

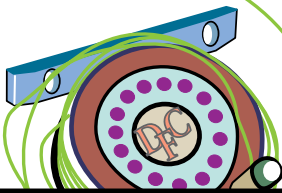
FORWARD CASTS

OFFICIAL DESERT FLY CASTERS NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER
Wednesday,
November 9, 2016
Chit-Chat & Dinner: 6:00
Meeting/Guest Speaker: 7:00

Elks Lodge
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President's Drift

Gentry Smith • November 2016



It's November, and that means a break in the record-high temperatures isn't far away...

As the weather begins to cool, Desert Fly Caster activities heat up. We recently hosted our first joint casting meetup of the season with Rio Salado Casting Club (RSCC). These informal meetups, taught by IFFF Certified Casting Instructors, are intended to help fly casters of all skill levels improve their ability on the water. If you missed the October MeetUp, be sure to look for more RSCC offerings in the coming months.

The club also has its annual pilgrimage to Rocky Point, Mexico coming up this month. Unable to make the November club trip, I made a quick October excursion with members, Vince Deadmond, Joe Staller and David Hwang. It was hot and the fishing was slow, but we made the most of it by fishing the Second Estuary and the new Jetty. We landed several species, including triggerfish, bonefish, grouper, mackerel, pompano, needlefish and cabrilla. *(Note - Photo below of my trip additional photos continued on page 2 of this issue)*

If you have a fish story to share, please submit your fish pictures, along with a brief description, to my email (design@gentrysmith.com) for inclusion in the club's monthly fishing report.

Until next time, be safe and enjoy your time outdoors—it's truly special.

Cheers,
Gentry Smith



NOVEMBER DFC CLUB MEETING...



Come along and hook up with **KEVIN KRAI** the manager of the new Orvis store on Camelback here in Phoenix... Mr. Krai will be covering his observations on fly fishing the Ozarks. And, will discuss the trout options (White River and tribbs) along with smallmouth and striper in both lake and river systems.

Join in with the rest of the DFC Trout Bums, on:

Wednesday, • November 9, 2016

Come meet-up with us Trout Bums...6:00 Dinner... 7:00 Club Meeting, followed by your monthly program along with fun and raffle prizes!

Every true fisherman understands that the joy of fishing lies in its mystery.



DFC MISSION STATEMENT

To advance the sport of fly fishing in Arizona through education, conservation and community outreach efforts by:

- *Providing Education classes and clinics on fly fishing, fly casting, fly tying, rod building and other associated skills*
- *Committing to conserve, restore, and enhance local and regional fisheries*
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Gentry's trip...additional photos

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**Got questions??...Catch me, Gentry at:
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Events, Dates & Stuff for our DFC Trout Bums in the know...



Calling All Golfers!

It's time for the annual "Tee It Up For Tails" golf tournament at The Links at Queen Creek golf club. This is the same course we recently hosted a club fly fishing outing. Manager, Val Hanes, sponsors this charity event with the proceeds benefiting, PAWS, an animal welfare organization that does great work in the valley. Typically, Desert Fly Casters tries to send two, foursomes. *Please contact Pat Smith at (480) 374-0218, or patrick.smith@medtronic.com, if you would like to participate.*

COST \$79 per person

DATE AND TIME Sat, November 19, 2016 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

(8:00 am shotgun start - end open)

Afterward, lunch will be served, along with awards and a silent auction!

LOCATION The Links at Queen Creek • 445 E. Ocotillo Road Queen Creek, AZ 85242



We're looking for volunteers to help with the annual **Gilbert Youth Fishing Day on Saturday, December 3, 2016**. This year it's being moved to Freestone Park and will run from 8am to noon. This is a great opportunity to introduce kids to the sport of fishing. If you'd like to help out, please catch: *Gentry Smith at design@gentrysmith.com.*

Thank you for all the recent donations to the raffle by members. I had several members make donations at the meeting and I want to thank them. It helps support the club and the monthly raffle. Also reminder here.... Christmas is around the corner, raffle items make good stocking stuffers.

