



# Flies and Lies

Newsletter of the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida

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MONTHLY MEETINGS at  
Miraflares 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 AUCTION

**Tuesday, May 2, at the club.**

Doors open at 5:00 for dropping off donations and browsing.

**Auction begins at 7:00**

Come early, stay late, bid early, bid often, spend money and have a great time.

Bring a friend. Friends (and their money) welcome!

Remember this is our big fund raiser of the year so

**We need You and Your Donations. You need Your Checkbook!**

Just a few of the items up for bid:

## Trip with Capt. Baz

**Trip** with Bob Korose – *members only, weekdays only*

**Trip** with Matt Wegener

## Rods and Reels

**Brand New TFO 9' 9 wt Lefty Kreh TiCRX rod with case**

*donated by Bob Story, owner of Feather Craft*

**Slightly used TFO 9' 12 wt Saltwater rod. Donated by Capt. Baz**

**TFO TICRX 9Ft 8 WT 4pc. used**

**TFO TICRX 9Ft 9 WT 4pc used**

**White River Classic 6633 3pc 6ft 6 in 3 WT (NEVER BEEN USED)**

**Scientific Anglers System 2L (8/9L) Reel w/ 8WF line Well used**

**Ross Momentum 4 Gold Reel for (7-9) With WF 8F Redfish Line.**

*Donated by Bob Korose (and more)*

**Pflueger Supreme IM-8 graphite 7'-6" 4 wt fly rod, like new, with original case**

**Pflueger TRION 1990 Large Arbor Reel (for 9 or 10 wt lines) with 2 spare spools**

**OKUMA 7/8 reel with WF-8F line and backing**

*Donated by Russ Shields – along with 5 more fly lines*

**TFO BVK 8'6" 4 wt – handmade with TFO components but with full wells cork**

**grip used on larger TFO rods Donated by Paul Wargo**

**Cookbook** by Corbett Davis, Jr. with recipes and stories from the "who's who" of fly fishing. *Donated by the author*

***And the list goes on.....***



Here is just a sample of the rest of the stuff – and there will be more:

More trips  
 More rods  
 More Fly tying  
 More Flies  
 More Stuff

Lots of stuff  
 Bring a friend.  
 It all goes!!!

### 2017 Fly Fishing Class

The class ends May 1. Here are some recollections from the course director, Russ Shields:

*Our twelve students have performed extremely well. They also had the benefit of Baz Yelverton's fabulous opening photo presentation of salt water fishing in our area. That lecture alone is worth the price of the course. For the very first time, truly professional fly casting instruction from Jonas Magnusson and his group of disciples, taught in three intense lessons: The basics of casting and line management and then double hauling! That has never happened before in the twenty some years of teaching our course.*



*Our other presenters and fly tying instructors, Bob Korose, Matt Wegener, Tom Finkle and Jerry Giles did a great job. Beginning fly tying is never easy but this group of students picked up techniques and skills very quickly. I am proud of them! Russ*

Once again, as we have for many year, we thank Russ for heading up this endeavor and making it such a great thing for the students and the club!!



#### *Fly Fishing Dictionary:*

**Strike :** The thrilling moment when, with a quick lunge an unseen finned quarry suddenly takes the hook of an angler fishing the spot you left five minutes ago.

**Tag End:** The end of a fishing line being looped or wrapped or twisted around the line in a futile effort to reproduce a knot illustrated in a fishing book by an angler who is fit to be tied and about to become unraveled.

**May Club Meeting – no meeting in May because of the auction**

**Fly Tying – Thursday, May 11 6:30** Tie some flies to give your wife for Mothers Day

**Clinic – Saturday, May 20 9:00 AM** Chef Joe will prepare burgers with real meat.

## Fishing with Capt. Baz

The big news for April has been the arrival of the jack crevalle. The annual migration hit in full force the first week of April as school after school of big jacks showed up moving westbound down the beach. I got a report from a reliable pier fisherman that he watched one school



continue past the end of the pier for a full five minutes! The Gulf of Mexico finally calmed down barely enough for fly-fishing on a windy April 7 afternoon, and I took professional fly-tier Kevin Arculeo from Atlanta and his brother Lloyd out there with high hopes for the jacks. We never made it past the "palm tree" and schools of jacks continued coming by for over three hours.

