



FLY FISHING CLUB

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

This Month's Meeting - Wednesday, August 9, 2017 - Manuel's Tavern

This Month's Presentation

Tyson Reed and Michael Williams Safety First!

Handling Emergencies: An Explanation, a Demonstration, followed by a Practical Exercise!

Learn how to stay safe while fishing from two of our members. Tyson and Michael have stepped up and offered to cover the subject in depth.

Come out to Manuel's, listen and share your thoughts.



Great Raffle Prizes

SPECIAL RAFFLE

Enter to win our special raffle. Is it a guided trip...a new fly rod...the only way to find out is to come to this month's meeting!

REGULAR RAFFLE

There will be 11 winners in our regular raffle who can choose an item from the table filled with fly-fishing gear. A 12th winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to a local fly shop.

FLY RAFFLE

Remember to bring some flies for the fly raffle. Tie your own or pull some from your fly box. You get one ticket per fly and a chance to take home a pitcher full of flies.

Upcoming Programs

September--Chad Bryson, Chattahoochee big brown trout tactics

Silent Auction

In our June meeting the silent auction print of the Florida Panther went to Holly and Terry Shikano. Holly said she had purchased the print as a wedding gift. For the silent auction during the months of July and August, Holly chose the Otter to be featured as the next print. Remember Doug Brady donated the prints to raise money for the club so be generous in your bid. Index cards will be available during the next meeting where you can submit your silent bid. During the August meeting the Otter print will be awarded to the highest bidder.



Spey Casting with April

By: Terry Shikano

Thanks to Michael Williams, we had a rare opportunity to learn spey casting from April Vokey. You probably have seen her on TV or listened to her podcast. She is really awesome. If you don't know her, check out her website. Her podcasts are very interesting.



Anyways, the lesson consisted of two parts: intro session on the grass and casting lesson on the river. Those who come to the club meeting know that I ask lots of questions. I asked her lots of questions, I was impressed with her knowledge of fishing/casting. I enjoyed this part, but it was a little bit too long. I wishing some of it was a reading homework. In any case, I enjoyed the materials she covered.

The second portion was actual casting lesson. Due to the time constraint, we covered only the double spey. Since there were only 6 of us, we had a quality one-on-one time with April. I've watched many YouTube videos, so I was somewhat familiar with this cast, but she was quickly identified my incorrect form and mistakes and helped me correct them. Her instruction was superb. I need more practice on this, but in any case, she is a terrific instructor.

Side note: to those who are new to fly fishing and/or to our club, we have great certified casting instructors and offer casting clinic. This is one of the many benefits of being an AFFC member.

Ethnicity???

By: g.p. thurlow

I loathe filling out forms on every visit to the doctor's office. I have a very stable life: I have worked at the same company for 20 years, I have lived at the same house for 23 years and I have been married for 29 Years. But yet, the top of the form still asks for name, address, occupation, marital status, sex, ethnicity...WOW, how much does a person change between Doctor visits? If they want to know about change-then here comes change...

Name: I will answer to most anything as-long-as you are looking at me when talking and you don't spit after saying the name you call me
Address: I have not moved, but will consider the right offer. Are you willing to take all contents?
Occupation: Fly Fisherman who is forced to work as an Engineer
Marital Status: Most days good, some days-well, I drink heavily on those days...
Sex: See Previous-depends if I need to be drinking
Ethnicity: Sportsman

That may not be helpful to the doctor, but it makes me feel better.

Doc: (Looking at the form) I see you list your ethnicity as Sportsman. Is that a newly recognized designation? I'm not familiar with that ethnic group. How can I recognize a Sportsman?

Greg: Easy! Most Sportsman have four distinct characteristics: trucker's hats, polarized sunglasses, facial hair and vent back fishing shirts with big pockets.

Doc: Vent back fishing shirts, I understand. But what is a trucker's hats?

Greg: A ball cap with a mesh back and a company logo on the front panel advertising a really expensive gear maker.

Doc: Why mesh & why the logo?

