



TALE WATERS

THE VOICE OF THE NORTH ARKANSAS FLY FISHERS

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Sowbug Fast Approaching!



The 2012 Sowbug Roundup - A Celebration of Fly Fishing is approaching fast. We have just over 4 months until we are opening the doors to the Fairgrounds. Remember the dates are March 22nd, 23rd and 24th. We have accomplished a whole lot and things are progressing well. As I do each and every newsletter, I am requesting more participation from the NAFF organization. I know we are all focusing on Christmas but, please, also think ahead a little farther to March. All activities associated with Sowbug are in need of help. For ya'lls benefit, I will list the name(s) of the person(s) responsible for each activity. Please make an effort to meet with one of these persons if you have a desire to help or want to know more about what is needed to help.

Admission - WE ARE IN NEED OF A PERSON

Fly Tyers - Chet & Pat Smith

Vendors - Al Vekovius

Programs - Chuck Orvis

Setup and Teardown - Art Pratt & Jim Bowerman

Membership & NAFF table - Paul & Lyn Ashton

Food - Mike Tipton

Sowbug Needs Food Service Provider(s)

The Sowbug Roundup needs the help of your Church, volunteer fire department, or other civic organization! For many years the Sowbug was held at Redeemer Lutheran Church and the Ladies Guild of the church provided the food services. They did a very good job and the fine food service was one of the things that help make Sowbug successful. Last year they decided not to participate. Food service was provided by the Cotter Volunteer Fire Department. They also did a very good job. This year we are looking for an organization or organizations to provide the food service. The organization(s) providing the food services get to keep all proceeds.

The Sowbug has two different food service functions. There is the daily serving of snacks, coffee and soft drinks, lunch, and perhaps breakfast items. There is also the Friday night dinner that is provided to the fly tyers, sowbug volunteers, and local dignitaries. In the past the dinner has been provided by the same organization that provided the daytime services. We can still operate in this manner, but it is not required. The major difference in the dinner planning, from previous years, is that we want to have the dinner off site and away from the Baxter County Fairgrounds. We do not want to have to rearrange the fly tying area for dinner.

If your organization is interested in participating in Sowbug, please contact Mike Tipton (870-404-8845 michael@tipton@centurytel.net).

North Arkansas Fly Fishers meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Van Matre Senior Citizens Center, located within Cooper park at 1101 Spring Street, Mountain Home, Arkansas. Membership meeting starts at 7:00 pm. All members and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

NAFF Board of Director's meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Van Matre Senior Center. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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There is no NAFF meeting for December as we have our Christmas party. There will be a Sowbug meeting in December on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Library at 1:00 p.m. The December meeting will be on December 13th. Please feel free to come and see what we're all about and please participate. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Oh, how about making one of your new year's resolutions to be active in the 2012 Sowbug!!!

President's Report: Dave Hughes, Support, Rocks, and Damsel Party

Most everyone agreed that the program with Dave Hughes was quite a success and that we should do something like it again. The cost was pretty expensive (\$2000+). There were suggestions that perhaps we could go together with another organization to reduce the cost. The fly fishing club in Little Rock has asked that we consider working with them for a future speaker. Dave Hughes suggested that Ed Engle might be someone who we would enjoy. Ed has written a lot on tying and fishing small flies. Something that is pretty relevant to our area. We, the NAFF board of directors, are looking for suggestions.

Dave's visit would have been much more expensive without the help that we got from our members. Gary Flippin contributed three nights lodging at Rim Shoals Resort and George Peters let us use his Rainbow Bridge for our Friday night get together. This help is really appreciated!

The lecture hall at ASU made a great venue for Dave's presentation on Saturday. We were able to use it for free by partnering with the Trout Nature Center. The Trout Nature Center also provided us with advertising in Little Rock.

While I am recognizing those who have helped out NAFF, I should mention that Dally's Ozark FlyFisher gave us a very nice break on the price of the shirts that we used as recognition awards. We get lots of support from both Steve at Dally's and Bob at Blue Ribbon!

While Dave Hughes was here, I took him fishing for a couple of hours on the Norfork. We mainly fished the riffle at the top of Charlie's island. I fished a soft hackle and caught enough fish not to embarrass myself in front of the out of town expert. Dave caught fish with a wooly bugger that he got from Dick Hanson via George Peters. In an instant George's reputation, that took years to achieve, as a highly technical fisher of infinitesimal dry flies was wiped out. George became "Wooly Bugger George"!

While Dave Hughes was here, he spent a day with Davy Wotton learning about Davy's classic techniques for fishing wet flies. Dave expects to have an article about that experience and fishing our area in next winter's edition of Fly Fishing and Tying Journal.

I very much enjoyed being Dave's chauffeur while he was here! As I have probably mentioned before, I pretty much learned how to fly fish from his books.

