

# Flies & Lies

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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

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## President's Message ....Karen Brand

The Bill Oyster Bamboo Rod Clinic was a great success and I wanted to thank Russ and Jerry for cooking up that great pot of Fish Chowder! Bill is a true artist and passionate about fishing and building bamboo rods, if you were not able to attend and would like to learn more about Bill Oyster you can go to his website at [www.oysterbamboo.com](http://www.oysterbamboo.com).

Several members of the Destin Club, the Panhandle Fly Fishers, attended the Clinic and we welcomed, Don Chattin, president, Tom Wall, Bill Streita and Jim McCarthy. Don Chattin and I hope that we can keep an open line of communication between the clubs and they have invited FFNWF members to attend a special program on Peacock Bass that the Destin club is hosting in September. Al Clark is the IGFA National Record Holder for Peacock Bass and he is presenting a program on fishing for Peacock Bass in South America. The program will be on September 4 at 7 PM at the Destin Community Center. For more information and driving directions call Bill at 651-3474 or email Don at [broglin@aol.com](mailto:broglin@aol.com).

We have a real treat planned for the upcoming General Membership Meeting on August 5. Jerry Aldridge is one of the premier tiers in our club and he will be giving his famous "Feather Talk" presentation. Jerry is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to tying materials and he is willing to share that knowledge with us. I hope to see all of you in August!  
Karen Brand

### General Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida, July 1, 2008, President Karen Brand, presiding

Board Meeting Minutes....President Karen Brand at about 6:15 PM, called the meeting to order. Larry Sisney gave a summary of the financial status of the club. He informed the board that the park authorities had authorized improvements to the club house. It is planned to replace the air conditioner, renovate the bathrooms, and improve several other aspects of the house.

Karen Brand asked for a club 2009 officer nomination committee volunteer Jay Williams volunteered to take that responsibility.

Russ Shields made a motion that there be no charge for drinks at the club meetings. Karen Brand seconded the motion, and the board vote was unanimous to approve.

John Brand discussed target materials for casting contests for the club. He requested that the board approve an expenditure of \$100.00 dollars for that purpose. Russ Shields moved to approve that amount, and Jay Williams seconded. The board approved unanimously to advance the matter to the general meeting for member vote.

The meeting was adjourned.

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General Membership Meeting Minutes....President Brand called the meeting to order at about 7:00 PM. She announced a reminder that the Christmas Party is to be held at the new Holiday Inn on Davis Hwy., December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008. A reminder of the special Saturday Clinic, July 19<sup>th</sup>, with Bill Oyster, bamboo fly rod expert, was also announced. President Brand said that we can make plans for the club fall picnic at Shoreline Park, on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

After discussion regarding the refreshment drink situation, Russ Shields made a motion to suspend charging for drinks at club meetings. A second by Karen Brand followed, and the membership approved the motion unanimously.

John Brand presented his plans for a club casting competition activity and practice, and asked the membership to appropriate \$100.00, for supplies. Bill Locher moved to approve that amount and Larry Sisney seconded the motion. The membership all voted in favor.

A representative from Santa Rosa Emergency Management, Steve Newburn gave a presentation on preparing for natural disasters. He provided several printed materials to assist in that effort. One of his main points was, "Run from water, hide from wind." Good idea. Respectfully submitted....Jerry Giles, Secretary

## *Fishing Report... Jim Balcom*



The newest member of Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida, that being yours truly, is happy to report his first catch on a fly line. I'm attaching a photo of my son and me trying to look like fly fishermen on a beautiful lake just outside Denali National Park last month. I did indeed hook a nice Rainbow and then proceeded to prove that a true novice can land a fish even when the whole episode looks like a Chinese Fire Drill. C&R rules were in effect. Our whole family had a great time on the Inside Passage followed by 5 days between Seward and Fairbanks. Young Jim and I had only one morning on the lake. Lots of fun. I think I'm gonna learn to love this game, but I sure need a lot of help from you guys.

