



# 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

Zoom Board Meeting Thursday, Oct 1 - 6:00 PM

## Zoom Club Meeting - Tuesday, Oct 6 - 7:00 PM

The Covid crisis continues to take its toll on our club. We regret to announce that there will be no Christmas Party this year. We had to make a decision because of the deadline on our non-refundable deposit (which we were able to apply to 2021).

We also have postponed the Fly Fishing Class until spring of 2021. And we have canceled the Cast In Ceremony honoring Jonas Magnusson at his request. More information on all of this will be in the President's report and Minutes that follow. However.....

**We will have a Zoom Meeting for the entire club on Tuesday, October 6.** 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](mailto:tazgunr@hotmail.com). And .....

## We will have the Auction at the club on Saturday, October 17 at 10:00 AM.

Up for auction will be at least three trips with guides and a brand new Douglas 9' 8 wt rod donated by Bob Story from Feather-Craft (a \$400 rod). There are MANY quality items that have been donated – a partial list is found on the next page.

This is a difficult time for all of us, but your support of the Auction will at least keep our club going until better days are here.

# **Auction – Saturday, October 17 10:00 AM**

## **Outdoors at the clubhouse**

**Partial List - There are approximately 120 items in total**

- 1) 3 Fly Fishing trips by: Baz Yelverton; Richard Montgomery; Chip Smith
- 2) New Douglas DXF 9' 8 Wt. Fly Rod/ Bob Story-Feathercraft donation (\$395)
- 3) Two sets of gently used 4 weight fly rods and reels (~\$230 each new)
- 4) Several different sets of used wading boots in large sizes. (~\$30 new)
- 5) Wright & McGill "Trail Master" 6 piece glass pack fly rod 6'9" (7wt) ~ \$60-80
- 6) Miniature "very rare antique" fly reel (4 Brothers/Pflueger Delite ~ value \$150)
- 7) Fly lines: Nearly new 8 wt. float SA fly line, 9 wt. Fly line float and fast sink.
- 8) Lots of fly various fly tying materials from Whiting Farms, etc.
- 9) Fly tying organizer - wooden U-shaped. (~\$190 new)
- 10) Pflueger 9 wt. fly reel with 2 spare spools (reel ~\$120 new)
- 11) 9' 6 wt Rod & Reel, Penn gold medal - Pflueger Supreme reel (~\$400 new)
- 12) "Caddis Brand" Float tube (~\$99 new)
- 13) Patagonia chest waders in Medium Long - used one time (~\$300 new)
- 14) Hardy GEM 7/8wt reel + 7wt floating line + extra spool +7wt sink tip (~\$320)
- 15) 2 wooden "trout Size" landing nets (excellent shape). (~\$30 new)
- 16) Beautiful large canvas display of a dry fly (donation by Jay Brykczynsk)
- 17) Hand painted beach buckets with pic of club fly (donated by club president)
- 18) Fish Pond brand trout fly fishing vest (~ \$90)
- 19) Various Fly Fishing books by John Gierach (~\$15 ea new); more books.
- 20) Lots of assortment of flies (both Salt and Freshwater)

**Bring your chair, wear your mask, and maintain the 6' social distancing rule. All sales final. Cash, local checks, and credit/debit cards accepted.**

**Steve Hofmann**



## Jonas

Our Jonas Magnusson is leaving our area for Tampa. Our club's desire to give him a sendoff with a proper level of accolades has been greatly affected by the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic. Even an open-air Cast-In Ceremony had to be scuttled by Jonas' concern for everyone's personal safety.

We are not completely deterred from our goal to let Jonas know what his membership, friendship, and professional level of his contribution to the sport of fly fishing has and is appreciated. His efforts have provided many of us with personal stories. We would like to collect these individual testimonials and will put them into a collection that will be published by our newsletter editor Paul Wargo. Please write-up your experiences and email them to Paul at [flyfishersnwf@gmail.com](mailto:flyfishersnwf@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your contribution to this effort.

