



# Flies and Lies

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MONTHLY MEETINGS  
at Miraflores Park  
17th Avenue  
between  
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Business Meeting  
1ST Tuesday, 7 PM

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

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

## Join In! Join In! Join In! Wherever you are!!!

**It's time** to get the club back on schedule. What started out with three or four members having a Zoom meeting on Wednesdays in April has grown to over thirty now. Your Board of Directors and the Standing Committees have met twice over the past few months to conduct club business. With the ever changing situation of COVID-19 virus on all areas of our lives, virtual gathering has become the norm for school, religious services, and medical visits. It only follows that it's time for our club to be virtual, too.

Our club is blessed with a person with a depth of knowledge of computers, programs, and internet who has stepped forward to lend his abilities, Lou Orrie. He will do the hosting of all club Zoom functions. In this capacity he will send out invitations to Zoom meeting and activities. He also has the ability to video all presentations and will then place them into an online Dropbox to be viewed by members. Lou has written a set of detailed directions on accessing the Zoom meetings and the Dropbox. This is a brave new world and our club is taking this giant step until we can all meet again in one place. The schedule:

**4 August 2020 -7:00PM. Zoom General meeting with program.**

**13 August 2020 @ 6:00PM Zoom Fly of the month tying.**

**19 August 2020 @ 9:00AM PHW and Gathering Zoom Session**

**26 August 2020 @ 9:00AM PHW and Gathering Zoom Session**

If you have not received an invitation yet send Lou an email and he can put you on the list. [tazgunr@hotmail.com](mailto:tazgunr@hotmail.com)

Please make an effort to join the sessions, we would love to see and hear you. Tight Lines, Dave (The Pres!)

**And since our club is alive and well, here is another reminder: Dues are Due (for 2020) If you haven't paid already. Jay sent out a reminder to those who are due to pay dues. He will send another. Do what you have to due! Don't leave us in the red.....**

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Checks payable to FFNWF Thank you!!!

# The Auction No date yet but plans and preparations continue

To whet your appetite here is a list of high value items donated so far. This does not include the trips and other donations of rods, reels, lines, handcrafted gifts and more that will come in before the auction. Save your next stimulus check. You'll need it! Stimulate the club!!

## FFNWF Auction list through July of "Higher value items"

Item#	Item	Description	~\$ Value	Donner	PHW Item
1	Wright & McGill "Trail Master"	6 pc 6'-9" 7 WT Fiberglass pack Rod	\$60	2019 item	
3	Orvis Waist Pack Small	With tippit, nippers, other misc items	\$40	2019 item	
8	Waders size 6/7	Crotch style leggings- small women	\$50	2019 item	
15	Wading boots "Chota brand"	good shape felt with studs	\$160	2019 item	
24	FLY ROD "Preditor" 12 Wt -9 ft	Reddington Model 1290-4 New - with case	\$290	2019 item	
27	Rod case holder LL Bean	Rod case for pair 9 Ft- 4 piece rods	\$50	2019 item	
28	Fly rod Pflueger 2 piece	8 Wt -9Ft New	\$30	2019 item	
33	Canvas Piture	Canvas dry fly picture	\$45	Jay Bryz.	
36	Miniture antique fly reel	4 Brothers Delite -Pre Pflugar- very rare	\$50	Russ S.	x
41	Float tube (Caddis brand)	Sit in style lake float tube	\$90	2019 item	
48	Plano Tackle box	~100 poppers /top water flies by Russ S.	\$80	Russ S.	X
54	Fly Tying bench	Desktop fly tying bench for tools	\$50	George N.	
56	Fly Line - 8 Wt. Saltwater Titan	SA Quick Loading: used only 2 x in salt water	\$70	Steve H.	
59	Fly Rod 8 Ft / 4 Wt	Custom made Steve H. St Croix Imperial Blank	\$120	Steve H.	X
60	Fly Reel Okuma 4/5 Wt.	2 spare spools ( one with sinking line)	\$40	Steve H.	X
61	Box fresh water flies ~40 new	Lake flies(wolly burgers, simiseal leeches, etc)	\$70	Steve H.	
70	Fish pond vest	Vest and tools and eye glass magnifier	\$70	Russ S.	X
77	Orvis Fly Rod (9' 9 wt.)	2 Piece w orvis tube (Rebuilt by Russ Shield for Frank Walmer)	\$150	Russ S.	X
78	9 Ft 6 wt. Fly Rod & Reel	Penn gold metal - Pfluegar Supreme reel	\$175	Russ S.	X
81	Shakespeare wonder spin rod	Ultra light weight with tube	\$40	Russ S.	X
84	Party Cooler	Large Party cooler on wheels	\$50	Jim white	X
85	Fishing bucket w/ seat	Hand painted logo Fishing bucket	\$50	Dave H	X/2
90	9 wt Fly Reel-2 spare spools	Pflueger 9 wt reel with 2 spare spools	\$150	Don Smith	
91	Salt Water Flies & Boxes	Misc flies	\$50	2019 item	
92	2 boxes of - Fly Line-WF 9 weight	1 Floating line & 1 fast sink fly line	\$100	Don Smith	



