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Newsletter of the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida

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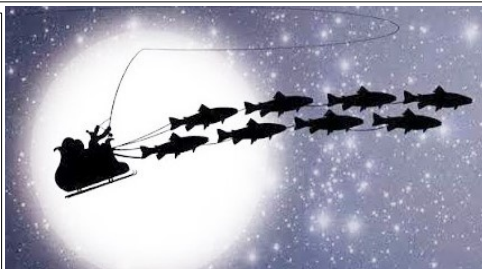
NEWSLETTER

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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



Christmas Party December 12 Scenic Hills Country Club

**Tickets are \$30 cash or check at the club or \$32 online
from Cyndi Myers**

Great food, Great raffles, Great fun!

Club Meeting – Tuesday, November 7 6:30

We will be electing new leaders and the Angler of the Year. The program will be presented by Jeremy Anderson. He will recap his trip to Freedom Ranch this summer as a part of Project Healing Waters - Pensacola.

Fly Tying – Thursday, November 9 6:30

We will go back to the good old days with Tarpon Bob Korose and tie the good old Crackleback.

Note: Same week as our meeting



Clinic – Saturday, November 18 9:00

This will be your last chance to buy your Christmas Party tickets at the club this month. Enjoy food, fellowship, and fun

The Prez Sez:

*Election Day is soon upon us! Nooooo....I'm not talking about the national election on November 7 but rather the **2023 FFNWF Election on November 7.** If you want to have a voice in the operation of our club, come on out to the November meeting and exercise your vote. We have a full slate of candidates who have already declared their run for office. We will also take nominations from the floor.*

We will also be electing our "Angler of the Year". If you have anyone in mind who is deserving of this prestigious award, be prepared to nominate them at the meeting. I hope to see you all on the 7th. Mick

Capt. Baz is on vacation. Where does a charter fishing guide go on vacation? He goes fishing, of course. At least Baz does....



He sends these greetings from Mars Bay Bonefish Lodge on Andros Island in the Bahamas. Capt. Baz will be back with a report on the Running of the Bulls next month.

“Fly Fishing Jurassic Lake for Giant Rainbow Trout”

Presentation by Bob Korose at the October meeting, from the minutes by George Norton

Bob and his good friend from Louisiana traveled far to fly-fish some of the world’s biggest rainbow trout in Argentina in 2016. The region is in the extreme south of the country near Tierra del Fuego. Bob caught some giant trout up to ten pounds (beautiful photos). The Lake and the Lagunas have twenty-pound rainbows. Bob also caught two big brown trout. There were very few smaller trout(12 to 16 inch) range.



They fly-fished with 8 wt rods and 10# tippets with girdle bugs, streamers (olive and black), woolly buggers, leeches, and large scuds with Rio Outbound cold water lines. The pheasant tail nymph also worked.

Weather conditions were extreme with strong winds almost every day. They had to cast parallel to the shore rather than into the wind and the big rainbows cruised the shoreline looking for scuds dislodged by the wind

crashing against the rocks. They also fished the local Lagunas and a tributary river, the Rio Barrancoso.

Bob said the Argentine steaks and wines in the lodge were outstanding. Since his trip with *fishingwithlarry.com*, a new lodge was built at the mouth of the river where the trout spawn. Bob is a treasure of knowledge on fly-fishing the world and thanks again Bob for your presentation.

PS: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid hid out in the area and robbed a local bank. Bolivian police killed them in Bolivia later. *George Norton*





Project Healing Waters - Our folks have been busy building fly rods these past few weeks. One rod is complete (Jerry's 10' 3wt) and it casts like a dream. Looking forward to seeing the other rods casting soon. Even better to see pics of the fish those rods will catch!

On a personal note, my wife Katharine and I will relocate to Strasburg, Virginia mid-December. Over the past six and a half years the many friends we've made through PHW and FFWF have become family and will be sorely missed. However, the other side of the coin is that the home we are in the processing of purchasing is less than two blocks from our daughter's home (note: she is quite pleased as well!). If you find yourself in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley give me a call. Cheers, **Jim White**

Jerry Giles casting the 10' 3 wt he, with an assist from Russ Shields, made through our Project Healing Waters program.



Oktoberfest Clinic



Fly of the Month – The F/C Crackleback

Dry-Wooley Emerger By Tarponbob Korose and Ed Story.