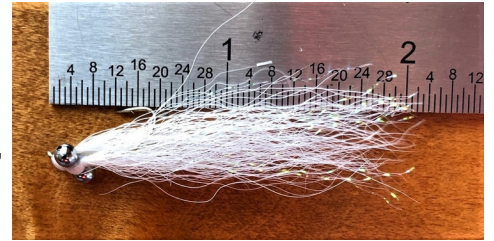


**Fishing with Capt. Baz** Baz has no report this month due to the storm, but we are happy to report that his family, their home, the boats and the dock all made it through the storm with minimal damage.

### One Summer – One Fly –

*(Editor's note: It was evident with the ongoing Covid issues and the aftermath of Sally that I would have pages to fill this month. I could have put in a bunch of pretty pictures – but since I was a minister I am used filling space with words..... )*

I set out this summer to improve upon the Orvis Freshwater Clouser – simply because in the very limited success I have had with the fly rod I have caught more fish (including Spanish) on that little fly than on all other flies combined. However, I wanted a larger hook. The Orvis fly is less than 2" long and comes with a really small hook.



I know the traditional Clouser is the best fly ever, but when I look at it I see eyes that are below and behind where the eyes would be on any baitfish. So I set out to put the eyes where they belong and still have a fly like the Clouser. The dilemma was having a fly light enough to cast and heavy enough to sink, and that kept me busy all summer. After tinkering



with brass dumbbell eyes, split shot, etc etc I realized the real advantage to a Clouser is that that the dumbbells are far enough back to let the fly sink and swim in a horizontal position – like a fish. I finally settled on 10 wraps of lead wire just ahead of the bend. It's not as heavy as dumbbells but I can't cast those anyway. For eyes I settled on Fish Masks, size 4 "Small," and used a regular size 4 Mustad hook.

Then came the bucktail. I tried everything else I could get ahold of, especially variations of craft fur, calf tail, synthetics, but always came back to bucktail. The real challenge was keeping the hair really sparse. I remember reading somewhere that Bob Clouser doesn't sell the flies he fishes because no one would buy them. They look too skimpy to people used to the fancy flies they see in the catalogs. The real secret is that sparse skimpy flies don't have buoyancy, and that makes up for the lack of weight. I would tie a fly, go try it out, and inevitably end up trimming off more hair.



Finished fly ready to fish

Trimmed after I got it to the water



Here in Michigan at our seawall we have about 5 feet of crystal clear water. There are perch, small bass and occasionally a small pike right at my feet. I could not only watch the fly – I could watch the fish. Here are a couple of things I could see:



1. The fly has to get **down**. Perch are finicky, especially with any kind of artificial lure, but they will approach a fly that gets down to their level.

2. A loop knot is **essential** – a fly tied with a regular clinch knot will be affected by the drag of the leader as it goes down, twisting the fly on its side.

3. Most important – a **little white** goes a long way. I was amazed at how visible a few wispy white hairs are on any fly, and that goes hand in hand with keeping the fly sparse so it sinks. I would watch the fly sink, and if it went down head first like a jig it meant getting the scissors out and eliminating some of the buoyancy of the hair.

Anyway, it was **a lot of fun**. Now I have lots of flies to try as soon as we get back down south - when the water clears up and things get back to normal. Hopefully, Soon!



Meanwhile I will continue to experiment with colors, especially the tried and true Tan and White, and I will use the wispy tan /brown hairs from the back of the natural bucktail

*(Still have space for pretty pictures)*



# Fly of the Month: FLASH AND FLY

This is the October Fly of the Month that will be tied via Zoom Tying Session on 8 October 2020 at 6:00PM (1800) by our own Pat Murphy from the FFNWF Fly Tying Committee.

