

Flies & Lies

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

President's Message... Terry McCormick

Hope you all had a great holiday. I want to begin by saying what a great Christmas party! We had an excellent turn out with more than 50 in attendance. I would like to thank the Christmas party committee for doing a wonderful job with the food and organization. Everything went off without a hitch. Thank you to Kevin Cohenour who helped with the raffle prizes and thank you to all that donated door prizes. I would also like to thank Dr. Tom Birdwell for serving as our president for 2011.

Well 2012 is here and I'm looking forward to serving as your next president. I want us to talk about and do more fishing. I want there to be more excitement about the club and maybe a little less formality. I want us to get new members involved and long time members look to for leadership and knowledge. Remember that this is **YOUR** club and it's what **YOU** make it. This is a great club with the best members in the world. I'll be calling on you for new ideals and your wise and learned council. I want us to adopt the acronym I call **FISH**.

F flyfishing, fellowship, fun, and friendship
I Information and instruction
S Service
H Hospitality

Flyfishing is what we are all about. Fellowship is being around other flyfishers. Fun is what we want. And friends are what we make. Information is what you can give or receive as well as instruction. We have such a wealth of knowledge within this club. Service can be in the club such as a committee member or something like Project Healing Waters. It can be something as simple as helping cleaning up or helping the flyfishing classes. Hospitality is what we show and do for others. Welcome a visitor or speak to a member you haven't spoken to or seen in awhile.

I hope to see you at the January 3rd meeting at 7:00 pm. I've heard John and Karen Brand will tell us all about their latest western adventure. I can't wait to see those beautiful trout. Don't miss it! There will also be a board of directors meeting at 6:00 pm.

Tight lines and remember the tug is the drug, Terry

Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida, December 6, 2011, President Tom Birdwell, presiding

The meeting was called to order about 7:00 P.M.

Jerry Giles introduced his friend Walter Gross as a visitor to the club. Walter is a retired police chief from Bamburg, Germany. He has been an American citizen and resident of Milton, for many years.

Bob Korose gave an excellent presentation of his recent trip to Alaska. He fished out of the Togiak Lodge, where he met and chatted with Larry Czonka and his beautiful wife. The pair were recording for their outdoor television show. Bob showed many pictures of the fantastic scenery and many photos of the fish which he and his friends caught. Silver salmon, Dolly Varden, rainbows, char, and also chum salmon. They ranged mainly in the eight-sixteen pound class. As a finale to the trip, he fished out of the Seward Resort for halibut. He brought some smoked salmon to the club for us to sample.

The business meeting was quite short. The minutes of the Nov., meeting were approved along with the treasurer's report.

Kevin Gorby reported that "Project Healing Waters", next volunteer vetting will be held on Jan. 10th., 2012, 10:00 A.M., at the Pensacola V.A. office. The purpose of that is to qualify vols. for teaching fly fishing to the veterans. The first Friday of each month at noon is the schedule for that teaching, which is also at the V.A. Clinic.

Respectfully submitted; Jerry Giles, Sub.Sec.

Around the Bay...and Further Away



Mckenzie Williams age 1/2, and **Papa McCormick** first fish day. She caught 3 bream with her 5ft, 1 piece 3 weight on a size 14 fox squirrel nymph.



From Jeff Deuschle .I caught this big girl out at the Chandeleur Islands last month. We were teasing smaller reds in the 24 inch range up to the boat much like working a school of dolphin offshore. When she hit my top water plug it sounded like a bomb went off! Fought her for about 20 minutes and sent her back to make more little ones. Big fun and, as always, many thanks to all the guys in the club who have taught me so much - Jeff Deuschle

Fly of the Month....Matt Wegener

A new year begins with a new direction for the Fly of the Month portion of the newsletter. First of all the club would like to thank Tom Regina, along with countless other members for their hard work and dedication that made this monthly column what it is today. As with almost everything, eventually it is time for a change and that is no different for the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida. From now on, members will have the opportunity to share their favorite flies and contribute to the Fly of the Month section of each month's newsletter. Tom will still provide his wonderful photography skills to produce step-by-step instructions, but the bulk of the responsibility will fall on the shoulders of the newly-created Fly of the Month committee and its associated members. The creative talents of club members that result from varying backgrounds and fishing interests will surely produce an exciting and challenging pattern each month.

So what's even better than having members to contribute to each month's fly pattern? How about starting off the New Year with not just one but two patterns! That's right; Roy Turner has provided two proven fish catchers for the January Fly of the Month. The skills and materials needed for each pattern are similar, but the outcome is completely different! Roy enjoys fishing these patterns, the Bluegill Bug and the Tree Bug, for feisty pan fish that provide of hours of rod-bending action during the warmer months of the year.

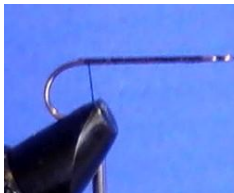
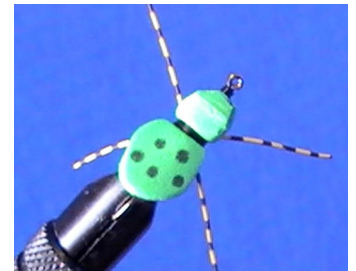
Let's take a look .

