

# ***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...Cliff Newton*

The Gulf Coast Council of IFF is organizing a Fly Fishing Festival, September 12-13 in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. There are a number of reasons you should plan to attend if you can.

First you support an effort to provide a fly fishing educational event that celebrates the opportunities for fishing most of us have available along the Gulf Coast.

There are seminars and classes available to enhance your skills in fly tying, casting and fishing.

You get to hang out with and learn from fellow fly fishers across the Gulf Coast.

It will be a lot of fun.

This year is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our club's founding. Paul Wargo has volunteered to help put together a PowerPoint presentation for our Christmas Banquet, but we need someone on the ground here to interview our longest serving members and collect copies of photos over the years. Please step forward if you are interested in club history.

Paul could also use help on the membership committee. We need someone to keep us in supply of new member packets for one thing. This is a good way to get involved in the club and get to know the members.

There will not be a board meeting. The membership meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 2nd.

### **Fall Fishing Outing**

A fall club fishing outing is planned for October 25, 2014 from 7am to 12pm. Come enjoy some nice fall weather at the lake with club members. Win a prize with your fishing prowess. Fishing, fellowship, and fun will be the order of the day! Bring your own refreshments.

Location: Karick Lake or Hurricane Lake in Okaloosa County. Final location will be determined and put in the October Newsletter along with directions.

**Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida,  
August 5, 2014, President Cliff Newton, presiding**

Subject: Meeting minutes for 05 August 2014 General Membership Meeting

Location: Miraflores Park, 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Pensacola, FL

Time: 1900 General Membership Meeting

For a list of participants of the meeting please refer to the attendance record dated 05 August 2014.

There was no Board Meeting held for the month of August.

Cliff Newton, President, called the General Membership Meeting to order at 1907 hours.

Fishing reports were given.

Russ Shields motioned that the previous month's meeting minutes be accepted as published. Ralph Newton seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jay gave the treasury report. Kent Reagan motioned that the treasury report be accepted and Ralph Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ralph Newton gave a report on the outing committee. Ralph is looking to do a saltwater outing in the spring and a freshwater outing in the fall. Details of his proposed outings are in his proposal. As of this moment he is looking at scheduling an outing for Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> from 0700-1200 hours. The exact location has not been decided yet but is likely going to be Bear, Karick or Hurricane Lake.

Additional information for future events: Naval Live Oaks has a group camping area on the north side of highway 90 with a pavilion that goes for \$70 a day. There is access for kayaks at the site and boats can come ashore there. Deep sea outing: Ralph and Gary will go out with Eastern Shore Fly Fishing Club on August 16<sup>th</sup> and report back at next meeting.

Auction committee has had a large donation of books. Fishing equipment of all kinds has also been received by Russ Shields. Gulf Coast Council of IFFF is having a fly fishing festival on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in Ocean Springs, Mississippi at the Civic Center.

It is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of club existence. Some type of program will be given at the Christmas banquet. Someone from the club is needed to volunteer to oversee this project and create a program for the banquet. Jay recommended putting "Established 1984" on the back of club baseball hats for anniversary. Kent Reagan motioned and Ralph Newton seconded the motion to buy 25 of these hats. The motion passed.

Cliff Newton mentioned the option of doing a one day seminar next year. This will be discussed further at future meetings. Russ Shields gave a briefing on the status of Healing Waters and invited anyone new to come out on Monday nights and volunteer. Russ Shields moved we adjourn the meeting and Oleta Webb seconded. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 2006 hours.

The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned.

Kent Reagan, Secretary

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August has been an unusual month for bull redfish. In previous years schools of the big fish have settled into the deep, cool water in Pensacola Pass where they've been hammered daily by all the guide boats. But not this year. Instead the fish are in the Gulf and close to shore both east and west of the pass. There is a huge school of fish between the palm tree and Pickens Point, but I haven't been able to get them to eat anything artificial all month. Hopefully, after Labor Day there will be fewer beach fishermen along that stretch, and I'll be able to spend enough time there to figure it out. Crab patterns might be the ticket...

The schools of fish on the Caucas Shoal are different...harder to find but willing to eat. The best area has been west of the point a quarter mile or so in the vicinity of the beached blue boat. The fish could be anywhere from a hundred to a thousand yards off the beach. There has been one large school of 200-300 fish and some smaller schools. There are Spanish mackerel running with the larger school which makes fly selection interesting. Bigger is better to keep from getting cut off... **Jeff Nall** from Nixa, MO,

**Jeff Nall**



got into them on August 6 and landed this beauty on an intermediate line and a white-chartreuse go-meaux . All of the other fish in August were on spinning tackle... I'll include a shot of **Emily Payne Ferguson** from a couple days to showcase the quality of these fish.

