



# Leaders & Tippetts

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**Up Coming Dates**

Fly tying  
February 9, 7 pm

Regular meeting  
February 23, 7 pm

Board Meeting  
March 1

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**FLY FISHING SHOW**

The 2010 Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show was held on January 30th. Upon talking to several members who attended this year's event, they informed me that this years show was quite a success for TU.

We had several people stop by our booth, and many picked up applications for membership. We had five people who signed up for membership right there, thus enabling them for the \$50.00 gift certificate that was to go to one of the lucky new members.

The gift certificate was drawn at the regular slated board meeting on February 1. The winner of the certificate was Glen Beckham. Glen will be awarded his prize at the regular meeting February 23rd, at 7 pm.

We all would like to thank Deloris Cummings for her work in organizing our booth. Deloris recruited volunteers for working the booth, as well as setting the booth up. Stop by on our regular fly tying class, which is February 9th, and thank her personally. Deloris will instructing the class that evening as well.

# Ronnie Gordon: 1938—2009

By: Deloris Cummings

Ronnie Gordon was born June 8, 1938, and he left this world on December 22, 2009, after being diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in late summer of last year. Trout Unlimited members became acquainted with Ronnie through his volunteer efforts with Casting For Recovery, a fly fishing weekend retreat for women who are living with breast cancer and through his work with Reel Recovery, the men's cancer survivor fly fishing retreat program.

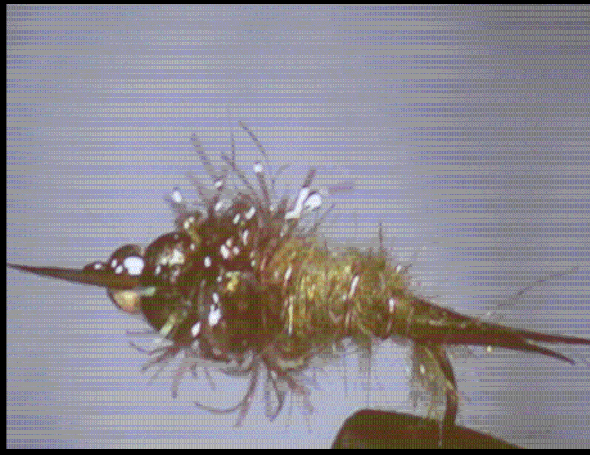
Ronnie's wife of 45 1/2 years is Ruby Gordon. Ronnie has two daughters, and two grandchildren. Ruby organizes the Casting for Recovery retreats and works closely with Reel Recovery as well.

I personally had the opportunity to know this gentle man and I would like to pay tribute to his life and to some of his many accomplishments. Ronnie retired in 2001 from a career with the Kentucky State Department of Transportation as an audit manager. He volunteered for the AARP Tax Aid Program, Friend For Life, Casting for Recovery, Reel Recovery, Actor's Theater, Bunbury Theater, and SCORE. His volunteer efforts were rewarded when he was presented with a Bell Award in 2006. Ronnie never really was an active fisherman himself, but he helped Ruby organize retreats that encouraged others to participate in the sport. The Louisville community has lost a faithful volunteer and Trout Unlimited has lost a friend.

Thanks to Ronnie for his service. Our hearts go out to Ruby and his family..

## Depth Charge Bird's Nest

By Lee Squires



Hook :	#6—12 Tiemco or equivalent
Thread:	Olive or yellow 8/0
Beads:	Small brass, and Large black Tungsten
Antennae:	Biots, ginger/brown
Tail:	Biots, ginger/brown
Wire:	Tungsten or lead substitute
Rib:	Small or med. Copper ultra wire
Abdomen:	Synthetic dubbing peacock/ golden, or green
Legs & Thorax:	Root beer Estaz

Step 1: Slide brass bead small hole first on hook follow by tungsten with large hole first. This allows the large bead to nestle onto the brass bead, when needed. Tie thread behind the smaller bead, and tie in 2 goose bigots. Create a thread foundation for the larger bead to sit on. Whip finish and cement. Slide larger bead into place behind brass bead.

Step 2. Reattach thread behind larger bead, wrap shank with lead wire and secure with thread wrap back to hook bend. Add a small dubbing ball at bend, and tie in two biot tails, so they spread at dubbing ball. Tie in copper wire rib, then dub abdomen to about an 1/8 inch from behind large bead. Wrap copper wire, tie off and clip.

