

# ***Flies & Lies***

NEWSLETTER OF THE FLYFISHERS  
OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA  
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## **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Meetings at Miraflores Park  
17th Avenue between  
Belmont and LaRua

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
1ST TUESDAY, 7 PM

**BULL SESSION**  
2ND THURSDAY, 6:30  
PM

**CASTING & TYING  
CLINIC**  
3RD SATURDAY, 9 AM

## *President's Message... Terry McCormick*

Finally it's fall, the time of year when the fishing gets good. Are you starting to look for the reds to show up? I've been finding some big blues around Gulf Breeze and outside the EPA.

I want to thank **Bob Korose** for his presentation on big game fly fishing that he gave at last month's business meeting. It was very informative and one of the best I've seen. I hope you didn't miss it. Make sure you make the meeting on October 1, at 7 pm. You never know what you're missing. Also the election committee will start taking nominations for next year's officers.

There will also be a board of directors meeting at 6 pm.

Remember the other meetings in October. Fly tying on the 10th at 6:30 pm and the Saturday clinic on the 19th at 9 am. Until then,

The tug is the drug and tight lines,

Terry

## **Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida, September 3, 2013, President Terry McCormick, presiding**

The September meeting was called to order by Pres. Terry McCormick at 7 PM. There were 17 members and 2 visitors signed in. The Aug. minutes were accepted as published. The treasurer reposted a balance of \$6257.40.

**Bob Korose** gave a presentation on Big Fish Fly Fishing accompanied by very interesting documentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8PM.

## **Fly Fishers of NW Florida Annual Christmas Party**

**Date: December 10, 2013 Tuesday**

**Time: 6 PM Cash bar Dinner served at 7:00 PM**

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**Location: Holiday Inn 7813 N. Davis Hwy Pensacola FL**  
**Hors'deuvres: Complimentary Drummettes and Meatballs**

**Main Course: Country Buffet**

**\$25 per person**

**Mark your Calendars. More info to follow in the December  
Newsletter**

# Fishing Report... Captain Baz Yelverton

The good news for September is the water in Santa Rosa Sound finally cleared up enough for sight-fishing. We caught a break last week when the latest "rain event" moved offshore instead of flooding the rivers north of us, and the improving water clarity should continue as we move into October. The cleaner water has helped the Spanish mackerel fishing, too. Last week I saw some nice Spanish jumping near Town Point for the first time since spring. We were anchored waiting for jacks and didn't try for them, but I think it's time to start drifting the grass beds over there throwing tan/white clousers. As the water cools the Spanish will show up in larger numbers, plus there will be pompano feeding along that stretch of water. My favorite spot for Spanish at the

On your way out to the "Mass" be sure to spend a few minutes just outside the pass to the west. On most October mornings the tide will be moving out creating a "soft-water" pocket just west of the point. Baitfish get trapped in this eddy, and the bluefish and ladyfish congregate there to feed on them. We were there on September 26 and found good numbers of blues in the 3-4# range and some similar sized ladyfish. Here are a couple shots of **Dave Warnman** with typical sized fish landed that day on poppers.



Later that day we had some terrific redfish sight-fishing until we lost our light. All the grass/sand flats on the north side of the island are holding fish, and we can finally see them. **Dave** had about 20 good shots, hooked three, and landed this one. Of course we released the redfish unharmed. When we sight-fish for redfish on fly it's always catch-and-release. It's nice to know there's a good chance those same fish will be there next time even if they are just a little bit smarter...



For big fish action it's all about the schools of jack crevalle and redfish that are moving around the bay. You never know when they're going to show up, so it's best to keep a 10wt rigged and ready for action. Earlier in the month **Glenn Perry** from Birmingham was throwing poppers for bluefish around the channel markers at the entrance to Bayou Grande. He hooked into a couple pound bluefish, and the fish started jumping around on the surface. Out of nowhere a big wave rose up under the bluefish, and it was a school of bull reds that had been attracted by all the commotion. Believe it or not the redfish in the photo took the fly away from the bluefish, and Glenn landed it on his 8wt!

## *Fishing Report.... Captain Baz Yelverton*



For the last few weeks the jacks have been popping up between Town Point and Dead man's Island. I like to anchor or drift in 3-4' of water and let the fish come to us. You'll know the jacks are coming because hundreds of mullet will start showering. Then all you have to do is move the boat into position and get ready. We waited two hours on September 19, but it was well worth the wait when the fish arrived. There were hundreds of mullet showering with big jacks crashing them on the surface, and the whole melee was moving directly toward us. We were spin-fishing, and my angler **Wade Knight** was standing on the bow with a big top water plug. The fish came into range, and **Wade** dropped the plug in front of them. Before he could move the plug this fish leapt over others to nail it. This was the all-time boat record jack crevalle...40 pounds, and we could have easily caught it on fly. Just have to be patient enough to wait for the fish to show up...

**Capt Baz**

## *Around the Bay....and Further Away*

### **NAVARRE ARTS FESTIVAL**

Thanks largely to **Kent Reagan's** beautiful flies, which we gave away for donations; we had a pretty successful weekend at our PHWFF Navarre Arts Festival booth.

We had gorgeous weather, a little sunburn, some sore backs, tied a bunch of flies and managed to take in \$232 in donations. We handed out lots of FFNWF Business cards and PHWFF brochures and talked to lots of people about what we are all about.

A huge thank you to **Kent, Jerry Giles, David Burton and Jack Bauknecht** for making it happen. WELL DONE!

Cheers, Russ

# *Around the Bay....and Further Away*



Shoreline Park, Gulf Breeze, launching at first crack of dawn. Blue Fish, and a chewed-up sand shrimp fly. It doesn't get much better than that!

