



Flies and Lies

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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

September Meeting – Tuesday, September 6 7:00

Tarpon Bob (Korose) will present the program – his recent trip to Tarpon Town – Campeche, Mexico, in June to fish for baby tarpon (3-30#). It turned out to be a great and easy trip that Bob highly recommends. Bob has been there and done that so he knows a good trip when he sees one – and so will you because he will have pictures.....



Baby Tarpon – aren't they called Poor Man's Ladyfish?

FlyTying / Bull Session – Thursday, September 8- 6:30

This is another month when Tuesday will seem like Monday and Thursday will be here two days later. Nevertheless Matt has a new fly developed by Flymen (of Fish Skull fame) just for us (saltwater fly fishers). More info follows.....

Fly Fishing Show and/or Club Clinic – Saturday,



September 17 We will decide at the meeting on Tuesday if we will still have the Clinic (and lunch) or if we will skip the clinic this month. More info on the fly fishing show follows. Our own Peacock Bob (Korose) will be one of the presenters with a slide show about his trip to Brazil to catch Peacock Bass

With Deep Regrets and Great Respect we announce the passing of **Dr. Jay Williams**, Navy veteran and long time member of our club.

News Flash!!! Jonas Magnusson has just passed his FFF (Federation of Fly Fishers) exam and is now a Certified Casting Instructor. He took the test in Boca Grand. There are only two certified instructors in the Pensacola area. This is a Big Deal! Congratulations, Jonas!!!! Baz

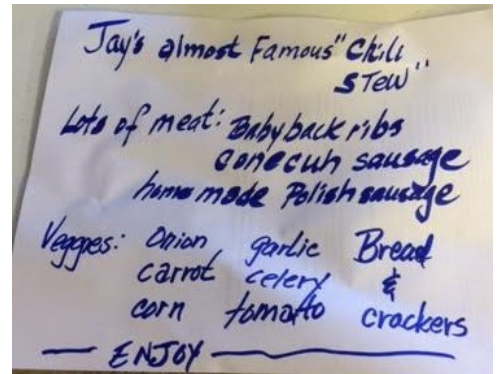


Here is Jonas teaching new member Annette. Don't laugh. Lee Wulff could cast an entire 100' fly line with his wrist.

Here are a couple old fuddy duddies who still think you need a rod.



Jay's Almost Famous Chili Stew



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Artwork by Bill Vinton - 3rd Grade, Cordeiro Park Elementary

SEPTEMBER 2nd, 3rd and 4th
 GRAND LAGOON YACHT CLUB

OUR MISSION

In order to promote excellence in mind, body, and learning potential, the Maintenance Department pledges to support the ongoing Backpack Project in Escambia County public schools by providing weekend food supplements for as many at-risk children as possible.

Friend of our club Scott Stillman sends this invitation: Please let your folks know about our Fishing Rodeo that benefits the weekend food for at risk children in Escambia County schools. I have attached the cover of the booklet. Tickets and information are available at most tackle shops.



Friend of our club Corbett Davis Jr sends greetings and pictures from Cabo San Lucas "Caught 5 Rooster Fish on the fly yesterday. All great"

What more needs to be said??

Fishing with Capt. Baz

August has been all about ladyfish, bluefish, small Spanish mackerel, and especially jack crevalle. The jacks have been very active this past week. On August 24 club member Jeff Deuschle hooked two and landed one...his first jack on fly! Way to go, Jeff. It was an epic battle that he'll tell you all about. I think it took him about 40 minutes to land the fish, and at one time he was pulling the backing in with his teeth...



Today was another terrific day. Peter Petruzzi and I saw fish off-and-on all day. Peter kept hooking fish and then losing them. We were totally snake-bit on landing them until he finally boated this monster after a 30 minute battle on his 10wt. All the fish both days were hooked on Ben Walters' big white popper. The jacks love it! I'll be out there after them again tomorrow. It's hot but worth it!

Capt Baz



Project Healing Waters

Our Healing Waters program will begin on Monday the 5th which is Labor Day. We are going to celebrate with a "Pot Luck" lunch get together. Other September meetings will be on the 12th and 26th.



Bob Korose took Kiel Vickers, a recent addition to our Healing Waters program, on his first fly fishing outing last Wednesday. Kiel caught his first ever fish on a fly rod on a fly that he tied! Well Done! *Russ Shields*

Kiel's version of the story:

I most definitely did. I landed my first fish on a fly! Bob was great company and I learned more than I can remember. Especially about casting. I just hope the swearing and trouble wasn't more than an Air Force guy could handle HaHa!

Fly of the Month



Shrimp Tail Gotcha...by Matt Wegener

Take a look in your saltwater fly box and count how many flies have some sort of dumbbell or bead-chain eyes. If you are like me, then the majority of your flies will fall into that category. There is nothing wrong with that, but that is not to say it cannot be improved. This month, I'm going to introduce the club to a new material by the makers of Fish Skull. It's called the Shrimp and Crawfish Tail, an innovative product that was just released this spring. It's easy work with and does not require numerous crisscross or figure eight wraps to hold in place. The stainless-steel product causes

your fly to fall just like normal dumbbell eyes, but has two additional benefits. The first is a finished look. How often do we scrutinize over realistic antennas and eyes, yet we forgo this attention to detail near the tail? The second benefit is the action it adds. Imagine a pattern that kicks up puffs of sand and darts erratically after each strip. That's what this thing does, so join me at the Bull Session as we tie a Shrimp Tail Gotcha, as well as other patterns that have numerous applications here on the Gulf Coast.