## *Fishing Report... Captain Baz Veluerton*



July rolled in with our local fly-fishing hitting on all cylinders. On July 2 about a hundred tarpon swam by the boat, and we had ten good shots (no takes). We were anchored in front of the old Coast Guard Station in glassy water, and the tarpon were moving westward coming out of the sun. The water was a mirror, and we couldn't see the fish until they were thirty feet from the boat. My client Kirk Rucker, an excellent fly caster, got so excited he never got the fly in front of the fish. The next day we sat in the same place for three hours, and not one tarpon appeared. Eventually we moved in to the beach, and Kirk landed this great jack crevalle.

So where did the fish go? Capt Bob Quarles was diving that day around the Three Barges and found unseasonably cold water below thirty feet. My personal opinion is that the colder water from the Mississippi River flooding moved into our waters around then and put a halt to the tarpon migration. I haven't seen a tarpon in the gulf since July 2. Coincidentally, the last false albacore we caught was on June 27. Nobody's seen any FA's since then.



There are still some jacks around, but you have to be patient. Here's one of the best photos I've ever taken of a jack crevalle caught on fly...Fiske Hopkins, Athens, GA, landed this beauty July 4 on a 12wt using Umpqua's "pearly popper".

On July 17, Bob Willice and Klaus had a few jacks by the boat, but the magic didn't happen and we never got a hookup. Bob was willing to wait for the few and far between "big fish" opportunities while Klaus occupied himself catching ladyfish like this one. I wasn't satisfied with the day, and we're going to go again in the fall.



These days most of the action is on ladyfish, bluefish, and occasional Spanish mackerel. Plus, the shark fishing on fly is turning on. On a July 22 charter we spent two hours in shallow water around Fair Point and had about 20 shots at nice 3-4' sharks. My client hooked one on a 1/0 black Clouser minnow, and the fish ran out about 150 yards of backing before biting through the Tyger wire. It was a thrill; it just didn't last long enough.

There are still some redfish on the flats. John Brand and Bill Oyster joined me on July 16, and Bill landed a nice slot fish in 2' of water using a tan/white Clouser minnow. I would include the photo, but it's on John's camera. Trust me, it really happened...Capt Baz

## Bumble Bee.... Tom Regina

The "Bumble Bee" is another tie in our series of terrestrial imitations. Because bees are such good fliers they are not as common as other bugs on the waters we ply for both cold and warm water fishes. This may be a good thing for the fly angler using a bee imitation as a searching or prospecting pattern. Our prey may not be as wary of a bee imitation as they may be of an imitation they have seen or been stung by time-and-time again. Unlike most other terrestrials that end up as fish food close to shore, bees may be more widely dispersed over the stream, lake or pond - but in smaller numbers. This is not to say however you should concentrate all or even most of your bee bug fishing efforts casting to mid stream. Cast to mid stream, but don't neglect the holding areas next to the bank.

Many fly anglers, for good reason or not, feel yellow is a good fish attracting color. This seems especially true on Appalachian Mountain streams and rivers. Case in point is the success many of our members enjoy when fishing a Gray Hackle Yellow Nymph on the Tuckesegee and Nantahala Rivers, and other rivers and streams of Western North Carolina. (Thanks SeaWo and your dad for introducing us to the Gray Hackle Yellow.) Assuming this *yellow stuff* has credence, then the "Bumble Bee" presented here should be in your terrestrial bug box because yellow is the only color used to tie it. The other materials used to tie this fly are black and by definition black is the absence of color. (Did you really need a physics lesson?)

### Tying Materials

<b>Hook:</b>	Mustad 94831 size 10, 2XL, 2XF dry fly
<b>Thread:</b>	6/0 black and 6/0 yellow
<b>Body:</b>	Rainy's Black/Yellow Foam Bee/Wasp Bodies, 1/8-inch, super glue
<b>Wing:</b>	Black stripped goose biots
<b>Legs:</b>	Small black round rubber
<b>Hackle:</b>	Black rooster saddle
<b>Eyes:</b>	Spirit River black X-small mono eyes



### Tying Instructions

1. Debarb the hook and place it in the vise. In neat, tight, touching turns wrap a thread base over the hook shank from the hook eye to a point directly over the hook barb. Spiral wrap the thread back to the hook eye and tie it off with whip finish or half hitch thread wraps. Cut away the thread.



