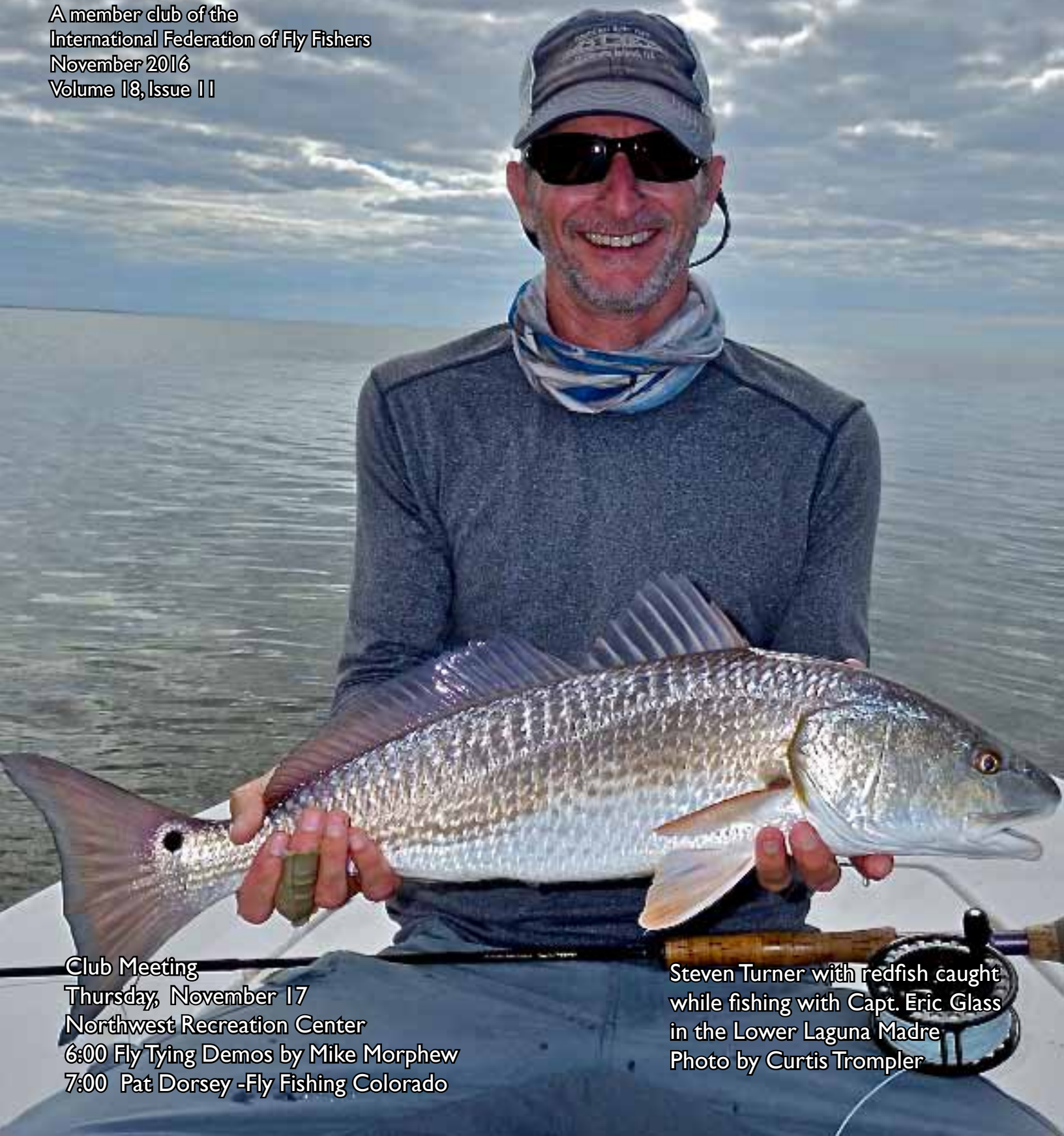


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Club Meeting
Thursday, November 17
Northwest Recreation Center
6:00 Fly Tying Demos by Mike Morpew
7:00 Pat Dorsey -Fly Fishing Colorado

Steven Turner with redfish caught
while fishing with Capt. Eric Glass
in the Lower Laguna Madre
Photo by Curtis Trompler

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President's Message Matt Bennett

We're quickly coming up on the end of 2016. While we might have expected better weather for fishing this year, it hasn't been all bad. With La Niña forecast to begin this winter, we should have drier conditions next spring to deal with, but hopefully not too dry. We'll see what the winter brings.

Our Christmas Party will be the normal day of our December meeting on December 15th, starting around 6:30. You can sign up at this link and also view the menu details - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4ea5a929a2f58-austin>. We do need to have a final head count the week beforehand, so please sign up as you're able so we know how many to expect. It's always a great time, and we have some nice raffle and auction items already gathered. All proceeds from this help us sponsor two women for Casting for Recovery in 2017, which takes around \$2000. Come helps us raise some funds to continue into 2017!

