



# 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

## August Meeting – Tuesday, August 2 – 7:00 PM

Wolfgang Szutic will present the program – **Fishing in the Florida Keys – On Your Own.** Wolfgang put together his own trip; although he did three trips with guides he spent most of his days fishing alone from shore. This is surely a unique perspective on the Keys compared to what we usually see on TV or in the magazines. Best of all: Lots of pictures!



## August Fly Tying – Thursday, August 11 – 6:30

We will be making the **Bully Bluegill Spider.** Matt also sends along a link to this fly fishing video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1V3LfO8YBH8&feature=youtu.be> starring Jay Brykczynski. This is surely a unique perspective compared to what we usually see on TV.

## August Clinic – Saturday, August 20 – 9:00 AM

We will be back with the Bully Bluegill Spider, and there will be lunch starring Jay Brykczynski and his (Almost) Famous Chili Stew. A unique perspective on chili. And on stew.



Picture from the July clinic. The Midnight Special does catch fish. In the middle of the night, of course....

Larry Sisney  
and a  
Lookdown



# Annual Gulf Coast Fly Fishing Fair

Friday – Saturday, September 16 -17

**Ocean Springs Civic Center**

**All traditional events and activities are planned**

**This event supports the Gulf Coast Research Lab**

## Project Healing Waters

We welcomed a new member this month. His name is Kiel Vickers and although he is new to fly fishing and fly tying, he already tied two nice foam bee pattern flies during our July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting! Kiel is a young injured veteran and is enthusiastic about our program and is going to be fun to have with us.

Our regular meetings in August will be on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> and on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be concentrating on salt water flies and getting ready for our outing on October 20<sup>th</sup>. We meet at 10:00am and anyone is welcome to come by and see what is going on!

Cheers, Russ

## Fishing with Capt. Baz



The big news for July was the return of the false albacore...finally! We had seen schools of tiny FA a few times earlier in the year and had landed a few decent fish on spinning tackle, but the big schools never showed up until early-July. Of course just because they're here doesn't mean they're easy to catch. They are eating snot-bait (sorry, but that's what it's called). Very

small, opaque minnows...an inch long and a mm thick. I've been using either clear gummy minnows, sz 6, or Cowen's albie anchovy, sz 6. Cowen's fly consists of craft fur which is easy to trim down to the right size. You'll find the fish within a half mile of the #1 and #2 sea buoys.

Here are some shots of happy anglers that felt the FA rush in July: club member Mike Broughton on July 1, Jay Lanier on July 5, Dave Walters on July 6, and Malcolm Goodman on July 21.



July was also a good month for jack crevalle. Jay Lanier did a nice job landing this first fish along the edge of the Gulf on July 5, and then we found the "mother lode" of jacks on July 7. I had the Walters from Johnson City, TN, on the boat, and we were set up for tarpon close to shore a mile east of Pensacola Pass when the jacks showed up. It looked like the "running of the bulls" as school after school crushed the balls of bay anchovies stretching back towards the pass. We followed them all the way to the USS Massachusetts where hundreds of 20# jacks descended upon the giant schools of gulf alewives. With bait sailing out of the water and depth charges going off in every direction we landed numerous fish and got cut off on the wreck several times. It was a scene the Walters will never forget. Here are nice shots of Dave Walters, Daniel Walters, and Ben Walters who landed the largest fish of the day.



The tarpon continue to migrate along the beach traveling westbound, plus there are a bunch of them under balls of bay anchovies in the turning basin. Numerous spin-fishing guides have hooked fish in the last couple weeks blind-casting soft-plastic and GULP baits around the bait balls. There's no reason they won't take a fly. I've only tried a couple times at the end of my trips and haven't had a take. Intermediate or full-sinking lines and a 4-5" baitfish pattern ought to get their attention. I'm using a straight shot of 50# fluoro.

I've been spending most of my days in the Gulf since the fishing has turned on and the water has been calm. But I did run a trip on the inside last week and found good numbers of redfish on some of my favorite flats on the north side of the island. We had numerous aggressive refusals and never got a take, but it's the most fish I've seen on the flats in a couple months. Maybe there's less fishing pressure since most of the guides are king and Spanish mackerel fishing. Which reminds me, the big Spanish are starting to show up in the usual spots and there are millions of smaller fish in all the waters around the pass. The Spanish fishing will get better and better for the next three months.

It's dangerously hot out there these days. Be sure to cover up and drink more water than you can imagine. I've been adding in a couple Gatorade's on a daily basis. See you on the water.