See you at the next DFC Club meeting

Thanks,

Frank Schettino...The Raffle Guy

sketno1026@hotmail.com





Fly Fishing Tips For Beginners

By Pearl O. Wisdum

Timing Your Trout

When flyfishing for trout in a lake, you must determine the depth at which to fish a nymph or wet fly. Wear your watch on the inside of your wrist, where you can easily monitor it. After casting with a sink-tip or sinking line, note the time the fly hits the water and approximately how much line is out. When a fish strikes, again note the time. If trout are feeding selectively on a particular species of aquatic insect, they often do so at the same general level. By casting out the same amount of line and monitoring your watch on each cast, you'll be prepared for the next strike.

Phil Rowley and David Chan's Stillwater Fishing Volume 2

by
**Carl
Ruterford**



Questions?
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carlrute@gmail.com

In their follow-up DVD, they have added/changed some chironomid fishing techniques. The first one I am going to mention is the use of a braided leader when fishing more than 15 feet deep. The reason they have done this is because the long mono-leader/tippet combination are too flexible. Often, when a fish takes the fly and you set the hook, this leader/tippet combination stretches enough to keep the slip indicator from releasing. You then try to net the fish while the indicator is wedged into the tiptop with 15 feet of leader/tippet to the fish.

What they recommend, any time fishing with a slip indicator in more than 15 feet of water, is to replace your mono leader with 10-14 feet of 20lb braided line that you can find in the regular fishing department. You then attach 4-6 feet of fluorocarbon tippet. You can adjust the length of the leader according to the depth you are fishing.

The second change/addition is a technique of using a sinking line instead of a floating line. The type of sinking line is up to you. If the fish are on the bottom, which is often the situation with chironmids, you probably would choose a faster sinking line. If they are at multiple depths, then choose an intermediate line. You will have only about 4 feet of tippet tied directly to your fly line. You will need to tie a weight on your bottom fly to get an accurate measure of your depth. When you have your rod tip just touching the surface of the water and you are on the bottom, then pull in 12 inches of line. Fish with exactly that much line out. Take the weight off, cast your line and wait. Be ready. The hits are bigger with this technique. Hold your rod tip just above the water. Keep your eye on that tip for hits. Use your watch to time the sinking of your line (you already know how fast your line sinks). Now wait! Don't begin the painfully slow finger retrieve right away. When you have approximately one rod length of line still out, very slowly lift the rod tip to mimic an emerging chironomid rising to the surface. The advantages of this technique over the indicator/floating line technique are: the strikes are more definite and this works better in a wind.

Both these techniques work well at Becker Lake. Have fun.

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**IMPORTANT
NOTICE!!**



**There will
NOT be
Intermediate
Fly Tying
in November or
December and
that it will start
back up in
January.**

*This is due in part with the Holidays...
Any questions? Catch me, Gentry at: design@gentrysmith.com*

From the Fly Tying bench of Robert Olach



Robert is from the LEE WULFF TU Chapter. I've used his flies in our newsletter before, his craftsmanship in tying is much admired. Mr. Olach has donated flies to our DFC gang in the past.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to catch Robert at:
royalcoachman@sbcglobal.net

Thanx, Bob:)

Cove's Pheasant Tail Nymphs

In 1986, a fellow named Arthur Cove wrote a hardcover book called: "My Way with Trout" that was subsequently reprinted in 1992 as a softcover. I heard about this book from a fellow in the UK after a posting on "The Classic Rod Forum" and, since I like Pheasant Tails in many of the fly dressings that I tie, I found a signed (not to me) hardcover copy of the book in 2008.

Cove's Pheasant Tail Nymphs differ from Frank Sawyer's nymphs (in my opinion), in that Cove's dressings tended to be on longer shanked hooks; used thread for winding (Sawyer used only wire); used natural AND dyed pheasant tail bodies; had a dubbed thorax; no tails; and were tied part way down the hook bend.



Original Dressing from his book for "Cove's Pheasant Tail Nymph":

Hackle: None

Hook: Partridge wide gape down eye; size 8 to 12.

