



Flies and Lies

Newsletter of the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida

November, 2020

FFNWF

PO Box 1041
Pensacola, FL 32591
www.ffnwf.org

PRESIDENT
David Handley

(850) 417-9233

VICE-PRESIDENT
Bob Myers
Myers.w.robert@gmail.com

SECRETARY
George Norton
geonorton@gmail.com

TREASURER
Jay Brykczynski
(850) 232-7504
jaybryk@yahoo.com

NEWSLETTER
Paul Wargo
586-943-3155
flyfishersnwf@gmail.com

MONTHLY MEETINGS
at Miraflores 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

Zoom Board Meeting Thursday, Oct 29 - 6:00 PM

Zoom Club Meeting - Tuesday, Nov 3 - 7:00 PM

The Covid crisis continues . No Christmas Party this year,
but we continue to meet online... and we had a GREAT Auction!!

We will have a Zoom Meeting for the entire club on Tuesday, November 3. Emails with links to the Zoom meetings are sent out by Lou Orrie. Send him an email and he can put you on the list. tazgunr@hotmail.com.

THE AUCTION

A good time was had by all and we made some \$\$\$ for the club!

The 2020 auction committee picked a perfect fall day on October 17 for the club auction. The weather was gorgeous. With over 110 items to sell the auction started promptly at 10 am. Terry McCormick acted as the "auctioneer" for most of the morning, with back up help from Steve and Ellen Hofmann. Thanks to Terry's many years of experience the raffle went quickly and smoothly. Cindy Myers, her sister and Russ Shields took care of the "administrative" tasks. This event was first "Zoom" broadcasted auction held in club history. Thank you Lou Orrie, the club Zoom Master. The set up arrangement for handling "Covid 19" rules for the auction was well thought out and adhered to by all. Thank you David Handley!

The club had 20 registered bidders and the auction made ~ \$3690 (\$1369 for Healing Waters and \$2320 for the club).

Thanks again to everyone who helped set up, donated items and attended the event. I believe the outdoor format should be used again in the future. *Steve Hofmann, 2020 Auction Chair*

And a BIG thank you to Steve and Ellen for countless hours of preparation and planning that made the auction a success!!!



Our Friend, Jonas



My Fly Casting Lesson with Jonas Magnusson –

When I first moved to Florida from Arizona, I thought I was a very good fly caster because of 5 years of experience, but I knew I had developed some bad habits. So I hired Jonas for a set of 3 lessons. After the 1st lesson he sent me a 3 page write up with sketches, pics and u-tube videos. After the second lesson he discovered that I had developed casting bad habits of “Creep” and “Drift”. Creep is when you inadvertently go forward to soon on the forward cast and “drift” is let your hand move backwards on the back cast. After correcting Creep and Drift I added 10-15 feet on my casting stroke. *Thank You Jonas!!* **Steve Hofmann**



Don't over think it, Its simple, see no problem.

These are the friendly word and guidance of our fellow club member, friend, and fly cast mentor. Jonas has given his skills with a fly rod unselfishly and in doing so raised our collective abilities far above par. He has done this in group session and with those whom needed individual attention. I remember the informal conversation about four things I was having issues with, the next club Saturday Clinic he announced we would work on three sins in casting, wouldn't you know it, they were mine. The desire to have others develop their skills in our chosen sport runs deep. On his departure we wish him fair winds and following seas, that those who will come under his instruction will gain as we have.

Tight lines my friend, **Dave**

Jonas Magnusson is a brilliant casting instructor and a great friend and mentor of mine. He has unselfishly donated his time and talents as a Certified Casting Instructor to our club, both during our annual Fly Fishing 101 classes and at our monthly clinics. I have learned a tremendous amount in these group sessions. However my investments in one-on-one sessions with Jonas have taken me to the next level in my casting. Jonas always focuses on the one or two fundamental areas where improvements are most needed. By explaining the physics involved, he teaches you to self-diagnose and correct casting errors. I will really miss him.

Don Smith



Pictures from Jonas' longtime fishing buddy, Capt. Baz



EMERALD
COAST
VETERANS
ALLIANCE



Second Annual
Benefit Tournament
November 11, 2020

11:00 AM Registration
12:00 PM Shotgun Start

The second annual **Emerald Coast Veterans Alliance Benefit golf tournament** is being held at Stonebrook Golf Course, Nov. 11, 2020. Registration starts at 11:AM. The \$75.00 fee includes prizes, all golf costs, and lunch!

You can bring your own team or ask to be assigned to one. **Project Healing Waters** of Pensacola will be one of the recipients of benefits from this tournament. Call Stonebrook Golf Course at 994-7171. or email ECVAFL@gmail.com **Jerry Giles**

Fishing with Capt. Baz Hurricane Sally came ashore with all her fury on September 17, and I expected the water to be trashed for at least two months. After all, we have had tropical storms that left the inland waters looking like chocolate milk for 13 weeks! But that was not the case with Sally. Three weeks after the storm Pensacola Bay and much of Santa Rosa Sound was unfishable, but there was clean water east of the Big Sabine and in the Big Lagoon. My first post-Sally trip was on Oct 5. We had a light southerly wind, and I took Tim English into the Big Lagoon to check out the new cuts through Johnson Beach. The water in the cuts was still "strong iced tea" colored, so we poled the southern shore west of the cuts. The water was clean and there were plenty of redfish in the shallows. Tim had shot after shot finally landing the fish in the photo. Those Big Lagoon fish live mostly over the grass and are beautifully colored. The pectoral fins are bright orange and easy to see even when the fish are over dark bottom. Tim and I were supposed to fish two days later, but Hurricane Delta was forecast to hit later in the week so I canceled.



