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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

Fishing Report... Captain Baz Yelverton

December was a great month if you like rain, wind, and dirty water. The flood waters from the Escambia, Blackwater, and Yellow Rivers turned Pensacola Bay into a sea of chocolate milk virtually shutting down the incredible topwater redfish action. I've been getting scattered reports of bull reds caught in the vicinity of Deer Point, but that's about it. Spin fishing around structure in the bay continues to be good for redfish, red snappers, and grouper, but you need to be below the mud line which I think is maybe 20-25 feet. The fish are there if you're willing to use cut menhaden. We haven't tried it on fly...hasn't seemed worth the trouble. There are some very nice locally-caught frozen menhaden at Hot Spots Bait and Tackle in Gulf Breeze.



There are still a few redfish on the flats, but you have to run east in the Intracoastal Waterway past the Big Sabine to find clear water. Collin Coats landed this little fellow December 27 on a gold sidewinder spoon much to the dismay of the fly-caster on board.



In the Gulf there were a few December days with calm, clear water east of the pass, and we found redfish, bluefish, and even a few remaining pompano close to shore. Too bad we never landed a fish on fly. It was disappointing, but at least we were "out there" with them and had some good shots. There were days when the false albacore were "everywhere" according to reports from the Pensacola Beach Pier, but I never found them in quantity. Twice we ran all the way past the pier the day looking for them with no success. I was pleased to see clearing water and quite a few FA on a December 28 charter, and Jay Pippen landed this one on spinning tackle. With a little luck the Gulf water will continue to improve and our fabulous winter fishing will get back on track.

If you're interested we just posted all our fall 2009 photos on the Gulf Breeze Guide Service webpage... www.gulfbreezeguideservice.com. Click on "Photo Gallery".

It was great to see everyone at the Christmas party. Thanks for the support you guys give me. I appreciate it very much. Best wishes for a healthy, happy 2010 with lots of

A great time was had by all at our annual Christmas Party at the Holiday Inn December 15th. Larry Sisney received the "2009 Angler of the Year" award. 2010 officers (the same as last year) were installed. Richard Higgins won a Renzetti Traveler's Vise, Bob Korose an Orvis 4wt rod, Larry Goodman an Orvis Mid Arbor II reel with line, and Jerry Aldridge both an Orvis 8wt rod and Mid Arbor III reel with line! The food and slide show were good and the camaraderie wonderful!

General Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida, December 1, 2009, President Larry Goodman, presiding

President Larry Goodman called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Twelve members including six board members were present. Karen Brand reported thirty-three tickets had been sold for the Christmas Party at the time of the meeting. The raffle for door prizes at the party will be a bucket raffle. The club will have access to the facilities one hour prior to the party for decorating. Jerry Aldridge volunteered to decorate the last Christmas tree table decoration. In December John Brand will have access to a discounted rate for printing and he will act at that time to have the club business cards printed. The minutes of the November 2009 board and business meetings as published in the December 2009 newsletter were approved. The November 2009 treasury report was discussed and approved. There was no other old or new business. Jerry Giles gave a presentation of his November 14, 2009 fishing trip to North Carolina. In spite of the rivers running high some nice fish were caught. Following a drawing for door prizes the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Bob Willice secretary

CLUB DUES.....

Members are reminded that the 2010 dues are due in January. Please bring your checks of \$30 for regular membership, and \$10 for Associates, to the first business meeting on January 5th. If paying in cash be sure to get a receipt in order to preclude accounting errors. Make checks payable to Fly Fishers of N.W. Florida and deliver them in person at the meeting (or by mail to our treasurer Larry Sisney at 700 College Blvd, H-106, Pensacola, FL 32504). Your cooperation in taking care of this responsibility would be greatly appreciated so as our 2010 Membership Directory can be updated and published in February. Thanks.....Art deTonnancourt, Membership Chairman

MESSAGE FROM THE VP....

