in: *The New York Times*, CNN's *Impact*, *Outside Magazine*, ESPN and *Martha Stewart Living*. She worked as the fly fishing consultant for Meryl Streep and Kevin Bacon in the movie **The River Wild**. Martha Stewart asked Lori-Ann to join her in the Wyoming Wilderness for four days of camping and fishing for a featured article in her magazine. She also guided Ethan Hawk on the Madison River for the Oxygen channel's **Free Ride with Greta Gaines** show. ESPN's **Cumberland Street** covered Reel Women's Big Horn River 2002 Guide School, and Lori-Ann competed in both the **2001 & 2002 ESPN Great Outdoor Games**. However, her greatest accomplishment is working with **The Reel Women Guide Team** and spending time with people who love to experience nature through fly fishing. ■

James (Continued from Page 1)

- the man who made fly fishing for carp popular on this side of the Atlantic. He has written about his piscatorial pursuits in the best-selling book *Fumbling with a Flyrod* (Harpercollins, 2000).

An accomplished professional fly tier, Ian's flies are now sold worldwide. Several of his original patterns have found their way into publications on both sides of the Atlantic. He is the only fly tier to receive a Design Award from the Ontario Arts Council. Recently, Ian became the resident fly-tying expert on the TV show "The New Fly Fisher." Ian was the first guide on the Grand River in southern Ontario and many of the patterns he developed there in the 1980s are now considered "Go-to" flies across North America.

Visit Ian at: www.ianjames.info and make sure you read the "Ask Ian" pages and the "Conservation Corner." ■

2006 ANNUAL

AWARDS BANQUET

The FFF Southern Council Awards Banquet is always the highlight of the Conclave and this year will be no exception. Not only will the awards be presented but you will be offered an excellent array of items to titillate your taste buds. We have a new menu this year that will really make your mouth water. There will be items to fill almost any dietary requirement.

Again, we have a price schedule that will include families with young children. This is truly a family affair and our goal is make it feasible for those families to take part as a family.

The Awards Banquet is a great way to cap off the three-day event. It provides just that right amount of closure as we say farewell to friends, both new and old, who have traveled a great distance to join in conclave with their fellow fly fishers. Please join us for this festive event. ■



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Howdy Young Fly Fishers, and Parents

by Allen Crise, VP - Education

This year's Southern Council Conclave is geared toward the YOUTH. This is the year that we are all working hard to interest the youth in our great sport. This is a sport that does not require strength or power. It mainly requires some interest and determinations on the part of the angler.

Learning to tie a fly, what fly to use, how to cast that fly, fighting the fish, and releasing the fish unharmed. This year's "Youth Camp" is open to the kids of our members, to local kids, to the youth that want to learn to take a fish on a fly.

We have set up a class room for Saturday morning at the fair-ground to teach: What fish eat; how to tie a fly that will take a fish; tying knots & equipment; and the casting class will cover pickup and lay down casts, roll casting and nymphing.

Now after lunch (provided) we make the drive to DRY RUN CREEK this is the "youth only area" (You have to be under



sixteen years of age to fish here.) just below Norfolk Dam where the Rainbows are BIG and the fish are hungry. The kids have fun taking the biggest fish that most will every

see. Bring your camera for some pictures of a life time. This is for the youth of the Southern Council. Bring a friend and introduce them to fly fishing.

All this brought to you by the Southern Council Conclave team. If you would like to join the 'Youth Camp Team' and lend a hand with this group just let Pat Smith or Allen Crise know. We are looking for flies for the kids to use & sponsors donations; anything the kids can take home

to help remember this great Youth Camp.

What the anglers need to bring: hat with a bill; sunglasses (eye protection required); waders &

wading boots not needed, bring them if you have them. If you have your own rod bring it. If not, we have all the outfits that the youth angler will need. A parent's release required (available at the registration desk at Conclave). If the student angler has any health problems just let us know ahead of time.

Thank you. See you in October in Mountain Home's Fairgrounds.

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Conclave 2006

by Dennis Slane,
VP of Development

I hope that all who can be there makes it to Mountain Home for conclave this year. It is shaping up to be a great one. We have heard your complaints and are reducing the entry fees to conclave by \$10. in each category of registration. Please take advantage of the pre-registration form in this issue (see page 15).

I will be moving on to other duties with-in the council and will be getting NEW blood in this position. I believe that 10 years is too many in one position for anyone. I hope I can be of service to the council in another position. Thanks to all who have worked with me over the years—for it was you that has helped make our council the wonderful organization that it is. ■

Donation Request

Southern Council-FFF – 2006 Conclave
Thursday, October 5 – Saturday, October 7

The generous and creative donations from clubs and individual members is crucial to a successful conclave. Your gifts to the auctions and drawings help us generate funds that support scholarships, educational activities and conservation programs. Additionally, funds from the Council have supported "Hooked on a Cure" – a St. Jude celebrity classic, and "Casting for Recovery," a breast cancer survivor program.

WHAT WILL YOU DONATE? – PLEASE TELL US YOUR PLANS
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Please plan to send donated items by September 1.

Send to: Pat Smith, FFF-SOC Managing Director
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Thank you for your continued support!

COUNCIL SPONSORSHIPS

Pat Smith, Managing Director

Everything costs more these days. Everything from a gallon of gasoline to a new reel. In order for the Council to continue its standard of philanthropic giving, we must hold down costs on Conclave expenses. However, Conclave is the only money making venture the Council has. In order for us to be a success we ask the clubs within the Council help us defray some of those expenses.

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 as they have for the past several years. 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
Credit Card Fees -	\$600
Fair Grounds Rental-	\$1,200
Fly Plates (Council & Legends) -	\$320
Liability Insurance (Annual) -	\$500
Miscellaneous Auction/Raffle Expenses -	\$500
Name Tags -	\$300
Programs (printing) -	\$800
Registration Forms (printing) -	\$75
Ribbons-	\$180
Rooms for Keynote Speakers (Each) -	\$165
Security	\$500
Telephone Expenses for Fair Grounds -	\$75
Trash Pickup -	\$50
Tying Chair Expenses -	\$120

If your club would prefer, a donation may be made to the "Legends Scholarship Fund" in lieu of a sponsorship.

Please ask your club treasurer to send your club's contribution to FFF Southern Council, 2603 Buford Spur Road, Mountain Home, AR 72653-7670. If it arrives prior to **August 25, 2006**, your club will receive credit in the Conclave program. ■

AFTERNOON AT McCLELLAN'S

BY JOHN BERRY



Yesterday it was sunny and 51 degrees with no wind. I called the dam and learned that the White was off and the Norfolk had been shut down for two minutes. I invited Lori to go fishing with me but she had a sinus infection and was not up to it. I called George Peters and reached him in an Orange County California courtroom waiting for a judge. He said he would love to go but it would be a while. I decided to go to by myself. I loaded the mighty Volvo and headed for McClellan's. This is not Lori's favorite spot, but it is mine. Over the years, I have caught more good fish here than any where else.

I stopped by the office to put my three bucks in the box and headed over to the pasture. There was a father and son there that had spent the morning at Dry Run Creek. It was Dad's turn now and they were going to fish the water above Otter Creek from a canoe. I hurriedly donned my waders and grabbed my rod. As I started walking into the 'catch and release' area, I stopped to light a cigar and noted that I was the only person there.

I walked down to one of my favorite runs and began nymphing. I started with a Y2K because that was the fly I still had on from my last fishing excursion. On the third cast I caught a seventeen inch rainbow. It put up a great fight. In fact, I had to move into quieter water in order to land it. I caught a couple of nice fish before the Y2K stopped working. I tried several different flies and pumped the stomachs of several fish before I zeroed in on a size eighteen olive scud. It started producing immediately and over the next couple of hours I caught and released several nice fish.

