



Flies and Lies

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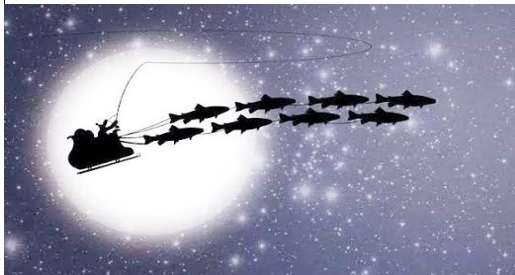
MONTHLY MEETINGS

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



Christmas Party December 10

Scenic Hills Country Club
8891 Burning Tree Rd
Pensacola 32514 **6:00 PM**

Last chance to get tickets: Meeting on Dec. 3. \$30
Lots of Hors'deuvres served all evening and cash bar.

Raffle Tickets: \$5 or 6 / \$25 sold only at party.

Raffle Prizes:

Orvis Rods

Recon 6 wt, 9', 4 piece
Recon 8 wt, 10', 4 piece
Recon 10 wt, 9', 4 piece

Orvis Reels

Hydros SL III
Hydros SL IV
Hydros SL V

All reels have backing and fly line.

Separate raffle for each rod and reel

New rod donated by Bob Story, owner of Feather-Craft
Douglas SKY 9' 8 wt saltwater rod that sells for \$700 at F-C
Constructed with nano carbon matrix materials. The latest in high-performance rods. Fuji guides with Torite rings, REC Recoil snake guides and AAAA grade cork. Comes with an aluminum case.

Trips with Capt. Dan Storey and Jim White on his new bay boat.

Fly Tying Tools and Kit with all materials donated by Kent Reagan

TWO Yeti Coolers – 45 Tundra and 35 Tundra

Buy your tickets when you arrive at the party.
Put tickets in the bag that goes with the prize you want to win

Drawings for prizes just for ladies
Door prizes donated by members

Best Party Ever!

Club Meeting Tuesday, Dec. 3 7:00

Last chance to get tickets for Christmas Party. Oleta Webb is on deck to teach us the ins-outs of summer trout (and whitefish?) fishing in Montana. This promises to be a great program.

There will be NO Fly Tying or Clinic in December

Angler of the Year

There were two nominations for Angler of the Year:

I nominate **Terry McCormick**. Over the past ten years Terry has been involved in the following:

— Served as Vice President 2010 and President in the years 2011 and 2012.

—Project Healing Waters original-volunteer since 2011.

—Has been the Auction Chair and very lively and colorful auctioneer for our annual summer auction for the past ten years. He has been a key component in making the auction a tremendous success. (since 2009)

—Has contributed many article to our newsletters, as well as providing fly tying recipes to club members. “Remember the Yellow Eyes” when tying your clouser.

—Has prepared Presentations throughout the years on his fishing trips and fly fishing conferences attended. Always sharing his knowledge and new found information dealing with the fly fishing community.

I feel Terry’s continuous participation in club activities over the years warrant his recognition as the Angler of the Year for 2019.

Jay Brykczynski

I nominate **Dave Handley**. Dave has been the President of the FFNWF for two years. His dynamic leadership has resulted in many improvements.

He has spent countless hours outside of our normal meeting times working on the following:

-- With the Pensacola City Recreation Committee (I bet you didn’t know it existed)

-- With our building management and the city and setting up the MOA’s and addendum

– Seeking funding for a wheel chair ramp and building repairs

– Cleaning out the basement and creating a storage area for us

– Working to set up our video system

– Cleaning our and organizing our back room/closet: we can actually find stuff now!

Dave’s good humor and natural leadership keep our meetings interesting and on track. We have enjoyed increased participation and he has been a large part of that. He also set up a procedure to create “turn-over files”. He also asked for and set up a PHWFF steering committee.

For all of his excellent leadership and hard work, visible and behind the scenes Dave deserves to be our Angler of the year.

Russ Shields

*Faced with such an extraordinary difficult choice, the members voted unanimously to have two Anglers of the Year this year. **Congratulations to Terry and Dave!!!!** More about this at the party.*

In Memoriam Corbett Davis, Sr. passed away in November. We lost another of our 'Founding Fathers'. Corbett and his son, Corbett Jr, arranged many trips and programs in the early years of the club. He was best known for starting the family business - Jewelers Trade Shop, one of the iconic businesses in downtown Pensacola. Here is a link to a fine article in the Pensacola News Journal: Marlette: A jeweler's eye for downtown Pensacola

<https://www.pnj.com/story/opinion/2019/11/15/marlette-jewelers-eye-downtown-pensacola/4191069002/>



Fly Tying in November

Big Picture so you can see (almost) the size of the fly Matt was teaching. If you can see it, the next thing you have to do is thread the tippet through the eye of the hook. Then you have to watch the leader where it enters the water.

