



FLY FISHING CLUB

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

This Month's Meeting - Wednesday, February 14,
2018 - Manuel's Tavern



This Month's Presentation

Michael Williams of Nomadic Waters will speak on Fly fishing in Brazil

After starting his guiding career in Colorado in the mid 90's, Michael soon started guiding his clients all over the world. His top destinations included the Russian Far East, Alaska, and Baja Mexico.

A long-time fly fishing industry marketer and representative for companies like Patagonia and Orvis, Michael has always been drawn to exploration. He first started his journey fishing in the Amazon in 2009, and started Nomadic Waters Brazil in 2015. He is currently the Director of Operations of Nomadic Waters while in the U.S., and the Fishing Manager while in Brazil (he

personally hosts every trip in the Amazon). Michael is an RL Winston Pro Staff member and an Ambassador for Patagonia Fly Fishing.

Here is a short video of Michael's operation: <https://vimeo.com/202022594>

Upcoming Programs

March - Steve Galletta <http://bighornangler.com/>

April - Kent Edmonds; Shoal Bass on the Flint River. Kent will talk about a "new" unfished reach of the Flint River.

May - Dave Edens will talk about tailing red fish and his trip to Mexico

June - Jeff Currier <https://www.jeffcurrier.com/>

Note from the Prez

Fishing What You Know

Have you ever felt you are always fishing the same river, the same runs, the same flies for the same fish...? It is called Fishing What You Know.

It is not bad if you are catching fish. If you do this on enough rivers and streams, this is how you build up your fishing knowledge. And if you really think about what you are doing, you can apply that knowledge anywhere. But most of the time you are just stuck in the **Fishing What You Know** rut! You need to **Know Something New** to get out of that rut!

That is where the AFFC Clinics can help. Ken Louko has set up a years' worth of clinics for 2018 covering many different fly fishing opportunities. JD Forrester ran two very successful Midge Clinics at Buford Dam in January and Terry Shikano has a DH Clinic scheduled for late February at Paces Mill-just to name a few.

So sign-up, join-in and break that that Fishing What You Know rut by Knowing Something New. See ya on the water.

Greg

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 Trips

AFFC Club Trip - Glacier Breaker

By: JD Forrester

When - February 15-18 (Depending on weather conditions)

Where - Cherokee, NC Cherokee KOA. This AFFC trip is limited to 20 members

Where to fish - The Raven Fork is right outside the campground and fishes really well in the Winter. It is not too far to the Tuckasegee and the 2 delayed harvest sections. This is a good area for Winter fishing.

NOTE- The Glacier Breaker is FULL. If you missed out, sign up sooner next time.

AFFC Club Trip to "Ole Florida"

By: Doug Brady

Greetings AFFC anglers. We've got an exciting new Saltwater adventure you won't want to miss! This April, we're introducing "Ole Florida".

Captains Scotty MacCalla and Nick Sassic of our Louisiana Redfish adventure, have designed this immersive new fishing experience in the central, east coastal area of Florida.

In three days we'll fish three different waters, all while getting a taste of the old Florida beauty and charm. Enjoy waters teeming with life, magnificent scenery, and opportunities to sight fish in comfortable spring weather. Visualize Spanish moss on live oaks overhanging the tannic waters of the St Johns River as we hunt for bass. Witness sunrise over the world famous Indian River lagoon as we prowl for reds and speckled sea trout. See herons, egrets, roseate spoonbills, brown and white pelicans, royal Poinciana's and palm trees on full display as we

explore ocean shore line or inlets.

If you've ever wanted to fish some of Florida's most productive and scenic waters with good friends and excellent guides, this is your trip. The spaces will go fast, so contact Doug Brady with your questions and get on the list.

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909-400-5060

The cost should be roughly the same as our Louisiana adventures (approximately \$1,100) and cover three days guided fishing, lodging and food. An added bonus is that participants will be able to extend their adventure if they wish since the region offers many wade, kayak and boating waters ripe for discovery. Four anglers per 3 day session, and we've got at least two sessions reserved for club members.

Come fish "Ole Fla" with the AFFC and get your salt on.

2018 Atlanta Fly Fishing Show

Judging from the favorable comments and the large crowds the Atlanta Fly Fishing Show was a huge success. The AFFC booth, while tiny, was in a great location and many folks stopped by to talk to us and find out what the club was all about. They also bought raffle tickets for the Orvis Rod and the guided float trip on the 'Hooch. Twenty new members joined the club. Plenty of club members stopped by to shoot the breeze and discuss the seminars and casting demonstrations as well as offer opinions on the latest equipment on display from the manufacturers' exhibits.

