



# 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

## Christmas Party

**Tuesday, Dec. 9**  
**Holiday Inn**

Davis Hwy at I-10

Hors'deuvres 6:00  
Cash Bar

Buffet Dinner 7:00

**\$25.00**

Raffle Tickets sold at  
the dinner \$5 6/\$25

## Tickets on sale:

Nov 4 - Meeting  
Nov 13 - Tying  
Nov 15 - Clinic

## Prizes

**Orvis Rods and Reels**  
**9 wt and 4 wt**  
**Trip with Capt. Baz**  
**Renzetti Vise**  
**Gear Bags**  
**Door Prizes**

## Good News

**Jerry Giles** is home from the hospital and getting better every day. Hopes to be at the Christmas party. He thanks you for your thoughts and prayers.

## President's Message

It is hard to believe that 2014 is almost over. Coming up for the club are annual elections and the Christmas Banquet. The elections will be at the November business meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>; try to attend the meeting and let your voice be heard. In addition to club officers, we will be selection of our Fly Angler of the Year. This is for a club member that has shown exceptional service to the club and the sport of fly fishing in 2014. Be thinking of who you would consider for such an honor.

Nominations will be taken and voting for this is by secret ballot. The club officers that will be elected will be President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as two Board Members at Large.

Please plan to attend the Christmas party and bring your spouse. There will be good food, a cash bar, great door prizes, outstanding raffle prizes, and fellowship with other members of the club. This will be our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet and we will be celebrating that as well with some special slides and photos.

We now have some new hats available with our founding date on them. They are only \$20 and demonstrate pride in our club. See Jay Brykczynski to get yours well they last.

I would like to thank Paul Wargo and Jack Bauknecht for filling a couple of vacancies. Paul has taken over the newsletter and Jack has taken on the Membership Committee chair, both with lots of enthusiasm and new ideas. I also want to mention the club website being handled by Kent Reagan. I went on the site the other day from my iPhone and the mobile site looks and works really well.

There will be a board meeting at 6:00 PM prior to the membership meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Cliff Newton*

## **Subject: Meeting minutes for 07 October Board Meeting**

Cliff Newton, President, called the board meeting to order at 1801 hours. Jay Brykczynski gave the treasury report. All amounts were accepted by the board. Future expenses are the fall outing, club house rent and the Christmas banquet. Club will do something for the passing of lifetime member Jerry Aldridge.

November is elections.

Fall outing on the 25th of October 25, 2014 will be held at Karrick Lake. Requested authorization of \$50 for prizes. Preparations for Christmas banquet raffles and door prizes are ongoing. Budget for the Raffle given to the board for freshwater kit, saltwater kit, vise and door prizes. Paul Wargo motioned for an increase in the budget that will be voted on during general membership meeting.

Paul Wargo is putting together a special edition of the newsletter for the anniversary. Members need to send memories and pictures to Paul as soon as possible. Need someone to volunteer to do power point presentation. Special edition of the newsletter will be sent out about the fall outing.

Jack took over the formation of the membership packets. Suggested dark yellow paper, two pocket folders with DVD envelope on the inside of the folder. Russ Shields made a motion for Jack to make final decisions concerning packets. Rex Straughn seconded and the motion passed. Jack needs copy of logo to be sent by Kent Reagan.

Budget set aside for administrative expenses will cover costs associated with formation of new packets.

Russ Shields has the anniversary hats with "est. 1984" on the back of them completed. Russ Shields motioned to conclude board meeting and Jay Brykczynski seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 1843 hours.

## **Minutes for 07 October 2014 General Membership Meeting**

Cliff Newton, President, called meeting to order at 1901 hours.

Three new members were introduced at the meeting. Jay Brykczynski gave the treasury report and it was accepted.

Fishing reports given.

Administrative changes: Roy Turner will no longer be publishing the newsletter. It will now be done by Paul Wargo. Jack Bauknecht will be taking over membership.

