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NEWSLETTER OF THE FLYFISHERS
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MONTHLY MEETINGS
Meetings at Miraflores
Park 17th Avenue between
Belmont and LaRua

BUSINESS MEETING
1ST TUESDAY, 7 PM

BULL SESSION
2ND THURSDAY, 6:30
PM

**CASTING & TYING
CLINIC**
3RD SATURDAY, 9 AM

President's Message...Cliff Newton

There are a lot of good things going on for our club right now. Our fly fishing class is full and is going well. We still need volunteers each Monday evening at 6 PM to help with casting and then fly tying. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help over the last few weeks.

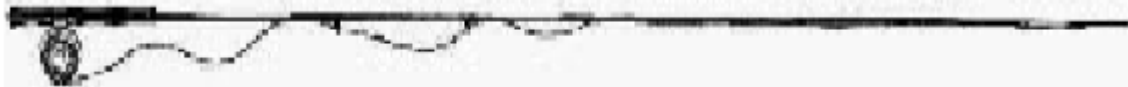
Our Project Healing Waters has been getting good publicity with a great article in the Homefront Section of the Pensacola News Journal a couple of Sundays ago. This has generated interest in the community for support for this worthwhile program.

On April 19th the day of our regular Saturday Clinic there will be fly casting competition as a fund raiser for Project Healing Waters. Come show of your casting skills and win some neat prizes including a TFO Mangrove 9' 4piece 9 wt flyrod. This was a lot of fun last year for those who participated. Let's make this event even bigger.

Our annual club auction is May 6th. This is a great opportunity to pick up fly fishing gear at bargain prices. There will be rods, reels, fly lines, fishing trips, flies, books and much more. So plan on coming and having a great time. If you have some under used fishing related equipment you would like to donate it will be appreciated.

There will be a board meeting on April 1st at 6:00 PM to discuss the auction, followed by a general membership meeting at 7:00 PM. Hope to see a big turnout.

Cliff Newton



AUCTION 6 MAY

Don't forget the up coming auction on May 6th. We need your donations. come early, stay late and spend BIG!

The Doors will open at 5 pm for donations and shopping preview. Auction begins at 7 pm. If you can't bring your donations on the 6th, contact me and I'll take them early.

Terry McCormick
Your Auctioneer.

**Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida,
March 4, 2014, President Cliff Newton, presiding**

Subject: Meeting minutes for 04 March 2014 Board and General Membership Meeting

Location: Miraflores Park, 17th Ave. Pensacola, FL

Time: 1800 Board Meeting, 1900 General Membership Meeting

For a list of participants in both meetings please refer to the attendance record dated 04 March 2014.

Board meeting was called to order at 1805 hours by Cliff Newton, President.

Cliff Newton presented the proposed budget to the Board with \$6,455 in income and \$6,432 in expenses. Russ Shields moved that we accept the proposed budget and Oleta Webb seconded. Motion was passed.

Russ Shields gave a briefing on the upcoming Healing Waters trip to Atlanta. \$500 donated by Navy FCU will go towards the trip. Russ also asked for \$250 to \$300 out of the \$500 in the budget to help offset the cost of the trip.

Cliff Newton gave a briefing on the situation with the website. AP River currently holds the web hosting contract. Cliff will have the information downloaded from the website and move our web hosting over to Go Daddy for \$75 a year. Kent Reagan will manage the website once the transfer is made.

Russ Shields gave a briefing about the fly fishing course starting the following Monday. At the time of the meeting there were 7 signed up for the course with 5 paid. Pensacola News Journal is not responding to requests and is not willing to print information about the course. Flyers have been placed up advertising at the different shops around town. Volunteers will be needed for casting instruction and to aid in fly tying.

Motion to adjourn was made by Russ Shields and seconded by Kevin Gorby. Motion passed and Board Meeting adjourned at 1827 hours.

General membership meeting was called to order at 1902 hours by Cliff Newton, President.

Cliff asked for members to pay dues if not done so.

Motion to accept previous month's meeting minutes as published was made by Jerry Giles. Ralph Newton seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Treasury report was given by Cliff Newton. Balance at time of meeting was \$4,615.32.

Committee Reports:

Russ Shields gave a briefing on the upcoming course starting Monday. Volunteers will be needed to aid in fly casting instruction and with fly tying.

Kevin Gorby announced that the Cast Off is coming April the 19th at 1000 hours during the April Saturday clinic. First price will be a Mangrove TFO 9 weight rod. There will be 4 targets with 2 attempts at each target.

Paul Wargo gave a briefing on the membership committee. At 47 renews with 23-24 not renewed that were members the previous year. Numbers are on track with last year's.

Memorandum for Record ...Continue

Project Healing Waters briefing given by Russ Shields. We are currently making rods for rod building contest. Atlanta trip is coming up. The VA meeting will be the following Friday after meeting.

Cliff Newton presented the proposed budget for 2014 with income of \$6,455 and expense of \$6,432. Significant expenses are the food for Saturday clinics, fly tying material and Christmas dinner and raffle. Paul Wargo motioned to pass the proposed budget and Russ Shields seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

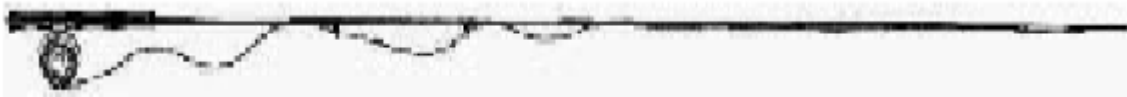
Vice President is still needed. We also need individuals to volunteer to give programs on fly fishing for the Tuesday night meetings. Gary Showman gave a presentation about fly fishing in Europe.

Russ Shields motioned to adjourn the meeting and Kent Reagan seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 1952 hours.

The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned.

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Tight lines and Semper Fidelis!

Fishing Report... Captain Baz Yelverton

The big news for March was the water in Santa Rosa Sound warmed up to 66 degrees, and the flats redfish got hungry...finally! Normally, by the end of March the water temp is well into the 70's, but not this year. It's been the toughest March in memory for fishing the flats, but that came to an abrupt end on March 15 when Jay Lanier landed 5 of the most beautiful redfish you've ever seen. We found them on grassy bottom in the Big Lagoon. All the fish were beefy... a 26" fish weighed 8# on my bogagrip which is about a pound more than you'd expect. The largest redfish was 28 1/2" long and weighed 10#. Not too shabby for 2' of water! The fish were the wonderful deep-orange color they get from living on grass. The fly of the day was the EP Baitfish in grey/white, and the reds were charging it from ten feet away.

There has been a nice school of bull redfish east of the pass in the vicinity of the palm tree all month. Every trip when the conditions allowed I tried to get my clients in position for a shot. It's been tough because the beach has been lined with pompano fishermen, and I really hate to get in their way. Plus, the fish have been pounded by the spin-fishing guides, so they're spooky. We've only been successful by anchoring and waiting for the fish to come to us. All three fish landed were moving east *into* the incoming current, and my clients drifted the fly down-current to the approaching school. We haven't had a single take when the fish were travelling down-current. Here are shots of the successful anglers who put it all together and landed one of these brutes: **Jay Wright** from Birmingham on March 15;

Jay Lanier on March 21;



Fishing Report.... Continue

Matt Kail on March 25 with his first-ever redfish on fly



the oncoming school. On the third long s-l-o-w strip he came tight to the fish and even strip-set the hook! Very impressive for a freshman fly-angler.

The other news is the landing of the first pompano of the year on March 25. **Matt Kail** was blind-casting his 10wt with intermediate line waiting for the big reds to move into range, and this little guy grabbed his fly. Small, but the right species.



and **Brian Iwasaki** on March 26 with his first redfish on fly.



Bodes well for April when I'm expecting the annual pompano migration to hit in full force, along with the jack crevalle, and the Spanish mackerel...

Brian made his grandfather (**Russ Shields**) proud by laying out a beautiful 70' cast with Russ' custom-made TFO "BVK" 10wt and intermediate SA "Streamer Express" line. Brian had the requisite patience to let the tan/white clouser sink...and sink...and sink into the path of

Let the good times roll.

Capt Baz





Synthetic Baitfish—Kevin Gorby



Materials needed:

- 3M 4010 tape
- Krystal Flash
- Halo Eyes 6, 8, 10MM
- Saltwater hook 4/6
- Wire or lead
- Assorted markers
- Mono or salt water thread
- Curved scissors
- Cling wrap
- Head cement



3 - Cut the tape 1 ½ in. Use markers for gills and back. Center flash at the tail and then apply flash and the head end.



4 – Carefully fold over the hook shank



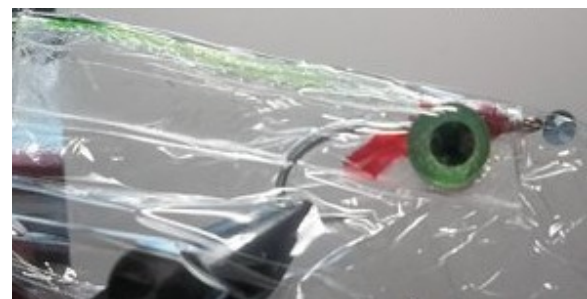
1—Lay a base thread. Then wrap wire and lead and tie off



5 – Carefully peel back the protective plastic



2 – Apply head cement



6 – Apply eyes then cling wrap over the tacky body and start cutting away cling wrap.

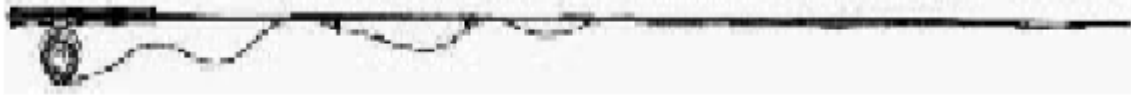
Synthetic Baitfish—Kevin Gorby ...Continue



7 – Trim body to desired shape



8 – Now let your imagination take over



Around the Bay...and Further Away



On 8 March the Lillian Community Center held their annual health Fair. **Rush Shields, Joe Higgins, and Roy Turner** participated and demonstrated the art of fly tying. They made a couple of dollars in donations and spread the word about Healing Waters.



2014

NW FLORIDA CAST OFF

COMPETITION

HERES YOUR CHANCE to show your FLY CASTING abilities. Salt or Fresh water and SUPPORT for our local wounded warriors. All proceeds from this event will stay locally to help our veterans in Our Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing programs here in NW Florida.

Saturday April 19th at 10:00 am

[We meet at Miraflores Park on 17th Avenue, one block north of the Graffiti Railroad Overpass](#)



1st prize a TFO Mangrove 9' 4 piece 9 wt. Fly Rod
This is a lifetime warranty rod.

2nd and 3rd place prizes to be awarded at the event.

So here's your chance. \$10.00 each entry, you will have 2 chances at each of the four targets. So bring your own gear or use ours. Standard FFF tackle and rigging rules will apply. If you have never cast a fly rod before or would like to brush up or tune up your casting, show up early at 9:00 am we will be glad help you as we give free instruction before this event and on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

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Save the Date!



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Fly Tying
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And More**

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MAY 16 & 17**




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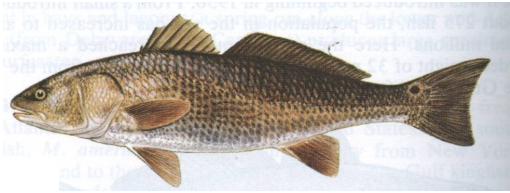


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		Business Meeting 7 PM			VA tying clinic	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	FLY FISHING COURSE			Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30 PM		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	FLY FISHING COURSE					Clinic - Casting, tying, gourmet lunch 9 AM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30			
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