

Flies and Lies

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President's Corner

Happy New Year. I hope you each had a very happy holiday. We ended the year with a fabulous Christmas party complete with lots of great food, raffles and friends.

Time to jump in to a new year and lots of activities to look forward to. March will bring our annual FF101 Class and May will bring our annual auction.

I look forward to another great year with you all.

Cyndi

Club Meeting – Tuesday, Jan 7 6:30

In addition to the business meeting, the presentation for January will be by Officer Chris Lugg of Fish and Wildlife Conservation. Chris will be talking about fishing rules, any changes and boating safety

Fly Tying – Thursday, Jan 9 6:30

Bob Korose will be tying the White Lightning this month.

Clinic – Saturday, Jan 18 9:00 AM

Join us to perfect your casting and tie the White Lightning. The January Clinic Lunch will be a potpourri of things we've accumulated over the recent past.

Speaking of lunch, Chef Joe Higgins would like some volunteers to step up and prepare the February, March, and April clinic lunches. You can reach Chef at jhigpcola2@aol.com.

In Memoriam Robert "Bob" Myers 1952- 2024

By Paul Wargo



Bob and Cyndi have been faithful active members of our club for many years, especially the past few years that Cyndi has served as president while at the same time staying at Bob's side as his health failed. Bob was called to eternal rest on November 26 at age 72.

He was born in Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania. Shortly after graduation from high school he joined the U.S. Navy, which began a distinguished career that took him

from Virginia to California and eventually to Pensacola. Here in Pensacola, he met Cyndi. They were married and blessed with two children, Stephanie and Robert. With the Navy Bob served with the Blue Angels as the Crew Chief for the number 5 and number 7 jet from 1980 to 1982.

Bob was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pensacola, where his funeral was held before burial at Barrancas National Cemetery onboard NAS Pensacola. He also was an active member of our club and an avid fly fisherman, as well as an avid reader. However, most of all Bob will be remembered as a husband, father, and friend.

Membership Dues for 2025

The dues are coming due! Dues are \$35 to renew this year. There are three ways to pay,

1. **Pay Larry** in person at a club meeting,
2. **Mail a Check** to:
Larry Sisney 3610 Baisden Rd, Pensacola, FL 32503
3. **Pay online** through <https://ffnwf.org/membership>. A two-dollar fee is added for the online payment.

Christmas Party





Auction and Raffles



Anglers of the Year



Anglers of the Year honors were presented to Steve and Ellen Hoffmann. Both were key in cataloging and organizing all the donations for the club auction and Christmas Party which are the main fund-raising support for the club and our veterans.

Without the Hoffmann's, we would not be in such good financial shape. The Hoffmanns are always ready and willing to volunteer with the club's activities, Steve has also made many presentations on their fly-fishing trips which were very educational.

George Norton

Homage to Bob Myers – Missing Man Table



Fly of the Month: White Lightning

By Bob Korose

I call this fly White Lightning because it gets lots of strikes. I use it for Speckled Trout and other fish on the grass flats as a dropper off a gurgler or popper. It seems that the sound from the gurgler/popper attracts the fish and when they see the fly they strike it. Use it by itself for Spanish Mackerel, Bluefish, Ladyfish, Bonita and others that are feeding on Glass Minnows. Use a size #6 or #8 White Lightning fly with bead chain eyes and a glow tail to catch the specs around docks at night under the lights. You can also fish it in freshwater for Bass, Crappie, Bream, and many others.



INGREDIENTS:

Hook: Mustad 34007 or Mustad S71SAP-TX Sizes 2, 4, 6 or 8

Thread: White 140 or 210 denier or clear 6/0 mono

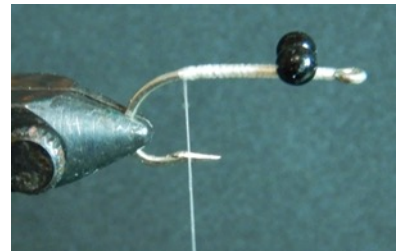
Eyes: Dumbbell eyes or bead chain eyes (size depends on desired weight)

Body: Medium or small pearl chenille, Ice chenille or Eztaz

Tail: White Marabou. Use FTD ET White Glow Fibers for night fishing

Flash: Pearl Krystal flash

1. Debarb the hook. Start the thread behind the hook eye and wrap back to the hook bend, then forward to $\frac{1}{4}$ a hook length behind the eye. Tie in the eyes with figure 8 wraps then return the thread back to the bend.