Fortunately for us Delta went to Louisiana. I was back on the water nine days later with Jay Wright from Birmingham, and the water between the points and on the north side of the island was clear enough for sight-fishing. The water was my favorite "light iced tea" color



where the fish can easily see the fly but are a lot less spooky. The first day was a killer bluebird day with light breeze, and Jay landed these three nice redfish up to 27"...two on the tan/white clouser and the final fish on an EP grey/white baitfish. We had wind and clouds the next day, and Jay only landed this one multi-spotted beauty.

On October 16 the wind was howling from the NW and all my inside spots were blown out. Will Kopal was in town and really wanted to go, so we took the Mako and joined Capt Dan a few miles west of the pass off Johnson Beach. There were schools of ladyfish, Spanish mackerel, and sharks, and Will had fun catching fish on his own flies and feeding the dolphins. Late in the day we ran farther to the west and found some schools of false albacore within a couple hundred yards of the beach. Will didn't want to use any of my flies and elected to try a big 3/0 grey/white deceiver he had tied years earlier. The FA were eating juvenile bay anchovies, and to my surprise one of them took a swing at Will's fly. I suggested he try a fast two-hand strip, and it was *game on!* The albies loved it, and he connected every time I got the boat in the right position for casts into the fast-moving



schools. The problem was a rogue dolphin that was taking the fish off the hook. Will brought in two fish heads before the dolphin miscalculated and got hooked. Will's flyline-to-leader nail knot failed as the dolphin disappeared with the barbless hook in its mouth trailing a 9' leader. Good riddance! Will was finally able to land his first FA and get the photo.

Those four trips were all I had in October. For the last couple weeks I've been wading the shallows every time conditions were right. Water temperature is a comfortable 76-77 degrees and there are plenty of fish to stalk. On my first day out I hooked a nice pompano and five redfish in a little over an hour...all on the EP baitfish. It was one of those days where everything came unbuttoned, and I only landed one 24" redfish. Sometimes that's just the way it goes.

On a closing note, it's time to make the change to your winter lines. Tropical lines are becoming a problem as the water temperature drops.

I have to go prepare for Hurricane Zeta! Let's hope she goes elsewhere... **Capt Baz**

Fly of the Month: **DOOFUS: STAINED WATER REDFISH FLY**

The contrast of natural and bright between the chartreuse and brown coloration make the fly easily visible in cloudy water and low-light, while making it inoffensive on brighter days.

MATERIALS:

HOOK: GAMAKATSU SC15 #1/0

THREAD: BROWN 140d

EYES: BLACK BEAD CHAIN X-LG.

EGG SACK: ESTAZ AMBER ORANGE

TAIL #1: CHARTREUSE X-TRA SELECT CRAFT FUR

TAIL #2: ORANGUTAN RUST X-TRA SELECT CRAFT FUR

ANTENNA: STRIPPED HACKLE STEMS, RED GRIZZLY

BODY: EP MINNOW HEAD BRUSH 1.5" EVERGLADES



INSTRUCTION:

1. Debarb hook. Add bead chain eyes just behind hook eyes. Move thread to hook point. Tie-in estaz at hook bend w/ 3-4 wraps.

2. Behind b/c eyes, add tail #1 wrap down to egg sack. Length 2-1/2X hook shank, regular size clump. Over top of tail #1 add tail #2 same procedure as before, a bit larger clump. Add three brown bars along tail.

3. Strip two hackle stems tie-in in front of tails, angle downwards, parallel with hook bend. Use two loose wraps to position stems, flair outward and secure w/ tight wraps.

4. With a small gap at tails secure body brush, palmer to b/c eyes and tie off. Pick out trapped fibers and comb to rear. Trim top to a tapered shape and expose some of the estaz. Trim sides to a taper reward. Trim bottom flat, so fly will sit upright at rest. Trim antenna just short of tail length.

From the Pres..... October went in a flash. Hurricane Sally and the following recovery only added to a rough year. However a silver lining did show itself with the club's Annual Auction. It was a wonderful event and our first since March. All the precautions were in effect and being adhered to without complaint. The setup crew was great, and the actual auction was great. Our Terry McCormick was in full form and with Steve and Ellen Hofmann sharing the hype it was wonderful. Everything sold. The trips graciously donated by our member guides, Capt. Baz, Capt. Richard Montgomery, and Capt. Chip Smith along with the Douglas rod donated by Bob Story of Feather-Craft helped bring the grand total to \$3,689.10. Everyone who helped this event happen did a wonderful job. Oh, for the first time, maybe not the last, we did a live broadcast of the auction via Zoom thanks to our Zoom Wizard, Lou Orrie. Really neat!!!

