



Flies and Lies

Newsletter of the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida

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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

Congratulations!!

Our club won the **Fellowship Award for 2016** awarded by the Gulf Coast Council of fly fishing clubs. The award was in recognition of our newsletter, but the newsletter simply reflects all of the fellowship we share in the activities of our club. Copies of our newsletter were printed by the council and were on hand for all to see. Oleta was also on hand to accept the award, along with 19 members and spouses from our club.



Reporting for the President Jay Brykczynski, our club treasurer, comments concerning our club newsletter being recognized at the Gulf Coast Federation of Fly Fishers Fly Festival held at Ocean Springs MS September 16, 2016.

In a nut shell, the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida is a sound and vibrant bunch of people that love the sport of Fly Fishing and go to the extremes in educating and informing the Community. We as a collective group have made a contribution that has no boundaries. From our three meetings a month, our fly tying and casting sessions, the 3rd Saturday's lunches, to our Spring Fly Fishing Class, to our well maintained Website and colorful Newsletter, to our annual May auction as well as our Project Healing Waters involvement and our forever famous Christmas Party. I say yes we have definitely have made a major contribution. Kudos to you all.
See ya around the club house, Jay

Club meeting – Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 PM

Gary Pheabus will present the program about a recent Project Healing Waters Trip. With pictures! They didn't get away, at least not all of them. Fish. But all who went had a great time. People.

This is an important meeting; time for us to plan for the fall, including elections, and especially **PLAN the CHRISTMAS PARTY** which is, no doubt, the best fellowship event of the year. By the way, the party is later in the month than usual – the 2nd Tuesday in December this year is December 13.



Fly Tying and Bull Session – Thursday, October 13, 6:30 PM

Matt will present the Midnight Mullet. Tie a dozen to give your wife for Christmas. It's time to start planning.....

Clinic and Oktoberfest – Saturday, October 22, 9:00 AM

Jerry Giles will provide the special annual Oktoberfest lunch. A great time to sharpen your casting skills before the Running of the Bulls.



Fall Fishing

Fall is a great time for fishing. When I heard that Jay bought a boat I figured I could follow him and find out where his secret spot was. Sure enough, early in the morning there he was, waiting for the fish to show up.

Coming to a Theater Near You

The Fly Fishing Film Festival will be in Panama City on Friday, November 4. This will be the closest to our area. It will be at the Martin Theater at 7:30 pm. Its about 2 1/2 hours of some of the best fly fishing films in the world. If you get an opportunity to attend, you shouldn't miss it. tickets are \$20 at the door or \$18 in advance. You can look it up on the web at fly fishing film festival and see some of the clips or go to Martin Theater for tickets. See ya at the movies. Terry



Fishing with Capt. Baz

Early-September continued to be hot for jack crevalle fishing. Let's start with another shot of Jeff Deuschle from August 24. Jeff and Todd Thomas drove over from Mobile for an early-morning shot at mahi mahi. Gulf seas were forecast at 1-2' with a NE wind, and we ran the beach 7 miles east of Pensacola Pass straight into the chop. My "secret spot" is 8 miles out from the pink



condos, and by the time we arrived the wind was due east at about 15mph with 2-4' swells. Both Jeff and Todd made numerous casts around the "FAD" which was holding plenty of bait, but there were no mahi or false albacore. Since we were in the vicinity we hit the Liberty Ships and Tex Edwards for more "combat" fishing before turning tail and running for the pass. The only area with calm water I could think of was Town Point, so we banged our way across the bay and tried unsuccessfully for Spanish before setting up in the shallow water of the point. Todd was on the bow watching for jacks coming from the 3MB, and Jeff was in the stern ready for fish coming from Deer Point. As it turned out the fish came from the east, and Jeff put the fly right on target, hooked up, and the fly fell out... It all happened in about 20 seconds, and they were gone. We were all stunned, but not for long. Another school of jacks came from the same direction, and this time Jeff got a solid hookset and brought his first jack crevalle to the net.