## Fishing with Capt. Baz

July is usually one of our best months for chasing big schools of false albacore in the Gulf of Mexico, but this year they've been mostly AWOL. We spent some time July 1 trying to get within casting range of a couple schools, but the fish were tiny. Seriously, they weren't a foot long and looked like they might've weighed a pound. Mere children. Plus they had the audacity to be extremely spooky. The fish were frothing the surface like they do, but we still couldn't get close enough to get the fly in the right place. After a frustrating hour we declared victory and left. Wasn't worth the effort. Capt Dan told me his clients landed 8 decent sized FA one day, but I never saw any all month. Finally, just last night I got a report from my neighbor that there were lots of albie schools four miles SE of the Massachusetts, so there's still hope. All we need is some calm water...

Without the albies in the mix I spent my time this month fishing the inside flats for redfish and trout. We saw lots of fish on every trip and had plenty of good shots, but it was mostly "technical" fishing requiring long, accurate, "soft-landing" casts. It was great having some experienced anglers on the boat who were up to the task. I had some lucky ones, too, and that's always nice.

First up is Louisiana resident Cole Miller who has a condo at Portofino. We had perfect "bonefishing" conditions on the afternoon of July 8. The morning at the Naval Live Oaks had been tough, but the west wind finally settled down and got enough south in it where we could run across Santa Rosa Sound and fish the flats on the north side of the island. The water was calm and clear, and the sun was high and at our backs as we poled to the east. We immediately started seeing fish, and they were finally interested in the fly. Cole's not the longest caster, but he's a good angler... knows what to do with the fly once it hits the water. The first fish he hooked was a very nice 22-23" trout, and he



lost it in a most bizarre fashion. The water was only two foot deep, and we watched every move the fish made...from the *take* to a couple long runs. The trout was on the surface circling the boat when a 6" lizardfish shot up from the bottom and snatched the barbless fly out of the trout's mouth! Talk about a bad break! We could not believe our eyes...

Cole landed the lizardfish which didn't exactly get the skunk out of the boat, and we continued poling down the beach where he hooked and landed this nice redfish. Both fish ate a 2/0 EP pinfish.

A couple days later blue water fishing convert Paul Moore came down from Birmingham to try his hand on the flats. Paul was a tournament angler who used to think fly-fishing was for sissies until one of his friends landed a 9# redfish on fly. The friend showed Paul the photo and told him "You can't do this". That challenge was all it took, and Paul has become addicted to our sport. Watching this redfish charge and eat his fly was one of the highlight's of Paul's fishing career. He could hardly wait to send his friend the photo!