GULF COAST FLY FISHING FAIR <http://gulfcoastiff.blogspot.com/p/home.html>
Sept. 16/17, 2016 **Ocean Springs Civic Center**
3730 Bienville Blvd.
Ocean Springs, Miss.

Sponsored by [The Gulf Coast Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers](#)

[FREE ADMISSION - FREE TYING DEMONSTRATIONS - FREE CASTING LESSONS - FREE PRESENTATIONS](#)

Plus Auctions & Raffles for rods, reels, equipment, artwork and more

The GCC donates 50% of its show proceeds to benefit the [USM - Gulf Coast Research Lab's](#) fisheries research.

We will bring together retailers, fabulous guides, a host of the best tyers in the Deep South, and one of the very best gatherings of Certified Casting Instructors in the country -- all for your enjoyment! There will be raffles and auctions of quality equipment -- rods and reels, supplies, guided fly fishing trips by great guides and world class fly plates (framed flies) by famous (and few infamous) tyers.

Book Review by George Norton August 22, 2016

“Bluegill” by Terry and Roxanne Wilson

This paperback is the definitive book on fly fishing for bluegills. The two authors describe the different situations the fly angler encounters such as: a small pond, a twenty acre lake in the heat of the summer, a 1500 acre oxbow lake, or a stream during the different seasons of the year. Each season requires a different tactic and strategy.

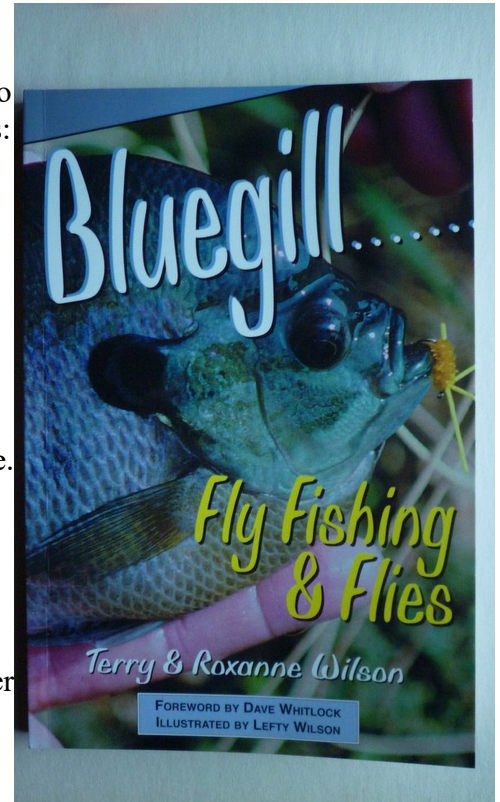
The book’s focus is on catching the larger more selective bluegills of eight inches and larger. I love fly fishing for bluegills in all types of environments. The best bluegill fisheries have lots of weeds and submerged wood with ample fertile shallow water.

The big ones gills on a two or three weight fly rod will give anyone a good fight and they bore down hard in deep water and will move a canoe. They are also very good on a dinner plate.

The authors cover a variety of flies that work from dries, nymphs, streamers and poppers that all work. The key is to recognize that larger bluegills are selective feeders when not on the bed and they will approach the fly from behind and inspect the fly first.

They suck it in and will immediately expel the fly when duped. A popper dropper rig is especially good as you can also pick up some bass. The Bully Spider we tied in the club is at the top of the author’s list as the rubber legs really work and it is a simple fly to tie: chenille, lead weight and rubber legs. The chenille and rubber legs can be in a variety of colors from yellow to chartreuse to black being the most popular colors.

I will try to organize a spring freshwater club trip next year to Lake Talquin or another freshwater lake to take advantage of the highly rated bluegill and bass fishery. Let me know any suggestions.



FFNWF Business Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2016 President Rex Straughn presiding.

There was no board meeting.

President Straughn called the membership meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Eighteen members present.

The minutes from the July meetings were approved as posted. The treasurer's report was approved as presented. Jay Brykczynski reported progress on filing for club 501.c7, status. That process will enable the club to comply with IRS rules for non-profit organizations for tax purposes.

Dave Handley is preparing project packages which will bring the “Scout Hut”, into compliance with current Americans With Disabilities Act. That will possibly allow inclusion of the building in historical records. These projects will require co-operation and participation by the City of Pensacola, which owns the building.

Dave has also been instrumental in acquiring the large screen TV, video camera, and equipment for fly-tying sessions and other presentations. This is a great enhancement to our video capabilities.

Plans for our Christmas Party will move forward, as Rex Straughn, Cliff Newton, Oleta Webb, and Jay B., consolidate the details. The party will be on the 2nd., Tuesday in December.

Fishing reports indicate that fish have headed to the Gulf, attempting to escape ninety (90) degree water in the bays. The eighty-four (84) temp., at the Massachusetts, a mile offshore, isn’t much better. Freshwater is hit and miss due to the heat and thunderstorms.

Wolfgang Szultie gave a very informative presentation on his trip to the Florida Keys. Presented on our new equipment, the scenery and overall beauty of areas he fished were great.

Among fish he sought were permit, tarpon, crevalle, and snapper. He had a big thrill when a barracuda he caught was attacked by a shark.

The meeting was summarily adjourned.

Jerry Giles, substitute secretary