I wanted to catch something a little bigger. I decided to walk further down stream to try another spot where I had caught a number of large trout over the years. I was concerned because this hole was pretty far from the access. If the water came up, there was no one to warn me. I would not detect the rising water until it reached me. Since I had gone down stream, I would have to fight the current all the way out.

I hooked and landed a fat fifteen inch rainbow on the first cast. I quickly released it and cast again this time catching an eighteen inch rainbow. I stayed there for an hour and caught maybe a dozen fine fish. I looked at my watch and figured I had thirty minutes of daylight left. I decided it was time to start fishing my way out.

I walked up to my original run. It had been thoroughly rested. I caught a couple of nice fish and then I hooked a monster. This bad boy took off and put me into the backing immediately. I came out of the run and started following him down stream quickly cranking in line as I went. He took several long runs before I finally landed him.

It was a stout twenty-two inch male rainbow that was vividly colored and had full fins. As I was gently lifting him from the water, I noticed he had a tag. I was trying to read it when he struggled free and escaped to the river taking my fly with him. I walked back up to the run and as I was preparing to tie on a new tippet and fly, I detected a difference in the sound of the water. It was coming up!

I cranked in my line as fast as I could. I pulled out my folstaff and started wading across. The water was coming up fast but I carefully made it to the bank (the one my car was on) and started working my way up to the access. I picked up the pace. I knew that I had to get to Otter Creek quickly or it would be impassable and I would have to detour far out of my way to safely cross.

When I arrived, the creek looked pretty deep but I thought I could make it. I zipped up all the pockets on my vest and started carefully wading across to the pasture. When I was about two-thirds across, I realized that the water was a little deeper than I thought.

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Cotter School Stream Team

By Pat Smith



Members of the Southern Council - Federation of Fly Fishers honor Cotter School Stream Team with a cash donation.

The Federation of Fly Fishers Southern Council recently donated \$1,000 to the Cotter Stream Team. These funds will be used to purchase an aquarium and chiller that will be used in their study of the White River eco-system.

The Cotter School Stream Team was established in 2000 for the purpose of raising the awareness of the importance of the White River's health and eco-system in the minds of the area's youth.

At that time there were just a few members on the team. Under the direction of Misters Hall, and Martin this program has become quite popular and has grown to 22 members. Wanting to carry this concept further, the faculty, volunteer staff and students now look to use the Stream Team's values, and the concepts learned through the program to implement a system-wide curriculum. Using a phased-in approach, they are looking to

have the stream team continue with their on stream studies and collection of data. What's new about this approach is that rather just leave the data at the extra-curricula level Cotter Schools will now take this data into the science, math, English, art and music classrooms.

Using the information collected by the Stream team, the students will be learning about entomology, and the scientific process in their science class, analyzing the data in the math class, developing newsletters and reports in their English class, modeling information in the computer class, and expressing their love of the rivers in the art and music classes.

A lot to take on you say? You bet it is. But starting with baby steps, we believe that this holistic approach to learning, while getting the kids involved in something that they can relate to and love, will provide us the next generation of citizens who will insist on

taking care of our beloved fisheries.

The first step of this begins in the science room with a trout aquarium/hatchery system.

This system will be the focal point for each child in the school to raise trout from eggs provided by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

Over the course of the school year, they will be learning the biology, entomology and ecology associated with a trout habitat.

Once they are developed to the fingerling stage, the trout will release, by the students who raised them, into the river. Of course, any fish released will be with the approval of and under the direction of the AGFC. The Council was represented at the presentation of the check by Treasurer Leon Alexander and Managing Director Pat Smith. Marty Hall is the Stream Team sponsor who is assisted by local Federation members Denis Dunderdale and Marc Oakes. ■

Becoming a CCI

Gary D. Eaton, CCI,
Capital City Fly Fishers

Three years ago, I became a Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge counselor. My resume included over 30 years of international fly-fishing for more than a dozen species. I was also established as a fly tying instructor and actively engaged in the entire process as a life member of Trout Unlimited. I used to hide from the wind and avoid distance casting by using lightweight rods. I avoided my inconsistencies by stating, "I cast well enough to catch fish!" I began to research the mechanics of teaching fly casting and read books on teaching children, teaching adults, analyzing mechanics, reviewing videos and searching web sites devoted to this esoteric bit of Western Civilization.

I discovered The Federation of Fly Fishers headquartered in Bozeman Montana. At that time, their web site was patchy and resources were difficult to acquire. I took lessons from devoted specialists in Colorado, Missouri and Arkansas. I asked my local fly shop friends to lend a critical eye. There was the Orvis Fly Fishing School in Dogwood Canyon and more reading.

I responded to my teenager's request to learn fly fishing, "but not from Dad", by taking both of us to Jim Rogers' Fly Fishing School at Bennett Spring State Park in Lebanon, Missouri. Here I found a Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Master Instructor and a genuinely nice man. Like the other "schools" I attended, my experience put me beyond the intended scope of the class. The seed of my pursuit was given perspective when Jim Rogers spent the extra time with me to help me understand what was involved in the instructor's examination.

In the next 12 months I cast tens of thousands of casts, maybe

hundreds of thousands. I acquired more video and more books that I devoured. I taught more and learned more. I experimented with lines and leaders, rods and stance, hand position and follow-through. The first test was a minor disaster. There were a dozen examinees, 2 of them repeat test takers. Only 3 first-timers passed that day, as far as I know. The wind was erratic but, mostly from the south at up to 20 miles per hour. I was not ready but I knew of no way to get the expert help that was needed. The examiner was confrontational and he tried to soften the failure with some practice suggestions. My friend Steve, from the fly shop, gave me some good feedback for no more than lunch and my earnest appreciation. An on-line test preparation group proctored by a Master Casting Instructor gave me a venue for weekly thought and analysis. I re-took the test in the dead of winter (indoors - no wind - Great!).

The examiner at the sports show, while kind and professional, was almost dismissive. A few tailing loops and he called it off. No recommendations, no suggestions no certificate. I didn't even get to finish the test for the price of admission. If I ever get to be the examiner, I hope I always take the time to teach. Now I was more motivated and I needed to change the approach. I got a lesson from a Master 120 miles away for about two hours. I owed him big-time and have begun to reciprocate when he is teaching a class and needs a hand. I was expertly coached and broke out my old video camera to analyze my own faults. The shoulder injury with bone fragments on my casting side was a recurrent issue.

I petitioned Jim Rogers at Bennett Springs for guidance and we were set to meet. His mother's funeral pre-empted our first attempt. Eight days before the 3rd test we met on

the casting lawn at the park. In 6 hours & lunch we rebuilt much of my cast. There was video analysis, too. There was a generous loaning of books and videos. Mostly, there was optimistic encouragement and enthusiastic joy in perfecting the cast. There was also a week of purposeful, dedicated practice.

The day before the test there was another 2 hours or more of fine-tuning and a very helpful practice test. Problems had returned that were suppressed. I was as prepared as I could be. Jim said to let him know how it went.

Test day - met early and there were only two of us. One examiner was my Master Instructor and my on-line mentor was another examiner. I knew the ethical impossibility of them testing me. The other two examiners were professional and meticulous. It was the first time I had my equipment inspected to make sure it met 7 weight & 9 foot maximum specifications. I had my leader measured to make sure it was not shorter than 7 1/2 feet. Of course, we had intermittent 15 M.P.H. winds on the open field of the test.

