



# 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

## Marching into Spring. Get in Step:

### Tuesday, March 7 – Club Meeting. 7:00

There are some business matters to take care of and plans to be made:

1. **2017 Budget** is ready. Needs to be approved.
2. **Anglers Night** – We will decide if we will participate (gifts, attendance, etc)
3. **Spring Class** information – schedule, participation, etc
4. **Club Auction May 2.** Members (you) donating items is the key to success.

The Program will be about **Rod Building** by Russ Shields. Bring rods you have made for show and tell.

**There will be a Board Meeting at 6:00**

### Thursday, March 9 – Fly Tying 6:30

The **March Brown**. Marching right along – note this is same week as the meeting

### Saturday, March 18 – Clinic – 9:00 AM.

Casting and Tying and for Lunch – Joe's Famous Chili Hot Dogs. We had some new members join at the last clinic. Bring your friends!

## And there is still time to pay your dues for 2017.

**Spring Class** Thanks to the willingness of all of you to help make this year's Fly Fishing course work out, we now have a completed schedule!

I am excited that this year, for the very first time, we will have an IFFF certified professional casting instructor, Jonas Magnusson, teaching the fly casting. He will have priority of the timing for classes in week 2, 3, and 4, and in subsequent weeks I hope to be able to use his disciples in our continued casting practice.

We won't need a lot of help in the casting sessions but we will need monitors to help with the fly tying even though we will be using our new video set up. Background discussions and noise we don't need, but monitors to help each student we do need. Please keep that in mind. We are limiting the class to 15 students to make it easier to do a good job for all the students.

I am really looking forward to a good class this year. Cheers, *Russ*

## February Clinic



With a switch rod you can cast THIS far!



**Fly Tying** – the art of attaching feathers and fur to a tiny hook, easily mastered by anyone who can peel a grape blindfolded with tweezers and a butter knife. While wearing oven mitts.

*In the interest of furthering your education we will, from time to time, offer help in improving your vocabulary*



Chef Joe. The good guys always wear white hats.

**Ferrule** – Hardware used to join sections of a rod consisting of a metal plug (male) and a socket (female) that are prone to a sudden messy divorce during casts but invariably mate for life at the end of a long day of fishing.

## 2017 Fly Fishing Course Content

**Week 1** Opening remarks by FFNWF Club president Oleta Webb **13 March**

Introduction to Local Salt water fly fishing Capt. Baz Yelverton

**Week 2** Professional Casting Instruction Jonas Magnusson **20 March**

Introduction to Fly Rods and Reels Russ Shields

**Week 3** Professional Casting Instruction Jonas Magnusson **27 March**

Introduction to Fly tying Knots Bob Korose

**Week 4** Professional Casting Instruction Jonas Magnusson **3 April**

Introduction to fly tying Tools and Materials Tom Finkle

**Week 5** Casting instruction and practice Casting Committee **10 April**

Fly tying -- Woolly Bugger Bob Korose

**Week 6** Casting review and practice Casting Committee **17 April**

Fly tying-- Clouser Minnow Matt Wegener

**Week 7** Casting review and practice Casting Committee **24 April**

Fly tying-- Elk Hair Caddis Gerry Giles and Russ Shields

**Week 8** Fly Tying -- Gartside Gurgler Russ Shields **1 May**

Introduction to Local Fresh Water Fishing Matt Wegener





**Fishing with Capt. Baz** The good news is that the Gulf is clearing up, and the pompano are here. We landed the first one of the year last week on spinning tackle, but I didn't take a picture. There are some beautiful cuts close to shore in the vicinity of the Observation Tower, and that's as good a spot as you're going to find. The fish will be close enough to catch from shore.



There are still plenty of redfish on the sand/grass flats in Santa Rosa Sound if you know where to look. I've been seeing most of the fish east of the Big Sabine. Here are a couple shots of some beauties on February 11 in less than two feet of water. The first is a 14 pound fish caught by Steve Clark on Matt Wegener's #4 EP

Clouser. The second fish was taken on spinning tackle a half mile farther down the beach. The fish refused Steve's fly, and as it was swimming off Steve's father-in-law Peter Arcoma tossed a sidewinder spoon out there and the redfish inhaled it. Really big fish for the depth water.



Finally here's another spin-caught redfish out in front of the Observation Tower on Feb 3. Tobi Herron was as excited as anyone I've ever had on the boat. Quite a moment for her. She hooked three and landed two, but her husband never quite got the fly in the right place... That's how it goes sometimes.

The water's warm enough for the jack crevalle to arrive early. Going to be big poppers on 10 and 12wt tackle. I can hardly wait. *Capt Baz*



**Fly** – very light artificial fishing lure, of which there are two types: The dry fly which isn't supposed to suddenly sink the way it just did, and the wet fly, which shouldn't be floating up there on the surface like that.

