



Flies and Lies

Newsletter of the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida

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Business Meeting
1ST Tuesday, 6:30 PM

Bull Session - Tying
2ND Thursday, 6:30 PM

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

ATTENTION:

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Fourth of July is July 4 this year, which just so happens to be our meeting night. Rather than forcing the government to change the date, we acquiesced and changed our meeting to July 11. And just to complicate things even further we had to change the Clinic to July 22. Pay attention – here is the schedule:

Club Meeting – Tuesday, July 11 6:30

The program will be presented by the Master Craftsman (our very own Russ Shields) on Building a Bamboo Rod

Fly Tying – Thursday, July 13 6:30

We will be tying the **Dub Shrimp** with Bryce Overholt
Note: Same week as meeting

Clinic – Saturday, July 22 9:00 AM

Lunch will be All American Fourth of July Hamburgers and Trimmings served by Mick and Ellen Milo

Note: Date was changed so we would not have 3 events in one week

Many Thanks to members

Eric Fritz and Jerry Giles for their recent donations to the FFNWF Library. Eric generously *Simple Fly Fishing* (Revised Second Edition), Yvon Chouinard, *Tenkara: Radically Simple, Ultralight Fly Fishing*, Kevin C Kelleher MD, and *Tenkara Fly Fishing: Insights & Strategies*. David Dirks.



Jerry donated the *Orvis Guide to Beginning Fly Tying*. Eric Leiser. Check these and many other resources out at the club library locker.

Bob Myers

Fishing with Captain Baz

June started off strong. The Gulf of Mexico, Pensacola Bay, and Santa Rosa Sound were all beautiful and loaded with our favorite species. Schools of migrating tarpon arrived early, and I spent the first week "gearing up" for two solid weeks of work starting June 12. Then the wind started blowing. I got in trips on the 12th and 13th, but both days were sketchy. Next, we had a series of days with small craft warnings and a "100 year rain event" in Gulf Breeze with over 16" in 24 hours. I cancelled or rescheduled 5 trips during that period, and for the past few days have been working around the thunderstorms and 20mph afternoon westerly winds. The dirty runoff has reached us now and the flats that were gin-clear a month ago have all turned to strong iced tea. The Gulf around the pass has been trashed, and I'm hoping the water will clear up for my favorite part of the tarpon run in mid-July.



Even though we haven't been able to get in the Gulf, I have a few photos to share. Jeff Nall had a blast with the big trout on a spectacular June 2. We couldn't get them to eat the usual EP baitfish, so Jeff switched to a floating mullet and the fish went berserk. He landed three beauties before they got wise to us and disappeared.



On June 12, Evan Thread found this best-of-the-month redfish on a full tide tucked up against a grassy bank. The fish took a new fly tied by Capt Richard Montgomery. He'll show you the fly, but then he'll have to kill you...

Then, on June 22 the wind finally died and Patrick Pedano landed this redfish on an EP clouser minnow. Patrick last fished with me 3 years ago and landed a redfish on the same fly. This fish was bigger.



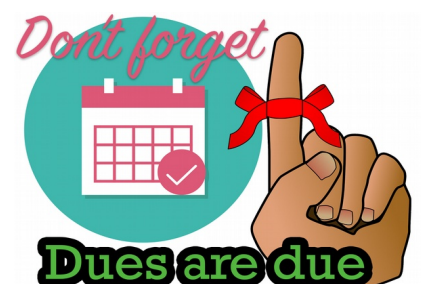
That's it for photos. We've also been catching bluefish and ladyfish on every trip. The Spanish mackerel are around, but we haven't landed one this month.

Looks like the dirty water will keep the FA out of the bay for a while, and the fishing will be challenging. The moral of the story is: *Never Take Good Conditions for Granted.* **Capt Baz**

Reminder – Dues are **OVERdue!**

2023 Dues: \$35.00 renewal (check payable to FFNWF) to
Larry Sisney - 3610 Baisden Rd. -Pensacola, Fl
32503

New Members : \$42.00 (cost includes a member nametag)



Fly of the Month ~ Dub Shrimp by Bryce Overholt

The Dub Shrimp is a very versatile fly that imitates a spawning shrimp, it can be used in many different scenarios with many different fish. This Fly can be tied in various colors and sizes with whatever size/weight eyes are suitable for you in the situation. Being on social media I get many ideas on flies and this one is just that, I tied this fly with redfish on our flats in mind. I was also informed that some guys in Louisiana were catching lots of reds with a fly very similar !



(Tutorial) <https://youtu.be/gQZKJtLOMik>

Material:

Thread: 210 White Thread

Hooks: Gamakatsu SC15 (Size 1)

Eyes: Small Lead Eyes, Mono Shrimp Eyes

Body and Tail: Hareline Ice Dub (Egg Sack), Mono Shrimp Eyes, Crazy Legs, Silver Krystal Flash, EP Shrimp Dubbing Tan

Instructions:



Start behind thread wraps behind the hook. Go back an eye length back and tie in your Lead Eyes. Continue Thread wraps to bend of the hook.



