

# ***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**

## ***President's Message....Cliff Newton***

The Annual Club Auction is coming up on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Start setting some money aside for some great bargains. Also, if you have a decent rod or reel that is excess to your needs, a donation to the club does two good things. It helps the club with the proceeds (this is a big part of our club income for the year). It also passes the equipment on to someone else who will use it. Plan to come, have fun and pick up some good gear or a fishing trip.

My Dad passed away this last month. I bring this up because as I recall the effort he took with me to help me enjoy fishing and fly fishing. I remember my first fishing experience in a row boat on Green Bay, WI. My brother and I caught yellow perch, lot's of them. That first tug of a fish on the line hooked me into a lifetime love of fishing. Dad was a member of this club and he got me involved about 15 years ago, and although I had messed a bit with fly fishing before, this gave me the skill to really get into it and as business took me to places around the country I always sought out a fly fishing club and picked up new skills along the way. We all have mentors that introduced us to fishing and fly fishing. We should remember them and if they are still around make the effort to thank them for what they did for us.

At the same time we should be passing our love of fishing to others. Our children, our grandchildren, or the kid down the block would enjoy the experience of fishing and be better people for it.

There will be no business meeting this month. Come to the Auction May 6<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see a big turnout.

## **AUCTION 6 MAY**

Don't forget the up coming auction on May 6th. We need your donations. come early, stay late and spend BIG!

The Doors will open at 5 pm for donations and shopping preview. Auction begins at 7 pm. If you can't bring your donations on the 6th, contact me and I'll take them early.

**Terry McCormick**  
Your Auctioneer.

## **Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida, 1 April 2014, President Cliff Newton, presiding**

Subject: Meeting minutes for 01 April 2014 Board and General Membership Meeting  
Location: Miraflores Park, 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Pensacola, FL  
Time: 1800 Board Meeting, 1900 General Membership Meeting

For a list of participants in both meetings please refer to the attendance record dated 01 April 2014.

Board meeting was called to order at 1811 hours by **Cliff Newton**, President.

**Terry McCormick** made an appeal for people to donate to the upcoming auction. As a result of the news article Russ Shields received several donations, some of which will go to the auction. An auction update is to be sent out at the end of April and a plea for donations at the Monday night classes. Healing Waters tool kits are available for the auction as well as full rotary vises provided by **Russ Shields** for \$20.00 each. **Terry McCormick** will contact **Capt. Baz** about possibly donating a trip for the auction.

**Jay Brykzynski** gave the treasury report. As of 1 April 2014 the balance was \$5,913.60. Number 8 income line item is designated as Project Healing Waters donations and \$500.00 was added to the budget for this line item. **Jay** proposed changing the item 8 of expenses to Project Healing Waters Events. **Russ Shield** seconded the motion and the motion was passed. Currently there is 18 unpaid members from last years roster.

**Res Straughm** volunteered to be Vice President.

**Kent Reagan** motioned to adjourn meeting and **Russ Shields** seconded. Motion passed and Board Meeting was adjourned at 1837 hours.

General Membership Meeting was called to order at 1900 hours by **Cliff Newton**, President.

New member **Charlie Rays** was introduced and then fishing stories were shared.

**Russ Shield** motioned to accept previous month's meeting minutes and Terry McCormick seconded. Motion passed.

**Jay Brykzynski** gave treasury report announcing a balance of \$5,913.60.

**Russ Shields** gave brief summation of school events. He also announced the cast off contest for April 19<sup>th</sup> where the first prize is a TFO Mangrove rod.

**Cliff Newton** discussed the article in Home Front about Project Healing Waters.

**Roy Turner** will be making a CD of the newsletters from 2002 to 2013.

**Terry McCormick** gave a presentation concerning his trip to Georgia and talked about the Cohutta Fly Shop in Cartersville, Georgia.

Auction was held for door prizes.

**Russ Shields** motioned to adjourn with **Jerry Giles** seconding. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 1927 hours. The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned.