**Capt Baz**

## Fly of the month **Bully Bluegill Spider**...by *Matt Wegener*

Gerry Giles showed me this pattern the other day that has big bream written all over it. Thanks to lead wraps at the rear of the hook and rubber legs, this pattern has a seductive fall guaranteed to tempt some tasty panfish at your local stream or pond. It's easy to tie too! Check out the video of this fly's action at <http://midcurrent.com/videos/how-to-tie-a-bully-bluegill-spider/>.

### Tying Materials

Hook: Mustad #10-12 wet-fly hook or curved caddis hook

Thread: 3/0-6/0 black

Underbody: 0.015 lead-free wrap

Legs: Medium-round

Body: Ultra-fine Chenille; caddis green, black, or tan

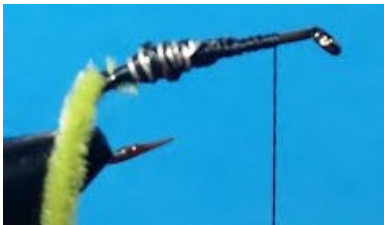
### Tying Instructions



1. Flatten the barb and secure the hook in the vice. Lay down a thread wrap and leave the bobbin at the rear of the hook.

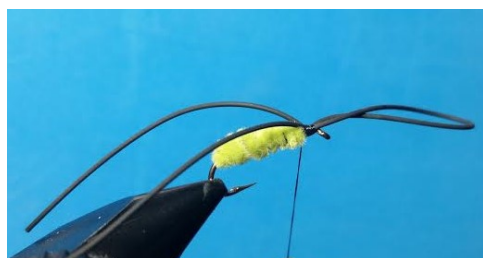
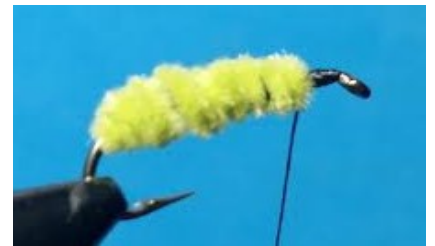


2. Attach the lead-free underbody and wrap the rear 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the fly with touching wraps. Wrap back towards the bend of the hook and then forward again to form a football-shaped mound of weight.



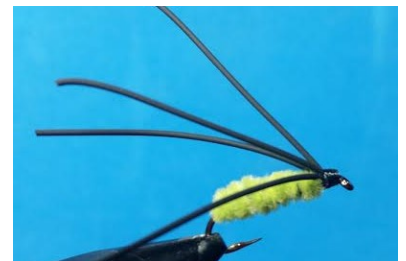
3. Attach the chenille at the bend of the hook and wrap thread forward, securing the weight wraps to the shank of the hook with the thread; even building a dam of thread in front of the weight.

4. Leave the thread hanging 1/8" behind the eye of the hook and wrap chenille forward with touching wraps to make the body of the fly. Tie off chenille and trim the excess.



5. Cut off a 4" section of legs and fold it in half. Let the loop end extend over the eye of the hook while the trailing strands point towards the bend of the hook. Secure in place with several secure wraps.

6. Fold the looped end back over the thread wraps and secure with more thread so that all rubber strands extend back towards the bend of the hook. Finish with a whip finish and cut the loop of rubber legs to form 4 individuals' strands of legs.



## Memorandum for Record

Subject: Meeting minutes for 05 July 2016 General Membership Meeting

Location: Miraflores Park, 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Pensacola, FL

Time: 1900 General Membership Meeting

For a list of participants of general membership meeting please refer to the attendance record dated 05 July 2016.

Rex Straughn, President, called the meeting to order at 1856 hours. Russ Shields motioned for the previous month's meeting minutes to be approved as printed in the newsletter and Robin Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jay Brykczynski gave the treasury report. Received rebate from insurance company. IRS has contacted us requiring additional payment. Club is considered a corporation in the eyes of the IRS and not a non-profit. Jay will look into filing for non-profit status. Russ Shields motioned to accept the treasury report and Norman McJadden seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Russ Shields spoke briefly about building management. City accepted our proposed list of rules and regulations. Waiting on the MOE back from the city. Dave Handley accept the position of building manager.

Under new business Jay Brykczynski cleaned out the back room and found a number of items we don't need. All members present agreed to give away items and they will be used in the end of meeting door prizes.

Fishing reports were given. Terry McCormick said there were Spanish and ladyfish in the bay as well as trout in the grass at Naval Live Oaks. Jerry Giles caught a shark on last month's fly of the month, the Spawning Shrimp, while surf fishing at Fort Perkins on the Gulf side.

Bob Korose then gave a great presentation on his trip to Christmas Island. His trip was booked through Fishing with Larry, [www.fishingwithlarry.com](http://www.fishingwithlarry.com). After the presentation door prizes were given and everyone won.

Kent Reagan motioned to dismiss the meeting and Dave Handley seconded the motion. Motion passed and Rex Straughn adjourned the meeting at 2034 hours.

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