Thanks to everyone for your support this past year. We will try to make 2010 even more interesting, informative, and fun. At the clinic on Dec. 19th., we had the fireplace roaring, and the chili was hot too. About 15 members were there. In January, we are planning a gourmet clam chowder, so RSVP with Russ for that. Support your club and come out for the great fellowship! Jerry G

Sage Model TCR691-4This is a very high performance rod and is in like-new condition. I paid \$740.00, asking \$300.00.

Orvis Model TLS908-4....Excellent saltwater rod in near-new condition. Won this rod at Christmas party raffle a year or two back. List price \$405.00, asking \$225.00.

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Doc Thompson's Caddy Wompus... Tom Regina

Tying Materials

Hook: Mustad R50, standard dry fly, size 16
Thread: 6/0 Tan
Tail: Natural elk hair
Hackle: Brown rooster saddle
Wing: White Polypropylene yarn
Body: Tan Super Fine dry fly dubbing



Tying Instructions



1. Mount the hook in the vise. Tie the thread onto the hook shank two-hook eye widths back from the hook eye. Wrap the thread, in neat touching turns back to a position directly above the hook barb. From the base of the elk hide cut away a sparse amount of hairs (about 15 to 20). Clean and stack the hair. Continue to even the hair tips by removing all but about 8 to 10 hairs. Measure the length of the hair tail to equal the length of the hook shank. At the thread hang point; tie in the hair tail to the top of hook. Bind the hair butts to the top of the hook forward to the middle to the hook shank. Cut away the hair tag ends.



2. Select and prepare a saddle hackle feather. Tie the feather, convex side out, to the near side of the hook by wrapping the thread back over the striped feather quill to a position directly over the hook barb.



3. Take the thread forward in several spiral turns to the thread tie-on point. Cut about a one-inch length of polypropylene yarn from the skein. Split the cut yarn into thirds. Tie one-third of the cut yarn onto the hook shank at the thread tie-on point. Post the yarn to form the wing.



4. Dub the body both behind and in front of the wing. *Caution: Do not crowd the hook eye.*



5. Wrap the hackle forward in five or six evenly spaced turns. Also, take two turns of hackle in front of the wing. *Caution: Do not crowd the hook eye.* Tie-off the hackle and cut away the tag end. Form a neat thread head. Whip finish or half hitch the thread head. Cut away the thread. Apply head cement to the thread head being careful not to get cement on the hackle.

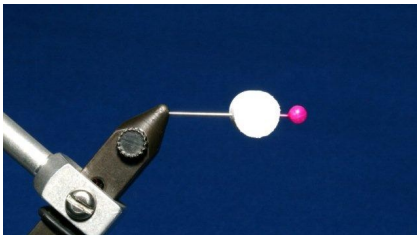
Cartoon Frog.... Tom Regina

Tying Materials

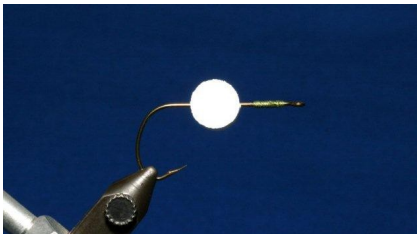
- Hook:** Mustad Stinger, C52S BLN, size 2
Thread: 3/0 olive
Head: Wapsi 3/8" white soft foam cylinder colored with Orvis Green, Prismacolor marker
Adhesive: Cyanoacrylate (Super Glue)
Legs: Olive Indian cock neck hackle feathers
Body: Large, light olive, rayon chenille and large, olive, ice chenille
Eyes: 7mm, yellow, doll eyes



Tying Instructions



1. Cut a foam cylinder in half crosswise. Use your bodkin to pierce a cross section hole through the center of the now 3/4" cylinder.



2. Debarb the hook. Push the hook eye through the hole in the center of the cylinder cross section. Slide the cylinder back to the bend of the hook.



