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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

BOARD MEETING
1ST TUESDAY, 6:15PM

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April Fly Tying and Casting at the club....At the April 12 bull session , local TV star Travis Akins will show us how to tie his Saltwater Wooley with a unique weed guard. On Saturday April 21 Russ Shields will teach us how to tie the Double Duty Swimming Nymph. Your club will provide all the materials for both the bull session and the Saturday clinic. If you have a vise and tools please bring them. If not the club will furnish them. Bring a guest or two. They are always welcome and we have a vise and tools for them also.

Club members will be on hand at the Saturday April 21 clinic to teach fly casting and to help us hone our casting skills and techniques. Bring your own flinging stick or use our club rods. Bring your bride and the little folks. Bring a guest and introduce them to fly casting.

At the Saturday clinic stew burners Russ Shields and Jerry Giles will fix you a hardy lunch of Kicked Up Hamburger with German seasonings, lettuce, tomato, onion, and potato salad. Big and little peoples beverages will be available - and it's all free. Russ and Jerry put on great feeds so don't miss out. And do bring a guest or two.

President's MessageKaren Brand

The "Spring Clinic" was a great success and I wanted to thank all of the members who helped with casting, tying, preparing lunch and making our guests feel welcome. We gained 2 new members plus several picked up membership applications and indicated an interest in joining. We also had some of our PJC students attend so it was a success and I thank everyone that helped make this event happen.

The PJC Class is in full swing and we start tying and casting Wednesday night so we will need more volunteers to help provide one on one instruction. Students will be tying several flies, the Woolly Bugger on March 28, Clouser Minnow on April 4, Blue Wing Olive on April 11, Lefty's Deceiver on April 18, and Gartside Gurgler and on April 25. Class starts with fly-casting at 6 PM and we start tying at 7. Please come out and help support the PJC Class and you might even pick up a few casting and tying tips along the way.

I wanted to mention a couple of important upcoming dates in May, the Club Auction is May 1 during the regular membership meeting and 10th Annual Pensacola "Kid's Fishing Clinic" is May 12 at the new Plaza De Luna – the former site of the Bayfront Auditorium. The club has participated in past years and offered fly tying and casting demonstrations. It is a lot of fun, just ask Bill Locher! Last year he helped with casting instruction and had a long line of kids eager to pick up a fly rod! See you in April, Karen Brand

General Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida, 1. March 6, 2007, President Karen Brand, presiding

President Brand called the general business meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
The minutes from the last meeting were approved as submitted.
A review of the treasurer's report was presented and approved by the membership.

Members were reminded of the club auction, which is to be held on May 1st. Members having items they no longer use or special flies they have tied were encouraged to donate them for the auction.

Various aspects of the Spring Clinic were discussed. In connection with that, President Brand asked if someone could furnish accommodations for Guy Tillotson, of Temple Fork Company, and Russ Shields volunteered his home.

Venues for the club Christmas Party were discussed, with possibilities to be announced at the next business meeting.

Paul Lukkar suggested that we contact other fishing clubs to invite them to our club functions.

Russ Shields and Jerry Giles are organizing a float/fish excursion on the Coldwater River, near Milton. The plan is for a four hour trip, by canoe or kayak, Wednesday, May 2nd. You may bring your own, or rental can be arranged. Canoes rent for \$18.00, and kayaks for \$22.00 per person. They will haul your personal craft for \$11.00. For details and to sign up, call Jerry G. at 994-9946, or Russ at 983-9515. Respectfully submitted; Jerry Giles, Secretary

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCOUT CAMP....This will be the 16th consecutive year that the Flyfishers of NW Florida have taught scouts how to fish and tie flies at camp near Defuniak Springs. Contact Vick Vickery at 478-3584 to help from June 11-14 or June 18-21.

THE PANHANDLER PADDLERS will present the program at the April 3rd Business Meeting. Pat Poloski will have his kayak with him to show how it is rigged for fishing.

COLDWATER RIVER FLOAT TRIP....Don't miss this! See details above.