Tree Bug....Roy Turner

Tying Materials

Size 6 - 10 hook
Thread - Black
Underbody . Black Chenille
Body . Green Foam

Tying Instructions



1. Lay down a thread base back to bend

2 Tie in Chenille or dubbing up to one eye width from the eye.



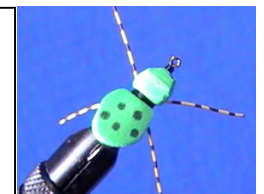
3. Tie on a pair of legs

4. Put a drop of glue on thread and tie on foam



5. Hold scissors parallel with hood and trim head

6. Tie off with whip finish, add glue or head cement and add dots to body with marker

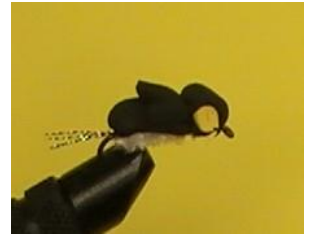


This item can be found on YOU TUBE in a slide show presentations. I have tried it at a private pond and blue gill and largemouth bass have taken the fly. I have not tried using orange or green chenille but I think they would work depending on time of day and water.

Bluegill Bug... Roy Turner

Tying Materials

Size 6 hook
Thread - Black
Body - ¼x 3+ black foam and ½ square of yellow foam
Underbody . Chenille, orange, white, green
Tail - Peacock herl or Krystal flash



Tying Instructions



1. Start the thread at the midpoint of the hook shank and wrap a neat thread base back to the point directly above the hook barb. Attach tail.

2. Cut an arrow on one end of the foam. Face the arrow to the hook eye, in the middle of the hook shank. Wrap arrow very tightly up to the hook bend.



3. Tie in Chenille or dubbing.

4. Wrap chenille or dub forward to a ¼+ from the eye.



5. Fold foam over top and tie in front of chenille. Take ½ square yellow and roll into a cylinder. Use superglue or head cement to hold shape. Place on top and behind the black foam. You may have to put a dab of superglue to hold the eye in place.



6. Fold foam back over itself and tie off behind yellow eye.



6. Cut off excess leaving about 3/8+ to ¼+ tab and cut out a ¼+ for a wing. Finish with a whip finish or half hitches. Trim yellow foam flush with black head.



This is a modified version of a fly found on You Tube titled ~~BLUE GILL BUG~~. That version used a bead chain eye which allows the fly to sink a little. The You Tube version use a number 10 hook. I found this version works also.

Fishing Report... Captain Baz Veluerton

There has been a lot of excellent fishing going on in December for those willing to set "seasonal activities" aside and get out on the water. As is always the case in December, we've had to carefully pick our days to get the good conditions. But on those days the fishing has been impressive.



The "running of the bulls" is over for the most part for 2011. The last day we experienced them on fly was November 30 when Mike Youkee and Ray Sutton from the UK landed these beauties. Well, I guess it's not *totally* over. When I dropped my clients off at PegLegs late yesterday afternoon I ran into another guide who found three schools of bull redfish on the surface earlier in the day a half mile S of Deer Point. There are still huge schools of menhaden in that area, so I'm not surprised even though the water temperature is 56 degrees. Impressive to have redfish on top as late as December 28!



We're starting to see schools of redfish and big black drum feeding in the draw east of the pass between the Observation Tower and Battery Langdon. There aren't as many fish as we see in the spring, but there are definitely enough to keep things interesting. These are quality fish, too. Yesterday we landed a 27 pound redfish and today a 24 pound drum...unfortunately on spinning tackle. Here's a shot of local retina specialist Sunil Gupta with a nice redfish landed earlier today...also on spinning tackle. He's such a nice guy I thought I'd include it.

To my personal delight the false albacore have been running the beach all month. On days when I'm not chartered you'll find me walking the beach in front of the Holiday Inn Express, Sans Souci Condo, or the Observation Tower. There's just nothing better in my opinion. These December FA are big and bad to the bone. Here's a good example landed by Mike Youkee on a gummy minnow in front of the Hilton. We're also finding A LOT of albies along the current line in the pass in the afternoons after the tide turns in. If you decide to get after them try an intermediate sinking line, short 20# fluoro leader, and a size 6 gummy minnow.



December is also one of my favorite months for slot-sized (and larger) redfish sight-fishing on the sand flats in Santa Rosa Sound. The fish are there in spades right now. We landed a 28" beauty yesterday and saw a couple dozen more. Again, that was on spinning tackle. The last one we landed on fly was December 9 when Associate Member Bruce Trumbull got this fish to eat a 1/0 Puglisi gray/white baitfish. Bruce didn't have to work too hard. This fish charged the fly from fifteen feet away and hammered it with no hesitation. I think the fish are hungry this time of year, and there's not that much bait around. Generally speaking a decently presented fly is just too much to pass up.

For those of you who like speckled trout try the "T" in Lafitte Cove as you're coming in to PegLegs. I've been seeing a lot of fish landed in there...slot-sized redfish, too. Capt Baz

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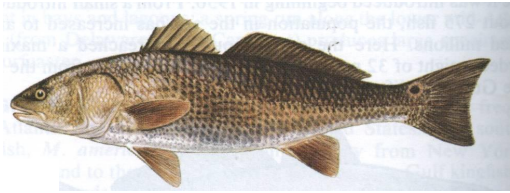
Beautiful, Orvis "ACCESS" Tip-Flex 907-4, 9Ft 7Wt Big Game Fly Rod. New, unused. List price is \$375 will sacrifice it for \$225. The cork grip is too small for my big hands and I don't really need it!

Russ Shields 983-9515

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Business Meeting 7 PM				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30 PM			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
					Clinic - Casting, tying, gourmet lunch 9 AM	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				