Greg: The mesh bag is used to catch hatching insects for identification when in the field... and the logo of the expensive gear is to show they own something that costs 10 times what a reasonable person would pay for a similar item.

Doc: Wow, ten times! Give me an example.

Greg: Coolers-Yeti Coolers! Most normal people go to Wally World and drop 50 bucks on a 48-quart Igloo cooler. But not a Sportsman-he has to drop 500 bucks on a Yeti cooler that will hold ice for 47 days on a trek across the Sahara Desert, even though his wife only lets him take a three-hour fishing trip every other month.

Doc: Does this Sportsman Ethnicity share any common maladies that I should be looking for?

Greg: That depends on who you ask.

Doc: I don't understand.

Greg: If you ask their wife, she will mention poor eye sight, loss of mental capacity and bad hearing.

Doc: Sound serious-Is there some common trauma that is causing the brain injury?

Greg: It is not a brain injury-it is just being a true Sportsman! All the "maladies" are interconnected. The poor eye sight manifests itself as not being able to see the yard work, junk in the garage or the full trashcan. The loss of mental capacity shows up with mumbling, speaking in short in comprehensible phrases and stopping whatever they are doing when the wife enters a room. They will just stop and watch their wife until she leaves the room-only to return to mumbling to themselves. When they are at the table for meal time, they can't follow the meal time conversation. They ask for simple questions to be repeated-again and again.

Doc: I am telling you-my diagnosis is a "Brain injury caused by head trauma."

Greg: You are missing what is happening-no matter where they are, their mind is elsewhere.

They are either building a gear list for their next trip or reviewing how their gear worked on the last trip. Their mental capacity is very good-it is just not being used on anything their wife is interested in.

Doc: Oh-OK that makes sense. What are you here for today?

Greg: Bad Knees! I need a prescription for therapy.

Doc: Sounds like this is not your first time to have this treated-what therapy normally works for you?

Greg: Soaking in cold water and exercising.

Doc: That is a typical course of treatment. Do you have a clinic in mind?

Greg: Why yes I do!

If you can write the script for doing arm exercises while soaking in flowing water with a temperature of 44 to 58 degrees Fahrenheit at an elevation of over 1,800 feet daily for the next three weeks-I think my knees will be much better.

And Doc, would it be too much to ask for you to include the liberal application of single malt Scotch at the end of the daily exercise sessions in the therapy order?

Upcoming Trips

Big Reds in the Bayou - AFFC Club Trip - December

By: Doug Brady & Gordon Middleton

Unfortunately this annual trip is full for 2017, but check out the information below and be ready to get on the list for next year. This popular trip fills up fast!

Here's the scoop on one of our most popular AFFC salt water trips, and the dates for this year.

"Big reds in the Bayou", will be hosted this December, with 2 three day sessions, for 4 anglers each session. If you've ever wanted to sight fish for big reds in a truly unique environment, while enjoying excellent food and fellowship, this is your trip!

The cost is \$1,050 which covers 3 nights and 3 days of fishing and includes a base tip for the guides. An additional "food kitty" is formed for each session to purchase provisions, with all remaining funds redistributed. Anglers are responsible for a fishing license, (under \$15) their adult beverages of choice, and transportation to and from Atlanta.

The guides have excellent gear, so if you don't, that's no issue.

Camp Drum has two bedrooms downstairs and a full bath. Linens and towels are provided, but certainly bring your own pillow if you like. The guides live upstairs and the boats are under the camp and ready to go. It's a fantastic venue, terrific fellowship, and if mother nature is kind, the fishing can be off the charts.

If you'd like to participate in the 2018 Club sessions, get back to us and get on the list.

If you'd like to host a trip, touch base and I'll give you the currently available dates in October, November, and December. Then get in touch with Captains Nick and Scotty to lock in your dates before they isappear. Gordon and I will be glad to help you with your trip any way we can.