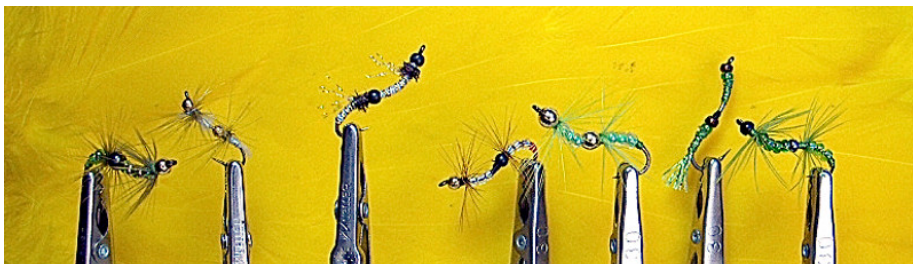
WHO IS THIS MONTH'S MYSTERY FISHERMAN?



Double Duty Swimming Nymph with Russ Shields

Materials

Hook	Tiemco 200R size 12
Head	3/32" black metal bead
Thread	6/0 white
Body	White metallic floss
Rib	Fine gold oval tinsel
Wing	Pearl Krystal Flash
Thorax	Peacock herl



Tying Instructions



1. Squeeze down the hook barb. Put two black metal beads on the swimming nymph hook. Mount the hook in the vise. Using 6/0 white thread, lay a thread wrap for the rear body section. Tie on the white metallic floss and gold rib tinsel and wind thread to the front of the rear body section.



2. Wrap the floss forward to the front of the rear body section in close tight turns. Tie off the floss and cut away the excess. Wrap the gold rib forward and tie it off. Cut away the excess. Tie on two or three strands of pearl Krystal Flash and double it back to form the wing. Cut off the wing at about a hook gap or a little longer. Tie on two strands of peacock herl and wrap several turns to form a thorax. Tie off the herl and form a thread dam to keep the bead from going down over the herl. Put some head cement on the thread dam and move the lower bead into place.

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3. Lay a thread base on the upper portion of the hook, going all the way down to the lower bead. Tie on the white metallic floss and gold rib tinsel as before and wrap the thread forward pushing the upper bead all the way to the hook eye.



4. Wrap the floss forward to the bead and tie off. Cut off excess. Wrap the rib tinsel forward, tie off, and cut off excess. Just as before, tie on two or three strands of Krystal Flash for the wing and cut to length. Tie on two strands of peacock herl and form the upper thorax using several turns. Tie off the herl and cut off the excess. Whip finish the thread just behind the bead. Carefully put a small amount of head cement behind the bead and you are finished.

Annual Auction.... Art de Tonnancourt, Chairman

The club will hold its annual auction on Tuesday evening, May 1st at 7 PM. Because this date would normally be our business meeting night, there may be a short business meeting before the auction begins.

All members are requested to bring anything of value to be auctioned that evening. In the past fly fishing related objects, outdoor sports equipment, books and other articles of value have been sold at the auction. Many of our club members historically have tied flies or crafted objects especially for the event. There are usually many very useful articles that are auctioned at bargain prices making this annual auction a win-win evening for the club as well as for the buyers. The auction evening has always been a good time for all to participate in fellowship plus it an opportunity to contribute to the club's financial success. The auction committee is asking boat owners to let Art know if they are willing to "donate" their companionship and boat for a day of fishing in the local waters with a successful bidder for the local fishing trip. The time and date would be arranged by mutual consent between the donor and the winning bidder. This is a great way for members to get to know each other better and to give those of us who do not own a boat an opportunity to fish for a day.

Art and some of the other members who have volunteered to help on the auction committee will be at the club by 5 pm to accommodate anyone who wishes to bring their articles early. The earlier the stuff gets to the club the better it will be to organize the merchandise for the auction. If this time is not suitable for anyone, please call Art at 516-4076 for other arrangements.

Fishing Report.... Captain Baz Yelverton



It's transition time in the Gulf of Mexico and inland waters.

Throughout the first half of March sight fishing for redfish in the gulf was outstanding. The water was clear with rising temperatures, and winds were favorable for poling the shoreline. There were days when we saw hundreds of redfish both slot-sized and bigger...up to 32 pounds.