July 17 was a red letter day for long-term client Jay Lanier and his dad Jaime. Jay is an expert caster and has held various boat records over the years. Jaime is a dedicated "advanced beginner". He had a lesson with Jonas six months ago, but this was his first time on the water since. Jaime wanted Jay to have the first turn on the bow, and for an hour he had shot after shot at redfish up to 20 pounds. His casting was on the mark as always, but we just couldn't get a take. After multiple fly changes and a few follows, the fish disappeared and Jay yielded the casting platform to his dad. We began poling to the east into the sun.



There was a finger bar ahead of us which was too shallow for the skiff. As I poled outside of it a nice fish struck a baitfish on the bar halfway to shore. It was too far out to tell if it was a trout or redfish, but for sure we had a good target ahead of us. Jaime was practice casting and having a very hard time getting much line out. He was maxing out at about 30'. The other factor was the wind which was blowing offshore at about 15. There was no chance getting the fly to the fish upwind. Zero. I knew about where the strike had been and quietly poled in a large semi-circle bringing the boat between the target area and the beach. Finally we could see the fish 50' away. It was a nice slot-sized redfish in a foot of water thankfully facing away from us. The wind was now at Jaime's back,



and he began false casting trying to work out enough line. I nudged the bow closer to the fish and suggested he aim higher, so the wind would carry the fly. After about 15 false casts Jaime released the fly and the wind carried it beautifully in the direction of the redfish. The leader straightened out well above the water, and the fly line, leader, and fly landed as soft as a feather with the fly 3' from the fish. This was all new to Jaime, and I told him to just let the fly drop to the bottom. The redfish saw it and swam over. One smooth strip and he ate it. Just like that! Here's Jaime Lanier with his first-ever redfish on fly.

Jay got back on the platform and we continued poling for a quarter mile or so with a few shots but no takes. The wind had shifted enough for us to try some water down by the Big Sabine, so I fired it up and we ran down there. It was Jaime's turn again, and he worked out some line as I poled in toward the shore. When we got close I turned the boat so we could pole parallel to the beach. Within the first minute I saw a dark shape resting stationary along the edge of a grass bed, but Jaime couldn't see it. We were already within casting range, so he started false casting working out line. He followed my instructions perfectly as I had him rotate his casting direction counterclockwise until it appeared to be in the direction of the fish. He still could not see the fish but worked out more line until it looked about right. When I said "drop it" he did, and the fly once again landed about three feet from the fish. I watched the fly sink in water about 3' deep,



and told Jaime to start stripping. Which he did until he felt the line come tight. It was a perfect blindly executed strip-strike! Turned out the fish was a very large trout in the 5-6 pound range. Biggest trout of the year so far on my boat! Jaime was ecstatic, and all Jay could do was shake his head. No question about it, this day belonged to his dad! It was fun to be a part of it. Jay finally redeemed himself with this beautiful redfish at the end of the trip.

The final episode of my report happened a few days earlier on July 7. My good client Robert Lockwood from Huntsville was on the boat, and we had been battling the west wind and heat all day. Heat index had to be 105. It was the last hour of the trip. We were poling the western edge of the Big Sabine about 20' from shore hoping to see a redfish when the school of big jack crevalle arrived. The first thing we saw were a dozen huge wakes coming toward shore a couple hundred feet up the beach from us, and then the water exploded all around us as the jacks crushed the mullet. It was like depth charges going off all around the boat as the mullet flew through the air. **Total Mayhem!** The jacks got into water so shallow that half of their backs were exposed. Robert and I had discussed the plan earlier, and he quickly cranked in his 8wt as I grabbed the 10wt and stripped out some line. We switched rods, and I stowed the 8 and pulled out my big spinning rod with the giant topwater hookless teaser. The jacks had passed the boat but were still in easy range. I heaved the teaser out there and cranked it as fast as I could. The whole school climbed over each other



trying to eat the plug as I brought it toward the boat. With the fish 50' out and closing fast Robert dropped the big popper into their midst and hooked up instantly.