When it was hard to see my faults and strengths, my examiners had me turn into the wind and then with the wind at my back while they moved to observe as accurately as they could. When I gave an acceptable answer, they suggested how it might be made more succinct. When I seemed unsure they said, "Think about it." They brought an extra bottle of water for me. When they saw my casting fatigue after 30 minutes of continuous casting, they called for a break.

We were on the field well over 2 1/2 hours. I re-did almost every casting maneuver with a change in direction regarding the prevailing wind so they could see it all. When it was over I met them back at the headquarters. They reviewed

areas of concern for over 30 minutes and recommended specific instructors and video resources. They told me to continue working out some bugs that crept into my casting, worse with fatigue. They showed me techniques and mailed me helpful literature after the test. I felt like I truly got my money's worth. I appreciated the way they value the credentialing process and want good people doing a good job of teaching fly casting. I shook their hands and contained my joy when they announced that I had **passed** the test.

From the beginning, I have over a thousand hours of casting practice and study invested. I started with 4 books on casting. I now own and have studied over 3 dozen. Some of them are pure garbage. I started with four casting videos. I now own over twenty. None is ideal & all have something useful. It is often hard to select the useful bit from among the mounds of less useful information.

Understanding fly lines and rod characteristics made excuses for poor casting habits null & void. I no longer practice with bottom-of-the-line rods from any manufacturer. I have found no "house brand" rods from big box sporting goods stores that deliver, over time, with consistency across their models. I have become selective about fly line tapers & connections.

I practice casting to develop or correct specific skills. My minimum is 5 hours per week. I have been known to practice 5 hours in a day. I teach a lesson at least once a week. It never becomes boring. I constructed a casting course in my suburban yard & I teach students there. The single most useful teaching tool besides a knowledgeable instructor, is video recording. In preparation for the test I made and reviewed 10 hours of video. The single most important trait is the ability to shed bad habits and follow instructions explic-

itly. The single biggest waste-of-time is not knowing what you are trying to achieve in your casting.

The most impressive caster, with great videos I have seen, is Captain Tom White, Master Casting Instructor. He is a good teacher and gives a good class. He is worth the money.

The most patient and tolerant instructor I have encountered is Jim Rogers at Bennett Spring State Park in Lebanon, Missouri. His legendary feats include winning a five-weight distance competition by casting all of the fly line - *without a rod!* I have personally seen him pick-up an 8 1/2 foot rod he has never handled before and be into the backing in a few casts. He can analyze, duplicate and correct faults in a wizardly manner.

The best support from a manufacturer has been Bruce Richards at 3M Scientific Anglers. He always had accurate and helpful technical information. He gets a lot of demands so I tried not to burden him. He taught me a lot about using the Sage "casting analyser" that he developed with Noel Perkins. Pay attention when he offers information and you will be enlightened.

The biggest mistake I made was taking information from people who were not Certified Casting Instructors through the Federation of Fly Fishers. There are a lot of so-called experts disseminating inaccurate bias as true casting mechanics. Operating a shop, being an officer in a club or fishing well offers no assurance of teaching expertise.

Why DO this?

Simply, to teach better. Influence the best of the sport by promoting safe, ethical fly-fishing. De-mystify the angler's art. Self-improvement that can be shared. If you are pursuing a patch for your vest or a title and recognition, think again. ■

2006 Conclave Schedule

(Preliminary Schedule)

Activities - Thursday, October 5, 2006		
When	What	Where
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	A Stranger in a Strange Land: White River Workshop - Charles Jardine -Limit 10 -Fee - Fishing Gear Required - Join Charles Jardine in fishing a stretch of water he is not familiar with. Together you will learn to fish the White River as Charles teaches you techniques he successfully uses for fishing on unfamiliar streams. This will include Czech, Nymphing, Polish Nymphing and Upstream Nymphing, as well as how to read the water.	White River
	Tricks for Trout - Ian Colin James - Limit 10 - Fee - Fishing Gear Required If you want to catch more fish, take this seminar, it's that simple. Ian's enthusiasm is infectious, but not in a pandemic way, and in no time flat you will be painlessly picking up fish catching tips. Plus you won't even know your doing it. Ian's provides solid and practical advice in a clear and concise manner. Don't be afraid to ask questions, and he will hang around after the seminar is finished to make sure he answers them all.	White River
	Nymphing Workshop - John Wilson -Limit 12 - Fee Fishing Gear Required John will conduct an all day program on Advanced Nymph Fishing.	White River
	Reel Women on Real Waters - Lori Ann Murphy Learn "Tips & Techniques" from one of the West's premier guides who just happens to be a woman!	White River
	Water Color Painting - Duane Hada - Limit 10 - Fee + Materials Fee (\$25.00) Payable to Instructor You will complete two watercolor paintings - a trout and a river scene.	Big Spring Park Spring House in Cotter
	Bugs - An In-Depth Study - Art Mazzier - Limit 8 - Fee Up close and personal with the insects you pattern your flies after.	Ramada Inn
	Kayaking - How To - Jodi Morris - Limit 8 - Fee Learn how to handle a one-person water craft that is an inexpensive alternate to those big river boats!	Quarry Swimming Area - Lake Norfork
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	River Boat Basics - John Berry & Captain Sid Caradine - Fee - Limit 12	Rim Shoals Trout Dock
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Stream Strategies - Roger Maler - Will need waders and polarized glasses. Rods optional. - Fee	White River - Shoestring Shoals
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Sink Tip Symposium - Roger Maler - Will need fishing gear - Fee	White River - Shoestring Shoals
5:30 PM -	Welcoming Get Together - Louisiana Clubs / Mid-South Fly Fishers	Ramada Inn

Activities - Friday, October 6, 2006		
When	What	Where
8 AM - 5PM	Registration	Education Bldg. Lobby
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Fly Tying Demonstrations Commercial Displays Silent Auction Casting Coach by Appointment Tying Coach by Appointment	Education Building
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Fly Fishing for Steelhead in Wisconsin - Ed Strzelczyk	Seminar Room I
	Fly Fishing the Smith River in Montana - Mike Geary	Building C-4
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Casting Clinic - Lori Ann Murphy - Limit 10 - Rod Required	ASU Campus
	Casting Clinic - Charles Jardine - Limit 10 - Fee - Rod Required	
9AM-12PM	Youth Fly Tying - David Ames & Friends	Seminar Room
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Getting Kids Started in Fly Fishing - Ian Colin James	Seminar Room
	Playing Big Fish - Jud Parker	Bldg. C-4
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Outreach Beading Workshop - The Beaded Path - Limit 15 + Materials Charge (Payable to the shop.)	The Beaded Path
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Fly Fishing the White Bass Spring Run - Stacy & Capt. Billy Trimble	Seminar Room
	Conservation in the Southern Council - Sheryl Knight, VP of Conservation	Bldg. C-4
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Tying Czech Nymph and Classic UK Patterns for the US - Charles Jardine - Limit 8 - Fee - Equipment: Standard tying tools In this workshop Charles gives us a taste of European tying. He has selected patterns and techniques that should work well in North America.	Bldg. C-3
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Stream Side Banquet with the Dutch Oven - Dennis Slane There are other ways to prepare a mean than Dutch Oven cooking while you are out on the water.	Barn
	Beginning Fly Casting - Chuck Easterling & Art Mazzier (Fee) - Limit 8 - Chuck is a member of the FFF's Casting Board of Governors and Art is Master Casting Instructor.	ASU Campus
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Flyfishing, an Invitation to the Outdoors - Lori Ann Murphy	Seminar Room
	Finding Bass in Your Own Back Yard - Colby "Pops" Sorrells	Bldg. C-4
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Getting Started - Lori Sloas This program designed to take the mystery out of learning to fly fish. The class is introduced to the equipment necessary for the sport in a basic non-intimidating format. This class is geared to the novice or some one interested in taking up the sport.	Seminar Room
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Becoming a Fly Fishing Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor - Brandon Simmons	Seminar Room
	Outreach Committee Meeting	Bldg. C-4
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Social Hour - hosted by Mid-South Fly Fishers	Pool Area - Ramada Inn
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Casting Games Awards / Photo Contest Winners Program: "Changes in the World that I Fish" - Charles Jardine	Convention Room - Ramada Inn
7:30 PM - Finish	Live Auction - Part 1	
	Social Hour Resumes	