2. Round off the front and rear edges of the body foam cylinder with a small pair of scissors. Smooth the edges by quickly touching the ends of the cylinder with a small flame then shaping the ends between your fingers while the foam is still heated.

3. On the tying bench, orientate the foam cylinder so the first yellow segment represents the front or head of the fly. Using one half of a double edge razor blade, cut an incision parallel to and centered over the length of the cylinder to a depth equal to half the cylinder's diameter. Make this cut from the front of the last, long, black segment to the end of the yellow front or head segment.



4. Apply a light coat of super glue over the length and circumference of the thread wraps. Place the foam body incision over the top of the glued thread so the first yellow or head segment is one and one-half hook eye distance back from the hook eye. Press the body down into the hook and pinch the foam together with your fingers for a few seconds until the foam bonds back together around the hook shank.

## Bumble Bee.... Tom Regina (continued)



5. Tie the black thread back onto the fly at and over the second yellow segment from the front. Compress this entire second yellow segment with thread wraps. *Note: To avoid cutting through the foam cylinder with the thread, first take four or five light spiral thread turns in the compression area then allow the bobbin to hang free and spin it counterclockwise to untwist and flatten the hanging thread. Take several tighter back-and-forth spiral thread wraps, untwist and flatten the thread and repeat until the segment is compressed. Use as few thread wraps as necessary to compress the segment.* Select two striped goose biots for the wings.

Measure the biots so when tied in over the compressed segment they extend to the end of the body. Position one wing concave side down, on top of the compressed segment and cocked about 30 degrees to one side of the body. Take two

or three firm thread wraps to hold the wing in place. Add the second wing in the same manner but cocked to the other side of the body. Cut away the biot butts. Cut two 2-inch rubber leg pairs from the skin. Tie in one pair of legs to each side of the compressed segment. You can cut the legs to the desired length at this time. *Note: Keep in mind, the primary purpose of the legs is to give the fly the illusion of "life" and "movement". Therefore don't cut the legs too short, or just wait until you get to the water to cut them to the desired length.* Select and prepare a hackle feather. Tie the feather in by its butt over the compressed body area. Working from the back of the compressed segment area, take three or four turns of hackle forward over the leg and wing tie in and compressed area. At the front of the compressed area, tie off and cut away the excess hackle. Tie off the black thread at the hackle tie off point with whip finish or half hitch thread wraps. Cut away the thread and carefully apply a small amount of head cement to the finished black thread wraps.



6. Directly in back of and adjacent to the hook eye, tie on the yellow thread and lay down a yellow thread over wrap base from the hook eye to the front of the foam cylinder. With figure eight yellow thread wraps tie the mono eyes onto the top of the hook shank. Finish the eye tie in with whip finish or half hitch thread wraps. Cut away the thread and apply a small amount of head cement to the yellow finish wraps.

## Casting & Tying at the Club.... Tom Regina



At the Thursday August 14 Bull Session starting at 6:30 PM, Terry McCormick will lead us in tying the Gurgler Frog. This fly is not difficult to tie and uses sheet foam and Ice Chenille for the body, round rubber legs, and a tail (optional) of bucktail hair.

At the Saturday 16 August Casting and Tying Clinic starting at 9 AM, we will tie a Bumble Bee as part of our ongoing series of terrestrial imitations. This bee imitation uses a foam cylinder for the body, goose biots for wings, round rubber for the legs, some rooster saddle hackle, and mono eyes. All fly tying materials are provided by your club for both tying sessions. If you have them, bring your vise and tools... or use the club's vises and tools.

For those of you who have a greater interest in improving your casting skills and techniques than in playing with fake bees, John Brand will be on hand at the Saturday clinic to help you achieve your goals. Bring your fly rod or use one of the club's sticks. Russ and Jerry Giles will prepare us a mighty fine lunch of mesquite grilled chicken breast and ranch baked beans on Saturday. Big people and little people beverages will also be available. And it's all free. So bring a guest... or more. Guests are always welcome.