**Kent Reagan**, Secretary  
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# Fishing Report... Captain Baz Yelverton



April was an outstanding month for fly-fishing even with all the rain and dirty water. The unusually cool Gulf of Mexico water temperature kept the bull redfish active along the beach, and our biggest obstacle was working around the pompano fishermen. I spent many hours tucked in close to shore peacefully coexisting with beach fishermen on both sides of the boat. We found big redfish in the usual spots between the observation tower and Pickens Point, west of the pass on the Caucas Shoal, and to the east well past the old Coast Guard Station. The most successful tactic as usual was anchoring in a suitable spot and waiting for the fish to come to us. When fishing in the "iced tea" colored water the tan/white clouser worked best; in clear, green water I went to a chartreuse/white "half and half" with gold barbell eyes tied on a 1/0 hook. Here are the results: **Kevin Maxey** on April 1,



**Kevin Maxey**



**Kevin Maxey**

**Greg Catalano** on April 16,



**Greg Catalano**



**Greg Catalano**

The Nature Conservancy's **Bo Norris** on April 21,



**Bo Norris Red 1**



**Bo Norris Red 2**



# Fishing Report... ..Continue

**Bo Norris  
Red 3**



**Charlie  
Forrest**



**Bo Norris  
Red 4**



We were anchored in 2.1' of water on a cloudy afternoon and were losing our light fast. The water was calm, so Charlie was willing to fish from atop the poling platform where the view was better. Standing on the bow I saw something big about 70' away moving down a sand channel toward the boat and asked Charlie if it was a ray. He said it looked like a fish and laid out a beautiful backhanded cast landing the fly right on the fish's tail! The fish spooked but spun around in a quick 360 and ate the fly. Charlie battled it to the boat on his 8wt with 15# tippet. The fish weighed 22# and is the biggest redfish ever landed on my boat on the inside flats. The next two beautifully colored redfish were landed and released in the Big Lagoon: **Kevin Maxey** with a 28 1/2" fish on April 1,

and **Peter Petruzzi** on April 25.

**Peter  
Petruzzi**



**Kevin  
Maxey**



When the Gulf was blown out we fished the sand/grass flats in Santa Rosa Sound and the Big Lagoon. There are lots of fish on the inside, and the warmer water temperatures have them turned on. Check out this first fish landed by **Charlie Forrest** on April 2.

**Kevin  
Maxey**



# Fishing Report.... ..Continue

and **Nathan Britcher** the day before.



the fly hanging in the water alongside the boat when this pompano surprised him by eating it.



The last two fish were landed in the stained Santa Rosa Sound water on the north side of the island: **Bo Norris** on April 21 and **Glenn Perry** on April 24.



It's always better to be lucky than good... The other two shots are of **Glenn Perry**



In the Big Lagoon we had our best success on the gray/white EP baitfish; in the sound it was the tan/white EP clouser.

The pompano are in the surf in good numbers now. All you need to do is anchor outside the inner bar in 5-6' of water and blind-cast in toward the bar. While you are casting keep your eyes peeled for redfish. I like the original yellow pompano rocket with the gold mylar collar because it works well in slightly off-colored water for both pompano and redfish. Of course the Spanish mackerel and bluefish like it too and are happy to take it home with them... That will become more of a problem as the water warms up. Pompano will take a tan/white clouser minnow, too, as you can see in the first photo. **Bo Norris** was watching for redfish with



who caught and released these two fine pompano while casting at redfish.



# Fishing Report.... ..Continue

I forgot to mention that there are other species active on the flats. Check out these shots of **Glenn Perry** on April 24 with a black drum and a nice flounder.



**Glenn Perry**



**Glenn Perry**

The missing link on fly so far have been the jack crevalle. They are here, and we've been catching them on spinning tackle. But alas, nothing on fly. **Bo Norris** had two legs of the Emerald Coast Grand Slam on April 21 but couldn't get a good shot at a jack. **Brian Whitman** got one to eat a popper on April 11 but couldn't keep the line tight, and the hook fell out. Seems like every fly trip the jacks don't show up, but they're there in spades when I have spin-anglers on the boat. I'm *jinxed* at the moment, but maybe May will be the month. Of course that's if the water's not trashed all month from the floods...

**Capt Baz**



It's auction time!! That's right, it is time for our annual auction. This is our only fund raiser of the year and we need you to attend. It will be this Tuesday, May 6 from 7 pm until... doors will open at 5 for your donations and pre auction shopping. There will be fishing trips, rods, reels, flies, all kinds of gear, tying equipment, books and more. We have some really nice stuff so far but we need you to donate, bid, and buy something. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while don't let this slip you by. If your new to the club, this is a great opportunity for you to get started on some things. I hope to see many members there and bring some friends too. I promise you'll have a great time. Remember it's for the club and we need your support.

**Terry**



# COYOTE - BOB KOROSE



The coyote is a fly designed by Henry Cowens, a noted Umpqua fly tyer and Lake Lanier striper guide. It is the fly fisherman's equivalent to the famous roadrunner spinning lure. It is used as a searching pattern and can be used effectively with many retrieves (ie. constant steady, strip and pause, long or short strips). Henry uses it very effectively for striper, hybrid, white, spotted and largemouth bass. In saltwater it catches speckled trout, redfish, false albacore, ladyfish, bluefish, and just about anything else that eats small baitfish.