WINNER TAKE ALL FLIES CONTEST

by Pat Smith

Once again, we are appealing to all the fly tyers of the Southern Council to donate at least a dozen of their personally tied flies for this drawing. In the past we have had over 100 dozens of flies donated each year for this contest. All the flies will go to one individual. However, we won't have any flies for the winner to receive if they are not donated. Tickets for the drawing are once again selling for \$5.00 each. Where else can you get such a large number of flies for five bucks?!

If you would like to participate in this event, please send your flies to the Council's Managing Director or bring them with you to Conclave. We will have a special place for you to drop them off. PLUS, don't forget to buy your tickets.

2006 Conclave Schedule

(Preliminary Schedule)

Activities - Saturday, October 7, 2007		
When	What	Where
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Registration	Education Bldg. Lobby
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Fly Tying Demonstrations	Education Building
	Commercial Displays	
	Silent Auction	
	Casting Coach by Appointment	
	Tying Coach by Appointment	
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Casting Clinic - Lori Ann Murphy	ASU Campus
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Wayne E & Catherine Moore Youth Conclave -Lunch included. Each child must bring a hat, sun screen and sunglasses. Registration required and permission slip signed by parent/guardian prior to outing. Permission slips available at registration desk. Must be under 16 years of age - children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult.	Norfolk Fish Hatchery & Dry Run Creek
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	The Elements of Fly Fishing Saltwater and Ready-Set-Go Fly Casting for Shallow Water -Stacy & Capt. Billy Trimble The first hour of this program is devoted to a lecture on how to fish saltwater. The second hour is a hands on session at the casting pool of how to cast in shallow water for maximum efficiency.	Bldg. C-4 & Casting Pool
	Fly Tying Clinic - Woven Body Flies - Dennis "Wild Bear" Reed - Limit 12	Bldg. C-3
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Fly Fishing in Alaska - Tom Hawthorne	Seminar Room
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Introduction to Dutch Oven Cooking - Dennis Slane An introduction to Dutch Oven Cooking that will show you all the required equipment, their care and maintenance.	Barn
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Carp Fishing and The Lighter Side of Fly Fishing - Ian Colin James "I love the smell of waders in the morning." In a slightly irreverent and tongue in cheek manner, Ian will expose the funnier side of fly fishing. Countless hours of one-on-one instruction have given Ian a unique insight into the "human condition of the fly fisherman," and for the most part it's funny. He will also throw in a few pointers on catching one of the top North America game fish ... the uberselective carp	Seminar Room
	Fishing & Photography - Lefty Ray Chapa	
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Fly Fishing in the Bahamas - Jud Parker	Seminar Room
	Fishing the Blackfoot and Missouri Rivers - Mike Geary	Bldg. C-4
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Outreach Luncheon	Van Matre Sr. Citizens Center
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Fly Fishing the Green River in Utah - Tom Hawthorne	Seminar Rom
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	What to Look For In a Bass Fly - Colby "Pops" Sorrells 2005 FFF-SOC Fly Tyer of the Year	Seminar Room
	Fly Fishing for 'Poons on the Florida Panhandle - Capt. Hugh "Unk" Smith and Capt. Scud Yates	Bldg. C-4
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Federation of Fly Fishers Southern Council General Membership Meeting - All Federation Members are welcome and encouraged to attend.	Seminar Room
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Social Hour - hosted by Mid-South Fly Fishers	Pool Area - Ramada Inn
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Awards Banquet & Awards Presentation	Convention Room - Ramada
7:30 PM - Finish	Live Auction - Part 2	Convention Room - Ramada
7:30 PM - Finish	Social Hour Resumes	Pool Area - Ramada Inn

Activities - Sunday, October 8, 2007		
When	What	Where
8:30 AM - Finish	Board of Directors' Meeting (All Council Officers & Club Presidents must attend.) Federation Members are welcome.	Education Bldg. - Fairgrounds

Fly Tying Contest

by Denis Dunderdale

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Southern Council, a fly tying contest was announced at Conclave this past year. The deadline for turning in your two flies is September 15th. The first place winner will be recognized at the awards dinner Saturday night. Anyone wishing to enter the contest must be a member of the FFF and submit two **gray ghost** to Pat Smith at 2603 Buford Spur Road, Mountain Home AR 72653 no later than September 15th. All flies become the property of the SOC.



FFF-SOC Photo Contest

by Pat Smith

For the first time, The FFF Southern Council will have a photo contest. We have blatantly plagiarized our parent organizations' categories and requirements with a few minor changes.



Please submit your contest photos for others to enjoy. Winning photos will be published in an upcoming issue of *Long Casts* and posted on the Council's website - <http://www.southerncouncilfff.org>.

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HOPPER TIME

by John Berry

The other day while fishing the Norfolk I observed a grasshopper struggling in the current. It drifted right in front of me where an eighteen inch brown trout shot to the surface to devour the helpless insect. I quickly tied on a hopper imitation and proceeded to catch a half dozen fine trout the smallest of which was fourteen inches. This was the beginning of my favorite dry fly season, Hopper Time! From now until the first hard frost hoppers can be very effective.

These are not aquatic insects like mayflies or caddis but are terrestrials like ants or beetles. They live on land and either fall into the water or are blown by the wind. Hoppers not just a western fly, can be very effective in our area. In fact

they are also my favorite flies for the Great Smoky Mountain National Park where terrestrials are an important food source. They are large enough to tempt large trout and their size allows anglers to see them. I wear glasses as thick as coke bottles and have trouble seeing small flies but I can easily see a hopper even on a long cast.

Hoppers are very easy to fish. When the naturals hit the water they splash down and struggle in the current. To imitate this action, you should cause the fly to hit the surface with a splash. To accomplish this stop your rod lower than you would for a normal dry fly cast being careful not to line the fish. A delicate presentation is not required. However, a drag free drift is the key to success.

The best rod to fish them is a stiff six-weight nine-foot rod

with a weight forward line. This is a substantial fly and a light fly rod just cannot handle it. The nine-foot length will aid in mending line. I use a seven and one half foot 3X leader with a one and one half foot 4X tippet in order to turn the fly over. I match my hoppers as to size and color to that of naturals I observe near the river. Remember that the fish are looking up so you should match the color of the bottom of the insect.

Grasshoppers are not that easy to tie. They violate Berry's law that states, "You have to tie them faster than you lose them." As a result, I have been known to buy a few. I prefer the new foam hoppers because they float like corks and do not have to be dressed before they are fished. If you use hoppers with a brightly colored tuft on the back they will be more easily seen.



The best places to fish would be along an undercut bank with tall grass growing alongside it and a brisk wind blowing across it. The best time would be early afternoon on a really hot day. Last week I found myself in such a situation but with the added bonus of farmer cutting hay. The hoppers were very active and several of them were ending up on the water. I had one of the best days with dry flies that I have ever had!