The Crackleback was created in 1952 by Ed Story of Feather-Craft Fly Shop in St. Louis. Many consider it the best trout fly ever and it still is as popular as it ever has been. It can be fished as a dry fly and a wet fly (emerger) all on the same cast when there is a hatch going off. It can also be fished deep by using a split shot 10 inches above the fly or by tying the original fly with a bead head. It is famous as a trout and grayling fly but is also a great fly for bream, bass and others. It works in lakes as well as rivers and streams. When fishing downstream during an emergence the strikes can be so hard that the fish can pop the tippet so make sure you tie extras. The good news is that it is a very easy fly to tie. It can be tied in various colors and sizes depending on what is hatching and the waters you are fishing.

A variation of this fly called a “Firecracker” that Matt Wegener ties uses brightly colored materials like red thread, orange sparkle braid, and a yellow grizzly hackle and is an attractor fly. At times it is more effective than the original Crackleback.

Tying Materials

Hook: Mustad (or other) dry fly hooks Sizes 10-18.
Thread: Size 3/0, - 8/0 (depending on hook size) Olive or Black
Hackle: Saddle hackle (Furnace ginger or brown)
Crackleback: Two strands of peacock-herl
Body: 1-8 inch section (5-7 fibers) of a turkey-round feather
Color pale morning dun or pale olive
Note: Colors will differ based on emergers matching



Tying Instructions



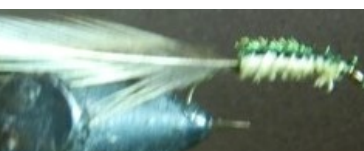
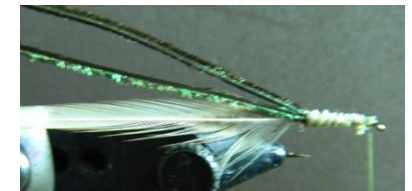
1. Wrap a thread base then tie in the saddle hackle at the end of the hook shank.

2. Tie in the peacock herls at the end of the hook shank.



3. Tie in the turkey rounds (body material) at the end of the hook shank. Then wrap the thread forward to behind the hook eye.

4. Wrap the turkey rounds forward to the thread and tie down.



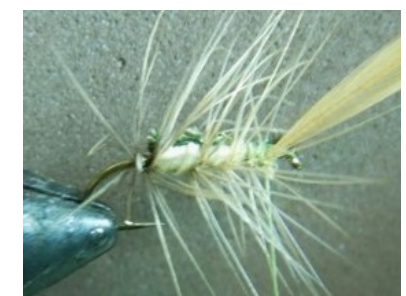
5. Pull the two peacock herls forward on the top of the fly to the thread and tie down.

6. Wrap the hackle forward in 5 equally spaced wraps to the thread and tie down.

7. Whip finish a nice head and cover with head cement or UV.

A tying video can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7lk17SjK9w>



Fishing Report – North Fork River in Arkansas by George Norton

Many chunky rainbows 10-14 inches on 3 and 4 weight rods. A variety of flies all worked from simulators, soft hackles, streamers and squirrel tail nymphs. Most people fished with indicators and small nymphs. I had one big trout on a soft hackle but broke off. Stayed one week at Gene's Trout Resort right on the river. The weather was perfect and the river very wadeable. All meals cooked on wood grill. Kept one fat rainbow for grilling. Delicious. *George N*



14 inch white crappie Lake Oachita Arkansas on a black and yellow streamer saved for dinner



General Meeting October 3, 2023 Minutes by George Norton

The Present called the Meeting to Order at 1830 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from last month were approved.

Treasurers' Report: Expenses for food and fly tying materials were minimal as was income. We have a healthy balance in checking. Report approved; motion by Cindy, second by Jim.

Christmas Party Tuesday, December 12 at the Scenic Hills Country Club: Come celebrate. Tickets are now on sale at the October and November meetings and Saturday clinics. Tickets can also be purchased on line with Cindy. The cut-off to pay is one week prior to the party. Don't miss the party!

Elections: Step up and run for a position. See the election committee with your nominees. At our November meeting we elect the **Angler of the Year**: Send a very short bio of your nominee to Mick.

Meeting adjourned 19:30 (See program report on page 2)