## New in the Library.... Bill Parrish

Essential Saltwater Flies by Ed Jaworowski. An excellent fly pattern book of saltwater flies. Beautiful illustrations. This book was reviewed in detail in the July newsletter. Book #87

## *Fishing Report... Captain Bob Quarles*



Snapper fishing has been awesome this year. Gary Miller came down to Pensacola Beach again.. , his wife Kelli and daughter Molly fished with me two days-- one day offshore and one day inshore.



Big Ladies need love too! Baitfish Ball on Pensacola Beach...crazy action. Here's Jeff Roberts with a big lady early in the morning!



Bonita on Fly! We had more big bonita this year than I ever remember, and then they disappeared..I sure hope they come back.. we had some great trips flyfishing for them. Kirk Martin gets in on the action on one of my hand tied bonita flies! Kirk and Jeff fish with me every year on their summer trip to Navarre.



Brad caught a nice King Mackerel on fly, on my little 8 weight! Brad is going to be all over my website.. this is the guy that caught a bull red on my 7 weight two years ago and he's been fishing with me ever since and having some really good days. Karnar caught a smoker King! Brad and Karnar had a killer day.. we ended it swimming in some super clear water on a deserted beach.....she's hooked.



New client Matt Holley with one of 5 species of fish we caught on fly.. we even had a Blue Angels show at the end of the day. Matt's friend Chris Webb with a barracuda. This fish ate a bait right at the boat and then stripped off 50 yards in a nanosecond line and started greyhound jumping.. it was spectacular!

## Notice to Boat Owners

In case you ever need an outboard/boat mechanic, I am most happy to recommend David Disher who has had extensive training and experience on several major makes of outboards and boats. David was referred to me last fall when I needed some preventative maintenance on my Boston Whaler's 90 h.p. Johnson (now Bombardier). David installed a new water pump, and serviced the foot and lubricated all the necessary moving parts. All the work was done in a professional manner and his fee was reasonable.

Just this week I had a problem with my trim switch in my throttle control. When I called David he was most generous with his technical information giving detailed instructions on repairing the problem myself. David will come to your home and does the majority of the work at your home. He has no commercial shop as such. When David gave me such a reasonable estimate for repairing this switch, I had him come over and repair it for me. David came as per our appointed time, disassembled the throttle, left and purchased the necessary part and had my boat operational in less than 24 hours. He is a man of his word, his work is professional and his pricing is very fair. I highly recommend him. You can reach him on at 850- 777 7303. He does business as Davlor Marine, llc. and lives off Gulf Beach Hwy on the west end of Pensacola....Art de Tonnancourt

## *Fishing Report... Captain Bob Quarles*



Tarpon Time for Paul Heatherington! Paul and I have been trying to pull this trip off and get him a tarpon for 2 years.. He landed his plane at 8 and I had him on a fish by 12.. it was classic guide and client teamwork.. he put the cast right where I told him to... even under dark overcast conditions. We got this one to the boat in about an hour and a half.. lots of incredible jumps..... The consumation of my love/hate relationship with tarpon at the end of my week long vacation...Carefully reviving Paul's fish for release.



Capt. Bob hooked up on a tarpon on fly! Getting down and dirty with my 12 weight...My little 70 pounder at the boat..this fish jumped six times and put on a show.. at the end of the fight we even had a manatee swim up to the boat. Things went terribly wrong when the lip gaff pulled out as the fish jumped as we tried to pull her into the boat..we broke her off at that point and she swam away fine!

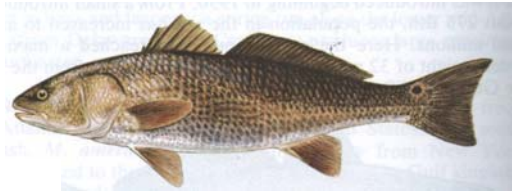
*How does Tom Regina find these beautiful places?  
With fish, too!*



**Hyalite Creek and Canyon  
Gallatin National Forest  
Bozeman, Montana**



**Wild rainbow trout  
Hyalite Creek.**



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		Business Meeting 7 PM				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30 PM			Clinic - Casting, tying, gourmet lunch 9 AM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30