

Flies & Lies

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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

President's Message... Terry McCormick

Like the lyrics to a John Denver song, Hey it's good to be back home. Yes it is, we're back in our building again. I want to thank all of those members who came out to help move us back in.

Wanna go fishin? Well, come out to Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze Saturday August 4 from 6 am until 10 am. Wade the grass beds, bring out a kayak, or launch your boat. Fun, Fellowship, and fishing for all.

There will be a Board of Directors meeting August 7 at 6 pm followed by our regular meeting at 7 pm. Lets get together and catch up with what's been going on.

Tight lines and the tug is the drug...Terry

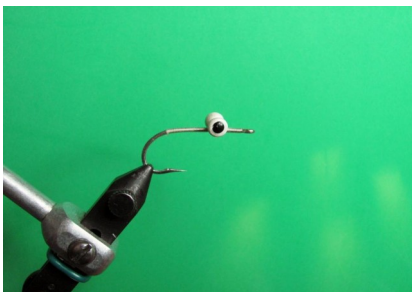
White Lightning... Bob Korose

This fly is called white lightning because it gets lots of strikes. I like to fish it as a dropper off a popper or large gurgler on the grass flats. It seems that the gurgler/popper attracts the fish and then they eat the fly most of the time. It also can effectively be used by itself in many situations. Fish it with strips and pauses. Most strikes will occur as the fly sinks.

INGREDIENTS

Hook Mustad 3407 size 2 (can also use Size 4 or 6 with bead chain eyes)
Thread White Danville Flat Waxed Nylon
Eyes White medium w/ black eye (black bead chain eyes for smaller flies)
Tail White Marabou
Body Medium pearl chenille (Pearl color)

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Debarb the hook and then start the thread behind eye and tie on the eyes about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way toward the bend.

2. Take the thread back to just before the barb and tie on a clump of marabou that is a little longer than the length of the hook.



3. Tie on a length of the pearl (or ice) chenille and wind thread to in front of the eyes. Wrap chenille forward to thread and tie off. Form a head and whip finish. Apply head cement and you are ready to go fish.



Use it for speckled trout and others on the grass flats and flounder on the sand. Also use it for spanish, blues, ladyfish and others in the surf, pass, and bay where there are schools of glass minnows. It will also work well on bass, crappie, bream and others in freshwater. A smaller version tied on a #4 or #6 hook and using black bead chain eyes rather than hour glass eyes may work better in fresh water and with smaller gurglers and poppers.

From Jerry Giles....The following quote conveys one of my deepest sentiments regarding fishing the bamboo.

"The wood rod casts beautifully, and through it you can feel the heartbeat of the smallest trout."
John Gierach

Fishing Report... Captain Baz Velverton

The absolute hottest action at the moment is inside the bay between the old Coast Guard Station and Pickens Pier. On days with strong outgoing current that area is slammed full of false albacore. It's been seven years since I've seen this many FA inside the bay. If you're lucky, the FA will be there all by themselves crashing tiny baitfish on top. If you're not so lucky there will be Spanish mackerel in the mix, and man are they happy to take your flies. I mean really take them...like away. Gone. The fish are feeding on the usual clear minnows...3cm in length and 1.5 mm tall. A #6 clear gummy minnow looks huge compared to the real thing, but sometimes you can get a FA to take one. Just keep trying different stripping techniques including a "dead drift" when the fish are churning the surface. These FA are all mostly in the 5-6# range, but there are a few larger fish in the mix. Here's a shot of Malcolm Goodman with a typical specimen on July 18.

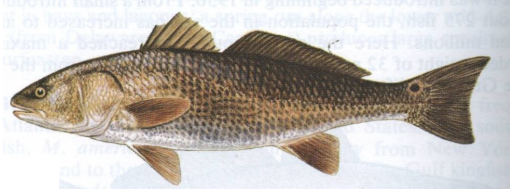
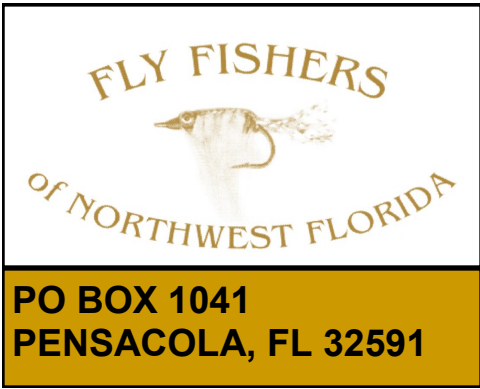


Also, the "Mass" continues to be loaded with Spanish mackerel up to around 7#. My spin-fishing clients have been doing well with live shrimp, but for sure they'll eat the old faithful green weenie.

A few miles offshore you'll find schools of albies and big schools of the biggest blue runners I've ever seen. Maybe these fish aren't hardtails, but they look exactly like them...only way bigger like 4-5 pounds. They'll be around the schools of FA, but the surface action looks different. We found school after school the other day around the I10 rubble 8 miles to the south.

I've been getting incredible tarpon reports from the shallow water in front of Portofino, but I haven't been able to get down there. Some of you badass kayakers ought to paddle out to the bar down there and give us a report. A mullet fisherman friend of mine reported a spin fisherman hooking 6 tarpon on a swimming plug one day last week. Hard to imagine... I was supposed to be out there with Bob Story from Feather-craft on July 19, but Bob ate a bad raw oyster and contracted the sometimes-fatal Vibrio bacteria and of course had to cancel. Bob's improving now, but his liver took a hard hit. The CDC got involved. Serious stuff...be careful with the raw oysters.

I haven't been fishing the inshore waters for trout and redfish but imagine "jet ski flats" ought to be productive for smaller trout in the early morning. Looking forward to some cooler weather....Capt Baz



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Business Meeting 7 PM		Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30 PM		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
						Clinic - Casting, tying, gourmet lunch 9 AM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		