**Emily Ferguson**



The big Spanish mackerel have been showing up sporadically at the USS Massachusetts, but it's still undependable. We haven't landed one yet on fly out there. The usual spot by Town Point has been producing a few fish like this fine Spanish landed by Birmingham's **Hobart McWhorter** on August 11. Not bad for an octogenarian fly caster!

**Hobart Whorter**



On the first of August I took Thomas Birdwell and his two sons Chase and JP out for the club auction trip that Tom Birdwell bought. We tried unsuccessfully for redfish along the beach down to the east by the pink condos and in a desperation move ran out 5 miles beyond the Tex Edwards looking for false albacore. We finally found them, and the boys had fun catching a few fish on spinning

## Fishing Report... Continue

tackle. We saw what appeared to be "nervous water" at a distance, ran over there, and found a sizable school of "chicken" dolphin. Thomas picked up the fly rod and landed a couple of the beautiful little fish on a pompano rocket modification by Matt Wegener which he calls the "golden nugget". Sorry to say I didn't get any photos, as we were in too much of a hurry to get the fish in the cooler and keep the blood out of the boat. Man, those are some bloody little dudes...

That's all I have to report for August. Most of my charters were spin-fishing trips, and I've been eager to pole my favorite flats with a fly angler on the bow. The water has cleared considerably, and the flats look great. I have eight fly charters booked for September so far and hope to have news next month of some great redfish sight-fishing and the first jack crevalle of 2014 landed on fly. Maybe even some record days of false albacore fishing... We'll see.

**Capt Baz**



**Following was received from Jack Bauknecht. I believe his wife made him write this statement several times.**

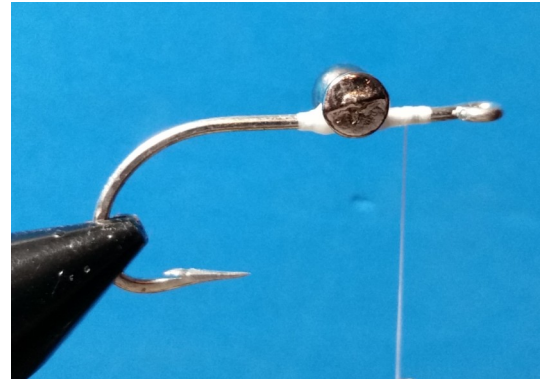




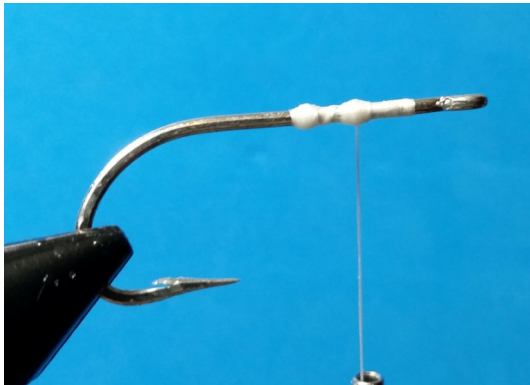
Many of you may already know how to tie this fly, and for those of you that do, you probably need to tie more of them because they flat-out catch fish! For those of you that don't know about the Green Weenie, the time has come for you to learn. Although I'm not entirely sure who created this fly (maybe Travis Atkins?), I can tell you that Capt. Baz introduced it to me several years ago and it's a fly he uses quite often to send his clients home happy. It catches Spanish Mackerel off the beach, Red Fish on the flats, and Speckled Trout over grass beds...need I say more? This fly isn't hard to tie, and there is no need to learn any new techniques. It's just a simple Clouser Minnow. What makes it so effective is the choice of color. Capt. Baz couldn't stress this enough when he was telling me about this fly. The belly is not white, but polar bear, just like the belly of real baitfish. The green is not as dark as olive nor as bright as green. The easiest way I know how to explain it is a light "insect" green. You may need to stop by a fly shop to get the right color match.

