



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 LaRue

Business Meeting
1ST Tuesday, 7 PM

Bull Session - Tying
2ND Thursday, 6:30 PM

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



Membership Dues are due!

\$30 pay Jay at any club gathering in February or mail a check payable to FFNWF to

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Our President, Oleta, sends this message:

I lost two friends this morning (January 29) in a house fire. My heart is broken and I was with Jamies dad all afternoon. It was his only daughter. Now I am with Lloyd's sister.

Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to Oleta and her family as she endures yet another heartache and hardship caring for loved ones. We hope she will be able to be with us at the meeting:

Club Meeting, Tuesday – February 7 7:00 PM

The Program will be - Rod Building given by Russ Shields.

Members: Please bring your self built or custom rods for show and tell.

Auction donations will be taken during our next club meetings. Please note (when possible), donations should be in a sealed packed cardboard box for storage. I would like to expand donations to include anything that will generate funds for the cause. If it is something you think someone would want, and you don't need it, donate it. We are going to have a bigger and better auction than ever. Please Network for donations in the local community. *Gary Pheabus*

Fly Tying, Thursday – February 9 6:30 PM

Note – same week as the meeting. The Tarpon Fly... dreams are just the stuff for long winter nights (and it's a good fly for other fish too).

Clinic, Saturday – February 18 9:00 AM

Lunch for February will be Joe's One of a Kind Chili Made from Exotic Ingredients found only in and around Pensacola. If you forgot to take you wife out for Valentines Day bring her along. If you forgot to be romantic, take her fishing.

This is the flyer to announce our annual Spring Fly Fishing Class. Please share this with anyone you know who might want to take our class or join our club. More details including week to week schedule will be in next month's newsletter.

FLY FISHING

LEARN HOW TO FLY FISH AND TIE FLIES

The FLY FISHERS OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA are offering their annual "Fly Fishing" course beginning Monday March 13th 2017 and runs to Monday May 1st. During this sixteen hour course you will learn the basics of fly fishing, including equipment selection, fly casting, fly tying, knots and practical applications of fly casting techniques for both fresh and salt water. Classes will be held in the building at Mira Flores Park located at 17th Ave. and Belmont St. in Pensacola, on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The cost of this course is \$50,



and includes all course materials and the use of club equipment for fly tying and fly casting. Also included is a complimentary membership in the FFNWF for the remainder of 2017.



For more information on course content and to register for the course call Russ Shields at 983-9515 or Email, rkshields@bellsouth.net. The class size is limited to fifteen people so register early to ensure your participation.

The January Clinic -



Russ brought the Famous Chowder. Someone else brought the Cake. For Russ. His 80th birthday. Must have been a slot red because we ate it!! **Happy Birthday, Russ!!!**



A little rain brings out the best of stories – all true of course. A good day for good soup.



Fishing with Capt. Baz

January was looking good until the rain turned the water to "iced tea". Of course it could've been worse. This time last year the water was "chocolate milk" and stayed that way until March! Even with the tannin-stained water we've been able to find a few redfish on the ICW flats to the east around Opal Beach.

Bob Jenkins was in town from Colorado on January 7 and landed this incredible 16# fish in 2 1/2' of water. We had had numerous shots at spooky fish with no interest until we saw this one swimming diagonally away from the boat about 60' away. Jenkins dropped the fly 20' ahead of the fish so it wouldn't hear the "plop" of the clouser, and we waited. Luckily the fish stayed on course and immediately took the fly when Bob started stripping. The fish ate one of Matt Wegener's flies...a smaller size 4 version of his tan/white EP baitfish. I think a #6 with smaller eyes might work even better in the shallow water. I can tell you one thing dirty water and all it's pretty darn easy to see a redfish like this. Looks like a doggone submarine...



We had light winds from the SW on January 20, and I took some clients sight-fishing around the Big Sabine. We saw good numbers of fish even though there was off-and-on rain and zero sunshine. No hookups. Jonas and I decided to try them "on foot" a few days later when we had another S wind and



sunshine. We hiked in looking as nerdy as possible in our waders and stripping baskets. We'd only been in the water about ten minutes when we started seeing fish. The trick was moving very slowly to let our eyes adjust to the "background" of grass beds and varying depths of sandy-bottom. The fish were dark enough that we could pick them out, plus they had a hard time seeing us in the stained water. Most of the fish we saw were moving which helped. We had steady action for about an hour, and then things slowed down as we lost our light. I had three fish interested in the fly but only landed this one (on Matt's tan/white clouser). Jonas landed his on an olive and white version of the same fly. Jonas' fish was bigger, but as we all know size isn't important...