The water was too shallow for the motor, so when the fish took off I poled after it. Fortunately the Tibor Gulfstream has an excellent drag and over 400 yards of 68# backing allowing me some time to catch up. As soon as we reached 3' water depth we put the 115 horses to work and followed the fish. We came close to losing it and breaking the rod when the jack doubled back on us and rocketed under the boat. Robert plunged the rod into the water all the way to the cork and scrambled around the bow to keep up with the fish. After 40 minutes I finally got my hands on the leader and netted it. The jack crevalle was indeed a monster weighing 29# on the Boga and beating the all-time boat record by a half pound.



When you look at the photo consider the fact that Robert is a big man...6' 6".

*Capt Baz*

## Yum Yum Report

Snapper season is over, so here is a fresh-fish recipe you can utilize just by taking a trip down to the local fish market. Although farmed salmon from Publix tastes fine, I highly recommend looking for wild salmon (often Sockeye Salmon). It's healthier for you and take it from your local fisheries biologists, it's healthier for the salmon fishery to eat wild salmon (I know it sounds counterintuitive, please let me know if you have any questions about this!). *Matt Wegener*

## Samurai salmon

### Ingredients

- 2 - 8 oz to 10 oz salmon fillets (skin off)
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 3 tablespoons hoisin sauce
- 1 tablespoon Sweet Chili Sauce
- 1 tablespoon Sriracha
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, peeled and minced
- 3 cloves garlic minced



### Instructions

1. Combine honey with remaining ingredients (not the salmon!) in a small saucepan. Heat to blend flavors and then cool mixture/glaze.
2. Place salmon in a shallow container and brush glaze over both sides, saving at least half to use a glaze when cooking. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes to 2 hours.
3. Heat a cast-iron skillet on medium then cook the fillets for 2 to 3 minutes per side
4. After flipping the fillet, baste with remaining marinade
5. Serve over rice and top with remaining marinade after cooking.
6. Pairs well with rice, asparagus, or other seasonal vegetables.

**Fishing Report** In mid-April put my boat in the shop. My motor was 25 years old and I decided it was time one. The Government was giving away stimulus money so what the heck let them pay part. But the Covid threw a monkey wrench in the works and delayed delivery. After almost three months I'm back on the water. These are some I got on my first day back.



*Terry McCormick*

*(Editor's Note: If there is another stimulus check Terry will get something for Alicia, like a new trolling motor or a GPS )*

## **Flora Bama Report** A FISHING STORY by Terry McCormick

On the Fourth of July I had a first. I was out on Perdido Key where I am usually on the 4th. I was cruising the beach about a half mile east of the Flora-Bama with my 10wt fly rod with a sink tip line in my hand. It was about 11:00 am so the sun was high and the water was crystal clear, perfect for sight casting. I noticed a bunch of tourists standing up looking in the water and pointing. I knew immediately that they spotted a shark. Sure enough there was a about a 2 and 1/2 foot black tip shark swimming about 5 foot from the shore. I thought: "Hey, why not give it a shot? I'm rigged for toothy critters."

I made a cast, but landed behind him. I ran down the beach and made another cast and he turned and started to follow but turned away. I ran further down the beach ( 9 foot rod in hand dragging 40 feet of line, what a sight) and waited. As I saw the beast approach, I made a cast ahead of it and let the fly sit on the bottom. Just as the shark got close, I started to strip the fly. The shark turned and followed. I saw it take the fly and I set the hook. I thought i would surely loose the fly but, no, the battle was on. After a brief battle I was able the land the shark on the beach. Although no giant, it was the first shark I've ever landed. A crowd gathered and for a brief moment, I was the celebrity of the beach. Unfortunately there is no photo because my photo girl was sunning herself down the beach and by the time she saw the crowd and got there, the shark was being released back into the water. Oh, well.