The next time you are out and see grasshoppers on the bank give them a try. ■

Photo Contest

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Categories -

Native Fish in Native Waters: The FFF Native Fish policy focuses attention on the value of native fish in their native habitats. Submit photos of any fish species caught on a fly (and capable of being released) in their native waters. Label the photo with the fish species and the water from which it was caught.

Big Fish: This category will be judged on the size of the fish and the size of the grin on the fly angler's face, not on artistic merit. Submit photos of large fish caught on a fly and capable of being released.

Macro: Small things from the world of fishing such as real insects, flies, fly-tying materials, and any other macro - subject related to fishing or fishing habitat.

People Enjoying Fly Fishing: Grandchildren, young or old folks enjoying our sport.

Scenes: "Magazine Cover" type photos and/or landscapes that typify the beauty of the fly-fishing world.

Submission Requirements:

Photo prints are required. They need to be no smaller than 8 inches by 10 inches and no larger than 11 inches by 14 inches. **No slides.** Digital photos can be used, but digitally altered photos are not allowed. Photos must be mounted or matted but not framed. Each entry must be permanently labeled on the back with the following:

1. Name of photographer
2. Address and telephone number
3. Title of photo and location where shot
4. Category

If the contestants required the return of the photo a self-addressed mailer with sufficient postage for the return must be enclosed. Those without mailers will become the property of the FFF-SOC. Contestants attending the show may pick up their

entries in person. Utmost care is taken to return photos in perfect condition, but FFF-SOC is not responsible for damage or loss in shipment.

Entries may be mailed to the Council's Managing Director or delivered in person at Conclave. Entries delivered at Conclave must be received at the registration desk by 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 6, 2006. Please mail to:

FFF-SOC
Photo Contest
2603 Buford Spur Road
Mountain Home, AR 72653

New or old, the equipment does not matter. However, the age of the photograph does matter. It must be a recent creation, not one from ages gone past.

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DRY FLY GRAND SLAM

by John Berry

Here in the Arkansas Ozarks, a grand slam is catching all four species of trout (rainbow, brown, cutthroat and brook) that we have here in one day. It is a rite of passage for fly fishers and the best way that I know of to cap off a great day of fishing.

Last week, I was guiding a group of fly fishers for The White River Inn, the most



luxurious fishing lodge on the White River. They had flown in on a corporate jet from Arizona and were as a group very experienced competent anglers. As luck would have it they arrived in the middle of the Rhyancophilina Caddis hatch, one of our major hatches of the year.

The first day we fished on the White River and they did well. The weather was perfect. It was sunny with temperatures in the mid-seventies with no discernable wind. In the morning, we fished zebra midges and small olive scuds. About one o'clock the hatch started coming off. We quickly switched to size fourteen elk hair caddis with a green body and began picking up fish immediately. This was some of the best dry fly fishing I have encountered in some time. My clients caught maybe twenty-five

trout apiece mostly on the top with the largest fish being sixteen inches long.

The next day they wanted to fish the Norfolk to try something different. We walked far into the 'Catch and Release' area. I put Kenny in a nice run and rigged him up with a size fourteen green elk hair caddis. He requested a couple of extra dry flies and a woolly bugger in case he either lost a fly or wanted to try something else. I then took his fishing partner, Ray, upstream to fish one of my favorite spots. Ray is a bit older and his vision was not as good as Kenny's so he was fishing nymphs with a large strike indicator and catching plenty of fish. I split my time between the two anglers.

As I was walking up to Kenny, he motioned for me to hurry up. I picked up the pace and arrived in time to help him revive a fat twenty-three inch rainbow. I stayed with him long enough to watch him to catch a nineteen inch cutthroat and a fifteen inch brown. These and the other dozen or so trout that he had caught previously were all taken on the elk hair caddis. I walked back up to where Ray was fishing and helped him land an eighteen inch cutt.

By this time, it was past noon and we walked back to the access for lunch. I quickly set up the table and over sandwiches, chips and cookies; we discussed the events of the Morning. It had been one of the best days the guys had ever had. Moose Watson, the owner of The White River Inn, stopped by to check on us. Ray was tired from the constant action of the last two days. He returned to the Inn with Moose for a shower and a nap and Kenny and I returned to our spot and continued fishing.

We stayed with the elk hair caddis and were rewarded with several Cutthroats, the largest being seventeen inches long. It was almost time to go and Kenny made his last cast of the day. The fly gently settled on the water and drifted a

couple of feet when a trout rose and nailed it. Kenny quickly brought it in and I gently picked it up to remove the hook and release it. It was a small, eight inch trout. I looked at it and noticed bright red spots with bright blue circles around them. I turned it over and noticed worm like markings on its back and white on the leading edge of its fins. It was a brook trout and judging by its intense color and full fins a wild one! I took me a moment to realize that Kenny had just caught a grand slam. It was the first Grand Slam that I knew of that had been caught on dry flies. This was the perfect way to end a special day.

Since then, I have discussed this with other guides and anglers. I learned that my brother Dan had a dry fly Grand Slam some years ago and that George Peters, a local guide, had done it this year on the White River (they both favor dry flies and long casts). We all agreed that this was the first time that they had heard of a client achieving this milestone. So if you want to set an angling goal for yourself, think about seeking the elusive dry fly grand slam. I'm working on mine! ■

McClellan

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I started wading on my tip toes. I held the lower pockets of my vest as high as I could in an attempt to keep my fly boxes dry. I looked down and saw that I only had one inch of freeboard on my waders. I kept plodding across. I finally reached shallower water. I walked out and breathed a sigh of relief. The only thing that got wet was the pair of gloves in my wader hand warmer pockets.

I stowed my gear and loaded my car. On the way home, I reviewed the days fishing, the fish I landed, and the wade at the end. It was an exciting and productive day. I remembered why McClellan's is my favorite place to fish. ■

For the Kids

by Allen Crise, VP of Education

How many of you know about the Don Oblander Memorial Youth Education Fund? This is a fund that was set up to distribute some much needed funds to Youth Education in Fly Fishing. If you would like to donate some loose change or the change that you have been saving for something 'really special', I can think of nothing more "Special" than our youth. The kids of today are the leaders of tomorrow it is touted. They will be the ones that set the laws that protect OUR rivers, lakes and watersheds.

This fund is held by the Southern Council for the education of the youth. Don Oblander Memorial Youth Education Fund was set up to remember Don and to provide some needed monies for rods, reels, lines, leaders and the printed matter that we try to give each

youth that attends a FFF Fly Fishing Class. Please think of the kids and make a donation of the Don Oblander Fund. Just send a check to Pat Smith with "DOYEF" in the memo line, made out to the FFF Southern Council. Pat will know what to do with it. (It's tax deductible!)

This year, with the help of many of our members, there has been a movement to set up training for many schools. This takes equipment. This is the place we need to put our future training effort. With people like Denis Dunderdall, Mark and Regina Van Patten, Marc Oakes, John Devos, Sister Carol Anne Corely, and all the CCIs that spend time teaching fly casting as well as the fly tyers that share their special skills. Thanks to you and friends like you, we will continue to help the youth learn about our great sport. Sharing is what sets fly fishers apart from just fishermen. ■

Conservation reminder!

by Sheryl Knight

Did you or your organization receive a Southern Council conservation grant in 2006? If so please remember to submit your photos, any format, and summary of progress to Sheryl Knight (contact information below) no later and September 1, 2006. A Conservation Update will be scheduled during the Conclave in October so that you can see how the council's conservation dollars have been spent. Any conservation undertaking, council funded or not, but supported by a Southern Council club can be included in the presentation - if you would like your club or an individual's activities to be recognized please supply photos and a brief summary of their efforts.