Both Kevin and Lloyd experienced the myriad adrenaline-juiced catastrophes common when heaving big poppers at packs of ravenous jack crevalle; however, they both landed fish and went home with some wild stories. First up is Kevin followed by brother Lloyd.

I had Montana trout guide Kinney Scruggs on the boat the following week on his 39th birthday and after striking out on pompano east of the pass we ran down Johnson Beach hoping to get lucky in the dirty water. We crossed a tide line, and I noticed a dark patch in the turbulence close to the shore break. We idled in and *voila* it was a small school of jacks milling around comfortably looking for something to eat. I frantically (but quietly) pulled out the 12wt and handed it to my client who had never thrown a 12wt rod before. Kinney managed to drop a 40' cast into the school but ended up with so much slack that he couldn't strip the fly. The fish were nosing all around the dead-drifting fly when Kinney swung the rod way to the right to get the fly moving. Of course that's when the fish inhaled it with Kinney in no position to strip-set the hook. The fly fell out, and all the commotion spooked the school which quickly disappeared in the dirty water. Kinney was crestfallen but pumped having never seen anything like that. Welcome to big game fly fishing! We ran a half mile or so to the west, anchored outside the bar, loaded the 12wt in the Line Tamer, and he blind-casted for pompano while we waited for the jacks. In a little while the school appeared far enough out that I unclipped the anchor and started poling hard trying to intercept them. Kinney stowed the pompano rod and got ready with the big 12wt. He made a couple practice casts and coiled the line on the deck as I poled us into position. At just the right moment he started his cast. One false cast...two false casts, and with the fish in the perfect spot he released the line shooting the fly out in front of the school, but the rod slipped out of his hand and plunged overboard into the drink! As the jacks once again swam all around the fly Kinney tried to dive into the Gulf to save my rod, but I caught him by the belt and pulled him back into the boat. Seeing the disaster unfolding I had stepped on a loop of line and was able to pull my 12wt back aboard. Naturally, by then the school had disappeared down the beach. Kinney was somewhat unhinged, but I calmed him down with the "no time for that now, let's go find 'em" speech. Sure enough we ran down the beach, found the school, and Kinney redeemed himself by landed two beauties after perfect casts, strip-strikes, and excellent fish-fighting.



A big sport-fishing vessel was anchored in the vicinity and the man and woman on board waved us over after Kinney landed his second fish. We idled over only to find them both stark naked! The very large woman stood up and began lifting and kneading her giant breasts excitedly while congratulating Kinney on his catch. Fortunately, a large fold of flab hung down below her waist saving us from a vision best not seen. I certainly have no problem with nudity, but a full frontal attack by a 250 pound fat woman left me speechless. It was quite an end to a memorable 39th birthday fishing trip for Kinney Scruggs!



Bob Jenkins of *Emerald Coast Grand Slam* fame was aboard April 24, and once again we found the jacks down Johnson Beach a mile or so west of the pass. During the last hour of the trip Jenkins hooked 5 and landed 2 including this 21 pounder. We are also seeing good numbers of jacks at Town Point but haven't landed one yet on fly. The fish on the inside are a little more difficult than those in the Gulf, and it's not a guarantee they'll take the big white popper. If they refuse it go to either a chartreuse/white deceiver or similar colored big clouser minnow.

The big school of bull redfish continues to feed along the beach somewhere between Pickens Point and Battery Langdon, but they are harder to catch than ever. For the past month we've thrown all known patterns at them with no interest. Our only success with the big redfish came on April 1 when Jay Lanier landed this gorgeous fish on believe-it-or-not a 3/0 EP floating crab... How about that for creativity!



If you catch a calm day don't hesitate to spend some time looking for pompano. We are seeing fish on every trip, although Terry Horn, Atlanta, was the only angler to land one on fly in April. Terry caught this fish in front of the Observation Tower on a pompano rocket knockoff he tied himself. His goal was to catch his first pompano on fly. Congratulations, Terry! I'm seeing more pompano to the west where the water's not quite so clear. There are some beautiful "pompano holes" out in front of the tall condos on Gulf Beach Highway.

The big trout are showing up in good numbers in Santa Rosa Sound. Bruce Trumbull nailed this 20+ inch fish April 18 in two feet of water. The trout took one of Matt Wegener's small #4 EP tan/white clouser minnows. Bob Jenkins landed this fat female April 24 on a tan shrimp imitation. We've had some terrific shots at redfish in the shallow water recently but haven't had any interest. I'm going to start trying more crab and shrimp imitations, and if we ever land one might even pump its stomach. The shallow-water reds always get difficult this time of year, and somebody needs to get to the bottom of it.