Tie in Ice Dubbing at the bend of the Hook along with the Shrimp eyes Just a Little longer than the dubbing.



Tie in two crazy legs on the side of the shank then fold in half and tie in on the side of the shank of the opposing side. Then tie in a piece of Krystal flash on the top of the shank and fold in half.

Create a dubbing Loop as far back as possible. Break apart thin pieces and stick in the loop. Spin hackle pliers until dubbing is spun. Wrap dubbing to the eye of the hook and finish right before lead eyes. Whip finish your fly.



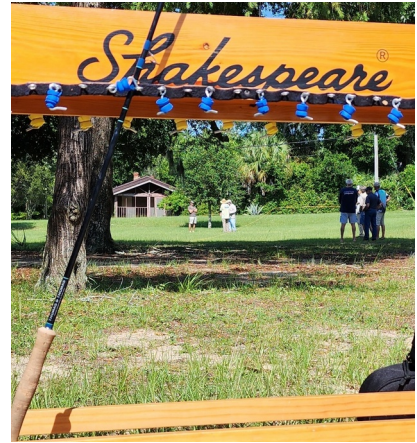
Use a pick and brush to get the trapped fibers out.

Brush back and forth until the fibers are free. Then trim fly to your liking.



June (It Did Not Rain EVERY Day) Clinic

Photos by Cyndi Myers



George Norton sends greetings from his trip to N. Carolina, fishing with a 3 wt he bought at the auction that had been donated by Steve Hoffman



June 6, 2023 Minutes General meeting and BOD meeting

1830: President called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Last month's minutes were approved

New member, Eric Fritz, ex Coast Guard, also worked for FedEx and the school district in transportation management. Welcome aboard Eric.



Treasurers Report: The auction brought in a record \$4,433 of which (\$1,006) supports our veterans. Our club has a strong balance sheet. A proposal to improve our return by investing some of our money in a six month CD was approved. Motion by Bob M, second by Cindy. Treasurer's report was approved.

Program: Frank Rowley on fly fishing a Tenkara rod. Frank loves to fly fish with Tenkara rods in the streams of western North Carolina. The simplicity of the technique (no fly reel) is what he finds particularly appealing, and dropping his soft hackle fly into every nook and cranny, allows him more time to thoroughly fish an area.



Tenkara originated from Japan and is known as fishing from heaven or the skies. Commercial fishermen in mountain streams used long light rods made out of bamboo. The technique largely disappeared, but had a resurgence in the 1970's in Japan and arrived in the U.S. in 2009 via Daniel Galhardo, who founded Tenkara USA.

These rods run between eleven and fourteen feet and come with a spare rod tip at very moderate prices. They are made of fiberglass or carbon fiber and the fly line is about the same length as the rod. A cast is from twelve to two o'clock. Frank uses a Davey knot to connect a soft hackle tied forward so they pulse in the water. I asked what happens if he hooks a big trout. "The only option is to run after the fish." Frank has three rods all designed to handle different size fish. He even fishes a popping bug in ponds with his Tenkara. Thanks Frank for a very informative presentation.

Fly Tying Inventory: Our closet is loaded down with lots of stuff not being used and a resolution was passed to donate the inventory to PHW "if they need it." Jim will first reach out to PHW.

Auction Committee for Next year: Steve Hoffmann and his wife gave countless hours organizing, repairing and categorizing every donation announced they will step down. Thank you Steve and Ellen. P.S. We need a new auction team.

Education: The 101 class was terrific and thanks to all who volunteered. Russ reported all the old syllabuses are gone and the next syllabus will only need minor changes.

Membership: we have 68 total members versus 93 last year. A spirited debate rose over past members who haven't paid their 2023 dues. The club would like a member to step up with a marketing background to get new members. One member will be approached to gauge his interest.

Online payment: Cindy reported no solution yet on the issues she faces.

Field day to clean the clubhouse. We got the volunteers for June 24th.

Next month's General Members Meeting will be July 11 not July 4. BOD Zoom meeting will be June 29th.

Fishing Reports: The four day PHW trip to Roatan, Honduras for Gary and Bob was a bust. The area was loaded with grass which made spotting bonefish extremely difficult. The group of six got skunked but Bob summed up the trip's true benefits: The most important thing was getting to know different participants and their military experiences. Jim reported other PHW trips for 2023 are to the Freedom Ranch and a spring creek in Harrisburg, Virginia.

Local fly fishing for blues, Spanish and ladyfish has been on fire in the pass and along the beaches. Look for Spanish on top or troll any club fly behind the boat to locate fish. Not the glamour species, but all are great sport on the fly.