Just remember, ospreys can see a menhaden from a hundred feet above the water.

Even old birds.....

My Favorite Rod - My favorite trout rod is a 7'6" two-piece 4wt made by "a friend of a friend" from the Tidal Potomac Fly Rodders (TPFR) club to which I belonged when I lived in Virginia. The rod blank was made by a company named Lamiglas. Although that series of blanks is no longer made, Google knows all and older advertising from the Lamiglas website states that the blanks are "Traditional slow action blanks for small streams and light tippets. Traditional Honey color." As with our club, a raffle was held at the end of our TPFR monthly meetings. For that meeting I was first called and had the pick of the table. I didn't really need another fly rod (who of us does?) but I liked the "traditional honey color" and picked it up. A few weeks later I was on the Rose River, in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, fishing for rainbow and brookies. What a wonderful rod! Light weight and well balanced with a slow, but accurate, action and just enough backbone to handle the 10" to 16" fish I caught. It is a great dry fly rod and I have successfully fished it in many trout streams. It has also caught its fair share of blue gills, crappie, perch, and even a few largemouth bass. Through much use, I have come to understand that a soft tip enables use of a lighter tippet which, everything else being equal, can provide a better drift of a dry fly. My Lamiglas is a delightful rod with which to fish and is my go-to for freshwater trout streams.



Jim White

This is the second in our series on "Favorite Rods" - write up yours and send it in!

Fishing with Capt. Baz The **Main Event** for November has been the annual **Running of the Bulls!** The run started in late October, but the first time we really got into them was on Nov 2. Mike Youkee was on the boat for six days starting October 28, and we spent time every day looking for the big fish.



The Graffiti (17th Street) Bridge



Jonas joined us on November 1, and we finally found some fish late that afternoon. Here's a shot of a "double" by Mike and Jonas. Mike complained that Jonas got in the foreground to make his fish look bigger. You guys know Jonas. Would he do that?? The next day

Mike and I had a big school all to ourselves, and he landed five. Best day of the year so far. It's amazing how long the fish will stay on top when you are drifting silently in their midst...



We landed a few bulls the next couple weeks on spinning tackle, but never could make it happen on fly. The problem was all the boats. With twenty boats running wide-open into the fish it was nearly impossible with the fly rods. It was even too congested to sling the "teaser" plug. After a client broke one of my favorite 12 weight rods in the melee I decided to call it off. We started looking for fish in areas away from the mob of boats including the Gulf. The only way to fish the schools in the bay was to start at 7 before everybody else got out there. We did that, plus we found a few fish in other



areas. Here are a couple of terrific shots of Shelly and Paul Brockbank from Sundance, Utah, on November 20. They landed five fish that day matching the best day of the season. Neither of them had ever caught a redfish, and that made the day even more special.



There are still plenty of redfish in the bay, and the menhaden should be around for a few more weeks. Maybe some of the boats will give it up after Thanksgiving and make the final couple weeks of the run a little more peaceful. I sure hope so.



Here are a couple final shots from the month. First, famous civil rights attorney Elden Rosenthal on October 30 with a "miracle" false albacore landed very near Ft Pickens Pier. It's been a long time since I've seen FA inside the pass this time of year. And finally club member (and terrific



electrician) Mike Broughton with his biggest-yet trout on fly landed November 21. We were sight-fishing a flat on the north side of the island when this fish charged Mike's fly from 20' away. It was a beautiful thing to witness on a slow day...

Happy Thanksgiving!

Capt Baz

VP's Corner – Thank you Jonas for an excellent program on how/where/when to find and catch big trout and salmon in Iceland. A few of our club members may be thinking about a trip there! For December, Oleta Webb is on deck to teach us the ins-outs of summer trout (and whitefish?) fishing in Montana. This promises to be a great program.

This is my last VP's Corner. In a few weeks I will be relieved of the duties and responsibilities of the Vice President of FFNWF by Bob Myers. The club made an excellent decision in putting Bob in the VP's seat. In the year or so he has been with the club his strong organizational skills and congenial personality have proven him more than ready for this leadership position. We're in good hands going into 2020! I'd like to thank all of you for your support of me this past year, but more importantly, for your continued support of the fly fishing club that is such a big part of our lives. Thank you!