Fall outing committee. Fall outing will be held at Karrick Lake on the 25th of October, 2014. Prizes will be available for different categories. If you have a kayak or canoe bring it.

November meeting will take nominations for officers. Angler of the year nominations will be given. Winner will not be announced until Christmas banquet.

Gulf Coast FFF Conclave was last month and the club was well represented at the event.

Christmas banquet coming up on December 9th, the second Tuesday in December, at the Holiday inn off Davis Highway north of I-10. Tickets will be \$25.00 each and available starting at the business meeting in November.

Dinner menu will be posted in the November newsletter. Paul Wargo motioned for an increase in the budget for prizes for the Christmas party. Russ Shields seconded the motion and motion passed. Members are asked to contribute to door prizes by tying flies or offering some service. There will be a door prize for the ladies.

Jerry Aldridge, a lifetime member, passed away. The funeral was the previous Friday. He was a legacy member active in the club for about 25 years and at one time President. Suggested that we have some type of annual program in his honor. Consider giving a cash donation to Fisher House or IFFF. Kent Reagan motioned and Russ Shields seconded that a \$100 contribution be given to the Fisher House in Jerry Aldridge's name. Motion passed.

It is the 30th anniversary of the club. We need stories and pictures for presentation given at the Christmas banquet. All material should be sent to Paul Wargo. Special power point presentation given at banquet. Will also have a loop of fishing pictures, which should be sent to Paul Wargo as well.

If you have a presentation you would like to give at the Tuesday night business meetings please notify Rex Straughn. We need more presenters.

Paul Wargo gave a presentation on fishing Lake St. Clair.

Door Prizes drawn.

Jerry Giles motioned to adjourn the meeting and Russ Shields seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 2012 hours.

The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned.

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## At the Club



### October Bull Session - the **Flash** fly



**Nov. 13** will be the Surf Dart

And that's no bull

### October Clinic

No better time for Oktoberfest than October: brats, red cabbage, kraut, and beer. Thanks, Russ



### November Clinic

**Nov. 15** And last day to by party tickets

### October Outing – Oct 25

Seven members of the club made it to Karick Lake. The weather turned out to be perfect. The north side of the lake has a fishing pier and plenty of shore line to walk and cast. Although the weather was perfect the fishing not so. Everything from poppers, sinking bugs, and even a



crab pattern (which got a hit) were tied onto leaders hoping that would be the fish getter. But by the end of the morning only one fly fisher, world renown "Tarpon" Bob Korose, was able to land a fish. Bob said he was startled at the strength of the bluegill; he was almost into the backing before he managed to get the upper hand. And like a true sportsman, Bob released the fish to grow and fight another day. All in all it was a nice outing where just getting together for a few hours of flycasting on water instead of grass made the day worth while.



*Joe Higgins*

## In Tribute to a Friend

October 16 long time club member, Bruce Vail passed away after years of fighting cancer. I was with him at Gulf Breeze Hospital till the end. Those of us that new Bruce know that the world will never be quite the same any longer. He was someone that constantly went out of his way to help others. We will all be poorer in his absence. I talked to his wife, Ginny and she said he will be cremated but the Memorial Services will not be held till his youngest son Alex, returns home from Colorado, around November 15. I'll be in touch with the family members and will send updates as I receive them.

*Bill Locher*

Bruce was a really good guy. He helped me a lot with my casting when I first joined the club. He was a dedicated, life long teacher who had not been around for a long while. Now we know why. I hope we will provide the customary memorial contribution to a worthy cause, in his memory.

*Jay Williams*



*Karick Lake – 10/25/14 by Cliff Newton*

### New Member Packets

are being reinvigorated and reestablished by Jack Bauknecht – all sorts of good stuff, including the CD with LOTS of really good stuff. Some new stuff, too, – might be just the stuff you are looking for. Packets will be sold for a nominal fee to ~~old~~ members who are not new.



# Fishing with Capt. Baz



Before I get into October, take a look at the new boat-record trout caught by Mike Youkee on September 3. I wrote the story of the record catch in last month's newsletter but



failed to send the photo to Roy. Sorry about that. If I had a mind I'd be dangerous...