There are enough Spanish mackerel in the usual spots to get excited about it but not enough to guarantee success. We've been doing okay with spinning tackle but not so good on fly. Most years we have a decent showing of fish in the spring and then they basically disappear until later in the summer. Of course there are big numbers of Spanish at the USS Massachusetts. All you need is a sinking line and a green weenie. And finally, the ladyfish have officially invaded the bay. We found an acre-sized school on the surface yesterday in the vicinity of the toll booth. **Let the games begin!**

Capt Baz

## Fly of the Month - "Hutch's Streamer" by Russ Shields

This is a "go to" Spanish Mackerel fly developed by one of Baz's best clients. It is tied with a sparse tail and just a little flash and with a built-up baitfish shaped head.

**Hook:** Mustad 34007 size 1      **Thread :** White 140 Den

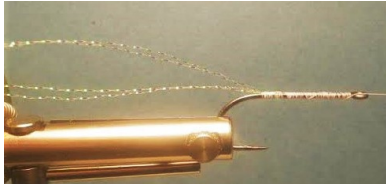
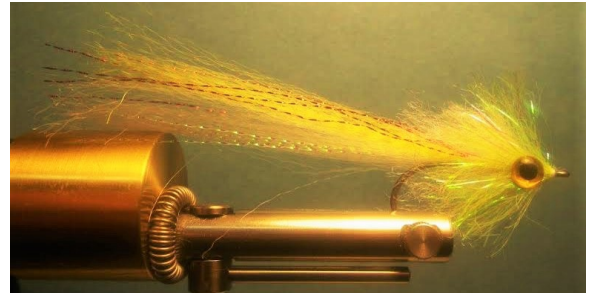
**Underwing:** White Unique hair over Pearl Krystal flash

**Overwing:** Chartreuse Unique Hair ; red Krystal flash

**Body:** White Sempre Fiber from Kent Reagan

**Head/Collar:** Chartreuse or Fluorescent Yellow medium Palmer chenille

**Eyes:** Molded stick on eyes, choice of color but gold and black is good



Mash down the barb and put down a thread base to the bend of the hook. Tie on two strands of pearl Krystal flash on each side of the hook.

Tie on a thin batch of white Unique Hair followed by a similar amount of chartreuse Unique hair. Tie on three strands of red krystal flash on each side of the hook, over the chartreuse Unique hair.



Tie on a small amount of white Sempre Fiber on the underside of the hook just long enough to reach the hook bend. Begin building up the body of the fly by tying on a small bunch of white Sempre Fiber on the top of the hook shank just long enough to reach the bend of the hook. Tie a similar amount of white fiber on top of the first batch a little shorter than the first.

Tie on another small batch of white fiber shorter than the second. Blend all the white body fibers together to form a "bait fish" shape on the top of the fly. Tie on the chartreuse Palmer chenille on top of the last portion the white fiber and wrap several turns toward the eye of the hook to form the collar of the fly. Make two or three turns right behind the eye of the hook without crowding the eye. Whip finish the thread at the eye with five or six turns and cut the thread. Using Super Glue Gel attach a molded eye on each side of the fly using a small drop of glue for each eye and press each eye down into the Palmer chenille. After the glue is set apply a small amount of UV Cure glue to cover the eyes and hold the head of the fly in place. (see above)



### *Fly Fishing Dictionary*

#### **Rules of Thumb**

Yanking on it won't do any good.  
It is deeper than it looks.  
It is poison ivy.  
It was thunder.  
It is the wrong path.  
It is not in the other pocket.  
It is not in the tackle box  
It is locked in the car.

#### **Check it out.....**

The next time you are at the club check out the handmade case and flies tied by Corbett Davis, Jr in years gone by.

Many of these flies are featured in the big book on Saltwater Fly Fishing in our library that has chapters on Corbett and his dad.