The fish in the photos were caught on fly during the first week of March. On March 12 we landed our first pompano of the season. My anglers were spin fishermen who landed five in about an hour. A few days later we started catching sheepshead in large quantities around Ft. Pickens and Ft. McRee. Although all of the fish landed were on spinning tackle a client from Birmingham hooked and lost a big sheepshead on fly using a #6 Supreme Hair Shrimp. Maybe I shouldn't have mashed down that barb... As it stands we still haven't landed a pompano or sheepshead on fly this year.



For the last week the wind has been blowing hard out of the south making the gulf shoreline unfishable. I was finally able to get out this morning for a little while and saw a jack crevalle before we got blown out. Reports from the pier are that the Spanish mackerel have arrived in large quantities. Plus, there have been a few cobia caught.



The inside flats are starting to turn on. I'm seeing pompano regularly, and more and more slot-sized redfish. So far I haven't seen any of the big trout that start roaming the flats in the spring, but I'm confident they're out there somewhere. When the wind subsides a little all heck's going to break loose... Capt Baz

ps: Late Breaking News: Travis Akins landed the first 2007 pompano on fly this afternoon (March 28) on his famous "Pompano Rocket". Way to go Trav!!!

Fishing Report... Captain Bob Quarles



March has been pretty incredible. The weather has turned very nice and the fishing has been great... Sunny days and clear water have made for some great days to sight fish... The last half of the month I was away on a diving job in Miami, but I am back and ready to fish.

The Maverick has been pimped out with a new remote control Motor Guide trolling motor on the bow, the CD system has been installed that hooks up to my iPod, and the engine has been serviced. All systems are go.

We are all set for the spring/summer season ... I am taking Ben, Dawn and Boo out tomorrow to catch some sheepshead and pompano. Life is good. Hope you enjoy the photos.

Bob Blain and Ray Bryant wrapped up their fishing season with me on an incredible weekend in March! Slot reds and black drum and about 30 nice trout on March 9th..Ray with a nice cast on this school of bull reds on the beach was rewarded.... Bob is annoyed..... Ray is the luckiest guy in the world...

The view from my "office" on top of the poling platform. Picture perfect.. feel free to steal this photo for a background on your pc.



Of all the fish we have caught together this year.. this was one of the most memorable.. 25 lbs on 12 lb. test -- 30 minute fight.. Huge fish coming down the bar.. we watched the fish track the jig, eat the jig about 20 feet from the boat and peel off 100 yards of line in the time span of 10 seconds... what a thrilling experience burned in to our



Pensacola Junior College Fly Fishing Class 2007

Classes are being held on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 PM at the PJC Pensacola campus, building 17, room 1740 until May 2, 2007.

We will teach the basics of fly fishing, including equipment selection, fly tying, fly casting, knots, leader construction, and practical application of fly fishing techniques.

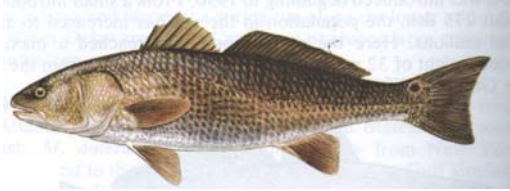
The lead instructors will be Travis Akins, Jerry Aldridge, John Brand, Karen Brand, Bruce Vail, and Captains Baz Yelverton and Bob Quarles. However other club members are needed to serve as proctors for casting, knot tying, and fly tying instruction.

If you will be helping John Brand with the casting instruction please contact John at 626-0642 or 516-1833 or jbrand@santarosamri.com to obtain a copy of John's "Casting Instruction Outline". John has put together this instruction outline to be followed by all casting instructors so our casting instruction is standardized and we are all teaching the same thing.

Bill Parrish has volunteered to transport the fly rods/reels and Klaus Gohrbandt has volunteered to transport the fly tying equipment to and from each class session.

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If you still get your copy of the newsletter by regular mail, please consider receiving it by e-mail only. This will save your club money for mailing costs and your editor lots of time that he could use for fishing! Contact Jerry at jamayfly@yahoo.com



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Business Meeting 7 PM	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30 PM	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Clinic - Casting, tying gourmet lunch 9 AM
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29	30					