When I fished with Dave Hughes, is when I first encountered the bank restoration work that AGFC has done on Charlie's island. The work includes a "wall" of very large rocks placed to protect the island from the flow of the river. I found the rocks a little difficult to climb over. A few days later I received a copy of a letter that NAFF member Fred Hagemeyer sent to Mark Oliver, AGFC Chief of Fisheries, complaining about the difficulty in climbing over the rocks when the water starts rising. A week



or so later Fred received a letter from Mark Oliver telling Fred to contact Tim Burnley (of AGFC) who did the work and to discuss the problem with him. The upshot was that Fred and I met Tim at the Ackerman access and talked about the problem. This was a very friendly discussion. Tim was happy to get feedback. He stated that he would make changes to provide escape routes and that with some luck these would be in place by the end of the year or early next year. One of the things that I enjoy about living in the area is the good relationship that we have with the AGFC folks and their desire to work with concerned citizens!

The Sowbug Roundup is fast approaching. It will be the end of March before we know it. At this time we could use some help with soliciting for local donations (contact Terry Louis 425-3968), filling boxes with flies (Contact Joe Hanson (870) 430-2345), and contributions of fly fishing gear or stuff (contact Joe Hanson). I am looking for an organization interested in providing the food services at Sowbug.

A few night ago that annual saturnalian affair, The Damsel Fly (a women only organization for fly fishing and fun) Christmas Party, was held at the Tipton home. Males (myself) were banished to their backroom for the evening. I never saw any of the participants! I only heard the loud hootin', hollerin', and guffawing. When I was finally released from my durance vile, I found the kitchen littered with cookie crumbs and dead soldier wine bottles. These "little old ladies" sure know how to party!

Tight Lines! - Mike Tipton

December Fly of the Month Lee's Ferry Scud



My adaptation of Wendy Gunn's scud tie from Arizona's Lee's Ferry section of Colorado river. This can be tied in olive, pink, or orange for the White and other rivers.

HOOK ~ Size 14 down to 18 straight shank nymph (scuds normally swim with straight body only curve when in hand or net.)

THREAD~ 6/0 or 8/0 Uni color to match.

10 wraps of lead or nontoxic wire centered on shaft

Gold wire for rib

Back or shell ~ dyed grey deer hair

Body~ Sow Scud dubbing of color (I like Smokey Olive) desired.

Start thread, then wrap lead wire, next tie in gold wire for rib, then clip small bundle of deer hair and clean and stack, tie in at rear of lead, tips to rear (can leave sticking out will be trimming), dub body forward leave room for head, pull hair over top of body as shell back and tie in behind head, rib forward with gold wire, trim tail and head deer hair as picture shows, pick out dubbing downwards as legs (I trim picked hair to hook point length. You're done!

I believe that the deer hair back keeps fly floating hook down in realistic stance of swimming scud.

Jim Bowerman

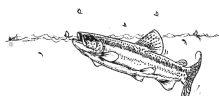
Snow Days

We are now in the season when certain weather events can make travel difficult or impossible. In general, NAFF activities (meeting, classes) occur as scheduled, rain or shine. However, in the case of extraordinary weather, NAFF activities will be cancelled if the Mountain Home Public Schools are closed or the students have been released early due to inclement weather. This information may be obtained from the KTLO Radio website.

Planning Meeting Scheduled

The 2012 Annual NAFF planning meeting is scheduled for 1:00 pm, Tuesday, January 17, at George Peters' Rainbow Bridge Lodge. At this meeting the NAFF Board of Directors plan and budget the activities for the coming year. Any NAFF member is invited to attend.

Rainbow Bridge Lodge is located in Cotter at 502 Second St; the corner of 2nd and McLean Ave.



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Gary Flippin's December Fishing Report



Greetings and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Things have been pretty quiet on this end of the river the past few days and will probably remain quiet with the current generation pattern and cold weather forecast. Bull Shoals has been running around the clock since the last of November. The better water seems to be for a few hours of the morning and then again late in the afternoon a couple hours before dark. Once the heavy flows come in, (up to 15 and 17 thousand cfs) the water trashes out and becomes very hard to fish. There is some wade fishing along the edges or by boating to islands or gravel flats. Norfolk has had some wadable water most days and the most waders. The dissolved oxygen threat should end soon. Midge patterns, sow bugs, scuds San Juans, egg patterns, and some soft hackles all work best during the winter months. Winter Streamer patterns on sinking lines work well in the heavy flows: clousers, White and Grey woolies. Be careful, Stay Warm, and again Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Rim Shoals

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Conservation Update

On November 17th, Tommy Hagen and I, representing NAFF, presented the proposal to install steps at Roundhouse Shoals to Cotter Mayor Peggy Hammack. The meeting went very well and she seemed pleased with the proposal but had a few questions:

Who pays for the steps? Our answer, NAFF

Who maintains the steps? Our answer, NAFF

What is the life expectancy of the proposed steps? Our answer. Around 20 years

If steps had to be removed, who would be responsible? Our answer, NAFF

We answered her questions as indicated. She further stated that she would need to discuss the proposal with the city attorney, as the land is owned by the state and leased to the city. She also stated that she would bring the proposal up to the November city council meeting, but she indicated since her agenda had already been issued that the council would probably not bring it to a vote. She said it would however be on the December agenda.

With that, we left her office.

