



Flies and Lies

Newsletter of the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida

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Business Meeting
1ST Tuesday, 7 PM

Bull Session - Tying
2ND Thursday, 6 PM

Clinic -Casting, Tying,
Lunch - 3RD Saturday
9 AM

The Auction... Lives On

Monthly Club Meeting Raffles!!

July's monthly club meeting raffle offering is an Orvis Battenkill disc reel in 7/8 weight. The Battenkill is Orvis' best-selling mid-arbor reel. This reel is used but in very good condition with fly line already on the spool. This reel NEW sells for just under \$200.00.



Come take a chance! It only takes \$5.00 to win.

Club Meeting: Tuesday, July 5 at 7:00 pm

The program will be: *"Fly Fishing the Rivers of Northern California and Southern Oregon"* By Steve & Ellen Hofmann.



Fly Tying: The Blue Claw

Thursday, July 14 at 6:30

The Clinic: July 16 and, Yes, Lunch is back

Chef Joe will present All American Hamburgers with all American stuff.

Thanks to Mick and Ellen Milo for filling in and filling us up last month.

Note: Same week as Fly Tying.

The Prez Sez

Well, it looks like the "Dog Days" are upon us a bit early. Temperatures have soared over the last 2 weeks and surely is keeping some of us off the water, myself included. I check the weather every day to see when it might be tolerable for me to get out and sling some flies.

I want to thank all of you who have shared your best wishes with me as I work my way through my radiation treatment. It's going very well through 10 sessions (only 25 more to go!) and the prognosis is good. I want to send out a special thanks to VP Brad Huen for holding things together and presiding over the past couple of months' meetings.

Have some fun, get out on the water and protect yourself from the heat.

Mick

Fishing with Capt. Baz

June started off great but ended on June 11 when I tested positive for COVID. I finally tested negative on June 23 and got enough strength back to run a trip on June 28. It's nice to be back in the groove, and I hope to have a full report next month.

Here a couple of photos of happy anglers from June 1 and 6.

Capt Baz



Fishing Reports

Thought I would share a couple catch and release shots from the Greenbrier River in West Virginia. The river is narrow but has abundant trout



This was Debs very first catch. I landed several trout this one was the largest.

We may be new at this but due to excellent coaching from captain Richard, we seem to be "catching on" ...we highly recommend him for new anglers who are trying to learn how to cast. Looking forward to our next trip

Barry Tourigny

Had a wonderful trip to Great Slave Lake in Northwest Territory Canada fly fishing for big northern pike at Trout Rock Lodge early this month. Right after ice out. First time this area was fished in over 2 years. Lots of fish and lots of trophies (40 inches or larger). Streamers and poppers. Weather mild and no rain. About as good as it gets. **Tarpon Bob Korose**



Fly of the Month: **The Blue Claw** by Bob Korose

The Blue Claw is a highly effective fly designed by Capt. Mark Giacobba for catching tailing redfish in Everglades National Park. Since it imitates a juvenile blue crab that is backing away from a hungry redfish I'm sure it can also be effective for sight fishing in our waters.

MATERIALS:

Hook: Mustad 34007 size #2

Eyes: bead chain - small black

Tail: (Congo) Hair – Tan or rust

Collar: Gray/Black Barred Hackle

Weed Guard: mono

Thread: Flat waxed Fire Orange

Egg Sac: Orange Estaz

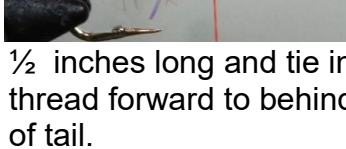
Flash: Flashabo - Pearl

Marker: Blue Sharpie

INSTRUCTION



1. Start the thread behind the hook eye and tie in bead chain eyes with enough room in front for a weed guard. Continue thread to the hook point and tie in 4 wraps of Estaz. Return thread to middle of hook. Turn fly upside down (hook point up).



2. Take hair (half pencil width). Measure about 2 1/2 inches long and tie in behind eyes back to touching egg sack. Return thread forward to behind eyes and tie in 2 strands of flashabo on each side of tail.



3. Tie in a hackle and palmer forward (about to middle) and tie off then tie in the second hackle palmering it to behind the eyes. Tie off and bring thread in front of eyes and half hitch.



4. Cut a small piece of mono and tie in front of eyes as weed guard. Whip back and forth so it stands up. Trim length to hook point.