## MATERIALS:

HOOK: GAMAKATSU B10S STINGER #1/0 OR SC15 1/0

THREAD: GRAY 140d

EYES: 6MM YELLOW 3D HOLOGRAPHIC

TAIL: GRAY PSEUDO HAIR or CRAFT FUR

TAIL FLASH: PEARL KRYSTAL FLASH

BELLY: ICE DUB MINNOW BELLY

BODY: SILVER HOLOGRAPHIC ICE DUB



## INSTRUCTION:

1. Debarb hook. Wrap smooth thread base to hook bend. Add small clump pseudo hair at hook bend top of shank. Add 4-5 dark gray bars along tail fibers.
2. Add 4 strands doubled krystal flash ovetop tail material, extend flash tips just beyond tail.
3. Align tips of silver Ice Dub. Tie-in enter of clump, fold tag end back over top of clump.
4. Rotate vice, hook point up. Wrap in small clump minnow belly ice dub, below back tie-in. Bottom of shank. Secure middle of clump, and fold tag over belly and secure. Add second clump, same manner as first clumps. Build out body and belly to hook eye. Number of clumps will be determined by size of your clumps.
5. Whip finish to a smooth tapered thread nose. Add pair 6mm holographic eyes just beyond thread nose. Head cement thread nose

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## From the President

September was an interesting month in our local area with the visit of Hurricane Sally. After intensifying to a category two, she made landfall in Orange Beach Alabama, the amount of wind and rain caused a tremendous amount of damage to homes, water supply, electrical, and communications. Wednesday afternoon, text communication with a large portion of our membership confirmed their safety although without power and many with water intrusion. Our club house came through the storm without water or wind damage, this is significant as the donations collected thus far are in the club house basement cage.

The club's annual auction will occur on Saturday morning 17 October 2020 at 10:00 AM in the open air in front of the club house. Bring your chair, wear your mask, and maintain the 6' social distancing rule. All sales final, cash, local checks, and credit/debit cards accepted and as Terry McCormick says, "It's for the children!" *Dave*

## **Minutes** *(please note: There is a lot of information here!)*

### **FFNWF BOD & Committees Zoom Meeting 27 August 2020, Minutes**

1801 Called to order: President welcomed attendees. (Pres. Dave Handley, Jay Brykzynski, Jerry Giles, Joe Higgins, Steve Hoffman, Bob and Cyndi Myers, Cliff Newton, Lou Orrin, Oleta Webb, Jim White, Russ Shields, and Don Smith)

- **The President's remarks:** Thankful for Kent Reagan's fine work over the last decade. The club has benefitted and very much appreciates his hard work developing our web presence and most recently transitioning to a new, more secure platform. Kent will continue to continue to serve as a committee member of the group responsible for website and social media affairs.

- **Discussion regarding combination** of website and social media platforms under the same standing committee. Currently the club has a Facebook page, but this could include other social media platforms as well, i.e. Instagram, Twitter, others which may come down the line. Bob proposed, Cliff seconded, a motion to have a single standing committee for web/social media development and upkeep. Unanimously approved.

- **Discussion regarding Gulf Breeze Bait & Tackle's** search for saltwater fly sourcing. Consensus was that the recent status approval as a non-profit would be in jeopardy as well as quality control issues made club production of flies for a business opportunity we should decline. Russ proposed, Bob seconded, a motion to respectfully decline.

- The Education Committee chair has expressed a desire to relinquish his duties as chair. He will remain on the committee. Dave Handley will assume chair duties to include management of the annual Fly Fishing 101 Class, educational scheduling fly tying scheduling and arranging lectures. As with all committees, club members who would like to help out are encouraged to seek out service on a committee of their interest.

- **Clubhouse access for normal activities at Miraflores Park is on hold until 1 October.** Pensacola Parks and Recreation will reevaluate at that time. President Dave Handley is in close contact with the city and has a good working relationship with Parks and Rec.

- **For October planning, CCI Jonas has declined a public farewell** for personal reasons. We wish to honor his desires and also express gratitude for his patient instruction during his time in Pensacola.

- **October planning, part 2. The outdoor auction** is still being planned for 17 October, conditions permitting. Auction items are being added weekly. Captain Baz has generously donated a trip.

- **Jim White, PHWFF-Pensacola Program Lead,** provided an update on PHWFF status. Nationally the program has placed in person gatherings on hiatus through Calendar Year 2020. Options for 2 person outings and outdoor casting instruction in small groups may be in the offing.