Kudos to Eric Davies who handled all the logistics for the booth and led the member volunteers who manned the booth for the two days.

If you missed the show, you missed a good time and a great educational experience. Make plans to attend next year.



JD Forrester makes a point to a prospective member as Ken Graham looks on

Fishing Reports

Abject Failure or Learning Situation???

By: JD Forrester

I went to Buford Dam today (2/6/18) with high hopes. Warming temps, cloudy skies and maybe a hatch were in the future.

Nothing rising so I did my normal 3 foot droppers on the adjustable dry. Nothing. Went further down and added weight. Nothing. Then the hatch happened, and I had pretty consistent risers to what looked like midge emergers. I tried RS2's, WD40's, Allen McGee's dry and wet midge, Adams emerger, suspender midge emerger, moose mane dry, and nothing worked. What to do next?

Maybe a short dropper (1 and 1/2 foot) will work. Put a 22 black zebra at the bottom and game on!!! Finished with over 20 fish, almost all on the black zebra. A fantastic day. Were they focused on the black zebra or did they take it as emerger? I have no idea but will add it to my arsenal at Buford Dam which has the most challenging dry fly fishing I have every faced. I am still trying to figure this out but while I do, I will go to the black zebra. Contact me if you want

some tied for you.

January Midge Clinics Huge Success

The first of the 2018 AFFC On-Water Clinics, held on January 20, was a success! So much so that a second clinic was held the following Saturday. The first clinic filled up quickly and JD Forrester organized a second clinic to accommodate those members who missed out the first time.

AFFC Education Director Ken Louko said,

"Yesterday's AFFC Midge Clinic held by JD Forrester was terrific no matter whether you have ever fished midges or not. Fishing below Buford Dam in the very first section is like fly fishing a crystal clear spring creek. Everyone in the clinic learned a lot as JD described the intricacies of this style of fly fishing. His self-tied "adjustable indicator" is amazing. Debra Pauli also learned how to use a float tube for the very first time... and liked it!"



AFFC 2018 On-Water Clinics

By: Ken Louko

Signing up for 2018 AFFC On-Water Clinics

During 2018, there will be a series of on-water clinics conducted for the benefit of all AFFC members. Knowledgeable AFFC members have volunteered to be clinic leaders for each clinic. One clinic in early June, the On-Stream Entomology Clinic, will be conducted by an expert non-member. The clinic sign up process takes place by contacting the person(s) listed for each On-Water Clinic (see the current schedule).

Clinic Schedule

February 24 Terry Shikano Fishing the 'Hooch DH
'Hooch DH Area

March 3 Ken Louko Beginner Fly Fishing Class
'Hooch DH Area
(Beginner/Relatively New Fly Anglers)

March 10 Chuck Bishirjian & Ken Louko Fly Fishing for Stripers & KY Spotted Bass

Lake Lanier (From Boats)

April (Date TBD) JD Forrester Dry Fly Presentations Casting w/12-14' Leaders & Mastering the Reach Cast
'Hooch (Settles Bridge)

May (Date TBD) Intermediate Fly Fishing Class
'Hooch (Jones Bridge)
(New and Intermediate Skills Members)

June 2 Diane Minick (Ken Louko) On-Stream Entomology Clinic
Noontootla Creek Farms (Outside of Ellijay)
(Fish locally in the afternoon)

Late June (TBD) Karl Kortemeier Fly Fishing for 'Hooch River Stripers
Float & Fish'Hooch DH
(Requires a Kayak or Float Tube)

July (Tentative) Terry Shikano Fly Fishing for Shoal Bass Bass
'Hooch DH Area

August (TBD) Karl Kortemeier Fly Fishing for Carp
'Hooch (Bull Sluice Lake) Located behind Morgan Falls Dam
(Requires a Kayak or Small Boat)

September No clinic scheduled this month

October (TBD) Ken Louko Introduction to Trout Spey and Single Hand Spey
'Hooch (Jones Bridge)

November (TBD) Chuck Bishirjian & Ken Louko Fly Fishing for Stripers & KY Spotted Bass
Lake Lanier (From Boats)

December No clinic scheduled this month

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Pictures of the Month

Greg Goff went on his annual celebrity hunt at the 2018 Atlanta Fly Fishing Show and bagged photo ops with a couple of legends.



Greg with Bob Clouser



Greg with Dave Whitlock

General Interest

Cabin Fever

By: g. p. thurlow

Here comes the snow and Ice again-everything is canceled. The cats have come back inside and are throwing daggers at me with their eyes-how could I allow that white stuff to interfere with their chipmunk chasing... I feel the same way about fishing-snow, ice, black ice-the walls are closing in. I start to panic-I missed my flu shot this year-nothing to prevent CABIN FEVER!!!