5. Take the fly out of vice and lay on paper. With the blue marker color the tip of the wing and flash (about 3/8 of an inch).



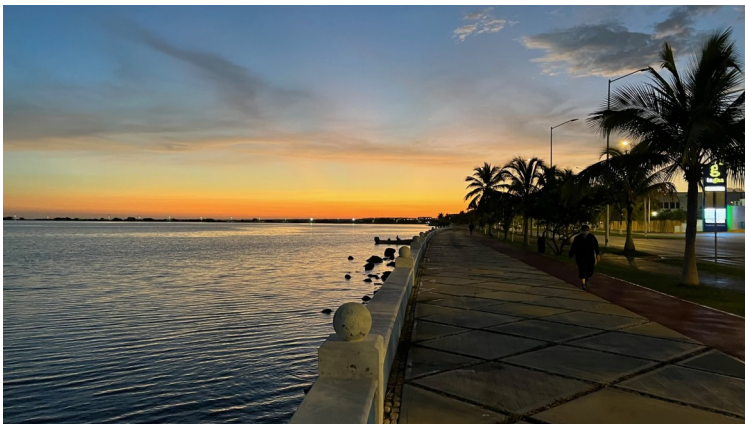
6. Trim the fly flat on the back (level with eyes) so it lands softly and rides with the hook and wing up, like a fleeing crab in a defensive position. Finish with head cement. It is ready to feed to a redfish. (or maybe even a black drum or sheepshead, they eat crabs too).



Tying Video: <https://olefloridaflyshop.com/fly-tying-video-vault/how-to-tie-giacobbas-blue-claw/>

Tropical Paradise

We have enjoyed Wolfgang Szutic's "Paradise" pictures that turned out to be places right here in our back yard. We are happy to report that Wolfgang actually made it to a real tropical paradise – Tarpon Town in Campeche Bay, Mexico. What you may not know is that this trip was years in the making with difficulties along the way but he made it and here are some real paradise pictures:



Quick Tip from Capt. Chip Smith

My view from the poling platform gives me the unique perspective to observe anglers in actions while engaging a target. This allows me to go over with them post shot what went wrong or could be adjusted for a better presentation, retrieve, or fight. Most of my "content" for this comes from recurring patterns from a wide array of anglers from beginners to seasoned pros(myself included).

Over the last couple months I've been saying, "Get Tight to the fly". Noticing that once the fly is delivered the angler is sorting the line before they are actually fishing the fly. Let me ask you this, what is your line hand doing when you are delivering the cast? Do you let go of the line completely? There's plenty of duties required from the line hand. Hauling, stripping and the very important setting being on the top of the list but also controlling the line through the cast.

Try this- As you deliver the fly, make an "OK" sign with your line hand and allow the line to run through it loosely. Almost as if it were the initial guide on your rod. This prevents the pile of line you're shooting to slide out unfettered. It also gives you more control to adjust for what the fish may do during your cast. Then stop the line. Now you're connected to the fly and are fishing straight away. Instead of unwrapping it from the butt of your rod, then stripping in 6' of line, then looking for the fish that is now out of position, etc. **Chip**

June Fly Tying



June Clinic



Plaques provided by Russ Shields

Updated club leadership plaque shows all Presidents and Vice Presidents from 1984 through today. A new memorial plaque recognizing those no longer with us who played a big part to ensure our club remained vibrant.

Jim White

Club Meeting June 7 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1905 hrs by VP Brad Heun.

Raffle tickets were sold at \$5 apiece for an Orvis 8 wt with 2 different length tips. Books in clubhouse were announced on sale for \$1 each and the club will need to remove what is left of the books soon so get them now.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved as posted.

Treasurer report was briefed and approved by the body. The auction was the best ever and club is sitting well. A more detailed and accurate report will follow at next meeting.

All members of auction committee were excused, so report tabled till next meeting.

Questions about holding 2 auctions a year due to the amount of items was raised and referred to the auction committee.

The city youth fly fishing camp was brought up but we didn't have solid info on plans yet. Russ Shields accepted committee chair to start planning.

Terry gave a great fishing report. Want to know what is biting were? Gotta attend meeting in person for that sensitive information....

Raffle drawing was held and Oleta won the Orvis Rod

Meeting adjourned 1940 hrs