



Flies and Lies

Newsletter of the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida

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Business Meeting
1ST Tuesday, 7 PM

Bull Session - Tying
2ND Thursday, 6 PM

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

The Christmas Party is ON!!



Scenic Hills Country Club
Tuesday, December 14.

Tickets \$30

Tickets can be purchased by cash or check from Larry
Sisney: 2021 FFNWF Treasurer
3610 Baisden Rd. Pensacola, FL 32503.

Or by credit card from Cyndi Myers: navwif@gmail.com

Or via the website – see page 2

Tickets will also be available at our in person clinic at the
club on Saturday, November 20. (More on that later)

Lots of Hors'deuvres all evening and a cash bar.

There will be many raffle prizes

A brand new Orvis 10 wt rod and Orvis Hydros reel
Many rods and reels from the estate donations including

Orvis Fly Rod, TLS Power Matrix 8wt, 9', 4 piece rod
Sage Fly Spey Rod, Model RPLX, 8wt, 12', 3 piece
Thomas and Thomas Fly Rod, 8wt, 9', 4 piece
Hardy Perfect Fly Reel, 7/8wt, with two spare spools
Tibor Billy Pate Bonefish reel, 7/9wt

2 boxes of Salt Water flies by Gohrbrant

A new 9 wt fly line from Capt. Baz.

A fishing trip with Capt. Richard Montgomery

Raffle Tickets: \$5 or 6 / \$25 sold only at party.

Separate raffles for each item

More raffle prizes will be added before the party

Thanks to all who responded and committed to come

The Party is ON!

Club Meeting – Tuesday, November 2 7:00 ZOOM

This will be a zoom meeting but there will be lots of information about the party and the upcoming elections (see below). **AND there will be a program:** Tarpon Bob Korose will take us on another adventure – this time to Alaska. *“Floating Alaska’s Chosen River”*

Fly Tying – Thursday, November 11 – 6:30 ZOOM

We will be making the Hoo Fly. Don’t miss it or you will be Boo Hoo! Seriously, I hope you can see the iridescent colors in the pictures.



Novemberfest Clinic - Saturday, November 20 IN PERSON



We will have our annual Oktoberfest in November – who cares when we have it as long as we have it!! Gerry Giles and Cyndi Myers will team up and offer sausage and German potato salad. Although this will be an outside event, access will be provided to the club house for use of the facilities and the refrigerator (where the beer is).

Club Elections Club leadership elections for 2022 will be held during the November casting clinic. We have candidates for every elected position except the Board is looking for two hard chargers to step up as Members-at-Large. If you are interested in any of the positions, contact Jim White and he’ll add you to the ballot.

Angler of the Year – will be elected by secret ballot as part of the elections at the clinic. Ballots will be cast out doors. Result will be announced at the Christmas Party.

Christmas Party Tickets will be available at the clinic. After November 20, tickets can only be purchased by mail or through the club website with PayPal or credit card. There is a \$2.00 per ticket/purchase convenience fee added...here is the link.

<https://ffnwf.org/get-involved>

More about the Party – As usual we will also have drawings for ‘door prizes.’ These are donated by members – you could bring a box of flies or a gift that will be given to the person with the lucky ticket. There is no charge for your ticket for the drawings.

Fishing with Capt. Baz October was a challenging month mostly due to the condition of the water. It took longer than usual but September's flooding finally turned the bay to chocolate milk. Sad but true. Many of the flats have been unfishable unless you like blind casting. All the "between the points" spots have been very slow which is unusual for October. On a positive note we have been catching fish on the north side of the island, and the water gets better and better as you run east. Once you get down to the Big Sabine it's pretty nice. The gulf has been mostly trashed, and I haven't been venturing out there.

Good news is the dirty water hasn't stopped the big Spanish mackerel. We had some incredibly explosive days this month, especially when the water was glassy-calm and moving fast. The biggest fish weighed about 7#, but I didn't take it out of the water for a photo. Hate to take a chance on killing a magnificent fish just to get the picture. Here are some happy anglers who spent some time learning Spanish.



The fish I'm holding was impressive...and dangerous. Was glad to get her back in the water. I expect we'll have the Spanish for another couple weeks. Everybody ought to try to get out there one more time. Don't be surprised if you tie into a giant ladyfish or 5# bluefish. They're all in the mix as are some nice pompano.



Redfish sight-fishing has obviously been challenging, but some anglers were able

to ring the bell. My favorite fish of the month was caught Oct 15 by Jay Wright while we were wade-fishing in the Big Sabine. Those fish down there are extremely picky, and Jay got this one to eat an EP perfect minnow. Jay started off wearing a bright orange hat, but I quickly switched him to one of mine before he spooked every redfish off the flat. When he landed this fish I gave it to him as a prize. The other redfish this month were small but significant "first redfish on fly" for the clients.