There is always the Atlanta Boat Show and the Atlanta Fly Fishing Show to get my mind off the walls and snow and ice and the cats. These shows give me a chance to wander around and daydream. There is something relaxing about walking in my sock feet across the fiberglass deck of a boat that cost more than my house or casting a perfectly balanced high-end fly rod with a jewel quality reel that cost the same as a semester of junior college tuition. But the feeling is fleeting-the fever returns when I am back home.

So, it is off to the fly trying bench to tie all those flies from my mental back log. Nymphs, streamers & dries. Sorting through the bin of materials, I can see each fly and maybe even a few variations. Each fly carries it's own river daydream-I am reviewing last year and hopefully building a better box for similar trips this year. But alas-those trips are not today, not with this weather-I see the cats are now laughing at me.

Why not go fishing? The fish are still there even with snow on the banks and ice on the roads. I have layers-many layers and boots with studs for slippery water entries-even over ice. All it takes is one step into the icy cold goodness-ahh, I feel the cold through my waders and layers-around my feet, my ankles, my knees... It is chasing the fever from my body. Who knew cold, clear water is the best cure for a fever? Fly fishers know! They know how to treat cabin fever - start with layers of clothing, add waders, boots with studs and a fly rod before stepping into a cold, clear river. They also know the best cure for cabin fever is to meet-up with a trout on one of those cold river trips.

Georgia Trout Species

By: Clyde Buchanan

The three species of freshwater or cold-water trout likely to be caught in Georgia are Brown, Rainbow and Brook trout. They differ in appearance, eating habits and favored environments.

Brown trout or "browns" (*Salmo trutta*) are native to northern Europe. Their coloring varies depending on the waters in which they are caught. Typically they have a greenish-brown back and are marked with spots of black, dark brown, or red. The dark spots usually have a pale ring around them. Spots cover the dorsal fin and may carry into their shallow-forked tail. Fins vary from nearly black to orange-red. Their belly is pale, ranging from white to a buttery yellow. In the Hooch, brown trout often have a yellow cast that distinguishes them from the silvery cast of rainbows as you play a hooked fish.

Brown trout were introduced into eastern rivers of Pennsylvania and New York in 1883 and have been transplanted into 42 other states. Browns have not been stocked in the Hooch in the past 10-12 years; so any brown you catch in the Hooch is "wild". Browns are not voracious feeders but prefer to lie in ambush in slower runs near submerged brush, ledges or undercut banks. They can tolerate somewhat warmer water temperatures than rainbow trout but do not seem to like bright sunlight. There are big browns in the Hooch that feed on smaller fish, worms, crustaceans and even mice. The Georgia record for brown trout is a 20 pound 14 ounce monster caught by Chad Doughty in the Hooch in July 2014.

Rainbow trout or "rainbows" (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) are natives of Pacific coastal rivers in the Northern Hemisphere. They have been widely stocked around the world because of their tolerance for a variety of water types and their rapid growth as compared to brown trout. Rainbows are more closely related to Pacific salmon species than to brown trout. In fact, rainbows can be "anadromous" meaning some strains (known as "Steelhead") migrate to the open sea and return to rivers and streams to lay eggs (spawn).

Rainbows are named for their iridescent coloration, from their dark greenish back to the pinkish stripe along lateral line to a silvery belly. Their spots are smaller than those of brown trout and lack the pale rings. Rainbows tend to lie in faster waters than browns but will use rocks and

other structure to avoid water current pressure. Rainbows are the most frequently stocked trout species in GA, commonly known as SNITs (standard nine-inch trout). Occasionally you will catch larger rainbows that are holdovers from a prior season or female brood trout put out to pasture. Rainbows can grow very large like those you can see at "Mark of the Potter", a store on Soque River. In fact the Georgia record rainbow of 17 pounds 8 ounces was caught by Mark Cochran on the Soque in May 2004.

Brook trout or "brookies" (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) are the only trout native to Georgia and range across the cold waters of eastern North America but they have been transplanted widely around the world. Brookies belong to the char family like Dolly Varden (see the AFFC newsletter of September 2017) and Arctic Char. Brookies have a grey-green back with a vermicular (worm-track) pattern that carries into the dorsal fin. Sides are paler with beautiful spots. The lower fins are orange-red with edges of white bordered with a black stripe. According to Jimmy Jacobs, "The modern range of the brook trout in Georgia is . . . east of Ellijay and north of an imaginary line from Dahlenega to Clarkesville. The only exception to those boundaries is the Cohutta Mountains in the watersheds of the Jacks and Conasauga Rivers."