Step 3 Tie in Estaz, with 2 to 3 wraps behind the large bead for the thorax. Tie off, and cement.



We all would like to thank Lee for his assistance in this months fly.

This Fly is successful because it is an attractor pattern, and it mimics several different aquatic insects and has the silhouette of the most generic nymph pattern. It does resemble a stone fly larvae. Also, the translucent materials shimmer in the current to give the illusion of a live insect.

# NEWS OF INTEREST

## NEW STATE COUNCIL

Lee Squires has volunteer to become our new State Council representative. Lee has been a member of our Chapter since 1993 and has held many different positions within the Chapter such as:

- Sergeant of Arms
- Vice President (1999 –2000)
- President (2001-2002)
- Served on the Board of Directors
- Chairman of the Banquet Committee

Lee has volunteer for other functions as well. He has clipped fins at Wolf Creek, help in monthly fly tying, and work in Reel for Recovery. The State Council representative is not an easy task, and Lee is very well capable of fulfilling his duties.

Lee will be replacing Larry Drake whose term has expired. Larry was a very diligent representative. Larry was always up front with his duties, going to meetings, calling on state workers with problems or issues that need to be attended to.

We all would like to extend our thank you to Larry Drake for all his hard work and devoted effort he spent as our representative. Please take a moment the next time you see him, and thank him personally.

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There will be a wildlife exposition at Lake Cumberland State Park from April 8 -10. We will be providing instructors on Fly Tying, Fly Casting techniques and giving classes on fly fishing. Anyone wishing to participate in this event, please contact Larry Lewis.

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Kristy Stroud from the Salato Wildlife Education Center again has asked if our Chapter would be willing to provide some members to tie flies and provide casting techniques to guest during the April Show. The dates on this show will be firmed up soon. Contact Larry Lewis if you are willing to help.

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Dick Haas of Forward Cast has started his Saturday morning fly tying gathering again. It starts at 9:30 am at Forward Cast, 129B St Matthews Avenue. You can call Dick for more information if needed at 895-1221.

# 2009 Casting For Recovery Retreat Alumni Gathering

By: Deloris Cummings

On the blustery cold and snow covered day of January 9<sup>th</sup> of this year, there was an alumni gathering event for the participants and staff who first came to know each another at the 2009 Casting For Recovery Retreat held in September of 2009. The alumni event was held at Captain's Quarters and was attended by 11 of the 14 retreat participants, five staff members and a few guests.

Ruby Gordon, who organized the event, was a bit concerned about the attendance but the cold weather did not keep these strong willed women from coming together once more to reminisce about the fun they had back in September. They shared memories and played some games during a wonderful meal of fish and chicken. The women were asked to recant their favorite memory from the retreat weekend and most of those memories dealt with fishing on that Sunday morning with the River Helpers, watching others catch fish, learning the basics about fly fishing or opening the fly boxes they were provided

only to find lots of beautiful hand tied flies that were theirs to keep.

The women played one game where they had to draw a fly on a piece of paper and the judges chose a wooly booger pattern as the hands down winner. The participant told the judges, "Now, that is a wooly booger that I have drawn there." Rest assured, the judges already knew what that fly was because it was a beautiful representation of a wooly booger. There is not a member of TU anywhere who could have drawn a better looking fly.

Another woman told the story of going on vacation with family since the retreat and going into a local fly shop and she said that, "I really knew what they were talking about in there!"

So, Louisville Chapter of Trout Unlimited members, rest assured that your efforts toward the support of this unique weekend retreat where breast cancer survivors learn how to fly fish is appreciated, effective and absolutely essential. I wish you all could have been there – you would have been both touched and

## Editor's Notes

We still need members to donate door prizes for our raffle each month. The more we all donate the more money we raise for ourselves and the more fun it is. Prizes can be anything; they don't have to be about fishing only.

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If anyone has items that they wish to donate to our library, please contact Roy Weeks. We would like to keep our library current. DVDs, books, or items that you feel would be of value are always welcome.

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Again, anyone with an article for the news letter, please forward it to me. I am usually submitting the news letter to Patti Doyle around the first Friday of the month for publication.



*Dan Jackman*