See below the lineup of excellent programs we have tap in the first few months of 2020. One of the key duties of the VP is to manage presentations to the club. Please support Bob when he taps you on the shoulder and whispers in your ear about making a presentation to the club. June through December are open. All of us have fishing stories to tell, please see Bob and volunteer your story to the club.

Jan – Steve Hofman presents “Fishing in Wyoming”
Feb – Capt'n Dan Storey presents “Fishing the Okefenokee”
Mar – Hugh Smith presents “Fishing Montana's famous rivers”
Apr – Tarpon Bob Korose presents “Catching monster pike in Canada”
May – Auction! *Jim White*



November Clinic

MINUTES NOVEMBER 2019 George Norton, Secretary
Board Meeting Club President called the meeting to order at 1800

Financial Report: We have 70 paid members and the finances are in line with expectations and within the budget. The budget for the Christmas party raffles is \$1500.

October Minutes Russ moved to accept and Oleta seconded. Motion passed.

In Memoriam Corbett Davis Sr. one of the club's founding members recently passed away." On behalf of the club we signed a sympathy card for the family.

Old Business:

Web site renewal: Cliff will speak with our vendor to try to get a better deal perhaps with a multi-year commitment rather than a one year contract.

IRS status The plan is to send in the paperwork by the end of the month to file for tax free status.

2020 March Class will require PHW meetings move from Monday to Wednesdays.

New Business: Terry McCormick and David Handley were both nominated for “Anglers of the year for 2019. The club voted to have two AOY for 2019. Congratulations Terry and David on these well-deserved honors and thanks for all you do for the club.

Nomination Committee Report: Rex reported Larry and Bob K were a big help in the process. President David Handley agreed to serve another term. Jim White moved from Vice President to lead PHW activities and Bob Myers will take over as VP. Jay and George agreed to serve for one more year as Treasurer and Secretary. Two new Members-at-Large were voted in: Cindy Myers and Steve Hoffmann. Don Smith will take over Education in 2020 and will need help with the class.

PHW’s promotional event at Bands on the Blackwater on October 18 was not well attended since there was a big HS football game in Milton and the weather was bad. Nevertheless PHW agreed to do another Expo at the next event in the spring which should be better attended. This type of exposure is helping the growth of PHW.

Club Outing to Stone Lake was sparsely attended so George plans a change of venue for next spring. Right now the plan is to go to either Hurricane Lake or Lake Seminole’s Three Rivers State Park. Let George know your suggestions and preferences or if you have access to private water.

Membership Meeting called to order at 1900.

Sarah from the Parks and Recreation Department and John Ridley were introduced. Welcome.

Presentation: Jonas Magnusson “Fly Fishing in Iceland”



Jonas, our certified fly casting instructor, is a retired general surgeon and a native of Iceland who returns to fly fish and visit family and friends.

Some key pieces of information he left us with: The rivers in Iceland are private and leased by farmers. There are three types of rivers: Spate Rivers, which are subject to going dry, spring fed rivers and glacial rivers. It is important to know what type of water you will lease.

Atlantic salmon are the number one sought after gamefish. Salmon fishing is expensive and can run \$1100 a day.

Sea run brown trout reach 30 pounds and local brown trout are available. Arctic char are both local and sea run. Two handed rods are preferable as they are much less tiring. The Black Ghost streamer with a ten pound tippet is a common set up.



Brown trout fishing is mostly unguided and less expensive. There are daily fishing and rest periods. Jonas uses 6 to 8 wt rods and floating, intermediate, and full sinking lines. Black lava rock is the norm which makes spotting fish very difficult. Thank you Jonas for an excellent introduction to fishing in Iceland..

Fishing reports: Terry reported lots of speckled trout on his tan and olive clouser with yellow eyes. Jim W had a great day with big Spanish mackerel. Steve had a good time with his wife fishing for trout in North Georgia. George had high water in Arkansas and Missouri which made wading impossible and catches were sparse.

The Meeting adjourned at 2020.

Barb Albrecht and The Bream Fishermen Association (they share our building with us) were featured in the recent series on pollution in the Pensacola News Journal. Hopefully that attention will reap some rewards, or at least some progress. Finally.

Their newsletter will be attached to the email with this newsletter. Thorough and scientific.