

Flies & Lies

NEWSLETTER OF THE FLYFISHERS
OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA
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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

The Christmas Party is December 14 at the new Holiday Inn on Davis near University Mall. Karen Brand will be selling tickets at the club business meeting December 7th. Ticket prices are \$25. Dinner will be an "old fashioned country buffet."

Appetizers

Stuffed mushrooms, meatballs, chicken wings, eggrolls

Entrees

Southern fried chicken

Roast beef

Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Veggie Medley

Tossed salad, Rolls and Butter

Chef's Choice Desert

Karen and John Brand will put together a slide show presentation for the Christmas Party. Please bring Karen or send Karen your pictures of fishing excursions or club events and I will put together the presentation for the party. She needs pictures in digital format and you can either email them or bring them to the December meeting.

Raffle prizes for the Christmas Party will be on sale at all meetings up to and including Party Night, \$5 apiece or 6 for \$25. Prizes include (1) Orvis 3wt Helios rod, (2) 8wt TLS rod, (3) Battenkill I Reel with Wf3F line/backing, (4) Mid-Arbor IV Reel with WF8F line/backing, (5) Saltwater Fly Tying Kit with materials to tie 100 or more Clouser Minnows, Deceivers and Gurglers, (6) Trout Fly Tying Kit with materials to tie 100s of dry flies, nymphs and streamers.

Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida, November 2, 2010, President Larry Goodman, presiding

President Larry Goodman called the **board** meeting to order at 6:30 pm with 9 board members present. The Christmas party will be held on December 14, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Pensacola. Dinner will be a country style buffet preceded by trays of hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Dinner tickets will be \$25 each and will be available through Karen Brand at the Thursday November 11th bull session and at the Saturday November 20th clinic. Raffle tickets for door prizes will be available at the door the evening of the dinner. They will sell for \$5 each or six tickets for \$25. The club will purchase two \$50 gift cards to be offered as door prizes to two lucky ladies present. Remaining raffle prizes will be donated by Jerry Aldridge and Tom Regina or purchased by Tom and Kevin Cohenour. A head count is needed by December 1, 2010.

Bob Holton briefly presented to the board responses to the membership survey that was recently distributed to all club members. He also presented to the board recommendations made by the membership committee that were based on the survey. Art deTonnancourt, chairman of the membership committee, was unable to attend this meeting but will be present to discuss the survey at a future date. The **board** meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

The **business** meeting was called to order at 6:55pm by President Larry Goodman. Paul Wargo was introduced as a new member. The minutes of the October 5, 2010 business meeting as reported in the November 2010 newsletter were approved. The treasury report was read and approved.

Nominating committee chairman Jay Williams presented the following slate of officers to serve for the year 2011: President-Tom Birdwell, Vice President-Terry McCormick, Secretary-John Fitzgerald, Treasurer- Larry Sisney. There were no nominations made from the floor and the slate of officers was approved by the membership.

Nominations from the floor were taken for the two member at large positions. Joe Higgins and David Burton were selected by the club to fill those positions for the year 2011.

Jerry Aldridge and Baz Yelverton were each nominated for the Angler of the year award for 2010 and the award will be presented at the Christmas party.

Members were encouraged to submit pictures of their fishing adventures to John Brand by E Mail or CD. They will be shown the night of the Christmas party.

The club will meet Tuesday December 7th and Saturday December 18th. There will be no bull session meeting on Thursday December 9th. Bob Willice secretary

Casting & Tying at the Club.... Tom Regina

December 18 - Monthly Casting and Tying Clinic, 9 AM until about 1 PM. Casting instruction and practice with John Brand. Fly tying the "Male European Earwig" with Jerry Giles.

Your club will provide all tying materials to tie the fly. If you have them, bring your vise and tools. The club can also provide a vise and tools for you and your guests.

Bring your long rod to the Saturday casting clinic. Club fly rods/reels are available for you and your guests.

Free lunch and beverages will be provided at the Saturday Casting and Tying Clinic. Free beverages are available for all club bull sessions, clinics, and meetings.

Jerry G's European Earwig

The Earwig is a prolific, nocturnal, omnivorous insect and is therefore fished most effectively early and late. Fish them dead drift as they are not aquatic insects. They do resemble many water borne nymphs.



MATERIALS

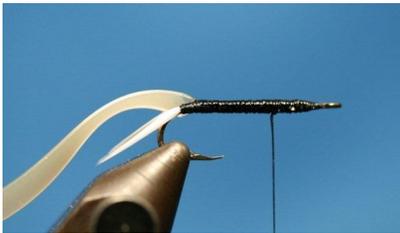
HOOK	#10 nymph (1XL)
THREAD	6/0 BROWN
BODY	Sticky-back lead tape, Hareline nymph stretch-skin (NS40)
LEGS	Centipede, speckled brown mini
HACKLE	Light brown or cream, hook gap size 8
OTHER	Brown marking pen, head cement



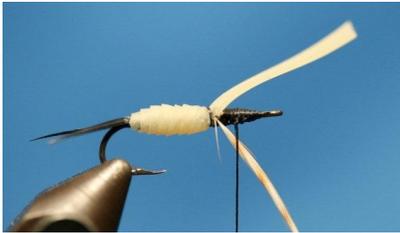
TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. De-barb hook and place in vise.
2. Starting behind hook eye, lay thread base back to hook bend, then forward to starting point, then back to hook bend again.
3. Cut a 1/16" strip of sticky-back tape about 1" long.
4. Starting above the hook point, wrap the tape in even turns to two hook eye lengths back of the hook eye.



5. Wrap the thread forward smoothly over the lead tape, then back and forth until the tape is completely covered. Let thread hang at bend of hook.
6. Take a goose biot and tie it on the near side moving it to the top of the hook to rest at a 45 degree angle to the shaft. Do the same on the far side.
7. Tie on a 2" strip of latex stretch-skin just in front of the biots.



8. Wrap the latex strip forward in overlapping turns around the body forming the insect segments. Stop the latex about 1/3 of the way back from the hook eye. Tie in on top with several thread wraps. Bring thread in front of latex. Leave the tag end as it will form the wing case.



9. Tie on the hackle feather by the butt end where the latex wrap ended. Apply tiny amount of head cement.
10. Wrap the hackle to one hook eye back from the eye and tie it off. Cut the hackle fibers from the top of the body.
11. Bring the latex tag over the top of the hackle and tie off behind hook eye. