



# Flies and Lies

Newsletter of the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida

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### MONTHLY MEETINGS at

Miraflores Park  
17th Avenue between  
Belmont and LaRua

### Business Meeting

1ST Tuesday, 7 PM

### Bull Session - Tying

2ND Thursday, 6:30 PM

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

**AUCTION AUCTION AUCTION**

**May 5**

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**In April** We need all kinds of donations: Rods, Reels, Lines, Fishing Trips, Boxes of Flies, Gear, Books and every thing in between. Please think about this: You have a good rod or reel you just don't use anymore. If you donate it, not only will the club benefit but someone who needs a bargain on a rod or reel will buy it and enjoy fly fishing so much more! If you can please hold your donations until the day of the auction, Tuesday, May 5. Storage space is limited. If you are not able to come but have donations, get with us (email or call or bring it April 18) and we will take your stuff or come and get it.

**May 5 we need YOU.** We need Bidders! Bring your checkbook! The doors open at 5:00 for drop off and browsing. Auction starts at 7:00. Come early, stay, late, bid early, bid often, spends some money and have a great time. Remember this is our big fund raiser of the year so we need **You and Your donations.**

*Bob Story, owner of Feather Craft, has donated a brand new TFO Mangrove 8wt rod for the auction.*

**BID'N UP!**

## From the President

This month I would like to talk about the IFFF and the Gulf Coast Council and how we can be involved. Our club is an "affiliated" club of IFFF so we do not have to have 100% of our members as IFFF members. However, I would encourage you to consider IFFF membership. Checkout the IFFF website, [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org). Membership supports the sport of flyfishing through conservation, restoration and education. If are already a member let Jay Brykczynski know as our club has to pay the IFFF \$3.00 for every non-member. Also check out the Gulf Coast Council [www.gulfcoastfff.org](http://www.gulfcoastfff.org). It is a really useful site with lots of information. We have the opportunity to have one or two members of our club serve on the Gulf Coast Council board. The board meets by conference call two or three times a year. It is an opportunity to network with other fly fishers across the Gulf Coast. They are also looking for someone to serve as program chair for their upcoming Fly Fishing Fair next September. Contact me if you are interested in these opportunities. You must be an IFFF member to serve.

There will be a board meeting this month at 6:00 PM followed by the membership meeting is at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 7th.

*Cliff Newton*

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## April 4 - Blasting for the Brave

### Whiting Field Chief Petty Officers and Project Healing Waters Pensacola Program



The Whiting Field CPO Association is planning a fund raising event called “**Blasting for the Brave**”. It is headed up by Chief Fenoy Butler II, and will take place on Saturday, April 4, at the Santa Rosa Shooting Center on Quintette Road in Pace. Chief Butler will be retiring later this year and wanted to raise funds to support the Healing Waters Pensacola Program and also the Whiting Field CPO Association. He is very familiar with Healing Waters and the work we do: His brother is a double amputee from the Iraqi war.

The event will feature a fifteen station Sporting Clays shoot, some side games, a silent auction a raffle and free donuts and coffee as well as lunch for all participants. We will have a table with fly tying demonstrations and a fly rod or two and our Project Healing Waters banners. Kent Reagan has tied some beautiful flies which will be mounted and offered in the auction.

This event is open to the public and individuals can enter the shoot for \$90 or a team of four, for \$360. Some very unique prizes will be awarded. To register to take part in the fun contact Chief Fenoy Butler II at [fenoyii@gmail.com](mailto:fenoyii@gmail.com), by phone at 850.776.5483 or by mail at 709 Colemo Place Dr., Pensacola Fl 32526. If you don't have a suitable shotgun the range has some that will be available.

**COME ON OUT, HELP SUPPORT THESE PROGRAMS, AND HAVE A LOT OF FUN!**

## April 25 - Our Orange Beach Connection!

Tina Nelson, who lives and works in Orange Beach, is developing a program to assist military veterans in her area. She contacted our Project Healing Waters and we have entered into a joint agreement to sponsor a Healing Waters program under her auspices, since we are the closest IFFF affiliated fly fishing club, (which is a requirement for PHWFF activities). Tina is planning a **Grand Get Together/ Meet and Greet**, and **”Get a veteran out on the water day”**. This will take place on **Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Bear Point Marina in Orange Beach.** We



Tina with Mr. and Mrs. Nettles. Their son, Kenneth, owns Bear Point.

will start at **12:00** noon and have **Live music and Shrimp boil** as well as a **Hook and Cook** for our Vets. Anyone that would like to come early and get some fishing in should get with Tina (251-234-0278) as soon as possible so she can get boats and Captains lined up. Tina works for the Bear Point Marina and knows all the captains who charter out of there and several have volunteered their time and boats to make this day special. Flippers restaurant at the marina is also sponsoring this event.

Tina is hard at work to make this happen and will be helped by her daughter, Sheika, who is also an enthusiastic supporter of the program. Since they are both a bit new to fly fishing they are enrolled in our Spring course. Our club will provide whatever guidance and assistance is needed and we will set up a Project Healing Waters Display at the

marina. If you can, come out to Bear Point Marina in Orange Beach on April 25<sup>th</sup> and support this new effort. We would love to have you.

*Russ Shields*

## And More..... Coming Up!!

April Meeting will be Tuesday, April 7. Board Mtg at 6:00 Club Mtg at 7:00

Fly Tying will be Thursday April 9. 6:30 Greg Saunders from FlyLipps see page 7

Clinic will be Saturday, April 18. Tying. Casting. Lunch.

## Spring Fishing Outing

Spring is here and it's a great time to fish. A spring club fishing outing is planned for May 9, 2015 from 7am to 12pm at Naval Live Oaks in East Gulf Breeze. The event is for club members only. We hope this year's fly fishing class members will make a strong showing. It will be a great opportunity to wet some lines with more experienced members to show you the ropes. Prizes will be given out in several categories. Bring your own refreshments and enjoy the day.

## From the Gulf Coast Council Website <http://gulfcoastfff.org/>

### The GCC Welcomes the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida!

In February, 2015 the **Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida** moved their affiliation to the Gulf Coast Council! Many of their members attended the 2014 GCC Fly Fair, and it was soon apparent to Federators and the Federation Councils that the FFNWF was a natural fit for the Gulf Coast Council.

The FFNWF is a well established club with a tremendous amount of knowledge and great folks, who will be a great asset to this council, and the GCC is extremely pleased to welcome them into the GCC

## Save the Date!

**2015 Gulf Coast Council Fly Fair**

**September 18/19, 2015**

**Ocean Springs, MS**

More information will be in our April issue of the *Gulf Streamer*.



## Capt. Baz's Fishing Report

March brought the usual weather challenges...rain, wind, fog..., but when conditions were right the bull redfish fishing was outstanding. There have been schools of big fish both east of the pass and on the Caucas Shoal. Early on the incoming tide I've had my best success between

Battery Langdon and the observation tower. Later in the day the fish have been moving farther west almost to Pickens Point. Once they get down there things can get very interesting with the beach pompano fishermen. I try to "peacefully coexist" by threading my way in and out around their lines and do my best to not get in their way. So far it's working as no one (this year) has thrown a pyramid sinker at the skiff!

Anchoring has been and always will be the ticket for catching these big fish. Lately I've been running east at a slow plane about 300' out from the inner sandbar until I spot a school just off the bar. The schools can be hard to see especially if the fish are spread out, so you have to look very closely for a slight tan color change. Most boaters will never see them. After spotting a school I go well past before idling in to the bar, killing the motor, and poling down-current to intersect them. If I'm in the Mako it's the same program but I drift to the fish. Once you're sure the fish are still coming in your direction drop the anchor, and get ready.

The fish are off the tan/white clouser now and are instead taking "wormy" flies like the chartreuse/white go-meaux and even crab patterns fished on a dead drift. Worm patterns must be lightly dressed and can't be more

than 3 1/2" long. I'm using 8 and 9wt tackle and am having my best luck with floating lines that have 15' clear, intermediate tips. To that I'm adding 10' leaders that come down to 20# fluoro. You have to get the fly down and into the fish before starting with slow 3' strips. If that doesn't work speed up the strips and vary the length. But it's always best to start slow...

Here are some nice shots of successful anglers over the past couple weeks:

Glenn Perry with a couple nice fish on March 16;



Overjoyed seventeen year old Jack Repke with his mom on March 17 with a fish we caught over by Ft McRee;



Greg Sharp with two more beauties on March 22;

and Michael Harris with his first redfish on a picture-perfect March 28.



The big trout have made their move in the last week, and we're seeing lots of very nice fish on my favorite sand/grass flats. So far the only one we've landed



is this 5 pounder landed March 25 by Greg Sharp along the southern edge of the Bayou Grande channel. It was a tough, windy, sunless day, and I was killing time slowly working my way westward through the channel anchoring along the way. Greg was casting a tan/white clouser to the rocks, letting it sink, and slowly stripping and pausing as the fly drifted in the strong current. The trout stopped it cold and fought deep all the way to the boat. I thought it was a redfish until it finally came to the surface. I didn't measure or weigh it, but it

was a big fish between 5 and 6 pounds. You can also find good numbers of nice fish in the mouths of the bayous and canals.

I haven't seen a pompano yet, but the first jack crevalle have arrived. Capt Tony Eddins found a big school in the Gulf a week ago, and I saw 4 fish yesterday. The most amazing jack sighting; however, happened on March 26. I had a beginner fly caster on the boat and was trying to get him out of the strong NW wind by poling close to shore in the Naval Live Oaks Reservation. We were in 2' of water inside the sandbar out from the big bluffs when two 15-20# jacks came cruising by thirty feet from the boat! It was a mind blower and just an incredible sight as the deep-sided, brightly colored fish totally filled the water column. My client self destructed, never even got the fly out of the boat, and we watched them swim away. A few minutes later another jack appeared moving eastbound just out of range. I've heard of tarpon swimming through that area during the summertime and look forward to putting in some hours staked out waiting to see what comes by...



**Hear ye! Hear ye!** The library is coming out of the closet. The cabinet has been stuck in storage and will be returning to its old spot by the fireplace. This will make it much easier to borrow books.

To refresh old members and to introduce new members to the club library, we presently have over 175 books plus DVD's, VCR tapes, and charts available to borrow for up to a month at a time. General topics available include fly fishing basics, fly casting, local/ salt/ warm/ cold water fishing, fly tying, fly patterns, destinations, cook books, fishing tales, and rod building. There is also the complete 17 volume set of Lefty's Little Book of Secrets which covers topics for all fly fishing needs. In addition, members have recently donated new books (thanks to those people) as well as the club purchasing additional new books.

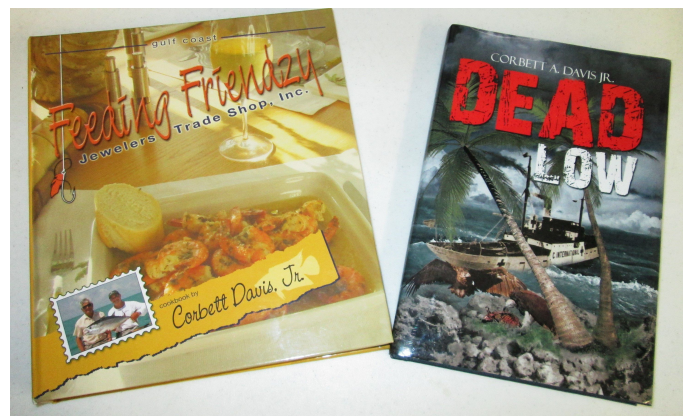
The library is easy to use. It will be open for meetings and as earlier stated you can sign a book out for a month at a time and renew if you need more time. There will be a large "sign out" burgundy notebook titled **The Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida Library** for anyone to sign out a book. The old books are numbered and in arranged in numerical order so all you do is look up the number of the book when and sign it out and the date it is returned. Some of the new book are not cataloged yet but they will be soon. I also want to make the sign out book a little more user friendly and this will be done in the near future.

The library has a budget to purchase books, so as we go forward and members find new books that others may enjoy we can purchase them. I also hope to highlight a book or two in the newsletter each month so the library can again become a benefit to our members.

*Jim Morris*

**Author! Author!** Two new books in the library have been donated by the author, former member Corbett Davis, Jr. Corbett has written a couple novels, including "**Dead Low**" which is now in the library. It is the story of a young jeweler by trade from Pensacola (where do you suppose he got that idea?) who ends up in Key West and is drawn into a story of murder, mystery, and Cuba.

Corbett also has produced a cookbook "**Feeding Frenzy**" for seafood extraordinaire, and in between the recipes are stories and pictures of the Davis family (including Corbett III and now Corbett IV) and their fishing adventures.



This book created quite a stir (good thing for a cookbook) at the club when it was introduced, and we are happy to report that an additional copy will be up for bids at the auction.

**Enjoy! Enjoy!**

## The Class of 2015. Very Classy



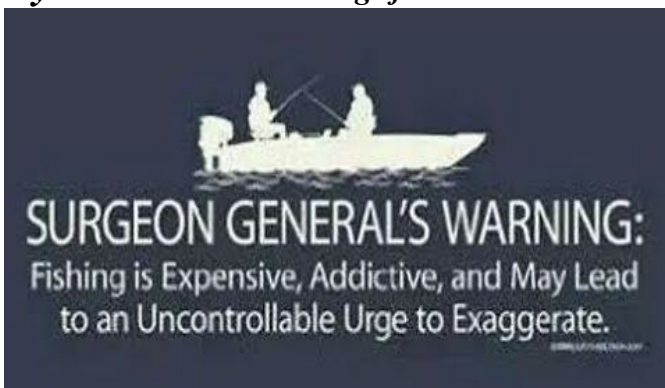
The first night Capt. Baz held forth with where and when to fish for what and what with. This is a classic presentation and, as usual, he did a great job. The second week Chris Vesce from Sams Bait and Tackle in Orange Beach gave a presentation on fly fishing tackle and that led into a session on knots. Chris stayed on to offer some interesting new ways of doing traditional knots. Classes will continue every Monday until May 4, the night before the auction.



Lesson #1 – You never have enough flies



## *Stay Well! Health Warnings from the Admiral General*



A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

## Fly of the Month : Topwater Seaducer SBS

**Greg Saunders, inventor of the Fly Lipps** will be at the club April 9 to teach us this fly. Join us for this special presentation!

### Material List

**Hook-** #1 34007

**Thread-** Big Fly Thread

**FlyLipp**

**Weed Guard-** 40# Fluorocarbon

**Tail Flash-** 6-9 Strands Krystal Flash

**Tail-** 3 Pairs of Saddle Hackle

**Collar-** 2-3 Long Marabou Plumes

**Belly-** 8-10 Strands of Krystal Flash

**Under-wrap Head-** 3-4 Strands Puglisi EP Sparkle

**Head-** Long Saddle Hackle



Step 1. De-barb hook place hook point down in vice

Step 2. Run thread base from behind hookeye to above hook point.

Step 3. Tie in FlyLipp by placing it on top of hook shank, about 1/8 inch behind hookeye

Step 4. Flatten one inch of a three inch piece of 40# fluorocarbon. Place on top of hook shank, just behind the FlyLipp and tie down. Wrap the thread all the way back well into the hook bend.



Step 5. Select 6-8 strands Krystal Flash and place on top of hook shank where weed guard begins. Secure with a couple of wraps in the middle, fold back the top half toward the tail and tie down with several more wraps.

Step 6. Select a pair of matching hackles approximately 2-3 inches long. Place one on one side of the hook, just above the hook point. Secure with a couple tight wraps. Do the same to the other side.



Step 7. Repeat step 6 with remaining two pairs of hackles, tying each side in one at a time.



Step 8. Strip barbules from one side of a long plume of marabou. Place clump of marabou on one side of hook and secure in the middle with a couple loose wraps. Pull marabou clump toward the eye until the tips extend a hook gap in length past the hook bend. Secure with two more tight wraps and trim excess, Repeat on the other side with remaining half of marabou. Tie a third clump of slightly longer

marabou to the tip of the hook shank.

Step 9. Turn fly hook point up in the vise. Select 10 strands Krystal Flash. Cut in half, stack, cut in half again. Place the clump of flash on the hook shank just in front of the marabou tie in. Secure in the middle with a couple tight wraps, fold the forward half over the rear half and secure the bunch with several tight wraps. This bundle will form the belly of the fly. Return fly to its original position, hook point down.



Step 10. Select a few strands of Puglisi EP Sparkle or other fine flash and tie in, in front of belly.

Step 11 Select a long saddle hackle and tie in the stem right on top of EP Sparkle. Advance the thread half way to hookeye.

Step 12. Loosely wrap EP Sparkle to where the bobbin hangs and secure with a wrap. Let remainder of Sparkle dangle.



Step 13. Palmer the saddle hackle forward until you reach the dangling thread, Secure the hackle with a half hitch.



Step 14. Advance thread to the base of the FlyLipp, wrap remaining Sparkle to the same point and tie down the ends. Now reverse palmer the remaining hackle by palmering the hackle toward the hookeye but in the opposite direction. Secure the hackle at the base of the FlyLipp with a series of half hitches.



Step 15. Remove fly from vise, fold weedguard forward and tie in at the last thread wraps. Secure with whip finish and a dab of Super Glue. Trim excess fluorocarbon.



Step 16. Trim belly and tail flash to even. Tail flash should extend just a bit past the tail hackles. Sight down the front of the FlyLipp and adjust until it is parallel with the hookeye. Your Topwater Seaducer is now ready to fish.

*For you boaters: Don't you just hate it when you get to the launch ramp and there is always a guy there who knows better than you ever will, and he has to give you all his advice? See next page*

## The Minutes:

### Memorandum for Record

Subject: Meeting minutes for 03 March 2014 General Membership Meeting

Location: Miraflores Park, 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Pensacola, FL

Time: 1900 General Membership Meeting

For a list of participants in the meeting please refer to the attendance record dated 03 March 2014. Note, there was no board meeting held.

General membership meeting was called to order at 1904 hours by Cliff Newton, President.

New members Ron Williams, Scott Rogers, Tina Nelson, Sheika Barker and Jerry Heimowitz. I apologize in advance for any misspelled names.

Fishing Reports were given. Russ Shields presented Jack Bauknecht with a new fly rod and reel for being awarded the Participant of the Year for Healing Waters in our region. Paul Wargo then gave a presentation on casting.

Previous month's meeting minutes were published in the newsletter thanks to Jerry Giles and Paul Wargo. Kent Reagan moved they were accepted as printed and Oleta Webb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jay Brykczynski gave the treasury report. Membership dues still have approximately 11 outstanding. Russ Shields moved to accept the budget for 2015 that was presented to membership in February and Kevin Gorby seconded the motion. Motion carried and the 2015 budget was passed.

Committee Reports. Fly tying needs additional tubs to hold new materials and estimates the cost to around \$35.00. Library. Jim Morris is the club's new librarian. Library is not very accessible to members. Jerry Giles suggested putting wheels on the cabinet so it can be rolled out during meetings. Paul Wargo spoke about a couple books written by Corbett Davis, Jr. Oleta Webb is digitizing club related items from the past for the library.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of April there will be a meet and greet at Flippers in Orange Beach. Event is put on by Tina Nelson for new



Healing Waters chapter in Orange Beach area. Project Healing waters built 3 TFO Mangrove rods and a couple Hook and Hackle rods. Because of spring fly tying course Healing Waters will be meeting on Wednesdays instead of Monday's at 1000 hours in the club house. Russ is open for suggestions for flies to tie or projects to do. Chief Petty Officers Association and Mess is doing a sporting clay shoot on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April at the Quintet Range. Planning another trip to Atlanta in May. Paul Wargo offered to take 3 veterans on a mackerel trip.

Fly fishing course starting the Monday night following meeting. Have a full house of students signed up for the course. Starting in week 3 they will start casting and volunteers are needed to help with casting instruction. March 30<sup>th</sup> begins fly tying for the course. Elk Hair Caddis and another fly will be switched in the schedule. Will attempt to do a class outing at end of course.

We are now members of the Gulf Coast Council of the IFFF. There is the opportunity for volunteers to serve on the council. More information to come.

Greg Sounders is doing the Fly of the Month in April.

No old or new business discussed.

Kent Reagan motioned for meeting to adjourn and Jerry Giles seconded the motion. Motion passed and Cliff Newton adjourned the meeting at 2025 hours.

The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned.

Kent Reagan, Secretary

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**Give a man a fish  
and he has food for a day.**



**Teach a man to fish  
and he has to buy bamboo rods,  
graphite reels, monofilament lines,  
neoprene waders,  
creels, tackleboxes, lures, flies,  
spinners, worm rigs, slip sinkers,  
offset hooks, gore-tex hats,  
20 pocket vests, fish finders, depth  
sounders, radar, boats, trailers,  
global positioning systems, coolers  
and six-packs.**