



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

Our club will carry on as best we can during this pandemic – Please do your best to stay an active member until we can get back to our regular schedule and activities.

Club meeting via Zoom -Tuesday, Oct. 5 7:00 PM
Program: *Fly Fishing Safety and Etiquette* by Steve Hoffman

Fly Tying via Zoom – Thursday, October 14 6:30 PM
Tarpon Bob Korose will be doing his famous **Flash Fly**

Saturday Clinic – October 16 - outdoor only (with access to restrooms). Meals will not be provided; bring your own lunch.

The Fly Fishing Class and the Auction have been postponed until spring, 2022.

But the (real) Prez Says:

*“As one who was hospitalized during the recent Covid Delta variant breakout I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for the encouragement, well wishes, and prayers. Additionally, many thanks to FFNWF VP Mick Milo for so ably stepping in during these unprecedented times. I hope to be out and about by the November meeting but you’re in great hands with Mick. Also, as the club proceeds through another period of virtual meetings it is fitting to thank Paul Wargo again for the 1st class newsletter and Captain Baz Yelverton for the ongoing fishing reports and forecasts. Those two were particularly important in informing us and holding us together as a fishing community in the past year. It seems we’ll be counting on them once more. Hope to see you on the ZOOM get gatherings. If you want or need technical help with the online events Lou Orrie has been really helpful in that regard. Tight lines! “ **Bob Myers***

Meanwhile, the (acting) Prez Says

Well, we completed our first month of the newly reinstated "club lockdown" and everything went fairly smoothly. The ZOOM meetings resumed without a hitch with regards to the club meeting, Fly Tying/Bull Session and the PHWFF Mondays. However, the Saturday casting clinic, which we elected to continue on an "in-person" basis, was a washout. Better luck in October.

As reported last month, the decision to move forward with the Christmas party is still on hold and will be decided at the October 27th BOD meeting. If we decide to go full steam ahead, we will still have 6 weeks (+/-) to plan the event, sell tickets, etc. Let's keep our fingers crossed. The club really needs this party to wrap up 2021 on a high note.

Finally, I'm glad to advise that our fearless leader appears to be on the downwind side of his struggle with the COVID. *Mick Milo*

Fishing with Capt. Baz We got a nice break from Tropical Storm Nicholas a couple weeks ago. Most of the flooding was to the west of us, and the bay water clarity didn't suffer too



much. I was afraid the water would turn to "chocolate milk" and all the big Spanish would go elsewhere. Well it didn't happen and the Spanish mackerel bite is wide open. You ought to run out there and get some of it. Don't forget your wire leader or some really heavy mono...like 80#. Here are pics of Sam, Megan, and Scott from the last couple weeks.



Scott landed a dozen big Spanish but I released them all without taking photos. Had to get a shot of this pompano, though. It's the first one we've caught as bycatch, but there will be many more before the action stops in November.

Somebody should keep a nice Spanish and deliver it to Russ. Here's what he has to say about them:

We just finished eating some of the Spanish filets: They were among the best fish we have ever eaten. I didn't use my Lemon-Soy marinade but simply sprinkled them with some Williams-Sonoma "Potlatch Seafood Seasoning", a little lemon juice and brushed them with a 50/50 mix of melted butter and Greek olive oil and stuck them under the broiler for about 11 minutes. They really were absolutely superb.



We've had a nice push of jack crevalle this month, and I'm hoping it'll last a few more weeks. Sam landed this fish in the bay on September 9, but for the last week the hot action has been in the Gulf. The water is plenty clear along shore, and there have been big schools of jacks traveling eastbound. I think they are migrating fish departing the cooling waters to the west of us.

Maybe the Mississippi River flooding is lowering the water temperature over there. It's hard to say, but the jacks in Pensacola Bay don't usually leave until mid-to-late October after a couple cold fronts. **Capt Baz**

Fly of the Month: Bob's Flash Fly by Bob Korose



This is a very effective fly that is very easy to tie and catches lots of fish. It is a fly type that can be tied in many color combinations and materials. It is a durable fly but any fly will succumb to the mouths of mackerel, bluefish, ladyfish, etc. (just cut off what is left of the old material and tie it up again for the next trip). Tied in all pink, it has caught redfish and specks plus all the above listed fish. All pearl or pearl with a red head has also been very successful. I am sure many other color combinations will also work under various conditions so use your imagination. This fly should be effective for many other types of fish in salt and fresh water especially when tied in appropriate sizes. I know the all pink version and also one tied in purple with a pink head works great on salmon and trout in Alaska.

