

# Flies and Lies

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## President's Corner

Well, another year has come and gone. December is a busy month for us all, but I hope to see you all at the Christmas party on December 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be great door prizes, raffles, delicious buffet and best of all, great

company. Christmas party tickets are still available to purchase online at \$32 each thru Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup>. No tickets will be sold at the door.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our 2025 officers for their dedication to the club. A new president and vice president were elected at the November meeting. They will be introduced at the Christmas party.

**Cyndi Myers**

**President**

## Club Meeting – Tuesday, Dec 2 6:30

This is a business meeting only. There is no program scheduled for the meeting.

**There will not be a Bull Session or Clinic this month.**

## Christmas Party December 9

The Christmas Party will be at the Holiday Inn Pensacola, University at 7813 North Davis Highway. A social hour will start at 6 pm and drinks can be purchased at the hotel lobby bar. The buffet dinner will be served at 7 pm.

**Don't Forget to bring a Door Prize!!**

## Raffle Prizes:

We have a number of raffle bucket prizes, including three fly rods, three reels, a Stripping basket, a fly cabinet, and two gift certificates. Raffle tickets are \$5 each and 6 for \$25.

### Orvis Recon Fly Rods

10 ft 4 wt

9 ft 7 wt

9 ft 10 wt

Stripping Basket

2) \$100 Gift Certificates for The Community Fly Supply

### Orvis Fly Reels

Hydros II reel with WF 4F line

Hydros IV reel with WF 7F/H/I line

Hydros V reel with WF 10F line  
Fly Cabinet

## Silent Auction Items

Also available this year are several items for the silent auction.

Item	Starting Bid
Bamboo Fly Rod built by Russ Shields 7'-6" 2-piece 5/6wt with two tips	\$500.00
Fly Tying Station	\$200.00
Nor-vise	\$400.00

Russ Shields built the bamboo rod. The rod has an agate stripping guide and REC Recoil guides that are wrapped with Granger Green silk thread. It's varnished with Helmsman spar varnish. He mentioned that the rod casts slightly better with the 6wt line.

## Membership Dues for 2025

The dues are coming due! The three membership options are [online](#). 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.

## Business Meeting

The business meeting started off with elections for club offices, as well as the Angler of the Year. Officers for 2026 are Richard Montgomery President, Bob Korose, VP, George Norton, Secretary and Larry Sisney, Treasurer. See the minutes for a complete list of board members for 2026. The Angler of the Year will be announced at the Christmas Party.

Ramsey Greene followed with an excellent presentation on dry fly design. The minutes offer a more complete recap of his presentation, but in essence, one wants to focus on what the fish see, not what looks good to us.



(Photo Credits: Cyndi)



New club business cards were received and are available to members. The cards are stored in the library cabinet.

## Project Healing Waters

By Mick Milo



The Healing Waters group finished up the October rod building and started tying flies again. Gary led us in a popper pattern and a Redfish Crack pattern.





## Fly Tying and Clinic

This month, Ramsey Greene demonstrated the techniques mentioned in his presentation during the Bull Session and again at the Saturday Clinic. We used a pattern called the Transformer Ant to experiment with various techniques.



Cap'n Richard Montgomery was able to discuss the finer points of casting with a couple of our long-time members.



After the Clinic activity, Rex Green treated us to meatball subs. It appears we were so busy eating, no one thought to take pictures. Needless to say, we did enjoy the subs.



*(Photo Credit: Cyndi and Jay)*



# Fishing Report

By Captain Richard Montgomery

What an odd month! The big redfish were not too consistent this year, but they are still showing up. As usual they are just as inconsistent where they showed as when they showed. The Spanish stayed with us most of the fall season, but were just as inconsistent as the redfish. However, the Spanish that showed were bigger on average than times past. The club members/PWH trips while not producing big redfish did produce some nice Spanish, oh and a few record lizard fish.

Capt. Baz and I found redfish in the shallows right where they should be, his anglers though always seem to hold their tongues just right. Mine not so much.

Look for the next cold front 11/28 to drive the most of the redfish out of the Bay (actually menhaden, resulting in loss of bull reds). It will probably drive the specks to their deep-water holes as well.



