



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

Auction Auction May 3 Coming! Coming! Sell!

The Auction is Coming! In April we gather up our donations – rods, reels, stuff and more stuff, trips and more trips. If possible, bring your donations the night of the auction. If not bring them to the clinic April 16 or contact us by phone or email and we will come and get it. Donating a trip on your boat? Write it up on a card and give it to Terry.

The Auction is Tuesday, May 3. Bring your checkbook! The doors open at 5:00 for drop off and browsing. Auction starts at 7:00. Come early, stay, late, bid early, bid often, spend some money and have a great time. Remember this is our big fund raiser of the year so we need **You and Your donations.**

Brand New Rods Bob Story from Feather Craft has donated a brand new TFO BVK 9' 8wt rod. Russ Shields is hand crafting a brand new rod with a switch butt extension on behalf of PHW.

Going! Going! Sold! Be the lucky bidder!

Club Meeting – Tuesday, April 5 7:00 Gary Pheabus will do the program – the possibility of a fishing trip from shore at a pond in Alabama with the very real possibility of actually catching a fish (and he has pictures to prove it!). All the details, directions, and costs will be discussed. There will be a board meeting before the regular meeting. This will be our last regular meeting until June because of the auction.

Fly Tying – Thursday, April 14 – Sam Main will show us the Sand Crab, another fly we can use right here. Details on page

Clinic – Saturday, April 16. We had a great turnout for the switch rod demonstration by Jonas Magnusson (with Oleta Webb and Sam Main) in March. Jonas is also available to teach regular casting, whether you are starting from scratch or just need to fine tune your double haul. Practice makes perfect..... and a great lunch is perfect, too.

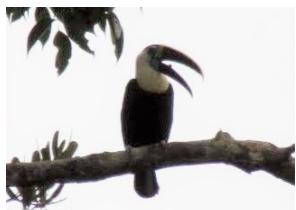
Fishing with Capt. Baz. *Baz is excused from doing a report this month because he is away on a fishing trip. Far, far away.... in the Seychelles. Remember when you were a kid and you used to look at places like that on the globe and wonder: "How far away is THAT?!?!"*
Well, for those of you who like your fishing closer to home, we bring you this report from Tarpon Bob (Korose). Compared to the Seychelles, it's right around the corner. Come with us now to.....

Amazonia

Last fall I went on a trip to the Agua Boa Amazon Lodge which is located on an uninhabited tributary of the Amazon River in Brazil. It is considered one of the best fly fishing lodges in the world. This was a hosted trip by www.fishingwithlarry.com, a company that facilitates fishing trips to many places worldwide. My primary target was peacock bass but several other species were taken as well; piranha, arowana, oscars, pacu, and more. Spectacular too. There were caimen (a type of crocodile),



large river otters, wild boars, howler monkeys along with gray and also pink fresh water porpoises and even freshwater sting rays. The bird viewing was spectacular in both the variety and numbers of birds we saw. Toucans, parrots, macaws, parakeets, black hawks, kingfishers, and many others I don't



know the name of were everywhere.

There were 7 days of fishing, each with a different guide on a different stretch of the river. The guide on the polling platform polled us along in the aluminum boat as we looked for fish to sight cast to. He also poled along shoreline structure where we blind casted and stripped streamer flies. My biggest peacock was 15 pounds, but I lost some as big or bigger that pulled me into snags. They are the most powerful freshwater fish I ever have taken. The biggest thrill of the trip was seeing and casting to a

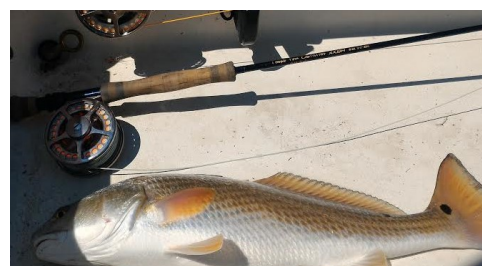


large red-tailed catfish in 2-3 feet of water with a 1/0 clouser minnow on my 8 wt. and then seeing him nose down and tail up as he ate the fly. Catching a red tail on a fly, I learned, is a rare feat. My guide, who has over 10 years of experience, said that this was only the 4th that had been caught in his boat. At 28 pounds, it was also the largest. Another highlight was my friend and I boating a double of arowana, also an uncommon occurrence. What a wonderful bucket list trip.

Bob Korose

By the way, it is 9,424 miles from Pensacola to the Seychelles. As the crow flies.

Really Closer to Home This fish was caught in 12" of water by the Portofina condos on the grass flats today. Used a pink shrimp fly created by former member Tom Springer on a Temple Fork 8 weight.
Dave Strange



This Saturday, April 2

Blasting for the Brave – a fund raiser for Project Healing Waters

Santa Rosa Shooting Center at 6950 Quintette Road in Pace. Skeet and Sporting Clays. Registration 8:30 AM is \$100 if you want to shoot. Lunch and auction at Noon. Our club will be represented. Russ Shields will have a 5 wt fly rod to raffle for PHW.