2. Tie on a clump of marabou that is a little longer than the length of the hook. Then tie on a couple of strands of Krystal flash the same length as the marabou.



3. Tie on a piece of the chenille and wind the thread forward to in front of the eyes.

4. Wrap the chenille forward to the thread and tie it off.



5. Make a nice head and whip finish. Color it red with a marker (if desired). Apply head cement or UV and you are ready to go fish.



Fishing Report

By Captain Richard Montgomery

Can you say a broken record (for all y'all oldies in the group) here folks. January brings even colder water and air temps. Speckled trout have moved off the flats to canals and rivers for more consistent water temps. Redfish can be found by sight fishing but these fish are spooky, so move slowly and try wading. Yeah, it requires waders but the rewards are there. Use shrimp patterns for those on grass and EP flies for those on sand. The redfish have been very picky about which EP flies. One day it is the Pinfish, the next is Grey/White, the next is a Perfect Minnow, y'all get the picture!

There have been reports of False Albacore showing in the shallow east of Pensacola Beach. If you can find them, use small, small flies. Also look for redfish in the troughs of the sandbar. Just pick a parking lot at Pickens and walk/wade slowly. The redfish on the Gulf side are light in color and hard to see.

Except for the FA's the overall take-away is SLOW.

The Minutes

FFNWF December 3, 2024 Meeting

By George Norton Secretary

1830: Club VP, Rex Green called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Last Month's minutes as published were approved by Russ and Steve H.

Treasure's Report: Larry reported the club's checking account has a healthy balance. Tickets for the club Christmas Party, a \$100 donation for beverages, membership dues less payments for the new refrigerator, raffle items, new bobbins, clinic food and pastries, fly tying materials and a payment to SHCC for the party. Russ and Dave approved the report.

Christmas Party: 40 tickets were sold. The finger food buffet was excellent and mixed drinks were from the open bar. A special table in memory of Bob Myers called "The Missing Man Table" was set aside with Bob and family photos. Bob had many good friends in the club and we will miss him very much. The silent auction featured three Orvis fly rods and three Helios fly reels, a fly fishing tackle bag and a wood storage chest with drawers and rod holders. Top of the line items. Door prizes were also a hit. Thanks Cliff for procuring them.

Angler of the Year: Steve and Ellen Hoffmann are our 2024 winners. The Hoffmann's were a marvelous addition to the club having moved from Arizona several years ago. They have shared with presentations, organized and cataloged our FF donations for the May auctions, and helped out whenever there is a need. Congratulations Steve and Ellen Hoffmann and very well deserved!

Membership: Dues for 2025 are \$35 for old members and \$40 for new members. Please don't pay with cash but by check or with a card on line. Dave H will update the membership list. Please provide your address and phone number for the new directory.

101 FF Class stats in March and costs \$95 and includes membership. Start thinking who you can invite to the class. The class is a great way to get up to speed with fly tying, casting and local knowledge.

Go fund Cyndi: Cyndi Myers, our club President had many extra expenses during Bob's illness which took her and Bob up to Birmingham and back for surgeries and treatments. The club will donate \$100 and if you would like to donate additionally google the site.

Fly Tying: Tarpon Bob will lead in January with the "White Lightning". Fly tyers are needed every month and are reimbursed for materials. See Tarpon Bob to volunteer. Select a favorite fly!

Club Fly Fishgig Trip to Campeche Mexico: May 2025: Tarpon Bob and George N plan to go. Tarpon has made two previous trips and Wolfgang one. Campeche is a close trip and one of Tarpon Bob's favorite's, featuring many hook ups every day. Google "Fishing with Larry" or see Bob about the details of fighting baby tarpon to thirty pounds on an eight weight rod among the mangrove jungles.

Fishing reports: Oleta reported catching black snapper, reds and bass in the lower Perdido River lagoons. Now is the time to hit the canals and deep bayous for speckled trout with Clouser minnows after cold fronts. Conditions in the surf are hit and miss for reds, bluefish bonito and pompano.

1915: The meeting adjourned