A major point of club passage in November is the election of Officers for the 2021 Board of Directors and the affirming of our club's standing committees. These will be presented at the General Membership Meeting, 7:00PM 3 November 2020. As stated last month, we will not elect an Angler of the Year this year, something to look forward to next year.

Minutes

Board Of Directors and Committees meeting – 1 October @ 1800 (6pm) via Zoom

Attendees –

- Dave Handley – President
- Larry Sisney – Incoming Treasurer
- Jay Brykczynski – Outgoing Treasurer
- Lou Orrie – IT Wizard (Zoom)
- Russ Shields – Member Emeritus
- Jim White – Project Healing Waters
- Steve Hofmann – Member at Large
- Cliff Newton – PHW Steering/Social Media
- Cyndi Myers – Member at Large

Treasurers Report - \$860.90 currently in checking account. 2 new members this month. \$75.00 pending deposit from new members. Will receive future income from the auction on October 17th. Only expense known at this time will be our annual FFI dues. The club currently has 83 paid members, the most ever. Cyndi moved to accept treasurers report at submitted, Jim White seconded, passed by AYE.

Old Business –

1. Club is still looking for a relief for Kent Reagan who decided to step back from Website Administrator. He will continue to serve on that committee.
2. Agreed that combining our Website and Facebook under the same Committee will be beneficial to the club.
3. Don Smith to step back from Education Committee lead, Dave Handley has agreed to serve as lead through the 2021 class.

Jim White motioned to accept old business report, Steve seconded, passed AYE

New Business –

- Jim White, Cliff Newton & Bob Myers discussed the nominees, Jim referred to the spreadsheet Bob created. Dave to call Bob Myers to Follow up.

- After some discussion regarding Angler of the Year, it was decided to move the award to next year sometime as we have not been able to meet for 7 months and it would be hard to choose someone. Russ motioned to delay until we can meet in person, Steve seconded. Passed by AYE.
- Lou Orrie has volunteered to monitor a Zoom meeting during the annual auction for those that may not be able to attend the auction in person. This will require manual credit card payments. The catalog of items donated are to be mailed out. Steve & wife have done a great job cataloging auction items by lot #. Dave suggested proxies for call in bids. Cyndi suggested using the Zoom chat box for online bids. Someone will need to monitor online, telephone & in person bids. It was suggested that online bidders pre-register, so we have their credit card info on file. Dave suggested using the club camera on a tripod to broadcast the auction. Electricity is available from the clubhouse. Dave spoke with the park people and the clean-up looks good. October 17, 0800 arrival for setup, auction to begin at 1000. No drop off items day of auction, last day to donate would be the Saturday prior to auction. Jay & Dave to tape off auction area, someone will be doing temperature checks, providing hand sanitizer & asking folks to wear masks unless at least 6 feet away from others. Each person to bring their own chair and beverages. No alcohol unless in unmarked container. Single point of entry.
- Asking for volunteers to assist with IT/Social Media experience to assume Web page & Facebook duties.
- Larry asked to add new committee for membership as he does not want to assume those duties in addition to treasurer. Dave will ask for volunteers.

Jim motioned to adjourn; Steve seconded. Passed by AYE.

Meeting adjourned at 1915 (7:15pm)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cyndi Myers for George Norton

Club General Meeting of 6 October, 2020

The October general meeting of the club was convened by President Dave Handley at 7:10 p.m. via ZOOM. There were 16 members attending online.

The President praised the resiliency of the club and club members during this challenging year.

The presentation by Captain Dan Story was "Fishing the Tamiami Trail". The presentation began with a YouTube viewing of Fishing the Tamiami Trail by Mike from Old Florida Outfitters (<https://youtu.be/uX-4IMDlekw>). Dan presented an interesting travelog of his journey across the trail on Hwy 41. Often fishing a black Gurgler, and using online maps to find pull-off spots to park, the trip is easily drivable from the panhandle through Tampa and Naples.

Treasurers Report Jay B presented the report as in the BOD Meeting Minutes. The report was approved, seconded, and accepted by the members in attendance.

Old Business was reviewed and included:

- Change in website administration
- Combined website/social media as a standing committee (BOD recommended passage)
- Education Committee lead change
- Cancelation of Magnusson ceremony
- Stand down of in person national and local Project Healing Waters through year end

New Business included:

- approval of previous meeting minutes
- Angler of the Year set aside for 2020

- Auction procedures, including ZOOM broadcast
- call for volunteers with IT/social media experience to help inform and publicize our club
- request for input to Paul Wargo for newsletter items
- Jay B presented information regarding embroidery products and services for club members

Fishing Reports were a bit sparse for October due to hurricane preparation and recovery efforts by many in the club. New member Carmine spoke of experiences fishing off of the rock jetty at NAS and at Johnson Beach. Craig in Seattle reported that he had been on several recent Idaho trips in pursuit of native wild cutthroat trout.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.