The fly? A tan and olive Clouser with yellow eyes. Add another species. *Terry*

**And Good News** Bill Locher here, hoping all is well. This is the first time I've been able to look at my computer in over two weeks. Unfortunately I've been in West Florida Hospital with Covid 19. It has **not** been a GOOD 2 WEEKS, believe me. They let me out Wednesday and I'm finally home and on the mend. Will be under house arrest for at least 2 more weeks and possibly as long as 6 to 8 weeks. Feeling quite a bit better now than when I was admitted, thank goodness. Had an awful lot of people praying for my recovery, which certainly didn't hurt. Thanks for your prayers and best wishes! *Bill*

## **FFNWF BOD & Committees Zoom Meeting 23 July 2020, Minutes**

1907 Called to order: President welcomed attendees. The President's remarks: "The Zoom meetings have been good for the soul and maintaining lines of communication."

**Financial Report:** The Treasurer reported \$1289.51 in checking. Pending expenses for a plaque, our IRS non-profit application, and insurance with FFI will leave a forecasted balance end July of \$551.34. We have 73 paid members and expect another 12- 15 will renew which will bring in more revenue. This number does not include our fall auction, which is our main fundraiser. Late Breaking News! Our non-profit application has been approved by the IRS, the club will pay no taxes in the future. Most attendees for the fall class have already paid. The Financial Report was proposed by Bob M and seconded by George N, vote to accept was unanimous.

**Nominations for Treasure.** Jay will relinquish his position as our Treasurer after many years and he will be missed. Fortunately, a very capable long-term member offered to take over next year. Larry Sisney has been nominated as relief of Jay. If we have others who would wish to be nominated for this position, please make yourself known. The president will send to all members this information, if no other nominations are forthcoming, the motion will carry.

**Our Fly Fishing Course** The Introduction to Fly Fishing class is tentatively scheduled to start 8 September and run through 29 October. The class will be split into two groups due to COVID19. This limits the number of participants including the club's mentors/volunteers. Currently 17 paid for the classes and a few have expressed interest and could be added. At this stage, it is too early to cancel classes. After discussion of the pros and cons, a consensus was reached to hold off until late August any final decisions to cancel or not until guidelines from the city and state firm up.

The President stressed that the club's volunteers will need to commit to attending the entire schedule as a surplus of helpers will not be available unlike at our past classes. We will need a maximum of four volunteers outdoors for casting and 3 volunteers inside for the casting. How to prep and sanitize the room and equipment for everyone's safety is a key issue to be addressed. In sum. It is not yet clear whether we can go forward. Jim White suggested sending an e mail to the attendees to communicate our current status.

**The Christmas Party:** Jim White reported that we have until October 15 to decide yes or no for the December 8<sup>th</sup> Party at SHCC. He confirmed our deposit is nonrefundable but could be pushed forward to next year. The Christmas Party depends on a successful auction.

**Auction** Cyndi Myers submitted a plan to hold the auction on line to the board. Steve and Ellen Hofmann have been collecting and cataloging the auction donations. A proposal for an outdoor auction was discussed. It was also discussed about placing pictures and description of high value items in newsletter and state a purchase now price for that item.

**The building:** The Boy Scout House has been placed on the Historical Register. We need to consider the short- and long-term effects on our club operations.

**Jonas Magnusson Departure.** As most know Jonas is moving to the Tampa area. We will be losing our cast instructor and friend. The COVID 19 has stopped all of our meeting and get together. This has prevented our club to bestow upon Jonas thanks and accolades. We propose we have a Cast-In similar to the surfers tradition of honoring one of there group. This Cast-In would be held in the open field next to the club house where the casting instruction is held. A large circle would be formed around a table in the center. Everyone would have a fly rod, wear their mask and maintain the social distance. Jonas would be invited to the center to receive the momentos prepared for this occasion. The president will check with Jonas for a Saturday date.

The meeting closed out at 2010 by Zoom since we had utilized out allow time.

Minutes submitted by George Norton, Secretary and Bob Myers, Vice-President