## MATERIALS:

Hook: Eagle Claw 413CAT size 2 (or Mustad 3407 size 2)

Thread: white flat waxed nylon (size 3/0)

Eyes: silver dumbbell eyes size medium (1/30 oz.)

Spinner Assembly: Barrel swivel size 12, stainless steel split ring size 0, Colorado spinner blade, size 00 (can all so use size 1 split ring and size 0 Colorado or Indiana spinner blades)

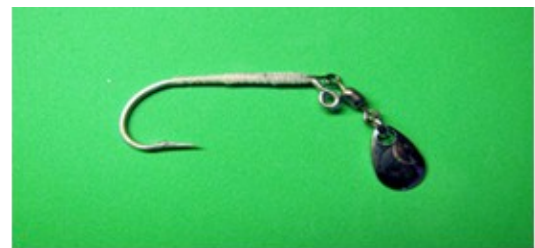
2 inch piece of stainless leader wire (For attaching spinner assembly to hook)

2 inch piece of 20# mono (to put a loop on back of hook to keep rabbit strip from wrapping on hook)

Tail: white zonker strip

Wing: chartreuse bucktail

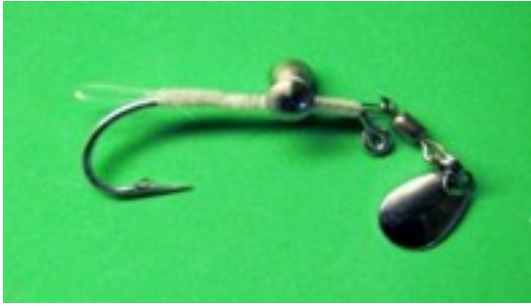
Flash: pearl crystal flash



Put the swivel and spinner blade on the split ring.

Debarb hook. Tie on thread near eye and put a thread base to bend of the hook. Take thread forward toward front of hook and tie on wire and spinner assembly to top front of the hook.

## COYOTE - BOB KOROSE — continue



Tie on eyes about 1/3 back from of hook and bring thread to the rear and tie a small loop of mono on top at bend of hook. Bring thread back to behind eyes.



Tie on zunker strip, leather side down on top of hook and wrap thread back to bend of the hook and then back to eyes. Tie in a couple of half hitches.



Turn fly over in vice and bring thread forward of the eyes.

Take several strands of Krystal flash, double over the thread and tie in front of the eyes. Take a clump of bucktail and tie it in over the Krystal flash. Tie a nice tapered head and whip finish. Apply head cement or epoxy as desired.