"Laissez les bons temps rouler"

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Fishing Reports

Colorado "Business" Trip

By: Mike Greene

Hold on to your seats, please don't have a heart attack but at long last I actually have a fishing report.

So this is the time of year when I am forced to travel to Colorado for a business trip. Fortunately for me, I can structure the trip to run over a weekend. One of my good friends works for the company I meet with and he has the same addiction we all do.

The plan for yesterday's trip was to meet at my hotel in Colorado Springs and drive over to 11 Mile Canyon on the South Platte. We stopped by the Anglers Covey Fly Shop on the way to get intel and rent waders and boots for me. They leaked pretty bad by the way... In my opinion, this is one of the best shops I've ever been in. Great stuff, great staff and it's right next door to a bar. We were advised to fish a lot of hopper dropper combinations but that we were in the peak time of year for the trico hatch.

The weather was about perfect with mid 70's temps some clouds and a light breeze. When we got to the river there was literally a cloud of bugs over the river at the pull off we chose. But they were very, very small. I started out with the smallest trico I had which was about a 22 and caught three quick fish. Two bows and a cutbow. The largest was the cut bow at 16". And then the sun got a little higher and the hatch just stopped as did the risers. I switched to a size 12 hopper suggested by the shop and dropped a small Hare's Ear off of that. I fished this combination the rest of the day with few adjustment. The hopper did very well along the seams near the bank and the nymph did pretty well all day. I'm not sure what the total was but I got into one really nice Brown. He was on the nymph and made three runs. Never got all the way into the backing but strong runs each. I would not have landed him without a net. He was a fat 21" and had gorgeous coloring.

Great fun! We finished the day in the bar next to the fly shop with beers and wings. Just about perfect except you guys weren't here with me. Now I'm on a terrace looking at the Rocky Mountains smoking a very nice cigar wondering what I did to deserve all this good fortune. Hope to see you all soon.

Club Program Leads to Successful Redfish Trip

By: Lou Arcangeli

Thanks to Louis Cahill for the AFFC June saltwater presentation. He provided several just-in-time training tips that helped me catch this, and several similar sized, Sapelo Sound redfish.



Montana

By: Bob Holmes

Here are a couple of photos of my son Brian and me on our recent *Jul 1-9* trip to Montana. We did not take a lot of pics this year since it was so hot and our guides wanted to get the fish back in the water ASAP.

We floated the first 3 days with a guide from HeadHunters flyshop in Craig. Last 3 days were on the Beaverhead, Big Hole, and Upper Clark Fork near Drummond with guides from the Sunrise Flyshop in Melrose.



Bluegill and Shellcrackers

By: David Lambert

Good sized bluegill and shellcrackers have been biting around the brush along the shoreline of Lake Allatoona. They have been mainly in the deeper water just off the shore, and hitting fast sinking nymphs and wet flies.

Tips, Instruction, etc

Using a Sweep Set: Why and How.

<http://midcurrent.com/experts/using-a-sweep-set/>

Picture of the Month



"Hauling Out" by Michael Carl

Flies and Fly Tying

In this video Flip Pallot gives insight into his fly selection.

<https://www.facebook.com/hellsbayboats/videos/10158828582615034/>

Fly Fishing From the Net

Quality Hood: Preserving Clean Water and Big Brown Trout in Atlanta. Check out this great video about our home waters! These browns are Amazing!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxv2YAlVv5U&app=desktop>

E.P.A. Moves to rescind Contested Water Pollution Regulation

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/27/dimate/epa-rescind-water-pollution-regulation.html>

For Sale

Acreage on the Toccoa River

AFFC friends, I am selling my acreage on the Toccoa river. It is 600 feet on a beautiful rapid about a mile downstream of the Curtis Switch bridge.

Contact Jim Baskett
jbaskett@bellsouth.net

Here is the Listing within the Northeast Georgia "CTI" MLS

<http://negamls.com/PropViewer/PropViewer?003Neg17265604>

One Awesome Boat for Sale



Moving and only have room for one boat so I'm putting the little one up for sale. This is a 2013 River Hawk B-60 Pro Caster Deluxe. It's 15'3" in length and 60 inches wide. It'll float in four inches of water fully loaded. It's the most stable boat you'd ever stand in. Very light weight, can be towed by any size vehicle. All fiberglass with every bell and whistle you can think of in it.