**Tying Materials**

- Hook: #2 Mustad 34007
- Thread: White and green Danville Flat Waxed Nylon
- Eye: Medium dumbbell eyes
- Tail: Polar bear Super Hair or Unique Hair
- Wing: Green Super Hair or Unique Hair
- Flash: Chartreuse Krystal Flash



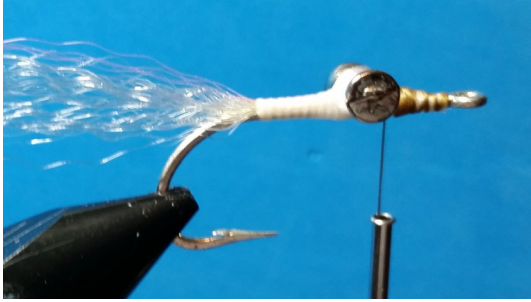
Secure the eyes using crisscross thread wraps and lashing techniques. Apply a drop of super glue to make it even more secure.



Use white thread to make a thread base and then form two "humps" to cradle the dumbbell eyes. I like to make the rear hump at the half-way point of the hook shank and the other hump slightly closer to the hook eye.

Bring the thread in front of the eyes and tie in match-stick amount of polar bear super hair, about 3 inches long or 3 times the length of the hook shank (optional: add 3-4 strands of pink super hair the same length and tie in on top of polar bear super hair).

## *Green Weenie...Continue*



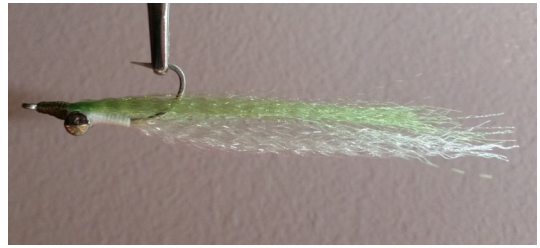
Bring thread behind the eyes and secure the polar bear super hair at this point. Continue wrapping towards the bend of the hook to form the tail. Bring thread back to the eye, whip finish and cut the white thread. Then tie on the green thread used to form the head of the fly.



Tie in 4-5 strands of Kyrstal Flash. I like to use the entire length of flash and double it over. This helps to avoid only having flash on one side of the fly.



Tie in a match-stick sized amount of green super hair, slightly shorter than the length of the polar bear super hair. Finally, form an even, cylindrical head with the green thread. Whip finish and Epoxy.

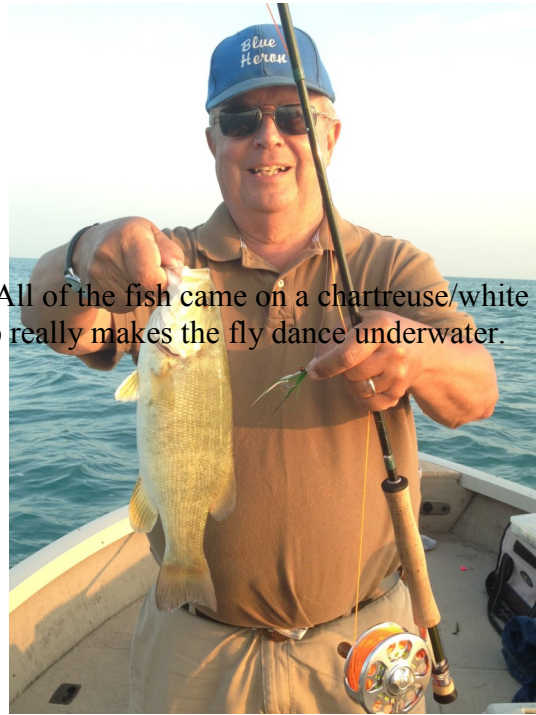


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# Around the Bay...and Further Away

Fishing for bass with his sons, Paul Wargo hooked into this Great Lakes muskie on a 7 wt rod and a tan Clouser minnow. Using a sink tip line in 14' of water and drifting with the current the line was almost vertical. The heavy Clouser helps to keep the line tight and makes it possible to feel the strike, although the muskie just inhaled the fly and started to swim away. It was

lence the muskie doesn't fight anywhere near as hard as a good Pen-



Some nice fish I caught in Big Lagoon several Saturdays ago. All of the fish came on a chartreuse/white "Beer Belly" fly uses Fly Lips made by Pensacola native Greg Saunders. The lip really makes the fly dance underwater.

quite a thrill but in spite of the muskie's legendary reputation for vio-



Paul Wargo plans a presentation @ our first meeting in October. Topic will be on fishing adventures around his second home in Michigan. Should be good.