There was plenty of action at Town Point for the next two weeks, but we didn't land another fish on fly. Rob Zuidervaart hooked a 25# class jack on August 31, fought it for a half hour, and we lost it at the net with my hands on the leader. Charles Leech who manages the fly-fishing section at Bass Pro, Destin, had numerous shots on Sept 8, but we never got a take. On Sept 15 we sat there for an hour with nothing happening and decided to try the Caucas Shoal. As we ran west from the pass we saw a huge city block-sized patch of mud a half mile down the beach and 200 yards from shore. It's very unusual to see a "mud" like that, and we drifted out into the middle of it. Mark Tischendorf, Bozeman, MT, was throwing a big popper on my 12wt with zero response when we saw a major upwelling of nervous water down the beach from the mud. As we idled toward it we could see the backs of hundreds of big jack crevalle with their dorsal fins out of the water. They were happy, hungry, and unconcerned about the boat. I killed the motor and drifted right up to the school, and for the next couple hours Mark hooked and fought jacks until he was worn out. We both sat down and had lunch with big jack crevalle swimming all around the boat! We figured he had hooked at least ten fish and landed four. We stopped taking photos after the first two... Since then I haven't seen any jacks in the Gulf, and we've only landed one on spinning tackle at Town Point. I'm confident there will continue to be fish coming around the point for another month, you'll just have to have the patience to wait them out.



One piece of good news is the dog flies that have plagued Johnson Beach for the past month have disappeared for the time being. The past three days I've fished the beach south of the Gulf Beach Highway condos, and it's loaded with big bluefish, ladyfish, Spanish mackerel, and sharks. Yesterday there were big bait balls a foot from shore with school after school of bluefish hammering them. The sharks were there, too, in large numbers hoping for a shot at a bluefish or ladyfish. We focused on the sharks first, but I couldn't come up with the right fly. I tried all colors of streamers but realized later we should've been

throwing big poppers. The only take we got was when one got after a hooked bluefish. There were hundreds of sharks, and I'm talking about 2' of water. It was insane and a vision my client, Sam Lewis, Jr, won't soon forget. He was throwing a small white popper on a very nice TFO 8wt BVK and had a blast. Here's a shot of Sam with his first bluefish on fly.



Two days before I had Christie Geernaert from Sebastopol, CA, on the boat, and we fished the same general area catching big ladyfish. There was too much shore break to get in close, so we anchored in 10' of water around the color change, and Christie had a big time landing and releasing ladyfish. I estimated the fish in the photo at 2.8#, and she was using 20# tippet. If anyone has an IGFA record book please check it out. There's a good chance we had in our hands the women's world record ladyfish on 20# tippet, and I didn't document it. Oops...my bad!

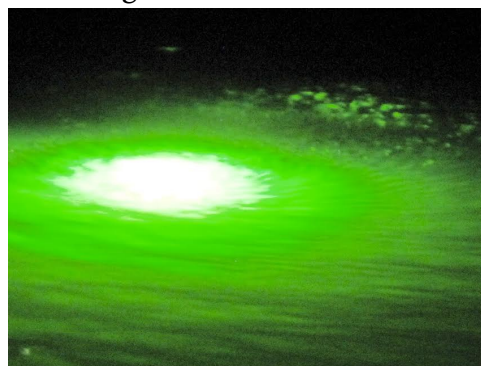
Capt Baz

Meet our newest new member, Captain Chip Smith

A late summer report from Captain Chip

Many a summer night has found me on the grass flats just before sunset stripping popping bugs for all manors of species. Speckled Trout and Ladyfish seem to be the most frequent customer but the occasional jack and redfish are in the mix. Great fun on an 8weight with 1/O poppers. *Watch the wind on your right arm!*

As the sun goes down in the west I find myself motoring to shiny green oases. Being as quiet and careful as a 6'4" 275# with the grace of Shrek can be I pole up and ease in a couple casts on the outline of the light. Fish on the lights are on guard and will turn off and disappear in a heartbeat. I keep the boat as far from the light. Once a fish is hooked I pole the boat away from the



light in hopes to not upset the school. All headlamp activity is done facing away the light as well. The fish must know that they are on display.