- Mercury 9.9 HP four-stroke outboard with 3 ½ gallon gas tank
- 18-inch extension handle
- Motor Guide W55 wireless 12v trolling motor with quick release bracket on bow
- Machete weedless prop on trolling motor
- 2 - new 12v deep cycle batteries (in series)
- On Board 8-amp dual bank marine battery charger
- Lowrance HDS7 Down Imaging/Side Imaging depthfinder w/GPS
- Stern mounted 10-foot stick-it pin anchoring system
- Bow and stern mounted cleats
- 2 ten-pound anchors
- Shark eye navigation lights on bow
- Pole mounted stern navigation light
- Net holder bracket w/net
- Center mounted live well with aeration system.
- Bilge pump
- Electrical panel with switches for aerator, bilge pump, live well plus 12v cigarette plug
- Bow mounted removeable cooler w/seat
- 2 cup holders
- Fire extinguisher
- Twin stern mounted seat cushions with quick release latches for use as throwable flotation device
- 6 horizontal mounted rod holders w/tip protectors
- 3 marker buoys in mounted bracket
- Galvanized aluminum trailer w/new axle, bearings, rims and tires
- Two mounted ratchet tie-down winches on trailer
- Template material for Sea Deck EVA foam installation

Total Package.....\$8500.00

For more information or if you like to see this in person contact Craig Riendeau at...
678-315-2800 or driftsouth@bellsouth.net

Camper - 2011 Chalet Arrowhead

Excellent condition, sleeps two, dinette converts to twin bed, couch converts to double bed, single burner stove, sink with 30 gallon water tank, refrigerator operates on 12 and 110 volts and LP gas, new tires, central air conditioning, heat pump, furnace, new marine battery which charges from car, electronic brakes, aluminum wheels and spare tire.
Asking \$7950
Call Eric Davies
Cell# 770-331-8338
Email: edavies1011@gmail.com



Mike Wilson's Fly Fishing Garage Sale - Items Added

Since Mike moved to Florida he has decided that he has way too much trout gear. He has added some additional items from what was in the June Newsletter, check it out below. Buyer pays shipping cost, Mike will tell you what it will be. You can contact Mike at:

239-672-1580

mike126.wilson@gmail.com



Temple Fork 8'3" piece 2 wt with cloth sleeve, fished 2 or 3 times - \$75



2 trout hook extraction tools, 1 small and 1 large. Hardly used - \$7.50 each; both for \$14.



Small wading pack - \$2.



Nearly new wading vest - \$15.



Orvis reel covers - \$5 each.



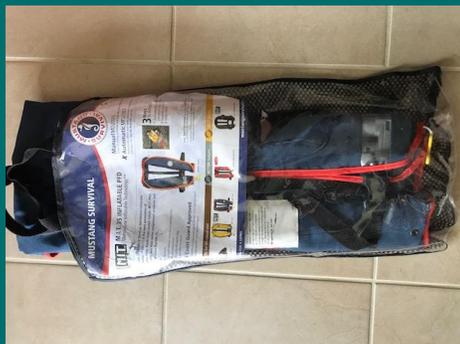
Flylogic reel with backing and line, an extra spool with backing and line plus a pouch - \$75.