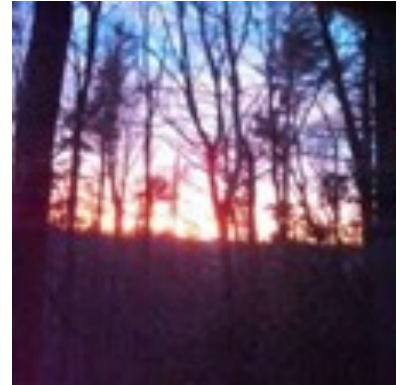




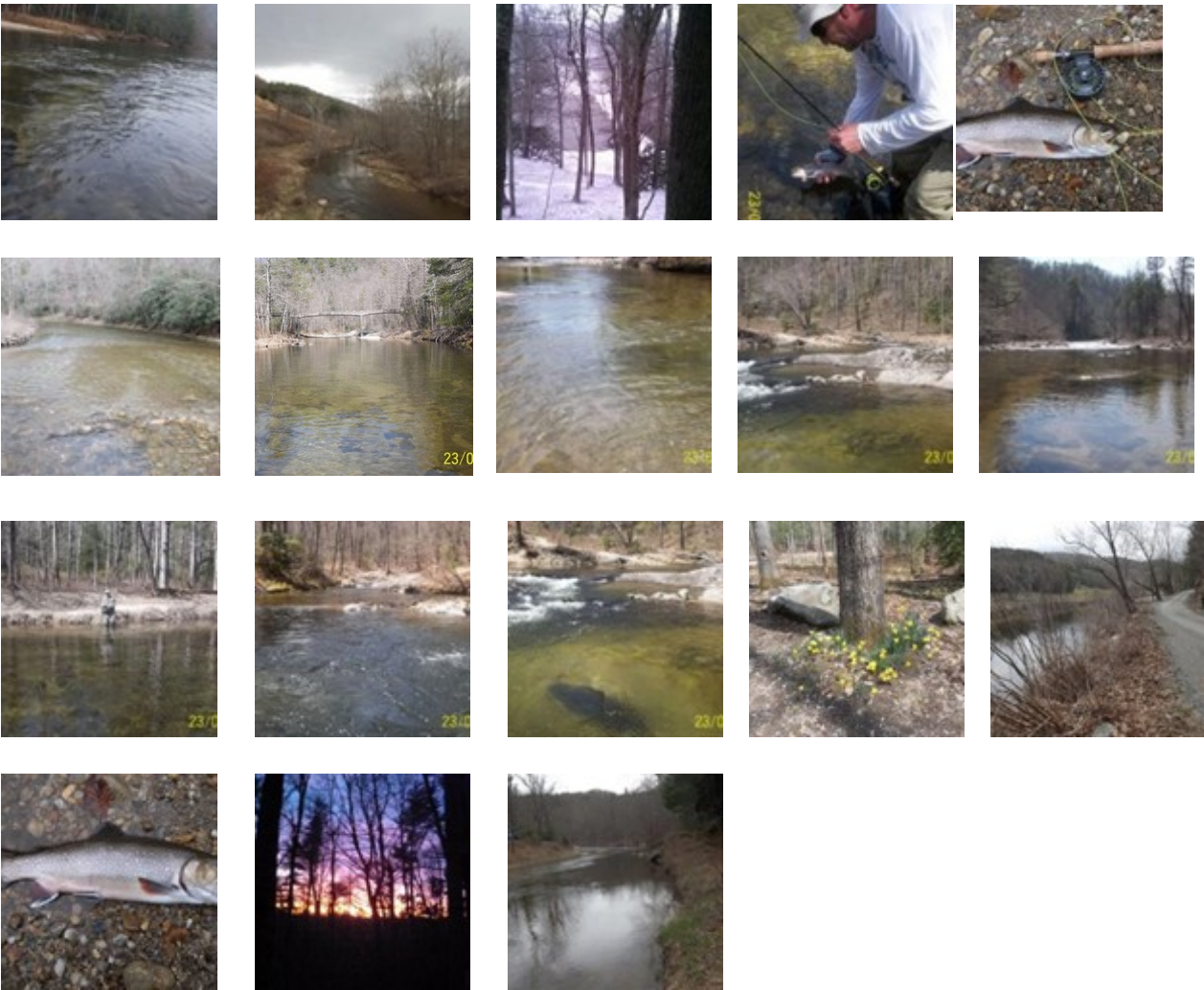
# Around the Bay....and Further Away



## KEIVAN'S FISHING TRIP



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Here is a photo of my first Pompano this season on the fly rod - caught on Fort Pickens peninsula with an "electric chicken" colored, Crazy Charlie type pattern which is popular with trout over my way - **Jeff Deuschle**



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## 2014 FLY TYING CLASS





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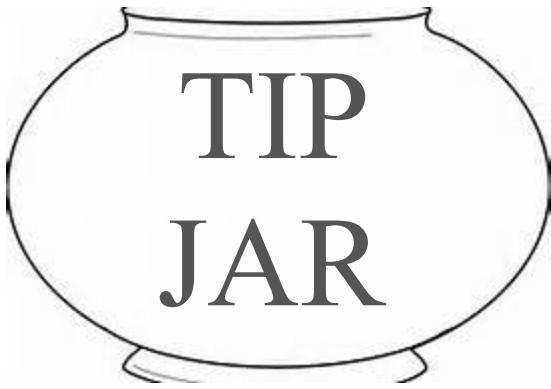
We had a great time on our annual camping and fishing trip to the White and Norfolk Rivers in Northern Arkansas this April. Due to a very cold winter and thus low water temperatures the caddis hatch was delayed two weeks. Therefore, it was nymphing and streamer fishing instead. We still had great fishing on both rivers. The best occurred in the middle of the day when the water warmed. The highlight of the trip was a grilled quail dinner that our good friend and guide Davy Wotten made for us one evening.

**Bob Korose**



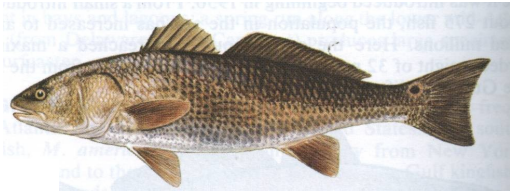
**FLY TYING  
BENCHES  
USED BY  
SOME OF OUR  
MEMBERS**






**Check out <http://www.flytyingforum.com/>**  
Their are pictures and recipes of 100 featured  
Fly Patterns is great.

**Gerald Giles**



# MAY 2014

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