Due to all the suspiciousness I am using smaller flies tied very sparse. This allows the fly to enter the water with less splash and is more natural. The sparseness seems to play more to their instinct and react to it's presence. It's so much fun.

I hope everyone is getting a chance to get outside and get some lines wet. *Captain Chip Smith*



6'4" 275# but that is not a selfie.

Fly of the Month Midnight Mullet...by Matt Wegener

Description

Great finger mullet imitation around points and deep grass edges for Jacks and Spanish Mackerel, or on the flats for Red Fish and big Speckled Trout. Color the head with markers to match the local baitfish.

Tying Materials

Hook: #1 Mustad 34007 Thread: Red or Hot Orange Danville flat waxed
Tail: White buck tail Flash: Flashabou
Lateral line: Grizzle saddle hackle, 1 on each side of the hook Head: Palmer chenille

Tying Instructions



Pinch the barb and attach thread near the middle of the hook shank. Attach a decent clump of white buck tail



At the same tie point, add 8-10 strands of flashabou



Tie in one grizzly hackle on each side of the hook shank for the lateral line

Wrapping towards the eye of the hook, make 8-10 wraps with the palmer chenille



Tie off the chenille, trim the excess and make a neat thread head. Then add the eyes.

Color the top of the head with permanent marker



Project Healing Waters

Our Healing Waters program is on-going in my absence with everyone pitching in. It is a great group!

October meetings will be Monday the 3rd, 10th, and 24th. There is a fishing outing on Thursday the 20th with Capt's Baz and Eddie and volunteer boats from Bob Korose, Terry McCormick and Jay Brykczynski taking along passengers. It should be a great day on the water.

Russ

We wish Russ and Irene the best as Irene recovers from major surgery – shoulder replacement – and Russ takes time to take care of his wonderful wife. Stay Strong and Get Well !

For your reading enjoyment – a link

http://flymenfishingcompany.com/blogs/blog/fly-fishing-gulf-shores-alabama?mc_cid=009d3e56f3&mc_eid=b90fbf7982

Good article but they don't mention Chris V's shop in Orange Beach

September Meeting Minutes

Memorandum for Record

Subject: Meeting minutes for 06 September 2016 General Membership Meeting

Location: Miraflores Park, 17th Ave. Pensacola, FL

Time: 1900 General Membership Meeting For a list of participants of general membership meeting please refer to the attendance record dated 06 September 2016.

Oleta Webb, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. New members Kiel Vickers and Chip Smith were introduced. Noted that Irene Shield's surgery went well and she is recovering.

Jay Brykczynski gave the treasury report. Bob Korose moved the MOU for the building be accepted and Cliff Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed. Oleta Webb and Rex Straughn have to sign the MOU and take it to Mr. Cooper. Once the final draft is finished it will be presented to the club.

Christmas party is scheduled for the 13th of December. Jay Brykczynski spoke with the venue concerning the food for the party and is meeting them on the 13th of September to go over a possible contract. He will address all the concerns about the food provided at last year's party. Gifts for the party are being worked on.

Jay Brykczynski is doing the paperwork to apply for our 501C7 nonprofit status. An inventory of all the club's assets must be done. Russ Shields will write a document explaining all the club's contributions.

Cliff Newton mentioned that the club should provide a gift for the raffle at the Gulf Coast Council's fair in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Russ Shields stated that he had a 5 weight reel with line to donate, but needed to purchase a rod. Cliff Newton motioned that the club spend a maximum of \$150.00 to purchase a rod for the fair and Kent Reagan seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Saturday clinic in September is canceled and members are encouraged to attend the fair in Ocean Springs.

Fishing reports were given. Terry McCormick noted that speckled trout are showing in schools. Water is still at 85°F. Bob Korose gave a great presentation on Tarpon. Raffle for door prizes was held. Jay Brykczynski motioned for adjournment and Kent Reagan seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 2023 hours.

The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned.

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