The last pic is one of my very first clients Jeff Nall. He was blind-casting an EP baitfish in water the color of strong iced tea, and this redfish nailed it. You just never know...

Capt Baz

Fly of the Month – *The Hoo* by Pat Murphy

The Hoo Fly is the fourth fly in our series of go-to and most favorite flies for local waters. Additional flies to complete these series of flies is the Clouser and the Bay Anchovy. Enjoy

MATERIALS:

HOOK: GAMAKATSU SL12S #4-#6, or any short shank hook

THREAD: WHITE 140d

UNDER WING: GRAY ICE DUBBING

THROAT: PINK ICE DUBBING

TAIL/BODY: WHITE CRAFT FUR

OVER WING: BLUE PEARL ANGEL HAIR

EYES: 4MM HALOGRAPHIC DOME

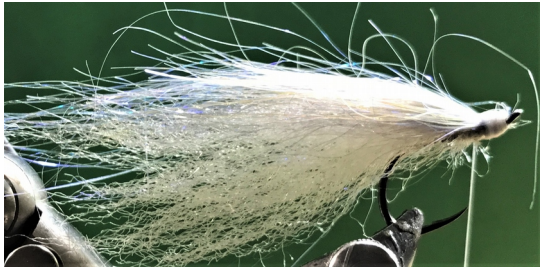
INSTRUCTION:



1. Secure a small clump of white craft fur at hook eye. Extend tail 1-1/2X shank length. Surround hook shank with fibers.



2. Under wing, small clump of prepared ice dubbing over top of body tail. Extend dubbing 1/3 of tail length.



3. For over wing, prepare thin clump of angel hair. Tie off in center of clump and fold tag end to rear over gray dubbing.

4. Rotate vise and secure thin pink ice dub for throat in same manner as angle hair. Extend throat fibers just past hook bend and trim.



5. Whip finish, tease and trim fibers to a nice flat bait fish shape. Set eyes evenly each side.

October Casting Clinic – but Oktober will be in November



Club General Meeting – October 5 – Minutes by George Norton

New Business: The Christmas Party. Please let Jim W know if you plan to attend by October 15th. The deadline at SHCC is October 31st and the Party if held would be on December 14th. Pay Pal is still in the works. Cindy is capable of accepting Credit Cards. An off line meeting to discuss alternative payments to cash and checks using Pay Pal and Credit cards was tabled for a separate meeting another time. The club will receive full value for using a credit card or Pay Pal and the user will pay the commissions.

Club Officers Slate for 2022. Jim W reported the biggest hole to fill for 2022 is for someone to step up and chair the fly tying activities. The tying chair would make sure someone leads the class. Bob Korose fortunately stepped to the rescue and will be the new chairman of fly tying for 2022. Thank you Bob. See Bob to volunteer to fly ty one of your favorites for a class.

We currently have candidates for the BOD for the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Two Members-At-large positions are open for someone new who would like to step in get some good experience working with the BOD. No position is closed so please forward your interest to Jim. Elections are planned at the November 20th Saturday clinic. You must be present to vote. If the weather negatively impacts November 20th, the General Meeting in early December will be used to finalize the election. Nominees for the Angler of the Year will also be voted on November 20th.
2040 Meeting Adjourned by Cliff and Bob M

Presentation: Steve Hoffmann on “Fly Fishing Etiquette and Safety”

Thank you Steve for another fine presentation. You summarized some very important points in your presentation. First our waters are more crowded, which places a high importance on safety and etiquette.

Common sense should prevail but all too often boaters and fishers lack courtesy. You said’ don’t trespass and respect private property. Know the laws about trespassing on rivers and streams as laws vary state by state. When fishing in a stream the other person has the right of way if they are fishing upstream. Always keep a distance of two long casts from others to avoid crowding. Whoever is hooked up has the right of way. When float fishing, avoid floating thru the wade fishermen’s water if possible and do not cast over their fishing spot. Keep casts a safe distance from others especially in boats. De barb hooks and wear sunglasses and a wide hat for protection from hooks.

When boating, give a wide birth to other boats. Know the rules of the road and follow the proper channel buoys when leaving or entering port. When launching at a public ramp, prepare your boat before backing down the trailer. Care for your trash and dock gently. Alert your companions before accelerating or deaccelerating so they can grab onto something and not lose their balance.

Personal safety is important in our hot sunny climate. Use a good sunscreen that doesn’t run and drink plenty of water. In the winter bring a bag of extra clothing. When stream or river fishing always wear a personal floatation device, use a wading stick, felt or cleated boots and wear a belt around your waders. If you fall, swim face down aggressively across the current toward a bank rather than floating passively downstream. Always avoid bad weather; especially lightening, which is attracted to graphite rods. Use the buddy system.