October's been an excellent month with the fly rods. The big Spanish mackerel fishing started off slow but has really picked up during the last couple weeks. Town Point has been best when the current is moving, and the grass flats on the north side of the island have also been producing some very nice fish. I'm sticking mostly with the tan/white clouser, although we had some incredible popper action October 1 at Town Point. The tie-able 26# wire from American Fishing Wire is working great, and it sure is a lot simpler to rig than 80# mono... Here are some happy anglers who learned about these powerful fish during the

last month: Mark McCulla on Oct 2, Jay Brykczynski on Oct 10, John Brasher on Oct 17, Joel Howard on Oct 20, and Pat Nelms on Oct 22. There were other big Spanish landed, but I try to not take them out of the water for photos on catch-and-release trips.

Sight-fishing for slot-sized redfish has continued to be very "technical". That's the word guides use when they can't figure out how to get the fish to eat... The usually successful EP baitfish patterns and the EP clousers haven't produced a fish all



month. James Irons, on vacation from Ireland, caught this nice redfish October 2 on a white popper. A few days later Steve Duecker dropped a pink and white "rattle rouser" on top of the next fish's head 10' from the boat, and the redfish looked up and ate it. I couldn't believe my eyes... Then on

October 9 Ken Smith from Oklahoma City caught one on a pink/white clouser after making a very fine long cast just to the side of a pod of fish. Since then



it's been pretty darn tough. The flats are covered up with schools of bait, and I've been having a hard time "matching the hatch". It's probably going to take a significant drop in water temperature to run the bait into deeper water leaving fewer options for the redfish. When that happens in a couple weeks my guess is they'll start taking the gray/white baitfish again.



I'd like to give a special commendation to Jay Brykczynski for catching his first pompano on fly on the auction trip October 10. Way to go, Jay! The fish took Jay's

tan/white clouser minnow as he was blind-casting for Spanish. Of course, Jay, you may never catch another one since you ate that one!

The bull redfish are starting to mass around the pass (catchy eh?) waiting to start the annual Running of the Bulls! There have been large schools on the shoals both east and west of the pass during the past week. There's even been some early action with surface-feeding big reds in front of Bayou Chico a couple days last week. I think the cold front coming in this weekend is going to do the trick. The water temp will drop, and the menhaden will start making their move. Better get your tackle ready. Remember to carry a rod with full sinking line to get down deep to the fish when the schools go down. The white go-meaux has been my fly of choice. That undulating rabbit gets 'em every time!

Greg Hawley from Birmingham and I got lucky yesterday and found some beautiful redfish in shallow water just outside the pass. There was a strong incoming current, and we anchored short of the fish and drifted the fly to them. We tried numerous flies and finally got one to eat a chartreuse/white "half and half". Three more fish took that same fly over the next hour, and Greg landed two of them. This first fish weighed 25# and the second was a little smaller at 23#. Very impressive fights in all the current on my new SAGE "ONE" 9wt. Can't think of a better way to have broken it in!



## In Tribute to a Friend



I'd like to close by saying goodbye to my good friend Jerry Aldridge. We had some great times together on the water. Farewell my friend...



## From Around the Bay and Further Away

### Way away..... in Illinois –

I tried out a few freshwater Fly of the Month Patterns while visiting my parents this month in Southern Illinois and proved how effective they really are.

This 2 pound largemouth



bass came on the Bully Spider (tied by Roy Turner) fished on a slow-steady retrieve off a boat dock in 4 feet of water. The Clodhopper (tied by Cliff Newton) tempted several bluegill, small bass, and this crappie to bite right at sunset, as it was twitched over a shallow weed bed.



*Matt Wegener*

### Always away in Arkansas

Had a great trip to Arkansas's White River in early October. Fishing was great on nymphs, streamers and on hoppers. Best and most fun fish were caught on hoppers.