Native Georgia brookies require year-round water temperatures below 70 degrees as found in mountain streams, although a few are stocked in DH waters like the Amicdola. Small waters make for small fish but the Georgia state record is a 5 pound 10 ounce brook trout caught in Waters Creek by Russell Braden in March 1986.

Brookies hang around deep holes, undercut banks, logjams, brush, rocks or tree roots. Due to their small size (average native is about 5 inches) brookies feed mostly on insects but will not require you to "match the hatch". They are easily coaxed out by a variety of flies.

Hybrid trout or Tiger Trout (*Salmo trutta* X *Salvelinus fontinalis*) are a cross between a brown trout and a brook trout. These are extremely rare in nature. A brown-brookie hybrid is a beautiful but sterile fish.

Releasing trout We are fortunate to have this number and variety of Georgia trout. Here are some tips derived from georgiawildlife.com for releasing your trout to catch another day.

- Use Appropriate Gear. Use non-stainless steel hooks that dissolve quickly. Flatten barbs so they can be removed with less damage to a fish.
- Don't Exhaust the Fish. Use gear and line strength to minimize playing time, landing fish as quickly as possible. If possible, leave fish in the water rather than removing from the water. If you must handle, use knotless rubberized landing nets, rubberized gloves, or wet towels or wet hands to avoid removing the slime layer. Don't put your fingers in the gills.
- Support the Body When Lifting Large Fish. The lower jaw is not meant to support the full weight of any fish.
- Time is of the Essence! Do not keep fish out of the water longer than necessary. Have your camera always ready if you need to record your catch.
- Some Fish May Need a Little Assistance. If the fish does not immediately swim away, support the fish horizontally in the water and gently move it back and forth so that water runs over the gills. Release the fish when it is able to swim away on its own.

Southern Saltwater Fly Fishing Magazine

The Winter 2018 edition of Southern Saltwater Fly Fishing Magazine now is available at www.southernflyfishing.com. It features a profile of former AFFC (or he may still be on the roster) member Scott Swartz, who founded the Atlanta Fly Fishing School and is still associated with it. He now lives in St. James City, Florida and runs the Florida Fly Fishing Schools.

Additionally you'll find a story by AFFC member Polly Dean about snook fishing on Pine Island Sound at Fort Myers, and my own profile of the iconic Dr. Ford's Rum Bar & Grill on Sanibel Island.

Tips, Instruction, etc.

Five Reasons People Don't Catch As Many Trout as They Should - Check out this article by Kyle Wilkenson.

<http://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/5-reasons-people-dont-catch-as-many-trout-as-they-should-2/>

In this article Louis Cahill tells you how to Get a Better Grip on the Spey Rod

<http://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/get-a-better-grip-on-the-spey-rod-2/>

Flies & Fly Tying



In this video Tim Flagler shows you how to tie the Major Woody. He thinks it is a good imitation of a number of mayfly species.

<https://midcurrent.com/videos/how-to-tie-a-major-woody/?>

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Wading Boots

Ed Chamberlain

KORKERS Wading Boots \$100

Size 11

Like new; worn few days one trip. Three sets of soles: rubber, felt, studded felt.

Boa Lacing. Retail \$179

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Saltwater Rod - Sage 9 weight

By: Bob Prator

If you are looking for a great rod to use on those big reds this is for you!

Sage 9 foot Model Xi2 990-4, Excellent condition, barely used, \$350.

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770-367-8209



Have you considered being a member of Fly Fishers

International?

AFFC is an affiliate club of FFI..

FFI is an organized voice that represents you on maintaining public access, restoring fish habitats and keeping a watchful eye on issues that have a negative impact on our sport and the environments that it depends on.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Member only access to exclusive features and content on their website including:

- * Flyfisher Magazine
- * Tying Times Newsletter
- * The Loop - Journal of Fly Casting Professionals
- * The Fly Tying Video Library (over 165 videos!)
- * Exclusive discounts on hotels, car rentals and insurance
- * Fly of the Month
- * And much more!

Discounted entry into FFI events
FFI Decals and Patch

Most importantly, the knowledge that you are helping to preserve fish habitats; providing education of our next generation of fly fishers; and, supporting Fly Fishers International on-going conservation efforts.

Yahoo Groups and Membership Renewals

By Terry Shikano

Membership Renewals can be done in one of three ways:

1. At the club 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 club 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 club 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 club 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@yahoogroups.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 club 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.



Check Out the Club Website

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2018 Atlanta Fly Fishing Show