Anglers Night – a fund raiser for a children's ministry service

4:00 pm Doors open, 5:00 pm Food served 6:00 pm Program begins,
Door prizes, giveaways, and grand prizes of a boat, a kayak and a Yeti cooler
Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds. Our club will have an information booth. *Jay Brykczynski*

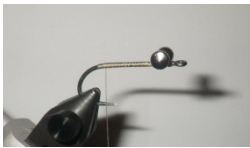
Fly of the Month - *Sand Crab*...by Sam Main

A simple crab pattern, fast and easy to tie, with a lot of movement. A crab fly can be moved slowly for imitating a mud or fiddler crab, or a bit faster for a swimming crab. Eliminate the dumbbell eyes and you have a floating crab...

Tying Materials

Hook:	Mustad 34007, #2	Flash:	optional
Thread:	Flymaster plus 210, Tan	Body:	Sand Crab Dubbing, Sand Crab (tan)
Tail:	Medium Bug Legs, Tan & Brown	Eyes:	Medium Dumbbell Eyes, Plated

Instructions



Crush the barb and attach thread. Lay down thread base to the bend. Tie in Eyes behind hook eye, and cement.



Tie in 6 legs (3 tan 3 brown) on each side of the tail splitter, trim to desired length.



Move the thread forward and tie in a small bunch of dubbing on the near side of the hook. Repeat on the opposite side.



Brush the dubbing back with your fingers and tie in front.

Continue until you reach the eyes
Whip finish in front of the eyes.



Trim top and bottom flat, and to desired shape.

The Class of 2016..... very classy bunch



Are you telling me the dog ate your homework!



Just put the short end around the long end with a reverse loop double hitch



Capt Baz teaches us again why we are so lucky to live here



Fly tying is a great way to spend time off the water, which is good because you can never have enough flies.



Another Story from our intrepid reporter.....

Slough Creek and One Heck of a Hike

By George Norton: Outdoor Writer: January, 2016

Slough Creek consists of a series of three meadows. To reach the second meadow requires a six mile hike from the trailhead up a gradual incline at 8000 feet. It takes about two and quarter hours each way to access the second meadow. On top of it all, you have to carry in all you need for the day: Waders, boots, a lunch, water, vest, fly tackle and a rod. Slough Creek is in the northwest quadrant of Yellowstone Park and drains into the Lamar River, a tributary of the larger Yellowstone River.

The hike will punish you if you are getting up in years or out of shape. The rewards of hiking in far off the beaten path are many. There is the snowcapped Anadarko mountain range with a twisting meadow stream full of cutthroat trout averaging 16-18 inches. These trout are natives and take large dry flies especially terrestrials like Stimulator and Hoppers readily during the summer.

Terri, Jim's wife knew the drill and cooked a lumberjack's breakfast of oatmeal, pancakes, bacon and eggs. The three of us arrived at the trailhead at about nine. Jim and his wife are Denver residents and are used to the high altitude. Jim gave me a concerned look. He said, "Norton, are you sure you can handle this hike? We can fish the first meadow for you. Ha ha. The first meadow is only a three mile hike. You're a flatlander!" "Nah," I replied without thinking. "I can handle whatever you can." I knew full well it had been about thirty-five - years since we had fished and hiked into the second meadow.

For a flatlander, not accustomed to the thinner air, I was curious how I would handle it. After all, I had been loafing in the heat down south and riding a golf cart was about all the exercise I had gotten lately. Bears are always a possibility in this area. Jim had warning bells. Lots of luck I thought. Bells don't give me a lot of confidence versus a female grizzly protecting her cub. Nevertheless the only animals we saw were pack horses with outfitters and fishermen loaded with food and camping equipment headed twelve miles in to the third meadow. We took a break about every thirty minutes. The bugs weren't too bad and the sun shone. Finally with a sigh of relief that I had survived the six mile hike, I tossed off my pack and waders, and lay sprawled out totally spent under a tree. I lay back overjoyed to have the pack off my back. Jim said, "Norton are you going to fish or take a nap?" "I'm taking five," I replied.

Thirty five years ago we sprinted to get our rods in the water. One year we caught so many cutthroats we tried different flies to see if there was one they wouldn't take. This time the fishing was slow and steady. I caught six quality fish on big dry flies in a beautiful area. We fished until four in the afternoon and hiked out back to the car. I slept well that night. The next day we fished the Lamar River which only required a minimal amount of walking. Mountain Men would find our hike a piece of cake.

Memorandum for Record

Subject: Meeting minutes for 01 March 2016 Board and General Membership Meeting

Location: Miraflores Park, 17th Ave. Pensacola, FL

Time: Impromptu Board Meeting, 1900 General Membership Meeting

For a list of participants of both meetings please refer to the attendance record dated 01 March 2016.