Materials:

Hooks: Mustad 3407 or Eagle claw 413 size 1 or 2.

Eyes: Dumbbell eyes size medium.

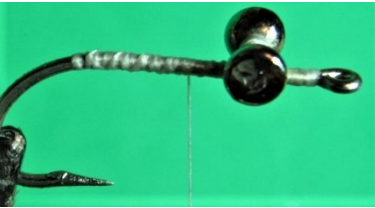
Thread: Flat waxed nylon (white or as desired). Use Fl Fire Red for head.

Tail: Flash material of your choice (I like FT Dungeon's Pearl Web or Northern Lights in various colors)

Body: Flashy type chenille (pearl chenille, cactus chenille, Estaz or others).

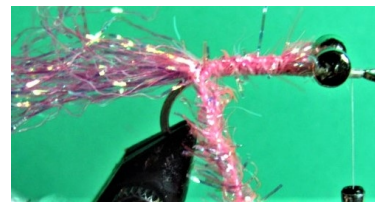


Tying instructions:



Start the thread behind the hook eye and wrap to the hook bend then back to 2 eye-widths behind the hook eye and tie in the dumbbell eyes with figure 8 wraps. Move the thread to behind the eyes.

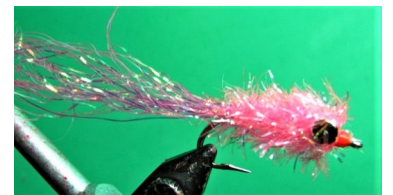
Take some tail material about twice the length of the hook and tie in behind the eyes, wrapping the thread to the bend of the hook then returning it to behind the eyes.



Take a length of flash chenille of choice and tie it on top of the tail material and to the bend of the hook. Take the thread forward to in front of the eyes.

Wrap the chenille around hook in touching wraps forward to the eyes and figure 8 the chenille over the eyes and tie off in front of the eyes.

Wrap a nice head and whip finish. Apply head cement, UV or epoxy and your fly is ready for action.



We are most happy to report that Tarpon Bob has recovered from his heart attack and is ready to fish again with a new motor on his boat!

FFNWF Board Meeting 09/02/21 Minutes by George Norton

Call to Order: 1904 Mike Milo, club VP, stepped in and called the zoom meeting to order in place of Bob Myers who has been recuperating from Covid.

Approval of previous meeting "minutes."

Treasurer Report: Our finances are in good shape.

Committee Reports:

Auction: The May auction has been postponed until Spring of 2022. Steve H leading.

PHWFF: All indoor activities (rod building) on hold. Jim W coordinating.

Fly Tying: Fly of the month with Pat M will continue on Zoom.

Christmas party: Will be decided whether a go or no by the October 27th BOD meeting. Jim White leading communication with the Country Club.

Membership: Follow up of new members led by Dave H. to keep communication open.

Old Business:

Mick Milo to spearhead committee to determine minimum auction bids for key (high value) items. If minimum bids not met, then utilize alternate outlets (eBay, Christmas auction, etc.) to maximize club income. Motion to Approve by Cliff, seconded by George. Passed

New Business:

Open discussion/voting to determine path forward for all club activities. Decisions:

Cessation of all indoor in-person club activities. Resumption of "ZOOM" meetings .

Postpone outdoor fundraising auction. (Postponed to the Spring.)

Status of FF101 class. (Delayed until the Spring of 2022)

Status of Christmas Party. DD for BOD is October 27th to go or not.

Additions: A check for \$50 "to go fund me" for Captain Eddy Woodall was approved by the BOD. He recently passed from Covid. Captain Eddy was a local guide and friend of Baz and our club. Motion to Approve by Jim W, second by Dave H. Passed

Bob Myers had gracious words of thanks for the clubs' support and prayers during his illness and said he is improving day by day.

Angler of the Year and a slate of Officers for 2022 will be discussed in October.

No Fishing Reports:

Club Kayak Fishing Trip in mid- November to the Upper Escambia Delta date TBA by George N.

Presentation by Jim White. His 2018 trip to Tennessee to fly fish the South Holsten and the Watauga Rivers with three club members.

2205 Meeting Adjourned.