Joe Hanson

Flys for Sowbug

Boxes of flies tied by NAFF members are one of the more popular items for the silent auctions at Sowbug. They make lots of money for NAFF and garner a little recognition and fame for the tyer! If you want to participate, just start tying a selection of your favorite patterns. The number is not important, but the "more the better"! If you have a nice fly box to put them in, great! However, if you don't have a box, the Sowbug committee will provide a nice one. Start tying those flies and contact Joe Hanson (870-430-2345 or jbhanson@centurytel.net).

Sowbug Intro to Fly Tying Needs Helpers

Ed Hakesly is asking for 5 or 6 volunteers to help with the Beginner's Fly Tying classes at the Sowbug Roundup. There is a morning and an afternoon session each day. Each session lasts about two hours. This is a very popular event at Sowbug! Ed can be contacted at 870-424-0956, or ed-scamp3@yahoo.com.

NAFF Election Results

NAFF elected officers at the November meeting. There were no nominations from the floor so the slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee was elected by acclamation. NAFF elected the following officers for a two year term that starts on Jan 1, 2012.

- President - Mike Tipton
- Vice President - Tom Emerick
- Secretary - Pat Smith
- Treasurer - David Lawhon

Membership Report New Members

Let's all give our newest members a round of applause. The new members are: John Andre of Hector, AR

Gary and Jeanne Woodward of Jonesboro, AR

Dennis and Rita Reed of Jonesboro, AR

Clint Durham of Norfolk, AR

We hope to see you at our meetings and events in the coming months. We have some new member materials for you (and other recent members that did not receive them): Roster booklet, Wade Guide to our Local Waters, Club Decal/Sticker. If you did not receive these when you joined, please let me know or check in at the Membership Desk at the next meeting.

With the latest renewals and new members, the current club membership stands at 227 memberships with 317 people. This includes the expiration of several memberships that we have kept on the books for a few extra months now. It's sad to see these folks fade away; however, I know that some of them have only been active for Sowbug and that they will be around when we need them this coming March.

This does not mean we are all up to date on memberships. We have a few more overdue memberships that will be dropped next month if we don't hear from you. You know who you are from the email reminders in your in-boxes. November and December renewals are almost complete, with only a couple outstanding. Notices were sent last month. If you are unsure of when your renewal is due, please feel free to email me at naffmembership@gmail.com. Send in your renewals, use the easy Paypal system on the club's website or stop by the membership desk at the meeting each month.

Paul Ashton—Membership Director

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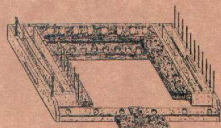
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Dates of Interest NAFF members

<u>StartDate1</u>	Subject	EndDate	StartTime1	EndTime	Location
12/13/2011	Sowbug Roundup Meeting	12/13/2011	1:00:00 PM	3:00:00 PM	Baxter County Library
1/2/2012	TU Meeting	1/2/2012	6:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	El Chico
1/4/2012	NAFF Board Meeting	1/4/2012	6:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	Van Matre Senior Center - 1101 Spring St.
1/10/2012	Sowbug Roundup Meeting	1/10/2012	1:00:00 PM	3:00:00 PM	Baxter County Library
1/17/2012	NAFF Planning Meeting	1/17/2012	1:00:00 PM	4:00:00 PM	Rainbow Bridge Lodge
1/17/2012	NAFF Meeting	1/17/2012	7:00:00 PM	9:00:00 PM	Van Matre Senior Center - 1101 Spring St.
2/1/2012	NAFF Board Meeting	2/1/2012	6:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	Van Matre Senior Center - 1101 Spring St.
2/6/2012	TU Meeting	2/6/2012	6:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	El Chico
2/14/2012	Sowbug Roundup Meeting	12/13/2011	1:00:00 PM	3:00:00 PM	Baxter County Library
2/21/2012	NAFF Meeting	2/21/2012	7:00:00 PM	9:00:00 PM	Van Matre Senior Center - 1101 Spring St.
3/5/2012	TU Meeting	3/5/2012	6:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	El Chico
3/7/2012	NAFF Board Meeting	3/7/2012	6:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	Van Matre Senior Center - 1101 Spring St.
3/19/2012	Spring Break	3/24/2012	12:00:00 AM	12:00:00 AM	
3/20/2012	NAFF Meeting	3/20/2012	7:00:00 PM	9:00:00 PM	Van Matre Senior Center - 1101 Spring St.
3/22/2012	Sowbug Roundup	3/25/2012	12:00:00 AM	12:00:00 AM	Baxter County Fairgrounds
4/2/2012	TU Meeting	4/2/2012	6:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	El Chico
4/4/2012	NAFF Board Meeting	4/4/2012	6:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	Van Matre Senior Center - 1101 Spring St.
4/14/2012	Trout Nature Center Dinner	4/14/2012	7:00:00 PM	9:00:00 PM	Vada Sheid CDC
4/17/2012	NAFF Meeting	4/17/2012	7:00:00 PM	9:00:00 PM	Van Matre Senior Center - 1101 Spring St.

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