If you would like to apply for a conservation grant please have your grant application (application is posted on our Web site, www.southernCouncilfff.org) submitted no later than Dec. 1, 2006. The annual budget meeting is held in mid-January and we will be allocating funds for conservation at that time.

Finally, as you all know our resources are finite so the Southern Council cannot fund every project presented, however, our ability to marshal resources and distribute information are significant. If you or you club needs support please let the Council know - we can get the word out and help in other ways.

Sheryl Knight
 FFF SOC VP Conservation
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Norfolk Overlook Estates - Conservation in Action

Sheryl Knight (Photos by Tony Morris)

If you attended Sowbug, you heard the buzz and most likely saw the photos of the devastation wrought by a recent development begun on the Norfolk River. A developer

Subsequently, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has evaluated the site and issued an Emergency Order requiring the developer to "Cease and Desist



had denuded approximately 100 acres directly above the river and the resulting runoff was turning the river into a chocolate-colored quagmire. Thanks to the immediate response of local fly fishers and members of the Southern Council local and states official were notified and petitions supplied protest the wholesale disregard for our environment. Over 500 signatures were supplied on petitions to halt this project pending proper permits and environmental evaluation. The issue even snagged the front page of the *Baxter Bulletin* April 6, 2006.

the Pollution to the North Fork River". This halted any further development until steps were taken to abate ongoing environmental degradation. The developer hired a consultant to handle the situation and instituted temporary measure to deal with run-off.

Leon Alexander, who has spearheaded this effort reports, "I have seen the silt fences and they are located near the base of the hills and will help some but cannot be considered a fix. The ADEQ inspector, Bruce Kirkpatrick, was quoted as saying



Fly Tyers Corner

Terry Tanner
 Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers

Wammy Shammy
Hook: Mustad 455 Spinnerbait size #6 (Available from Jann's Netcraft).

Thread: 8/0 Black or Purple Uni-Thread

Eyes: X-Small red with black center, lead or brass.

Tail: Chamois cut as a forked tail (dyed red).

Body: Black Pine Squirrel strip

Cement: Dave's flex-a-ment.

Tying Directions:



Figure 1 -
 Pre-cut chamois strip in a forked tail design as shown, then tie in along the hook shank. Next tie figure "8" the dumbbell eyes clouser style.

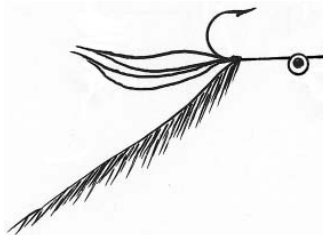


Figure 2 -
 Tie in Pine Squirrel strip at the bend of the hook as shown. Palmer up the hook shank - figure "8" over the dumbbell eyes and make 1-2 more wraps. Tie off.



Figure 3 -
 Finished fly.



the silt fences were only part of the solution and that 'Sedimentation collection pools will have to be a part of any pollution plan at the site.'" Leon also received correspondence from Dennis Benson, Technical Assistance Manager, NPDES Enforcement Section addressing the pollution abatement and reparations. Mr. Benson indicates:

We have stated from the start that this must be done carefully and in consultation with Arkansas Game and Fish and the Corp of Engineers. It is my understanding that Mr. Doyle's legal counsel has been put in contact with the appropriate people with the Corp of Engineers and we have received assurances from the Corp that they will expedite the necessary permitting process required to remove the sediment from the stream. The permitting process with the Corp will



require a detailed plan of action that will be reviewed by ADEQ.

The Department intends to keep a close watch on the ongoing stabilization measures at this construction site. We have insisted that it be stabilized as soon as possible using the best methods available. I will pass on your concerns about the fertilizer being used to facilitate the growing of the grass. Our inspector visited the construction site this morning and I anticipate having a new set of photographs to share.

We can't stop progress, such as it is, but one of the most valuable outcomes from this effort is not the sanctions or the clean up of this project but a change in local rules and attitudes about future projects. Often developers dismissed environmental requirements and the resulting "slap on the wrist" penalties as simply the "cost of doing business". Thanks to local officials, especially the Mayor Norfolk and the Quorum Court, this process is being reviewed with an eye to ordinance and zoning changes to protect, aggressively, our natural resources. Lynn Lasky, Justice of the Peace, District 9, Baxter County,



Arkansas contacted the AEDQ and submitted the following recommendations:

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the quick action the ADEQ has taken to date requiring the developer to institute measures to reduce the sedimentation runoff from the subject subdivision development into the Norfolk River. Thanks to you and the ADEQ.

I am concerned that enforcements are not being levied against this developer; one for not getting the required permits before he started clearing land, and two for the damage he has caused to the ecosystem of the Norfolk River. I would like to see enforcements levied against this individual for every day he was without a permit from the time he started clearing the land (\$500.00 to \$1,000 per day would seem to be about right). The primary reason I would like to see enforcements levied is that there would be a lot of publicity which would send a clear message to others that this type of poor land stewardship will not be tolerated.

I understand from talking to Mr. Leon Alexander of Norfolk, AR that the Arkansas Fish and Game, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been given the responsibility of deciding if any cleanup action is necessary. If any action is to be taken the developer should not be allowed to touch the river, but he should

be billed for every nickel it cost to clean up the mess he has created. I am concerned that any cleanup action to the Norfolk River streambed would probably cause more damage than letting the stream clean itself over time.

I hope you will take my concerns in to account when considering any further actions. Again, I commend the ADEQ for their quick response to this problem. I feel you need to go just a little further and take action which will send a message to other developers, not only in our area but throughout this beautiful state of Arkansas."

Let's hope Mr. Lansky's message is heeded by the ADEQ and our natural resources are a priority in the future.



For all those that signed petitions, to the local clubs, the FFF members and especially to Leon Alexander, thanking for fighting the good fight - we know this isn't over so let's not loose our momentum. ■

River Boat Drawing

Over \$8,000 Value



The Federation of Fly Fishers - Southern Council is offering a ideal river package at the Conclave this year. The river craft is a Supreme 2000 Series river boat from Supreme Boats. It is 20 feet long and 42-inches wide. It is set up for fly fishing layout equipped with long rod trays and open walk-through. It will include a Mercury 4-stroke 15 horsepower motor complete with electric start. Hauling, loading and unloading is accommodated from teh E-Z Loader Deluxe Trailer custom made and color coordinated with this boat. See the following URLs for more information on these fine products: www.supremeboats.com; www.mercurymarine.com; and www.ezloader.com. Donations are available at the following options - \$5 for 1 ticket, \$15 for 4 tickets and \$25 for 6 tickets. Contact Pat Smith, Managing Director for tickets or more information using mngdir@southernCouncilfff.org or (877) 664-4401. Visit our Web site at www.southernCouncilfff.org. The drawing will be held October 7, 2006 at the Southern Council Conclave.

Education Reporting Requested

by Allen Crise

We have been requested by the Federation to submit reports and we also like to have the informaton on what types of educational activities clubs within the Council are doing. Would you please request the education director for your club to fill out the following and get it to Allen Crise this week if at all possible. Please submit a separate report for each activity.