We have a great meeting planned this month with my friend and mentor Pat Dorsey presenting on some of Colorado's best tailwater fishing found around the Denver area. Pat is a notable author and guide, and many of you have seen him at past Troutfest events and elsewhere. He will also be doing another presentation at Living Waters Fly Fishing on Saturday, November 19th, so come hang there for the day if you're able. If you have any of Pat's many books, feel free to bring them to the meeting and he will happily sign them for you.

We're always looking for more folks to help out by getting more involved with the club. We have openings in

just about any role you could think of, so please speak with me or another officer if you're interested. We need some new blood on our board to keep things fresh. I hope you'll consider it!



Gary with part of a Red Snapper

Financial Report

by Shawn Riggs

10/1/2016 - 10/31/2016

Beginning Bal. Checking \$11,956.00

Income:

Dues (AFF&FFF)	\$223.74
Auction	\$105.00
SKIFF	\$1000.00
Total Income	\$1,328.74

Disbursements:

Logo Stickers	\$333.00
Club Shirts	\$530.00
Club Shirts	\$555.57
Total Disbursements	\$1,418.57
Net	(\$89.83)

Unencumbered:

Unallocated Funds	\$3,616.60
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Encumbered Funds:

Casting for Recovery	\$670.30
SKIFF	\$6,019.97

Ending Balance-Checking \$10,306.87

Club Announcements

November Speaker

A native of Colorado, Pat Dorsey has been guiding for over 25 years. Pat Dorsey spends approximately two hundred days a year on the water, guiding clients of all abilities.

Pat Dorsey is the head guide and co-owner of the [Blue Quill Angler fly shop](#) in Evergreen, Colorado. He oversees and trains more than 25 guides, setting the standard for integrity and professionalism in the Blue Quill Angler guide operation. Dorsey also maintains an online stream report that monitors stream flows and conditions for the Blue, Colorado, South Platte (Cheesman, Deckers, Spinney Mountain Ranch, and Elevenmile Canyon), North Fork of the South Platte, and Williams Fork rivers.

Pat Dorsey is a Simms Ambassador, a member of the Sage Fly Rods Advisory Team, Orvis Pro Team Member, Yeti Pro staff, and Scientific Anglers pro staff. Pat Dorsey is the Southwest Field Editor for Fly Fisherman Magazine.

In 2005, Pat authored the book, *A Fly Fishing Guide to the South Platte River*, a complete how-to fly fishing manual for the entire South Platte River drainage. It encompasses a thorough look at each section of the river detailing the hatches and recommended fly patterns for each of the four seasons of the year.

In 2009 Pat Dorsey authored *Fly Fishing Tailwaters*, a comprehensive book on how to fish tailwater fisheries. In 2010 a companion book to *Fly Fishing Tailwaters* hit the shelves, *Tying and Fishing Tailwater Flies*, which is jam-packed with how to tie Pat Dorsey's favorite "guide flies". This book includes 500 step-by-step tutorials, as well as, helpful tips and

illustrations on how to rig and fish them. His latest book is *Colorado Guide Flies*, which was released in 2015. It features tips from the state's best guides and includes approximately 600 proven guide flies with recipes.

Pat Dorsey is an accomplished fly tier and has originated a number of very effective patterns such as the Mercury series, UV scud, Limeade, Cherry-Limeade, Paper Tiger, Top Secret Midge, Medallion Midge and the famed Black Beauty. Although Pat Dorsey no longer has the time to tie flies commercially, he once produced over 28,000 flies in a year. He is a fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants. His signature flies are available at the Blue Quill Angler and other specialty fly shop throughout the United States. Pat Dorsey is also a Pro Team Member for Whiting

Farms. Many of his flies incorporate Whiting Farm products.

Pat Dorsey is a nationally known speaker. He travels the United States sharing his passion for fly fishing at trade shows and private fishing clubs. He is a Celebrity Speaker for the International Sportsmen's Exposition in Denver and is very active in Trout Unlimited and the conservation of cold-water fisheries.

Pat Dorsey is the proud father of three wonderful boys, Forrest, Zach, and Hunter. He also has two step children, Nicole and Michael Richardson. They, like their dad, enjoy fly fishing. His wife, Kim, is an avid angler and often appears with Pat at trade shows and other speaking engagements. Kim and Pat Dorsey, also, host a yearly trip to Alaska Sportman's Lodge each September with a group of his clients.



Dave Hill and Manuel Pena Receive SKIFF Donation

Please congratulate Dave Hill and Manuel Pena for their tireless efforts on behalf of SKIFF. In their continuing efforts to fund raise for the program they received a \$1,000 donation from the McBride Foundation's Austin Woods and Water Club for our SKIFF program. Well done!



New T-Shirt and Logo by Ed Parsons

The newest Austin Fly Fishers T-shirts will be available for purchase at our monthly third Thursday meetings for \$20.00 each. The new t-shirt features our Bandana Fly on the front and our new Austin Fly Fishers logo on the back. T-shirts can also be purchased at Sportsman's Finest at 12434 Bee Cave Road. We have also designed a new sticker that can be purchased for \$5.00 each.