Rib: Fine copper wire

Body: Ten to twelve fibres from cock pheasant tail centre

Thorax: Blue underfur of wild rabbit

Pictured Dressings:

Hook: Daiichi #1710 2 X Long Nymph hook (Size 10 - 14)

Thread: Uni-Thread 6/0 - Black

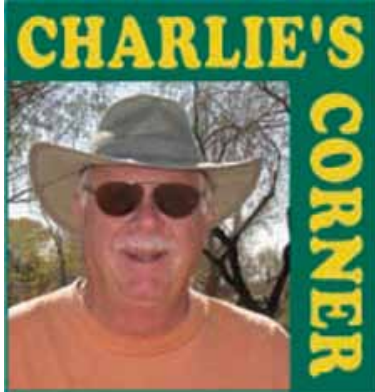
Body & Wing Case: Natural, green, black and wine colored pheasant tails

Thorax: Natural Hare's Ear

Ribbing: Copper Ultra Wire

Hackle: None

Note: On the Orange Nymph, orange seal or African Goat fur was used for the body with a gold tinsel rib.



Thank to our DFC Trout Bum buddy, Charlie Rosser we've come up with a project for everyone to keep in mind... *Take care of those rods...You be good to the rod and the rod will be good to you.*

Thanx, Charlie!

Catch Charlie at:
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How to Clean a Fly Rod

Cleaning a fly rod should be a routine part of every angler's life. Fly rods can cost 300 dollars or more and should be looked upon as an investment. During use, fly rods can become dirty from dust and pollen as well as accumulate debris deposits from the water. Line guides are especially prone to accumulations of debris and water scum, which are deposited by the fly line as it travels through the guides. With a little time and some basic items, it is possible to thoroughly clean a fly rod.

Things You'll Need:

- Clean clothes
- Water
- Small brush
- Metal polishing compound such as Magic Wadding
- Low abrasive liquid cleaner such as Soft Scrub
- Cotton swab
- Ferrule wax

Step 1 - Cork Handle

Apply no more than a dime-sized amount of Soft Scrub or other low-abrasive cleanser to a clean cloth. Wipe the cleanser on the cork handle of the rod, making sure to go with the grain of the cork. Apply light pressure to remove deposits and buildup of dirt and debris. Clean under water and wipe clean with a dry cloth. Avoid getting the cleanser on metal reel seat parts or the reel seat itself, which can be scratched.

Step 2 - Reel Seat

Pull a small amount of quality furniture polish on a cloth and lightly polish the metal of the reel seat, paying attention to any heavy deposits or stains. Thoroughly wipe any excess polish from the metal and buff to a shine. Avoid getting the polish on the cork handle.

Step 3 - Guides

Wipe down the line guides with a wet cloth. Use a small brush to remove any stubborn stains or deposits from the eyes and guides. Make sure to remove all debris from the guides, as debris may effect the casting of the line. Take care when cleaning line eyes and guides. It is possible to move eyes out of alignment or to break eyes and guides free from the rod if excessive pressure is applied.

Step 4 - Sections of the Rod

Wipe the entire rod with a damp cloth of quality furniture polish to remove dust, dirt, and other deposits. Use the small brush to help with any stubborn stains. This will help repel dirt and debris as well as provide a layer of protection during use. Do not over apply the polish. Dry the rod completely with a clean dry cloth.

Step 5 - Ferrules

Separate the sections of the rod and use a cotton swab to clean inside the female portion of the rod section or sections. Dampen the swab if necessary to remove debris and use a dry swab to remove moisture when clean. Wipe down the male portion of the rod with a damp cloth and then dry. Apply a light coating of white ferrule wax to the male section to aid in assembling the rod sections and to help in proper seating.

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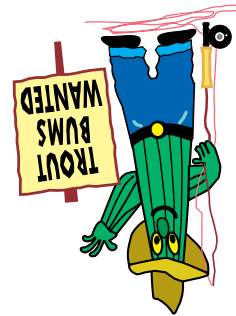
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**See ya Wednesday...
November 9, 2016**



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