Name: *Who set it up clinic/workshop - FFF Club or person.*

Agency: *Group like club or State wildlife, city, etc.*

Address: *Clinic/workshop location*

State: *Specify your state*

Presentation topic: *Something like fly tying, training/
Casting Clinic CCI training*

Length of Presentation: *Number of days or hours*

Number of Volunteers: *12 (9 CCLs)*

Hours of Prep Time: *How many hours*

Round Trip Mileage: *Miles driven to and from clinic or
workshop site.*

Signature: *Club Education Chairman or person submitting report*

Date: *Date held* ■

Nonimations – SOC Awards

by Brian Ellis, VP of Communications

Hello FFF Southern Council Key Club Contacts and Officers!

URGENT!!! The June 23th, 2006 deadline is quickly approaching and we have only one Southern Council award nominations thus far. For more information on the guidelines, qualification for nominees, and past winners of the FFF Southern Council Awards please visit the FFF SOC web site at <http://southernCouncilfff.org> and select the Annual Awards link. This email is intended to be distributed to the club contacts of all Southern Council clubs and the all Southern Council officers. Please forward this message to any other interested parties. Please submit nominations to my email address: brian.j.ellis@boeing.com.

Guidelines and Qualifications for Nominees of the Southern Council Awards

Man of the Year: An award presented annually to the man who has demonstrated unusual devotion to the Southern Council and, through his devotion, has benefited the Southern Council, the FFF and/or his club.

Woman of the Year: An award presented annually to the woman who has demonstrated unusual devotion to the Southern Council and, through her devotion, has benefited the Southern Council, the FFF and/or her club.

Federator of the Year: An award presented annually to that person who has supported the Southern Council and the FFF, and has actively recruited new members to each organization. Other reasons are also appropriate.

Club of the Year: An award presented annually to a club affiliated with the FFF Southern Council for outstanding projects and activities that have contributed most to the Council in some manner. Examples include, but are not limited to, conservation, education and membership projects and activities.

Fly Tyer of the Year: An award presented annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the art of fly tying.

Junior Fly Tyer of the Year: An award presented annually to an individual 18 years of age or younger who has made a significant contribution to the art of fly tying.

Teacher of the Year: An award presented annually to that individual who has passed along the art of fly fishing to others, whether in the form of fly tying, casting or any of the other fly-fishing arts and sciences.

FFF Southern Council Conservation Award: An award or awards made to individuals, groups or organizations that have made extraordinary contributions to the conservation of our fisheries resources. Need not be given annually if no worthwhile recipients are available.

Friend(s) of the Southern Council: An award or awards given to an individual, individuals, group, or groups who have befriended and/or the Southern Council in some way. Nominees must not be a member of the FFF SOC and need not be a member of the FFF. Need not be given annually if no worthwhile recipients are available.

Tall Tale-Teller Award: An award presented annually to that individual who is the best, most vocal tall-tale teller in the Southern Council. ■



2006 FFF SOUTHERN COUNCIL CONCLAVE
MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS
PRE-REGISTRATION
OCTOBER 5 th, 6 th, and 7 th, 2006
Please type or neatly print - please fill in all data.
 Make check payable to: FFF Southern Council

Name: _____

Other family members (as you wish them to appear on their name tags):

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number- Work: _____ Home: _____

FFF Member Number (Required): _____ Club Affiliation: _____

FFF Membership - Make your statement in support of FFF -

- Disabled Veterans (50% Disability)...Free with proof of disability
 - Individual Membership (\$35) 3-Year Individual (\$85)
 - Senior Membership (65 and older) (\$30) 3-Year Family Membership (\$115)
 - Family Membership (\$45) Youth (22 and under) (\$18)
 - Individual Life (\$500) Couple Life (\$750)
- Date of Birth _____ New Member Former Member? Renewal?
 First Time Conclave Attendee?

(On-site Registration is \$5.00 MORE!)
Registration Fee:

Individual Admission (By September 15) \$10.00 \$15.00 _____ \$ _____

Family Admission (By September 15) 15.00 20.00 _____ \$ _____

Senior Single Admission (By September 15) 5.00 10.00 _____ \$ _____

Senior Family Admission (By September 15) 10.00 15.00 _____ \$ _____

Saturday Evening Banquet

(Must be registered to attend) - Over age 10 17.00 17.00 _____ \$ _____

Children Ages 4 thru 10 8.00 8.00 _____ \$ _____

Children Ages 3 and under N/C N/C _____ FREE

Saturday Outreach Luncheon

(Must be registered to attend) 15.00 _____ \$ _____

2006 Conclave Pin 5.00 _____ \$ _____

2006 Conclave Patch 5.00 _____ \$ _____

FFF Southern Council Shirt (See Web Site) 38.00 _____ \$ _____

FFF Southern Council Pin (See Web Site) 5.00 _____ \$ _____

FFF Southern Council Patch (See Web Site) 5.00 _____ \$ _____

Donation for Thursday Evening Welcoming Party

(Helps defray cost of the meal) _____ \$ _____

Drawing Tickets - 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, 12 for \$10, or 25 for \$20 _____ \$ _____

Drawing Tickets - Winner Takes All Fly Contest 5.00 _____ \$ _____

Drawing Tickets - River Boat (Complete Package)

(Boat, motor, and trailer) \$5 each or 4 for \$15 or 6 \$25 _____ \$ _____

- Thursday Sessions -

A Stranger in a Strange Land - Charles Jardine - White River (Limit 10)

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM (Will need equipment) 110.00 115.00 _____ \$ _____

Tricks for Trout - Ian Colin James - White River (Limit 10)

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM (Will need equipment) 75.00 90.00 _____ \$ _____

Nymphing Workshop - John Wilson - White River (Limit 10)

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Will need equipment) 75.00 90.00 _____ \$ _____

Reel Women on Real Waters - Lori-Ann Murphy - White River (Limit 10)

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Will need equipment) 50.00 65.00 _____ \$ _____

Watercolor Painting - Trout & Outdoor Scene - Duane Hada - Cotter Spring House (Limit 10)

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Materials fee to instructor) 50.00 65.00 _____ \$ _____

	FFF	Non-		
	Member	Member	Qty.	Amount
	Fees	Fees		

- Thursday Sessions (Continued) -

"Bugs - An In-Depth Study" with Art Mazzier - Ramada Inn (Limit 8)

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM 50.00 60.00 _____ \$ _____

Stream Strategies with Roger Maler - White River

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (Will need equipment) 40.00 50.00 _____ \$ _____

Sink Tip Symposium with Roger Maler - White River

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Will need equipment) 40.00 50.00 _____ \$ _____

Package Deal on above

two seminars with Roger Maler 70.00 90.00 _____ \$ _____

River Boat Basics - John Berry & Capt. Sid Caradine - Rim Shoals on the White River

(Limit 12) 9:00 AM 50.00 60.00 _____ \$ _____

- Friday and Saturday Sessions -

Picking a Kayak for your Fishing and How to Fish from a Kayak Safely - Jodi Morris -

Norfolk Lake - Quarry Marina (Limit 10) 9:00 AM 35.00 45.00 _____ \$ _____

Casting Clinic - Charles Jardine (Limit 10)

Friday 9:00-11:00 AM or

Saturday 8:00-10:00 AM 50.00 65.00 _____ \$ _____

Casting Clinic - Lori-Ann Murphy (Limit 10)

Friday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 - 10:00 AM N/C N/C _____ FREE

Tying Czech Nymph and Classic UK Patterns for the US - Charles Jardine (Limit 8)

Friday 12:30 - 4:30 PM

(Equipment required) 50.00 65.00 _____ \$ _____

Beginning Fly Casting - Chuck Easterling & Art Mazzier (Limit 8)

Friday 1:00 - 3:00 PM (Equipment req'd) 10.00 15.00 _____ \$ _____

Stream Side Banquet with the Dutch Oven with Dennis Slane (Materials Fee)

