



# Flies and Lies

Newsletter of the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida

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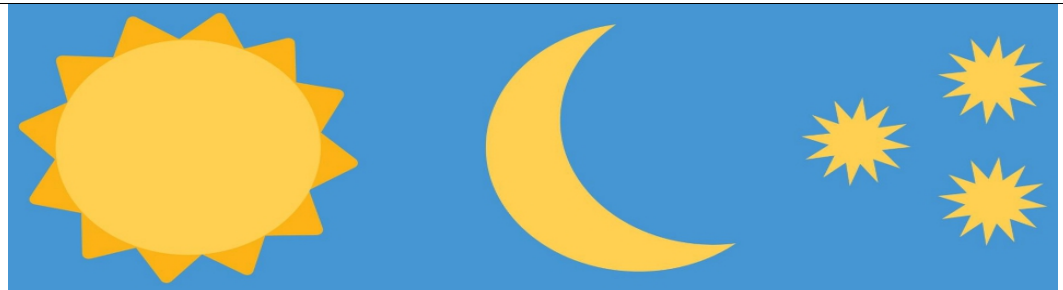
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MONTHLY MEETINGS at  
Miraflores Park  
17th Avenue between  
Belmont and LaRua

Business Meeting  
1ST Tuesday, 7 PM

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

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



The sun, moon, and stars are all lined up for a once in a lifetime experience. Never before, never again, but for you: Right Now. That Was The Week That Was.

**Club Meeting, Fly Tying, and Clinic ALL IN THE SAME WEEK!!!**

**Club Meeting – Tuesday, July 11 – 7:00**

**(Postponed one week because July 4 is the Fourth of July!)**

Larry Sisney will do the program: Tips to Improve Your Fly Fishing Photography

**Fly Tying Bull Session – Thursday, July 13 – 6:30**

The Bushwhacker. Matt will supply the necessary ingredients and you will get to keep the glass. *(just kidding!)*

**Clinic – Saturday, July 15 - 9:00 AM**

Gourmet Lunch: Mesquite grilled chicken breast on a Kaiser roll and Three Bean salad. Please RSVP to Russ Shields if you can come. [rkshields@bellsouth.net](mailto:rkshields@bellsouth.net)



Fly Fishing at Ft. Pickens with Kentucky club comrades. See page 2

**Save the Date : September 15-16**

**2017 Gulf Coast Council Fly Fair**

We will discuss/decide at this meeting if there will be a club clinic on Sept 16

# The Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers

Our club was fortunate to host a group of avid fly fishermen from Kentucky in June and a good time was had by all!!!!



It was good to see John and Karen Brand at the meeting, too

Mike Arnold from NKFF gave a very informative presentation of their club's events and community involvement. Thank You Mike. To know about their club go to their website: [WWW.NKFF.ORG](http://WWW.NKFF.ORG)



Fishing Report: We were able to have several fishing outings with the NKFF folks. Twice at Fort Pickens and one kayak outing at Naval Live Oaks. We meet up with them at Ft Pickens at 5:30 am and the Lady Fish were everywhere. Later on in the morning while surf casting they were catching pompano and one red fish.



Gary Pheabus organized and was liaison for the NKFF outings. He also waded out there to land their redfish. So it could be released by Josh from NKFF. Good job Gary. *Jay Brykczynski*

Mystery Angler – fearlessly swimming with the dolphins (and the sharks). Can you guess? Ask Jay.....

# Fly of the Month – *The Bushwhacker* ...by Matt Wegener

After a freshwater fly last month, we are transitioning back to a saltwater pattern this month. Don't worry bluegill fishermen, we are going to tie a damselfly pattern for the August fly of the month, but for now let's tie a neat pattern that incorporates 2 weed guards, perfect for bushwhacking through seagrass beds, docks, and mangroves.



**Hook:** 1/0 wide gap worm hook

**Thread:** Monofilament

**Flash:** 10-15 strands of tan and chartreuse Krystal Flash and 2 strands of Flashabou

**Belly:** Steve Farrar Flash Blend in White

**Wing:** Steve Farrar Flash Blend in Shaded Chartreuse

**Top wing:** Steve Farrar Flash Blend in Green or Camo

**Gills (optional):** EP fiber in Red

**Eyes:** Clear Goo 6mm in Agate color

**Coating:** Clear Goo Thick

## Tying Steps:



Attach flash at the midpoint of the material.



Fold the material back towards the bend of the hook and tie it down with thread.



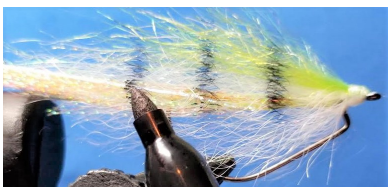
Coat the flash material between the hook point and tie-in point with Clear Goo Thick to create a stiff material that will act as a weed guard.