### Greetings from Tarpon Bob Korose



I am doing well now but I was diagnosed with pneumonia the day after the Christmas party. Luckily, antibiotics took care of it and I spent the holidays in California. Now I am at my condo in Homestead Fl. In Cali I had a nice day fly fishing for spotted Bass in Lake Orville (yes, the one with the flooding problems). Back in Homestead I have been watching basketball at the U of Miami. I have also been fishing. Catching quite a few speckled trout on the fly in Florida Bay. Also fishing on a lake by my condo with a 3 wt and caught a few largemouth and peacock bass and bluegills. Fished the Channel 5 bridge in the Keys at



night and jumped several tarpon on a spinning rod. Also bait fished in Biscayne Bay for snappers, grunts and porgys to provide for a couple of tasty fish fries. After I watch the three USA games in the World Baseball Classic in Marlins Park in early March I plan on heading back up north to Gulf Breeze. I look forward to seeing you all again at the clinic on March 18.

Best Wishes, *Bob*

## Fly of the Month - for March – the **March Brown**

1. Hook - dry fly size 16 – 22
2. Thread, 8/0 brown
3. Body, march brown dubbing
4. Wing, grizzly hackle tips
5. Tail, grizzly and furnace hackle mix
6. Wing and Legs, grizzly and furnace hackle

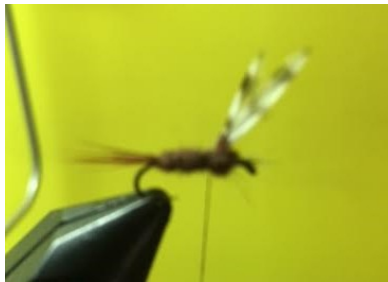
Step 1. Lay a thread base down to the hook point. Wrap forward to a point two hook eyes back behind the hook eye.



Step 2. Tie in 2 grizzly hackle tips that are from the tie in point to the hook eye in length, one on each side.



Step 3. Make a few wraps in front of the wing and then back to the hook point. Strip off a few hackles of furnace and grizzly and mix and tie on for the tail.



Step 4. From the hook point, and a small amount of march brown dubbing and wrap to the wing and the one wrap in front of the wing.



Step 5. Tie in a grizzly hackle and a furnace hackle by the stem and make 2 wraps behind the wing and 1 in front of the wing. Tie off and whip finish or make half hitches.

*Terry McCormick*

**Keeper** – any fish larger than the lure or bait used to catch it,

## The Chandeleur Islands

A few photos from our late February trip out to the Chandeleur Islands - lots of big redfish and specks caught - Mark is a big guy and that speck in the photo was nearly 7lbs,! - *Jeff Deuschle*



**Rod** – Flexible tapered stick for angling. A rod of even medium length is awkward to carry, but anglers have found easy ways to shorten them with car doors, station wagon tailgates, and trunk lids.

**Rod Case** – Handy piece of rugged luggage that protects the fragile expensive fly rod, especially on long airline trips to some distant continent other than the one where you were planning to fish.

## **Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida Club Minutes February 7, 2017**

General membership meeting was called to order by President Oleta Webb at 7:00 pm. There were 14 members present.

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January minutes were reviewed and a motion was made, accepted and passed.

Old Business; Rex Straughn stated he has contacted IFFF about updating their data base to reflect our current website and the club current roster.

Treasurers report was presented by Jay Brykczynski who also reported that 37 members have paid their 2017 dues. Motion was made, accepted and passed.

New Business; Treasurer presented and reviewed 2017 Budget which will be presented to the Board and General membership at the March 7, 2017 meeting for approval.

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Fishing Reports; Fishing has been slow for most members. Water temperature is up 5 degrees compared to last year. Bayou Texar has seen a lot of action, mostly speckled trout.

Presentation; Terry McCormack gave an in depth brief on his visit to the Atlanta Fly Fishing Show. Lots of vendors and famous fly fishers and tiers were present. Thank You Terry. We need to put this event on our Club calendar for next year.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. *Gary Pheabus*, substitute secretary

**Coming in June:** We will be hosting 8 guests from Kentucky the first week of June. They will be coming to our club meeting. After the meeting, I am giving a saltwater tying lesson for them. We will need volunteers to take them fly fishing in boats, kayaks, and some want to wade fish. They are up for spin fishing as well if fly fishing doesn't work out.

In return, they want some of us to join them in Kentucky. They are going to be presenting their club info and fishing report and prospects as the program in June.

Thank You, God bless, and tight lines *Gary Pheabus*

**Trophy** – Any fish that weighs more than the gear used to land it

**Unsporting** – Any fishing technique that has as its chief object the capture of fish rather than the accumulation of fishing equipment or the collection of angling memorabilia

*Vocabulary aids from book "Fish-ing" by Henry Beard and Roy McKie, courtesy of Russ Shields.*