Photos by **Jerry Giles**

**EDITOR NOTE:** The sand shrimp fly was one of the flies tie by the club at a Thursday and Saturday meeting night

**Charlie Brown** tells us that happiness is a warm puppy.

**To this reporter,** happiness is a cold trout.

**–Eric Severeid**

# *Around the Bay....and Further Away*

**SANTA WISH LIST.** The last page of this newsletter has a page to leave as a gentle reminder for that person who is trying to think of what to get you for Christmas. Some ideas are new rod, waders, life vest, etc. Just make sure you leave it so it can be found. (Post it on the ice box door)

**Members, please be reminded that the month of October is the time for you to determine if you would like to stand for election as one of the four principal officers, at the November business meeting. If so, ask one of your fellow members to nominate you, or you can nominate someone who has indicated they would serve. Once determined, please email me the name of the candidate and the office sought. For these four positions, I need to know who is willing to be a candidate, before the November meeting. That includes anyone presently serving, who would like to give us another year.**

**Please also be reminded that the same night, Terry will take nominations from the floor for the two At-large positions, and they will be elected that night.**

**The third vote that night will be for Fly Fisherman of the Year, by sealed ballot, and the winner will be announced at the Christmas party.**

**I don't have to tell you how important it is that you nominate folks who have agreed to serve in these positions, and who will stay the course. The direction of the club and the quality of its offerings depend on it.**

"The nominating Committee has not had any members to express an interest in running for any of the four officer positions or for either of the two At Large Board positions. The elections must be held at the November business meeting. Many of the membership have invested extra effort and time over the years to make the club what it is now, and presumably what attracted you to join. It is now time for you to step up and shoulder some responsibility for the continued success of the club. Please step up to the plate and contact me by email or phone, prior to October 23rd (as I will be away until early December). Jay Williams. (850) 572-2624. [Jwmsmdjd@aol.com](mailto:Jwmsmdjd@aol.com)"

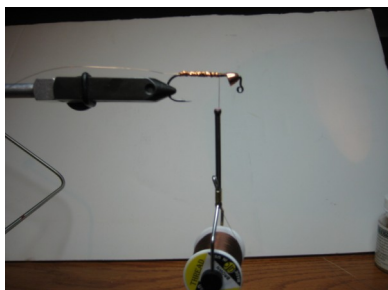
## *Barr's Meat Whistle—Cliff Newton*

This is a fly developed by John Barr in Colorado to catch bass. It is supposed to mimic the Pig n' Jig used by Gear fishers. It is also used to target large trout. It makes a great crayfish imitation. It can be tied in a variety of colors to match local bait, or in attraction colors. It can be stripped quickly or probably more effectively hopped and dropped slowly. I have caught both bass and even one aggressive bluegill with this fly.

### **Materials List**

Hook:	Gamakatsu 90 degree jig hook # 1/0
Cone:	Large Tungsten Copper Cone
Thread:	UTC 140 denier, rusty brown
Body:	Copper Sparkle Braid
Wing:	Rusty Brown rabbit strip
Legs:	Pumpkin barred Sili Legs
Flash:	Copper Flashabou
Coller:	Brown Marabou

Step 1 - Place cone on hook and place hook in vise with point down. Start the thread a quarter shank length back from the cone and make a smooth thread base to the bend of the hook, return thread to the starting point.



Step 2 – Tie in the copper braid and wire at the back of the cone and then wrap both with the thread to the bend of the hook and return the thread to the front.

Step 3 – Wrap the braid forward from the bend creating a slender body. Tie off braid and clip excess. Be sure to leave yourself plenty of room behind the cone. There is a lot of stuff to tie off before we are done.

Step 4 – Invert the hook in the vise. Pierce the strip of rabbit hide with the hook point in the center of the strip. You want enough rabbit strip to reach the front of the hook from the bend. Pull the strip down to the base of the body. (You will have to remove the hook from the vise for this step.) Tie the front of the rabbit strip down behind the cone and wrap tightly without building up too much bulk.



Step 5 – Using the end of the copper wire like a needle thread it through the rabbit strip matuka style. Keeping the wire close to the hook shank to not bind down too much hair. Once at the front of the hook wrap the wire around the hook 2 or 3 times and tie off and clip off the excess. Turn the hook over so the point is down.

## *Barr's Meat Whistle—Cliff Newton - continue*

Step 6 – Double over 2 strands of sili-legs and keep them over the shank at the front edge of the body and tie off with a few tight turns. They should lie on top of the rabbit strip on the sides of the fly.



Step 7 – Cut a small bunch of flashabou from the hank and tie it behind the cone. The flash should extend about ½ inch behind the hook bend.



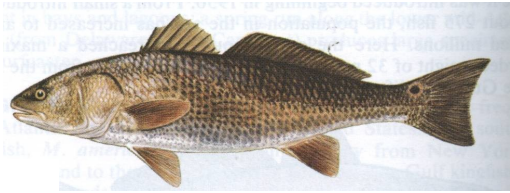
Step 8 – Select and measure a marabou feather so that the tips extend to the back of the hook, tie off back of the cone on top of the hook shank. Do not cut the butt end off yet. Invert the hook and tie on another feather of the same length. Cut off the butt ends as close to the shank as possible and add a few tight, smooth wraps of thread. Do a whip finish and clip your thread. I add head cement at this point.



Step 9 – Shove the cone back up against the butt ends of the marabou as tight as possible. Start your thread again in front of the cone and build up a taper to match the front of the cone, whip finish and clip your thread.

Step 10 – Coat the thread wraps and cone with head cement (better yet with a thin layer of epoxy) Clip the legs at the middle of the tail.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		Business Meeting 7 PM			VA tying clinic	
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
	Healing Waters			Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30 PM		
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
						Clinic - Casting, tying, gourmet lunch 9 AM
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
	Healing Waters					
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		



