



Flies and Lies

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Business Meeting
1ST Tuesday, 6:30 PM

Bull Session - Tying
2ND Thursday, 6:30 PM

Clinic -Casting, Tying,
Lunch - 3RD Saturday
9 AM

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Prez Sez:

I sincerely hope that all of you are enjoying the holidays. The FFNWF kicked off the season with a fabulous Christmas party on December 13th. The affair was complete with good food, great raffle prizes and auction items but most important was the great fellowship. We're now ready to jump into 2023 and have yet a lot more things to look forward to.....the FF101 school in March and the annual auction in May to name a couple.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! Stay safe in your travels.
Mick

Club Meeting: Tuesday, January 3 6:30 at the club.

The program will be presented by Cliff Newton and will take us back to the PHW trip to East Tennessee.

Fly Tying: Thursday, January 12 6:30 pm at the club.

In honor of our wonderful Christmas Party, Bob Korose will show us the Christmas Island Special (which also works on Santa Rosa Island and Perdido Key).



Clinic: Saturday, January 21 9:00 am at the club.

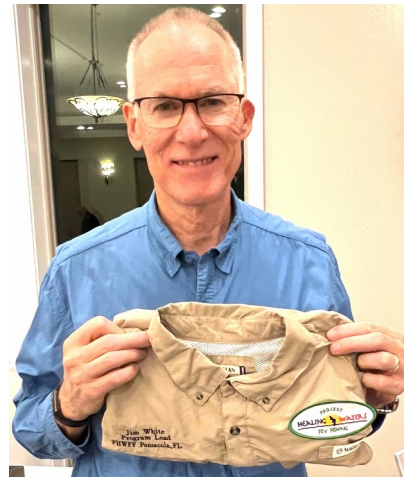


Cyndi and Bob Myers are providing a scrumptious stew. "Sticks to your ribs stuff," just what you need in weather like this. So come to the January clinic and find out what culinary delights you might discover in your bowl. *Joe*

Christmas Party



The Happy Winners



Angler of the Year
Pat Murphy

Program Lead PHW Tribute
Jim White

Energizer Bunnies
Steve and Ellen Hofmann



Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing News

Happy New Year! Our meetings in January will be the Mondays of the 2nd, 9th and 23rd. The clubhouse is usually open by about 0830 and fly tying begins at 0930. No host lunch at Hot Spot BBQ follows at about 1100.

If you know of any disabled veterans who might enjoy being around other veterans who fly fish, please point them our way. Also, we expect to be back in the lobby of the JACC (the VA clinic on Hwy 98) in January to talk disabled veterans about PHWFF and tie a few flies. Waiting for final approval from the Director of Volunteer Services but expect the first visit to be Thursday, January 26th from 0900-1100. We'll need two of our group (a few more is okay) to carry out the mission. More to follow. **Jim**

Our group received a donation of \$2500 from the **Emerald Coast Veterans Alliance**. Thank You!!!



Fishing with Capt. Baz



Capt. Baz did a trip to Belize for jungle fishing for tarpon, came home for our Christmas party and headed to Oregon for the holidays.

He doesn't have a fishing report but sends his greetings and Best Wishes for the coming fishing seasons of the new year.

Fly of the Month - Christmas Island Special by Bob Korose

The Christmas Island Special fly was developed there for fishing for bonefish but is popular anywhere bonefish are found. I have used them successfully in the Bahamas, Belize, Florida Keys, Mexico and of course Christmas Island. The size of the fly varies depending on the location, water depth and size of fish. Color can vary, but light colors are best on the white sand and coral bottoms. This fly type can also be used for other species that eat shrimp and small bait fish. In Florida it can be used to catch pompano on the beaches. When tied in dark colors it will catch specks in the canals and bayous along the Gulf Coast during the cold of winter.



Materials:

Hooks: Mustad 34007 sizes 2-8. **Thread:** 3/0 or 6/0, pink, red, white, tan, orange or mono

Eyes: Bead-chain or dumbbell (size and weight depending on water depth and hook size)

Colors: silver, black, pink, gold, yellow, orange

Krystal Flash: Pearl, bonefish pink, bonefish brown, orange, copper

Collar (Wing): FTD Water Silk or Congo Hair, craft fur, and other synthetic fibers in colors: pink, white, tan, orange, brown, olive.

Instructions:



1. Start the thread behind the hook eye and wrap back six turns then tie on the eye with x-wraps. Continue the thread back to the hook bend, then wrap forward to the eyes and again back to the hook bend.

2. Take 6 or 8 strands of Krystal flash and tie them down so a hook length extends off the back for the tail. Then lift the flash and tie the thread on front side to make it stand up and then wrap the thread forward to in front of the eyes.



3. Grab the flash and wind it over the shank to make the body, then wrap a couple of turns around the eyes and tie off in front of the eyes on the opposite side of the hook. Bend it back and measure with the end of the tail and cut off slightly longer than the tail.