Tie in a medium-sized hank of white flash blend at the midpoint.



Fold the material back towards the bend of the hook and tie it down with thread to form the belly of the fly. Tie in additional white flash blend if needed.



Repeat step 5 with chartreuse flash blend and then with olive flash blend to create a top wing of the fly.



Trim with scissors to form a baitfish shape and use a sharpie to create vertical bars.

Attach eyes with superglue and cover with Clear Goo Thick.

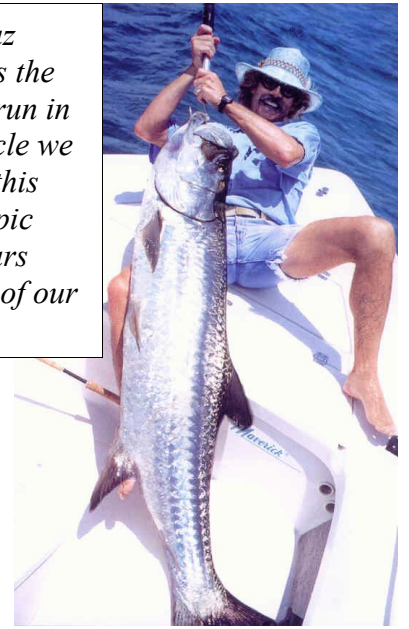


## Fishing with Capt Baz

June started off with clear water and a nice run of false albacore. For a few days early in the month there were plenty of FA up to 6# inside the pass between the Ranger Station and Pickens Pier. Here are Matt Herron and Patrick Dickerson on May 30, followed by Duke Goeddel on June 1. The fish disappeared for a while but were back this week between the Massachusetts and the Sea Buoys. Favorite fly is the old faithful #6 clear gummy minnow.



*Since Baz mentions the tarpon run in this article we present this vintage pic from years gone by of our captain*



Bruce Trumbull finally landed his first jack crevalle on fly June 9. We were sight-fishing at Town Point when Capt Eddie called alerting us to a big school of jacks in front of the Observation Tower. We ran out there at top speed and with Eddie's help found the fish down by Battery Langdon. Bruce was using his 9wt Sage RPL and coaxed this fish to eat a big popper. It's the biggest jack ever landed on a 9wt on my boat.

Bruce holds the boat record amberjack on fly, but the jack crevalle have eluded him...very

sweet to get the monkey off his back. We've found good numbers of jacks the past few days while tarpon fishing off Johnson Beach. Plus, there are lots of fish in the bay once the water gets clear enough again to see them.



I skipped town on June 12 for a week of baby tarpon fishing in Cancun with some good clients. Here's a nice shot of Ken Hutchison with a typical-sized tarpon. I had a tough trip hooking 7, jumping 5, and landing just this one. It was a nice break and I learned lots about the fishery down there.

The flooding from Tropical Storm Cindy last week trashed the inland waters but left the Gulf unscathed...at least for now. Sight-fishing in the usual bay spots will be shut down for at least a month, but the Gulf is beautiful and loaded with Spanish mackerel, ladyfish, and some good-sized bluefish. There are scattered schools of FA 1-2 miles offshore from the Three Barges all the way to the Perdido Key condos. And the tarpon are here... had a hundred pounder eat my fly fifteen feet from the boat two days ago, but I missed the hookset. There will be plenty of tarpon passing through for the next month. All we need are light winds, sunshine, and clear water. Fewer jet skis and better boating etiquette would help, too.

Hope to see you on the water. *Capt Baz*

## **Club Minutes - June 6, 2017**

General membership meeting was called to order by President Oleta Webb at 7:00 PM. There were 18 members present.

April Club Minutes were read and accepted by all present. Club Treasurer gave the monthly financial report and was accepted by all present. Old Business was presented by Jay concerning IFFF (FFI) insurance plan offered to fly fishing club nationwide. Jay called FFI concerning insurance options. Jay reported he received detailed information on the policy after renewing our current insurance policy with a local company that was due May 20th. Jay recommended we continue with our current local insurance policy and relook at the FFI's plan next year.

New Business: Russ Shields reported that all clubs utilizing the the club house have paid their maintenance dues for the year 2017.

Fishing reports: All reported Reds, Specs, Pompano and lots of Lady Fish are in the area.

Presentation: We were presented a power point show by the visiting fly fisher club members from Northern Kentucky. Mike Arnold did a fantastic job of enlightening our club members of their events and activities. The Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers club is very active in teaching fly casting, fly tying, rod and net building to their area schools. Thank You Mike. While the club was here Gary Pheabus set up several outings at Ft Pickens and Jay set up a kayak outing at Naval Live Oaks. All in all we thoroughly enjoyed sharing stories and the fishing outings.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.