South Padre Island by Nils Pearson



The Austin Fly Fishers had its annual South Padre Island outing October 16-22. Just like our experience on North Padre in September, , there was no red tide or weed in the surf. This is a pretty civilized trip with all of the participants staying in condos. In addition, On the downside, we faced some pretty strong winds camping on the beach at Mustang Island State Park. Seven of us including Ed, Cress, Brandon, Gary, Curtis, Carroll, Kathi, Dave Bush and family.

This year, we had two exceptional guides taking folks out fishing each day -[Capt. Eric Glass](#) and [Capt. Rick Hartman](#) . In addition, Dave Bush brought his panga and took folks out on the waters of the Lower Laguna Madre. We had one offshore trip in the hopes of fly fishing in the Gulf. Unfortunately, once we got out on the water we realized that the 3 to 5 foot seas and high winds made fly fishing impossible so we used conventional gear.

Capt. Eric Glass and Carroll Hall

South Padre Cont.



South Padre Cont.



Gary Heintschel



Curtis Trompler



Kathi Harris



Gary Heintschel, Brandon Rabke, Nils Pearson, Charles Cresswell

The Fly Tyer's Corner Recipe by Matt Bennett

Craft Fur Baitfish

This is my take on a Craft Fur Baitfish. While I didn't come up with the original fly, I've fished it for quite a while and have tweaked it over the years to my liking. It's a great mixed-use big baitfish fly for the Lower Colorado or off the jetties on the coast. This is an easy fly to cast and uses a tying method known as hollow tying to get bulk without much weight.

Hook: Partridge Attitude Extra 4/0

Thread: .006 Mono

Tail: SF Blend, EP, or other synthetic, and Flashabout

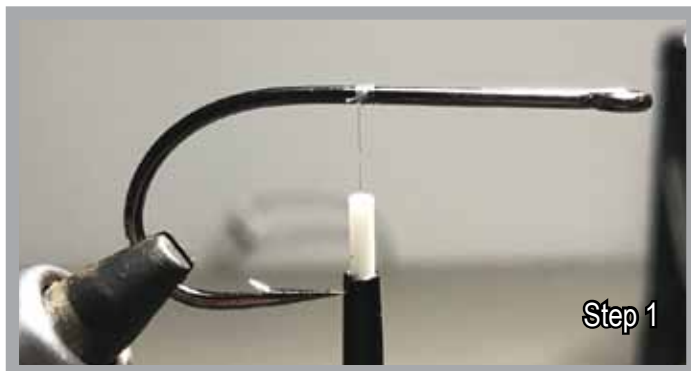
Body: Craft Fur, reverse tied

Gill Color: Polar Chenille

Eyes: 10MM Mirage Eyes

Adhesive: Loctite Gel Super Glue and Loon UV Flow

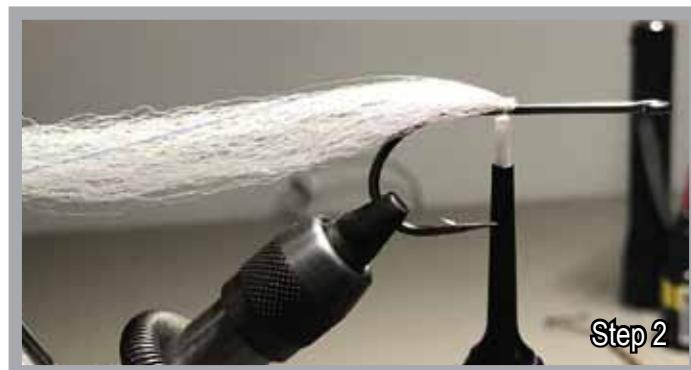
Step 1: Place your hook in the vise and create a jam knot with the thread. Mono is slick so take extra care to ensure it's secure.



Step 4: Using a hollow tub or straw, push the club of craft fur back towards the bend and tie it down to secure.



Steps 2: Take a hank of SF Blend and secure it in the middle. Reverse the forward clump back over the bend of the hook and secure. Top with half 6-8 strands of Flashabout.



Step 5: Move up the hook shank, and repeat this process.



Step 3: Move up the shank slightly. Prepare a clump of Craft Fur and clean out the underfur. Tie it in by the butt section so that it encompasses the entire hook shank with the tips facing towards the eye.



Steps 6: Move up and repeat yet again, but this is where you'll start to add in a top color.



Fly Tyer Cont.

Step 7: Tie in a small section of Polar Flash and wrap 3-4 times. Secure and trim.



Steps 8: Move up to the eye of the hook and tie in another two clumps. You will whip finish this as the tie in point, leaving the pieces facing forward.



Step 9: Use a tube or straw to push back the front-facing pieces.



Step 10: Cover the section near the hook eye in a small amount of UV glue, 360 degrees around the shank. "Push" the craft fur towards the eye to create a bump for the head. Cure with a UV Torch.



Step 11: Glue on your eyes. Press and ensure they are secure.



Steps 12: Add barring or other accents.



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