I can hardly wait for the Gulf to clear up. There's a 100% probability of big redfish along the edges of the inner bar, plus it's time for the false albacore to run the beach. All we need is a couple days of hard N wind to knock down the shore break.

I'll leave you with this shot from January 15. The dirty water was driving Jonas and me crazy, so we disappeared to the Bahamas for a few days of R&R. Nice that it's so easy to get down there...



Capt Baz

Baby Tarpon Fly...by Matt Wegener

Description Baz showed me this fly before my first attempt at catching Tarpon in northwest Florida. The place is secret, so don't even bother asking. Loose lips sink ships and a place where juvenile tarpon can be found is a secret I'll take to my grave. I'll leave finding them up to you (there are a few "ponds" that hold baby tarpon in Gulf Breeze if you are up for an adventure), but I will provide the fly needed to make them bite once they are found. This fly can be tied in a variety of colors (see a few options in the cover photo and a tarpon scale included for "scale"), but my favorite is what we will be tying: black death with a fire-orange head. Notice how this fly isn't tied "Keys Style", where the materials are tied in near the bend of the hook. I prefer to tie the materials in near the eye of the hook for better hook-ups. I've only lost one tarpon on a fly constructed in such a way, so I'm not about to change and I hope you have as much luck with this fly as I have.

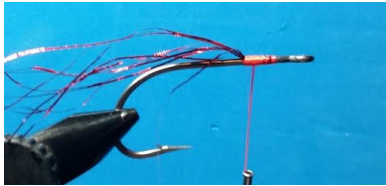


Tying Materials

Hook: 2/0 Gamakatsu SC17 or Tiemco 600SP
Flash: Red Krystal Flash
Collar: Squirrel, Fox, or Bear hair

Thread: Fire orange or black Danville flat waxed
Tails: 2 paired saddle hackles on each side (4 total)
Eyes: 1/8" decals

Tying Instructions



1) Pinch the barb and start the thread a 1/4" behind the hook eye. Tie in 4-8 strands of Krystal Flash.



2) Tie in 2 saddle hackles on each side of the hook shank. Make sure they curve in towards each other and not "splayed", like a Seaducer



3) Trim a bit of hair the width of your bobbin and the length of the hook shank. Pull out the underfur so that only the long guard hairs remain.

4) Using two loose wraps, place the first bunch of hairs on top of the hook, allowing the fibers to spin around the shank. Add a second bunch of hairs on the bottom of the hook to completely encircle the hook shank.



5) Make a tapered head, large enough to accompany the decal eyes

6) Add decal eyes, whip finish, and epoxy the thread wraps.



Project Healing Waters

Our February PHWFF meetings will be on Monday the 6th, Monday the 13th and Monday the 27th, all at 10:00am. *Russ*

Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida Club Minutes January 3, 2017

Board Meeting was called to order by President Oleta Webb at 6:00 P.M. There were 10 board committee members present.

Jay Brykczynski club treasurer presented the financial report. Jay also reported the Christmas Party expenses. A motion was made to accept the Treasurers report and carried by all present.

Vice President Gary Pheabus reviewed the FFNWF by-laws. Further discussion concerning director and board members' description were clarified.

Spring 2017 Fly Fishing Class format was discussed at length; concerning cost, number of students and instructional format.

Final decision of the class structure will be discussed at the February board meeting.

Discussion concerning the club's old website was presented by several members. It was stated we would look into this matter to determine how to delete the old website from the Internet.

Club Membership directory is out of date. Larry Sisney volunteered to compile a club directory from the Treasurers' input of paid members.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

General Membership Meeting

Called to order by Club President Oleta Webb at 7:20 P.M. There were 12

Members present. Club Treasurer presented the financial report.

Fishing reports were sketchy, however Bull red fish activity is still prevalent in and around the sound.

A motion was made to nominate Pat Murphy as the club librarian. Motion was second and carried by all present. Thank You Pat Murphy for taking on this committee job.

A motion was made to nominate Larry Sisney as club membership chair. Motion was second and carried by all present. Thank You Larry Sisney for taking on this job. Several discussions concerning future club outings such as fishing trips and a flea market to be held during the upcoming year. This discussion will be further addressed at the February board meeting.

Gary Pheabus presented a video on fly fishing in the Seychelles.

Following requests for any other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.