Rex Straughn, President, called an impromptu board meeting to order at 1835 hours since members of the board were present. Rex apologized for not announcing a board meeting in the previous newsletter distributed at the beginning of the month. Rex brought to the board that two members were needed to represent the club to building management for maintenance. He nominated Oleta Webb and Russ Shields to hold said positions. Kevin Gorby seconded the motion and motion passed.

Angler's Night and Blast for the Brave events will both take place on the 2nd of April, 2016. Representation needs to be available at both events. Jay Brykczynski volunteered to spearhead the Angler's Night event. FFNWF will be represented at this event, but Healing Waters would not. Healing Waters will be represented at Blasting for the Brave. Jay Brykczynski made a motion for a \$35.00 donation for Angler's Night and Oleta Webb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Paul Wargo stated that Gary Pheabus requested a copy of the newsletter to be placed in the packets given to participants of the spring fly fishing course. Russ Shields stated that he would email participants a copy due to printing costs already exceeding \$47.00 for the syllabus. Eleven individuals are currently enrolled in the course and six have paid as of the time of the meeting.

Kent Reagan motioned for adjournment of the board meeting and Matt Wegener seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 1850 hours. Post adjournment Jay Brykczynski gave a treasury report. Paul Wargo also requested that a copy of the newsletter be printed out and pinned to the bulletin board in the building each month. Kevin Gorby seconded the motion and motion passed. Business then concluded for the meeting at 1852 hours.

At 1907 hours Rex Straughn called the general membership meeting to order. Jay Brykczynski presented the treasury report for the month. Gerry Giles moved that \$100.00 be disbursed for his birthday. Motion was laughed at and ignored. Sorry Gerry. Rex Straughn announced that Oleta Webb and Russ Shields would represent the club on the building maintenance management committee.

Fishing reports were given although there was not much to report.

Russ Shields spoke about the spring fly fishing course. He stated that Gary Pheabus would be running the course and Russ would be providing him support. According to Russ fifteen syllabus/new membership packets were made up for fifteen individuals. At the time of the meeting eleven had currently signed up while six or seven had paid. Jay Brykczynski approached the Pensacola News Journal and Channel 3 about advertising for the event. Posts were also made on Pensacola Fishing Forum. Gerry Giles suggested that the course have a couple occasions where they practiced casting on the water instead of just grass casting. Russ Shields suggested that the first Wednesday in April and the first Wednesday in May they meet at the Bayview Senior Citizen Center because the bream fishing club would be meeting at the clubhouse on those dates. Other than a few minor changes the syllabus is about the same as last year.

Terry McCormick made a motion that the previous month's minutes be accepted as printed and Oleta Webb seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tom Gordon was a new member present at the meeting who is from Massachusetts. He stated that he was an avid fisherman, but new to fly fishing. He is enlisted in the Navy and will be in our area for a year. Don Johnson also announced himself as a new member present at the meeting. Don stated that he was enrolled in the course, but was only going to be able to attend four of the classes. Dave Johnson announces himself as Don's guest that is visiting for a few weeks.

Russ Shields announced that Paul Wargo placed an article in the newsletter about making a regular fly rod into a switch rod. Russ stated that he was currently working on the conversion for a few of the club members. His price for doing this has gone up slightly because of the rise in cost for the cork. Russ stated he would be happy to do this for anyone in the club who asked and he would do all he could to keep the cost down. Paul Wargo asked Russ to arrange a demo at the clinic.

Rex Straughn made a general statement about the website and the availability of soft drink for free and beer for a dollar at the meetings to inform the new members. Rex apologized for not having the opportunity to submit a president's letter for the newsletter last month. He encouraged anyone who wishes to do a program to coordinate with Oleta Webb. A ten to fifteen minute presentation is preferred. Paul Wargo then announced that if you catch any fish to get the pictures into him and he could put them and details of your catch in the newsletter.

Jay Brykczynski then presented the new budget to the general membership. Member dues and the auction are our major revenue generators. Jay stated we also have income from the Christmas party with the tickets and raffle. Russ Shields moved to approved the budget as presented and Oleta seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Matt Wegener spoke briefly about the fly of the month. Normal Bull Session will be held Thursday at 1830 hours. All materials and supplies needed to tie the fly will be provided. Matt encouraged members to submit flies to him to be the fly of the month. Matt stated he would miss the Saturday clinic and suggested they do a demo on the switch rod unless someone else is available to instruct the fly. Concerning fly tying, Kent Reagan announced that all the new audio video equipment for the club has arrived. Kent hopes to be able to do a program next month on how to best utilize the equipment.

Oleta Webb asked that the time for events be placed on the calendar for all events. Kent Reagan said that he requested this in the future as well since he is posting the calendar to the website each month. Kevin Gorby then gave a presentation on reel maintenance. Door prizes were given. Kent Reagan motioned to adjourn the meeting and Russ Shields seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 2008 hours.

The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned.

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