Friday 12 Noon 10.00 10.00 _____ \$ _____

Introduction to Dutch Oven Cooking with Dennis Slane (Materials Fee) (Limit 12)

Saturday 10:00 AM 10.00 10.00 _____ \$ _____

Fly Tying Clinic - Woven Body Flies with Dennis Reed (Limit 12)

Saturday 9:00 - 11:00 AM N/C N/C _____ FREE

Outreach Basic Beading Workshop - (Limit 15) - The Beaded Path in Mountain Home

Friday 10:00 AM - 12 Noon - Fees to be pade at time of class. Fees also depend on

material selections. Ranges will be from \$20 to \$25. You will complete either a single strand

necklace or bracelet. TBD TBD _____

Casting Instruction with an FFF Certified Casting Instructor (1 Hour Limit)

Friday Saturday Time: _____ N/C N/C _____ FREE

Fly Tying Instruction with an Expert (1 Hour Limit)

Friday Saturday Time: _____ N/C N/C _____ FREE

Wayne E & Catherine Moore Youth Conclave (Must be under 16 years of age)

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Outing - Lunch included. Each child must bring a hat,

sunscreen, and sunglasses. (Requirements: registration and permission slip signed by

parent/guardian prior to Outing. Permission slips available at the registration desk.)

N/C N/C _____ FREE

TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED _____ \$ _____

Credit Card Payment: Visa Mastercard Discover

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature Required Above for Credit Card Payment

MAIL COMPLETED FORM and YOUR CHECK TO: Pat Smith, Managing Director

MUST BE POSTMARKED BEFORE FFF Southern Council

SEPTEMBER 15, 2006 2603 Buford Spur Road

Mountain Home AR 72653

FFF Membership

There are 2 ways to become a member of the Southern Council Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). One way is to join the FFF and live within the boundaries of the Council. The Council domain includes the states of Arkansas, Kansas, northern and western Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. The other way to join is appropriate only if you live outside of the geographic boundaries of the Southern Council. If you join the FFF, you can declare to the FFF that you want to be affiliated with the Southern Council, no matter where you live.

Member clubs listed in the Local Clubs section of the Southern Council's Web site are affiliates of the council. Members of these local clubs are members of the Southern Council only if they are also members of the FFF.

A local club in Memphis, Tennessee and a local club in Omaha, Nebraska are part of the Southern Council, even though they are outside of the boundaries of the Southern Council.

Members of the FFF (who live within the boundaries of the Southern Council) get a copy of the *Long Casts* mailed to their home every quarter.

If you are not getting your copy of *Long Casts* contact Pat Smith, Managing Director. Give her your name, address, any local club affiliation, and when you joined. If you have other membership concerns contact Pat or VP of Membership Walter McLendon. Their contact info is listed in the Officers' section on the council's Web site (www.southernCouncilfff.org). ■

Southern Council Clubs

Arkansas

Batesville

Batesville Fly Fishers

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday

Fort Smith

Fort Smith Fly Fishers

Steve Mattax Newsletter Editor
smattax@ipa.net
2nd VP Meetings: 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month in building 1627, Ft. Chaffee, AR

Little Rock

Arkansas Flyfishers

www.affonline.com

Russellville

CADDIs (Central Arkansas Dead Drifters Ichthyological Society)

Contact: Marvin Morris
(smattax@ipa.net)
Meetings: 2nd Monday (except July), 7 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Mountain Home

North Arkansas Flyfishers

www.northarkansasflyfisher.org

Rogers

Tightlines Flyfishers

www.geocities.com/tightlinesff/
Meetings: see Web site for details

State University

N.E. Arkansas Flyfishers

www.neaff.com

Illinois

Quincy

Western Illinois Fly Tyers

Kansas

Lawrence

Free State Fly Fishers

freestateflyfishers.org

Mission

Heart of America Fly Fishers

www.hoaff.org

Wichita

Flatland Fly Fishers

www.flyfishingdestinations.com/flatlandflyfishers.asp (use no hyphen)

Louisiana

Lafayette

Acadiana Fly Rodders

Meetings: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.,
Grace Presbyterian Church,
518 Roselawn Blvd

Shreveport

North Louisiana Fly Fishers

www.northlaflyfishers.org

West Monroe

Ouachita River Fly Fishers

orff.squarespace.com

Missouri

Bolivar

Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers

Contact: John Henry
Email: flyfisher@tri-lakes.net

Jefferson City

Capitol City Fly Fishers

www.capitalcityflyfishers.org
Email: info@capitalcityflyfishers.org
Meetings: see Web site calendar.

Joplin

M-A-K-O Flyfishers

Contact: Randy Hopkins
Email: rhopkins@getonthe.net
Meetings: 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m.,
Southwest MO Bank, 32nd & Indiana

Kansas City

MO Trout Fishermen's Association, KC Chapter

Meetings: 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m.,
Fleming Hall, Lake Jacomo

KC Northland Flyfishers

Springfield

MO Trout Fishermen's Association, Springfield Chapter

Membership Chairman Kim Schultz,
Email: MGBFly@aol.com
Meetings: 1st Thursday, 7 p.m., SPFD
Conservation Nature Center

Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers

smff_fff.tripod.com

St Louis

Ozark Fly Fishers

www.ozarkflyfishers.org

Waynesville

Roubidoux Fly Fishers

www.windrushfarms.com/roub.shtml

Waynesville High School FlyFishers Club

Nebraska

Omaha

Cornhusker Fly Fishers

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.,
Aksarben Aquarium, south of Gretna

Oklahoma

Bartlesville

Green Country Fly Fishers

Contact: Gary Kilpatrick
Email: gakilpa@sbcglobal.net
home.comcast.net/~okieflyrod

Oklahoma City

Prairie Fly Fishers

www.prairieflyfishers.org

Tulsa

Tulsa Flyfishers

Treasurer: Keith Yarger
Email: kyarger@earthlink.net
Meetings: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Zebco
Cafeteria

Tahlequah

Northeast Oklahoma Fly Fishing Club

www.okieflyfishers.org
Contact: Steve Ford
Email: smford@onenet.net
Meetings: see our Web site.

Tennessee

Memphis

Mid-South Fly Fishers

www.msff.org

Texas

Austin

Austin Fly Fishers

www.austinflyfishers.com

Texas Women Fly Fishers

Sheila Anderson, President
www.twff.net

Corpus Christi

Coastal Bend Fly Fishers

Dallas

Dallas Flyfishers

www.dallas-flyfishers.org

Fort Worth

Fort Worth Fly Fishers

www.fortworthflyfishers.com

Georgetown

San Gabriel Flyfishers

www.sgflyfishers.com

Houston

Texas Flyfishers

www.texasflyfishers.org

Kerrville

Hill Country Flyfishers

Longview

East Texas Fly Fishers

Email: etflyfish@aol.com
www.easttexasflyfishers.org

Lufkin

Pineywoods Fly Fishers

home.sprynet.com/%7ewaltermc/

San Antonio

The Alamo Fly Fishers

www.alamoflyfishers.org

San Marcos

Central Texas Fly Fishers

www.ctff.org

Tom Bear

Red River Fly Fishers

www.rrff.org

Tyler

Lone Star Fly Fishers

www.lsff.com

The Woodlands

Montgomery CO Flyrodders

communities.msn.com/montgomery-countyflyrodders (use no hyphen)

Texarkana

Texarkana Area Fly Fishers

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., 319
Baylor (TDS Building)

Waco

Jack Sparks Central Texas Flyrodders

www.centraltexasflyrodders.org