- **Financial Report:** The Treasurer reported a recent uptick in membership renewals.

The meeting adjourned at 1915.

## **FFNWF General Membership Meeting of 1 September 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 1904 (7:04pm) by President Dave Handley. He thanked club membership for their continued support during this extraordinary year. He encouraged all to continue paying attention to prescribed health precautions.

**Steve Hofmann offered a presentation “Fishing New Mexico and Colorado”**, documenting a trip that he and the lovely Ellen made out west. We vicariously fished the Cimarron and San Juan Rivers in New Mexico, mostly on private waters and sight casting to rising fish. Afternoons were spent fishing dry-dropper rigs. Steve reported that the San Juan is one of the finest tailwater fisheries in the US, with over 15,000 trout per mile in the ‘quality water section’. We were introduced to Famous Abe’s and outfitters/guides including Born N’ Raised, Fisheads, Blue Sky Fly Fishing, Float’n Fish, Animas Valley Anglers, and Duranglers. The southwestern Colorado part of the presentation focused on the Durango area rivers including the Animas, the Pine, the Florida, the Piedra, and Hermosa Creek. He thoughtfully offered a variety of extra-curricular activities in addition to a thorough fishing report. FFNWF members who watched were certainly motivated to consider these destinations in their future plans!

**Minute Approval:** Cliff motioned, Oleta seconded approval of the minutes of the 4 August ZOOM Meeting as published in the September FFNWF Newsletter.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Jay Brykczynski presented his report and an update on membership renewal stats. Bob moved, Cliff seconded approval of the Treasurer’s Report.

### **Club Business:**

- **Thanks were voiced for the fine work of Kent Reagan** as he has faithfully performed the duties as website administrator for a full decade. Kent will continue to serve as a member of a team of website/social media facilitators. Please, any club members who have an interest and talent for such things, step up and bear a hand. Cliff Newton, who so ably has provided a FFNWF Facebook presence will also be serving on the committee.

-**The Education Committee Lead is stepping back** from the lead duties but will continue service on the committee. Dave Handley will assume those committee leadership duties through the 2021 FF101 “Introduction to Fly Fishing” class.

-**Club members are encouraged to offer their service on any committee** that may represent a special area of interest or talent to them. Many hands make light work (and also helps avoid volunteer burnout!).

-**The Fly of the Month “Clear Water Redfish Fly” ZOOM presentation by Pat Murphy** was announced and took place on 10 September. The virtual meetings have helped serve as an interim fly tying fix. If you have not attended a ZOOM Meeting or ZOOM fly tying sessions and would like to see how that takes place please contact Dave or Bob and they



will make sure that Lou Orrie gets you a ZOOM invite. The learning curve is not TOO steep, thankfully, and offers a way to get together and keep in touch.

**-The 17 October farewell for CCI Jonas Magnusson is cancelled per his request.** We sure would like to thank him for all the great instruction that he has provided. Be sure to read his blog Every Jonah Has a Whale at [www.everyjonahhasawhale.com](http://www.everyjonahhasawhale.com) to keep up to date.

**-The club auction remains on schedule for Saturday, 17 October,** starting at 10:00am. Cash, local checks, credit and debit cards all work for your buying convenience. Steve Hoffman has done a wonderful job putting things together in a really challenging environment. Items may be donated up until auction day. New additions are being received daily, the latest being a guided trip from Captain Baz Yelverton, and a Douglas fly rod from Feather Craft. Please remember that the auction is outdoors, so wear a hat and mask, bring your own shade, and stay hydrated.

**-Candidates for positions on the club's Board of Directors** are being solicited by the Nominating Committee. Service on the Board and involvement as a member of a standing committee really helps the club succeed. If you'd like to be involved or know just the right person for the job please contact Dave Handley, Bob Myers, or Cliff Newton.

After setting the next meeting date of 6 October a motion was made by Cliff, seconded by Cyndi, to adjourn.

Minutes submitted by Bob Myers, Vice-President.