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**Gulf Coast FLY FISHING FAIR, Sept. 12/13, 2014**  
**Ocean Springs Civic Center - 3730 Bienville Blvd.**

Sponsored by  
The Gulf Coast Council - International Federation of Fly Fishers

**FREE ADMISSION - FREE CASTING LESSONS - FREE TYING  
DEMONSTRATIONS - FREE CLASSES**

**Auctions & Raffles for rods, reels, equipment and artwork with 50% of  
the proceeds donated to the USM - Gulf Coast Research Lab**

**If you have ever thought about learning to fly fish in Salt Water, Warm Water or Cold Water,  
or improving your skills, then this is your opportunity to learn from many of the best  
instructors in the country – FOR FREE!**

**Programs on tarpon, stripers, redfish, speckled trout, how fish see, and much, much more...**

**Casting Instructors include:**

**Head of IFFF Casting Board of Governors**

**4 Master Casting Instructors**

**5+ Certified Casting Instructors**

**More information, classes and schedules coming soon go to: [www.gulfcoastfff.org](http://www.gulfcoastfff.org)**

**Fly Shops from three states**

**Fly Fishing / Tying Vendors**

**Fly Tying Demonstrations by many of the  
best fly tiers in 5 states**

**Programs for Scouts**



**WHAT:** The International Federation of Fly Fishers – Gulf Coast Council (IFFF-GCC) is holding the Gulf Coast Fly Fishing Fair at the Ocean Springs Civic Center on September 13 with proceeds being donated to the University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL).

**WHERE:** Ocean Springs Civic Center  
3730 Bienville Boulevard  
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 13 from 9am to 5pm

**SPECIFICS:** The activities will include a variety of fly fishing instruction, including beginner classes, casting lessons, and various presentations. There will also be silent auctions and raffles for rods, reels, equipment and artwork. A percentage of those proceeds will go to support Marine education programming at the GCRL. There will be fly tying demonstrations by fly tiers from five states, programs specifically for scouts and outdoor vendors. Visit [www.gulfcoastfff.org](http://www.gulfcoastfff.org) for detailed schedules and information.

**CONTACT:** Martha Brown, GCRL Public Information Officer -228.669.8612; Jeff Deuschle, HOSSFLY (Historic Ocean Springs Saltwater Fly Fishing Club) President 251.645.2616

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Just one more reminder that our inaugural GCC Fly Fishing Fair will take place in Ocean Springs September 12-13. We will have a few specialized classes on Friday while we set up at the Civic Center followed by a Jambalaya Buffet, cash bar and auction on the covered patio at the Ocean Springs Civic Center at 7pm. Saturday begins with a 7am breakfast buffet and awards at the USM - Gulf Coast Research Station. Registration will open at 8:30am and classes, presentations, etc. will begin at 9am at the Ocean Springs Civic Center. We will have food and drink available and the traditional auctions, raffles and contests will take place throughout the day. All the details can be found at <http://www.gulfcoastfff.org/>.

Pre-registration - Many of our casting and indoor classes have limited attendance so please reserve your place early. Just click on the links on the class schedules at <http://www.gulfcoastfff.org/>. We also encourage you please preregister for events like the Jambalaya Buffet and the Breakfast which are not limited. Your registration will help us to have a much better idea of how many folks to cook and prepare for.

Press Release - Attached is a version of a media advisory that the GCRL folks have helped us write. Please take a minute and forward it to your local sports/outdoors editors, radio etc. There may be some changes here, but it's important for your local folks to know that your club is involved.

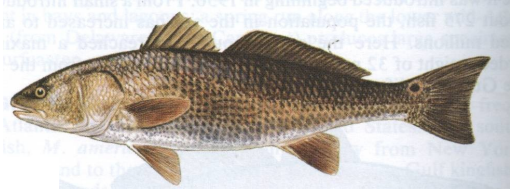
Poster/Flier - You all should have a copy of the show flier, but I have attached a copy for the same as above.

Projectors/Screens - We are setting up our presentation rooms with computer compatible projectors and screens. If any of you have and would lend these to the Council, it would save us some rental or purchase expense.

Hotel Rooms - For those of you not staying in the GCRL suites, we have been working on group reservations for rooms in Ocean Springs. Ken Koffel should firm this up ~ Tuesday - details to follow.

Please forward this reminder information to your club members. Let us know who or how many are coming from your club, and many thanks to those of you who have worked so hard to make this a great show. It'll be a great time - see you there,

Jeff Deuschle 251.645.2616  
Ken Koffel 228.217.1066



# SEPTEMBER 2014

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