Suspender PFD - \$12



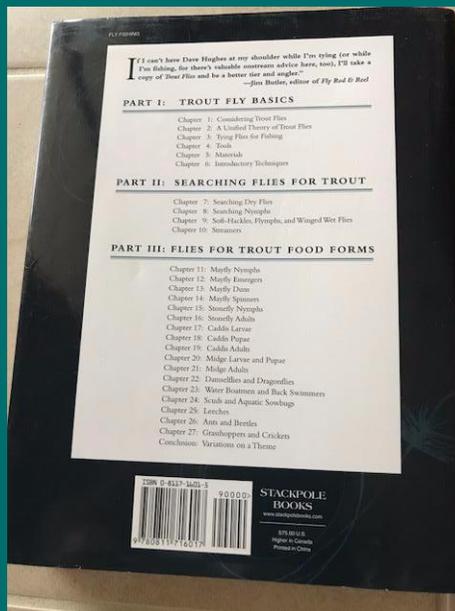
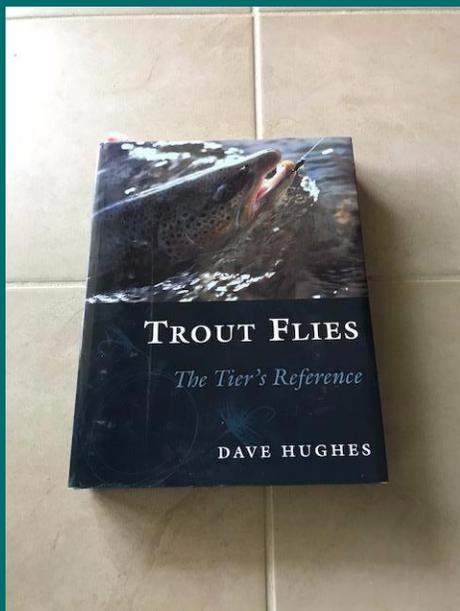
Wonderlines - 5wt sinking tip, 4wt and 2wt = \$5 each



Commercially approved PFD - paid \$150 - \$45



Orvis "leader holding" fly box - \$5



458 page book by Dave Hughes. It provides detailed color photos and tying instructions for hundreds of trout flies - paid \$75 - \$25



Fly collection #1 - \$35



Fly collection #2 - \$35

Yahoo Groups and Membership Renewals

By Terry Shikano

Membership Renewals can be done in one of three ways:

1. At the dub meeting
2. Sending the renewal form with a check to Atlanta Fly Fishing Club, P.O. Box 52944, Atlanta, GA 30355. Please make sure that your email address is legible.
3. PayPal

Member communications

We have two distribution lists that go only to AFFC members: Yahoo Groups (general member communication) and the monthly newsletter. They are handled by two different systems. Additionally, we have a dub web site and Facebook page.

Yahoo groups - Members have been experiencing problems with the Yahoo Groups emails. Here are some things to remember:

- When you join AFFC, we will send an invitation email via Yahoo Groups. You need to **ACCEPT** our invitation **AND CREATE A YAHOO ACCOUNT**.
- If you sign up only for special announcements, most likely you will not receive anything. Sign up for individual email to receive information on dub trips, etc.
- Sometimes our invitation is considered junk mail, so if you don't see it, check your spam folder.
- If you don't get email, contact Holly (shikano@gatech.edu) or Terry (tshikano@gmail.com). We can verify your email, and send another invitation.
- Like our invitation, your email system might consider our dub email as spam. If that happens, modify your email settings.
- Unfortunately, we have not found a way to change your email address on our end. We need to send another invitation to your new email address and you need to create another yahoo account.
- You can post a message to our Yahoo groups by sending it to Atlantaflyfishingclub@yahoo.com. Communications are moderated and one of the club officers will need to review and approve your message before it is sent out to all club members.

Newsletter- The monthly Newsletter is edited by Phil Sehenuk and Bob Prator and sent out via Constant Contact.

- If you are not receiving the dub newsletter, please contact Holly or Terry. We can verify your email address. There is no additional step.
- Please do not unsubscribe from our newsletter if you don't really mean it. It keeps your email address in the do-not-contact list, and we cannot revert it. You will need to provide a new email address if you want to start receiving the newsletter again.

Follow AFFC on Facebook

AFFC has a Facebook page. Go to the "Atlanta Fly Fishing Club" page in Facebook and click on "follow". You will then get additions to the AFFC timeline and posts from members whenever you view Facebook.



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