4. Take some collar material the same length as the flash on top (very sparse) and tie it on top of the flash right behind the hook eye. Then make a head and whip finish.

6. Finish the fly with UV or head cement on the head, around the eyes, and on the body for protection.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cLS8Knkl14
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December 6, 2022 Club Meeting and Christmas Party report

The President called the meeting to order at 1830

Last Month's Minutes were approved
Treasurer's Report: Our finances are in excellent shape. We had normal expenses in November for fly tying materials, clinic food, etc. balanced by incoming revenue from ticket sales for the Christmas Party.
Report was approved.

Fly Fishing 101 Class will be limited to 10 students. Class start March 13 and will run for 8 weeks. Dave H proposed raising the fee to \$100 (which includes the annual membership). If someone is already a member, the fee will be \$65. He feels the price is still a real bargain. Advertising for the class will occur on social media, word of mouth, our web site, and at local fly shops.

The 2023 Auction will occur on May 20 (3rd Saturday in May). The 101 class will end the first week of May. Steve indicated there are more than one hundred items available at this time for the auction and he needs help in the basement to categorize the items. Steve is also looking for donations.

2023 Programs: Bop Myers (VP) heads up the schedule. Please see Bob if you want to participate. The January presentation will be on PHW 's recent trip to Tennessee which was very successful.

Program presentation: Jim White presented his October trip to the White and North Fork Rivers in northern Arkansas. Jim was accompanied by Russ, Joe, and Gerry. They had a great time float fishing for five half days out of Dally's Fly Shop and caught lots of trout to sixteen inches. Though no one got a big one, the group had steady action of 11-14 inch rainbows and a few browns. They stayed at an Air B&B and everyone cooked a delicious meal and enjoyed happy hours discussing the pros and cons of the Alaska rig. On alternative nights they hit the town and tried three restaurants.

Jim described the interesting rigs their guides used. One was called an Alaskan rig favored by the younger guides. The set- up was with a small float resembling an egg pattern with a bare hook two inches below followed by a nymph on a tungsten bead about nine feet down depending on water level. The trout hit different colored nymphs in 14-16 sizes. The other rig favored by the older guides was a two or three nymph rig. Both styles worked well.

Jim educated us on both rivers, the North Fork hatchery, the four species of trout in the rivers, and varying water levels caused by generation. The overall driving time was about eleven-hours. They had a great time, and caught lots of trout.



Fly Tying: Bob Korose and Pat Murphy lead this twice monthly activity at the clubhouse. If you would like to lead a tying session see them. Bob suggested more fresh water flies for 2023.

PHW will move to Wednesday morning during the March to May 101 class. PHW has three monthly meetings and everyone is invited.



Join in for dinner before the meetings. Russ Shields picks the place

Future Events: The survey for club trips favored local trips. This spring we will have an outing to a local lake. A public lake will be scheduled but if you have an inside track to a private lightly fished lake, that would be preferable. As the water in the Gulf warms we will schedule a wade trip to Fort Pickens.

FFI Conclave at Gulf Shores, Alabama has a tremendous program May 5-6, 2023 at Gulf Shores State Park. The conclave will feature fly tiers, fly fishing seminars, a fishing tournament, and a film festival. There is a 600-acre lake, overnight accommodations, cabins, a hotel, a large auditorium, classrooms and an on-site restaurant. You do not have to be a FFI member to attend.

The Atlanta fly fishing show is back with a three-day program the first week of February. Prior to Covid, our club had about eight members who attended. The event has experts leading seminars, fly tiers, and guides from all over plugging their locals from the Bahamas to Mexico to Montana.

Web Site: Cindy will contact "Go-Daddy," our website provider on how to streamline our new member on-line procedure.

Fishing Reports: George wade fished the North Mills River brook trout and the Davidson near Brevard, N.C. in chilly 45-degree weather in November. His only trout on the Davidson took the October caddis (the club's October fly of the month.)

Bull reds were caught by Baz and his clients in November and by Matt's Dad. Matt said the season was sub- par for bull reds. For speckled trout the canals and the marshes and bayous in the upper estuary of Escambia Bay is the place to try after cold fronts concentrate fish in deeper holes. Terry reported the warm weather, shut the trout down in the canals except small ones.

Meeting Adjourned 1945

The Christmas Party was Tuesday, December 13. Approximately fifty tickets were sold. Thanks to Jim and his committee, Dave H who brought the dessert cake, MC Cliff N and all who donated door prizes. The party was a big success with attendees ranging from age 4 and up. Prizes were great. Gary P walked away with the Orvis Hydros fly rod and reel. Gary has won the top prize at the Christmas Party for the last five years running!

Angler of the Year: Congratulations to Pat Murphy and well deserved. Pat along with Bob K have made fly tying a great club activity for a long time.

The Energizer Bunny Award to the Hoffmanns! They do it all from organizing and cataloging countless items for our auctions to helping out in every area of the club.