Look to the shallows of the Gulf of Mexico for cruising redfish and pompano. The Gulf is so clear you probably will see them a mile down the beach.



# Fly of the Month

There is no fly of the month, but I've been working on an index of past fly patterns. I have the last 10 years listed here. Later, the entire list will be available on the website. The annual index will be available each December.

## FLY OF THE MONTH INDEX 2015 -- 2025

### 2025

January – White Lightning  
February – Stealth Bomber  
March – Klinkhammer  
Special  
April – Flash Belly Clouser  
May – Flash Fly Variant  
June – Micro Minno  
July – Lightbulb  
August – Go-Meaux  
September – Ugly Duckling  
October – Spoon Fly  
November – Transformer Ant  
December -- None

### 2024

Jan – Otter's Milking Egg  
Feb – The Thin Mint Bugger  
Mar – Br'er Rabbit  
Apr – EZ Body Cone Fly  
May – Double Bunny  
Streamer Variant  
Jun – Tan and White Clouser  
Jul – Sparkle Spider  
Aug – The Summer Caterpillar  
Sep – Neon Icon Pompano Fly  
Oct – Kreelex  
Nov – Glass Minnow  
Dec – No Fly of the Month

### 2023

Jan – Christmas Island Special  
Feb – Game Changer  
Mar – Down and Dirty  
Apr – The Black Nose Dace  
May – BMF Baitfish  
Jun – Olive Finger Baitfish  
Jul – Dub Shrimp  
Aug – Poppin Flat Shrimp Gurgler  
Sep – Sea Streamer

Oct – The Blue Crab  
Nov – Crackleback  
Dec – No Fly of the Month

### 2022

Jan – Slinky Anchovy  
Feb – Terry's Clouser  
Mar – Rubber Legged Dragon  
Apr – What's Up Dock?  
May – Redfish Rattler  
Jun – Murdich Minnow Modified  
Jul – The Blue Claw  
Aug – Ft. Pickens Special  
Sep – Nylure Fly  
Oct – Soft Hackle Caddis  
Nov – The Cocahoe Clouser  
Dec – No Fly of the Month

### 2021

Jan – Dirty Water Baitfish Minnow  
Feb – Cooper Mullet Imitation  
Mar – The Weedwacker  
Apr – Nylure  
May – Spring Shrimp Fly  
Jun – Leggy Flats Creature  
Jul – Redfish Tickler  
Aug – EP Minnow  
Sep – The Midnight Mullet  
Oct – Flash Fly  
Nov – The Hoo Fly  
Dec – No Fly of the Month

### 2020

Jan – Spring Glass Minnow  
Feb – Crazy Dad  
Mar – Ling-A-Mari  
Apr – *Casualty of COVID, No FOTM*  
May – *COVID wins again, No FOTM*

Jun – *Another win for COVID, No FOTM*  
Jul – Go To Shrimp Fly  
Aug – No FOTM printed.  
Sep – Clear Water Redfish Fly  
Oct – Flash and Fly  
Nov – Doofus: Stained Water Redfish Fly  
Dec – Doofus: Stained Water Redfish Fly (again)

### 2019

Jan – Mud Bug  
Feb – Sparkle Minnow Streamer  
Mar – Bluegill Bee  
Apr – Flats Creature  
May – Dragon Tail  
Jun – Slinky Anchovy  
Jul – Green Eye Lady  
Aug – Half Bugger  
Sep – Flats Frenzy  
Oct – The Docksider  
Nov – Two Buck Chuck  
Dec – No Fly of the Month

### 2018

Jan – Flash Fly  
Feb – Worms  
Mar – Squirminator  
Apr – No patterns in Newsletter  
May – The Schminnow  
Jun – Redfish Alien  
Jul – Rusty Monkey  
Aug – Mega Popper  
Sep – Skok's Mushmouth  
Oct – Olive Scud  
Nov – Topwater Jerk Bait  
Dec – No Fly of the Month