3. Mount the hook in the vise. Using a jam knot attach the thread to the hook one hook eye width back from the hook eye. Wrap the thread in neat touching turns back along the hook shank a distance equal to the width of the cylinder cross section thus creating the *head placement point*. Wrap the thread back and forth in neat touching turns to build up six layers of thread at the head placement point. Whip finish or half hitch and cut away the thread. Apply a small amount of Super Glue to the head placement point thread wraps. *Caution: If you apply too much glue, it will ooze out from the front of the cylinder. Glue on the cylinder will prevent proper coloring of the glue-contaminated area.* Slide the cylinder forward over the glue coated thread wraps. To evenly distribute the glue, twist the cylinder as you slide it over the thread wraps. When properly placed, the head will be at the back of and adjacent to the hook eye with the cylinder length perpendicular to the hook bend.



4. When the glue has set, color the entire foam head with the Orvis Green Prismacolor marker. Reattach the thread behind the head. In neat touching turns, wrap the thread back along the hook shank to a point directly above the hook barb. For the legs, select four to six olive Indian cock neck hackle feathers. Measure the legs to equal the length

Cartoon Frog... Tom Regina

of the hook. At the hook bend, Tie in two or three leg feathers, concave side out, to each *side* of the hook.



5. At the hook bend, first tie in the rayon chenille then the ice chenille.



6. Take the thread forward to the back of the head. Lift the ice chenille out of the way and take one turn of rayon chenille around the hook shank behind the ice chenille. Lay the ice chenille back over the hook bend. In neat touching turns, wrap the rayon chenille forward to behind and adjacent to the head. Tie off and cut away the tag end of the rayon chenille.



7. In about five evenly spaced spiral turns, wrap the ice chenille forward to behind and adjacent to the head. Tie off and cut away the ice chenille tag end. Apply whip finish or half hitch thread wraps behind the head and cut away the thread. Apply a small amount of head ce-



ment to the whip/half hitch thread wraps without getting cement on the ice chenille. Use Super Glue to apply one eye to each end of the head.

Casting & Tying at the Club... Tom Regina

At the January 14 Bull Session, starting at 6:30 PM, we will tie the Cartoon Frog bass fly. The January Casting and Tying Clinic will be held Saturday January 16 from 9:00 AM until about 1:00 PM. Starting at 9:00 AM we will tie Doc Thompson's Caddy Wompus dry fly. The materials list and tying instructions for both flies are included in this newsletter. Your club will provide all materials needed to tie these flies. If you have them, bring your fly tying tools. If you need, your club has tools for both you and your guest.

John Brand will conduct the casting clinic on Saturday January 16. John can teach you basic fly-casting or help you improve your more advanced casting skills. John will start the casting clinic at 9:00 AM. Bring your long rod or use one of your club's sticks.

Many club members attend the monthly casting clinics and bring one or more of their fly rods to practice casting. Most are happy to let others try their rods.

Clam Chowder. That's what Russ Shields and Jerry Giles will have on the menu for lunch at the casting and tying clinic in January. The question is; will it be New England or Manhattan? I have my preference; put does it really matter? Whatever style Russ and Jerry serve up will be excellent... you can bet on it!

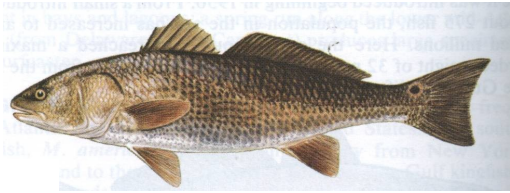
If you do not want to tie flies or take advantage of the casting instruction, do join us for a free lunch, fermented adult beverages, and little people drinks.

As always, you are encouraged to bring guests to all club functions. If you or your guest need fly rods or fly tying tools your club is ready to provide them for use during the clinics and guests are more than welcome to partake in our free food and drink.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	Business Meeting 7 PM					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30 PM			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					Clinic - Casting, tying, gourmet lunch 9 AM	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/ 31	25	26	27	28	29	30