*Bob Korose*



**Links to other clubs out there.** Check them out.

<http://www.hossfly.net/> (Jeff Deuschle's club)

<http://www.rsff.org/> Red Stick -outing coming up

Newsletter of the Bream Fishermen Association

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/14953334071aa971?projector=1>

## Tackle Reviews

*(Did you ever feel like writing a review about the stuff you buy? Well, now you can. Right here. I'll go first)*

### Lamson Liquid Reel

Intrigued by the glowing description in the Feather Craft "New and Exciting" catalog and the (almost) too good to be true price - \$150 for a reel, two extra spools, and a case – I took the plunge.

My anticipation was reinforced by the Lamson web site, especially the videos made by real people.

Can you get an American made reel for \$100?

Well, sort of. Turns out the drag assembly is made in Idaho; the castings (spool and frame) imported. However – the drag is the SAME drag as on Lamson's much more expensive reels AND it is, in fact, sealed. In the video they tell you a quick rinse with freshwater is ALL you **should** do.

Finally after waiting two months (the reel is really new) it came. Everything it is supposed to be. Drab looking but light and the drag is smooth. I had read about zero inertia drags but finally felt one the first time I stripped out line and the first time a mackerel zipped out the line. Good deal.

*Paul Wargo*

Send your reviews to [flyfishersnwf@gmail.com](mailto:flyfishersnwf@gmail.com)



# Fly of the Month

F-C Surf Dart...by Matt Wegener



This is another great fly from Bob Story, owner of Feather Craft fly shop, in St. Louis, MO. Its a glass-minnow pattern that works great on ladyfish, bluefish, and other minnow eaters. He likes to "stroll" the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico for ladyfish with this pattern. Strolling involves wading the beach and actually attracting fish to your location by stimulating the food chain with each step. As you wade, the sand swirls behind you and forms a chum line. Small baitfish move in first, then ladyfish and other predators soon follow. Cast, catch, repeat!

## Tying Materials

Hook: #4 TMC 9394 (or other equivalent long shank saltwater hook)

Thread: White Flat Waxed Nylon

Eye: Small hologram stick on eyes

Tail: White marabou

Flash: Silver or Pearl Flashabou

Gills: Red thread

Under body: Silver or Pearl Mylar Tinsel – size wide (color to match flash)

Over body: F-C Clear Wide-Lace (or similar clear lace material)

## Tying Instructions

1) Start thread at the end of the hook shank, near the bend of the hook. Attach a sparse white marabou tail 1" long. Add 10 strands of Flashabou, extending 1/2" longer than the marabou tail.



2) Trim the end of the clear lace to a long point and tie in just in front of the tail. Then tie in a 6" piece of silver tinsel.



3) Use the thread to build up and taper the body, so that the bulge from the previous material is hidden. Make a slightly

tapered body towards the eye of the hook. Leave the thread at the hook eye.

4) Wrap the mylar tinsel to form the under body. The tinsel will later show through the clear lace.



5) Wrap the clear lace around the hook shank with close touching wraps to form the glass minnow body.

Tie it off at the hook eye with many secure wraps and then cut away the waste.

6) Use the white thread to build up a head large enough to accept the stick on eyes.



Then whip finish and cut the white thread. Using red thread, make a few wraps toward the rear of the head to form the gills. Whip finish and cut the red thread.



7) Apply the eyes and coat the head in 30 minute epoxy.

Fly Tying Bull Session Thursday, November 13  
6:30

Mark Your Calendars:

**Tuesday – November 4  
Club Meeting**

Board: 6:00  
General Meeting: 7:00  
Elections  
Christmas Party Tickets

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Fly Tying Bull Session**

6:30  
Surf Dart  
Christmas Party Tickets

**Saturday – November 15  
Clinic**

9:00 AM  
Casting – Tying  
Lunch  
Christmas Party Tickets

**Tuesday – December 9  
Christmas Party**

Get your tickets

**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year  
1984-2014**



2012 Trip to Ft. McRae



2008 Black Bear Lodge  
Our guide