### 2017

Jan – Redfish Radish

Feb – Baby Tarpon Fly  
Mar – March Brown  
Apr – Batman Streamer  
May – Hutch's Streamer  
Jun – Furry Dragon  
Jul – The Bushwacker  
Aug – Damzel Fly  
Sep – Russ' Improved  
Clouser Minnow  
Oct – The Copper John  
Nov – The Perfect Shrimp  
Dec – No Fly of the Month

## 2016

Jan – 5-minute Finger Mullet  
Feb – Terry's Trout Taker  
(TTT)

Mar – Dirty Yellow Seaducer  
Apr – Sand Crab  
May – Simplified Topwater  
Seaducer  
Jun – Spawning Shrimp  
w/EP Brush  
Jul – Midnight Special  
Aug – Bully Bluegill Spider  
Sep – Shrimp Tail Gotcha  
Oct – Midnight Mullet  
Nov – No November  
Newsletter  
Dec – No Fly of the Month

## 2015

Jan – Cook's Critter  
Feb – Fort Walton Kwan

Mar – Whitlock's Red Fox  
Squirrel Nymph  
Apr – Topwater Seaducer  
SBS  
May – Glass Minnow &  
Bendback Glass  
Minnow  
Jun – Zug Bug  
Jul – Florence Nightingale  
Aug – Ribbed Tungsten  
Body  
Sep – No FOTM Printed  
Oct – Go-Meaux  
Nov – The Pompinator  
Dec – No Fly of the Month

# The Minutes

## FFNWFL General Meeting November 4, 2025

### By George Norton Club Secretary

**1830 Meeting called to order** by the President with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Club Credit Card. Mick will find out what needs to be done to activate the club's credit card with Cox under a pre-paid plan on a phone that Cox gave him.

We need a secretary to replace George to take the minutes at the December meeting.

Last month's minutes were approved as published by Dave and Oleta.

**Treasure's Report:** Income from Christmas Party tickets less routine expenses for fly tying materials, business cards, beverages and pastries left a healthy balance in checking. Russ and George approved the TR report.

### Committee Reports:

**Christmas Party.** The Angler of the Year will be announced at the party. The four finalists are Richard Montgomery, Jay Brez, Tarpon Bob and George N. Bob K is heading up the party and has plenty of goodies for the party. Bring door prizes and don't miss it! Russ has put together an excellent menu. Don't forget there is parking behind the Holiday Inn and if you want to spend the night they offer a special rate for the club (\$75).

Officers for 2026 are Richard Montgomery President, Bob Korose, VP, George Norton Secretary and Larry Sisney Treasurer.

Dave Handley on the facilities committee reminded us that we are meeting on a historical burial site and please do not park on the grass. Regarding our MOU, the city wants to move away from our MOU. Dave is working with the city to figure out how the club will work with city hall in the future.

Fly Tying: Ramsey and Gary will represent and tie flies at an FFI regional event at Crystal River in late February.

Club Committees for 2026: Fund Raising Steve G remains, Newsletter remains, Membership Dave H and Richard M will head up the 101 course. If you want to be on a committee new blood is welcome.

New Member from Michigan is Scott Frieberg who has been a very active member in his home club for years. Welcome Scott.

### **Presentation by Ramsey Greene**

Ramsey's passion is fly fishing for wild trout and designing dry fly patterns for the Smokey Mountains. He offered a world of wisdom in a thirty-minute talk on trout and tying flies.

Some key points. Trout see red more vividly. Take pictures of flies and use a net to catch and study them. Shake streamside branches and observe what falls out. Trout trigger on profile more than anything. Bend your hooks or buy pre bent hooks which best represents how a natural insect lays on the water or in the surface film.

Focus on the abdomen and use segmentation. Tie on sparse tail fibers. Curved parachute flies are better than standard straight dry fly hooks. Some examples for using curved hooks are for ants and the Klinkhammer.

On dubbing -- thin is better, Buy quality deer and calf hair. GSP threads is the best. When wrapping use even pressure and put in frequent half hitches. Use adhesive under foam. Strive for simplicity and don't focus on what fish can't see. Use sharpies to add eyes and egg sacks. Buy a cheap coffee grinder to blend dubbing. Get a fox pelt.

Thanks, Ramsey, for many great tips that we all can use.