## **An Invitation from other clubs**

Our annual Dauphin Island get together is coming up on "Alabama Free Fishing Day," Saturday, June 10. This is great, accessible wade fishing on miles of beach with no Alabama license required on that day. Last year we had quite a few specks and pompano caught. This year, a few of us have a small rental cottage and will be fishing the lights and full moon the night beforehand and our plan is to have folks come by after fishing on Saturday morning. We have participants from 2 or 3 area fly fishing clubs each year now and hopefully can have a few more of these each year along the Gulf Coast. Contact me if you have some interest at [jeffcatfarms1@att.net](mailto:jeffcatfarms1@att.net)

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There is a similar long standing event coming over in Louisiana. I just got an email about a Golden Meadow get together on May 19-21. It is open to all Gulf Coast fly fishing club members. See the calendar for more information at ... [http://rsff.blogspot.com/p/calendar\\_10.html](http://rsff.blogspot.com/p/calendar_10.html). These regional events are great ways to learn new fly fishing patterns and techniques, also a great way to make new fishing friends and for newbies to learn from the old pros. Hope to see you there.

**from Jeff Deuschle**

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## **An Invitation from the BFA (Bluegill Fishermen)**

Our next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, 3 May, will take place at Duh located at 501 N 9th Ave, Pensacola, FL 32501.

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Our speaker will be Jack E. Davis, who has just published a comprehensive history of the Gulf of Mexico - beginning with the Pleistocene era through the present. This beautifully written and researched book - will instill awe in what the Gulf of Mexico must have been like in its natural state.

Jack will be selling his book, with a portion of the proceeds to be donated to the BFA Water Quality Monitoring Program. Books will be sold for \$30 each, or two for \$50. Autographed copies would make a fine gift for that special someone.

**From our friend and neighbor, Barbara Albrecht**

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## **An Invitation from our casting instructor**

I am putting together a very basic "Beginners guide to flyfishing" on my website. I am adding new chapters weekly. I am happy if it can be of use to anyone. Presently there are three out there. Check this out.

[http://everyjonahasawhale.com/?page\\_id=950](http://everyjonahasawhale.com/?page_id=950)

**From Jonas Magnusson**

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## **Minutes**

### **Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida Club Minutes April 2, 2017**

**Board Meeting:** In the absence of the President, the Club Treasurer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There were 11 board/committee members present. March Minutes were read and amended to reflect one item missing. That item being to auction off the old projector. As adjusted the Minutes were approved. Club Treasurer presented the April

financial report, motion to accept and carried by all present. Jay further reported 53 members have paid their 2017 membership dues.

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*Old Business:* Concerning future management of the current website, Jerry Barkley presented an outline detailing management and future expectations of the club website. A motion was made and seconded to approve goals as set fourth in Jerry's outline. Early in the evening Kent Reagan sent an

email stating due to family health issues he needs to step back from web administrator duties. Jerry Barkley has volunteered his services to fulfill the duties in overseeing the website. Jerry reported that the old website will continue to be on the internet and will officially shut down in the year 2022.

*New Business:* Motion was made to nominate Bob Korose as Vice President. Motion was seconded and approved; Bob Korose is our Vice President.

Rex Straughn stated that the IFFF is encouraging fly fishing clubs to use their insurance plans. Jay stated we have a good plan with a local insurance; however would look into what options are available with IFFF and compare options. It was stated that several of the clubs that use the building have not paid their maintenance fee for the current year. Russ Shields said he would notify them and report back. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

**General Membership meeting:** Club Treasurer called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 16 members present. The amended March Minutes were read and accepted by all present. Treasurer reported the monthly treasurers report and approved by all present.

*Old Business;* as reported at the board meeting all items were presented and approved by membership.

*New Business:* Motion was made and carried before the membership to approve Bob Korose as Vice President. Terry McCormick reported about the Anglers Night Out, in that it was not vigorously attended as in the past.



**The Club Auction is Tuesday May 2, 2017.** Terry McCormick is this years auctioneer. All members are encouraged to continue to donate items and bring a friend with lots of money. Auction will open for review at 5:00 PM with bidding starting at 7:00 PM. Captain Chip Smith has offered up Tarpon fishing trips at a reduced rate to all club members in the May/June timeframe subject to availability. You can contact Captain Chip Smith at [\(404\)693-2953](tel:4046932953).

In that the first Tuesday in July is the Fourth of July, a motion was made to move the Board/General membership meeting to the second Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Motion was carried and approved.

Fishing reports; Speckled Trout were scattered as well as Spanish Mackerel.

Presentation: Bob Korose gave a colorful power point of his Alaska fishing trip from a few years ago. Thank You Bob for an informative and interesting presentation. There being no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

### **Mystery Spot -**

If you want to go there check with Jay.

Especially if someone told you to take a short walk on a long pier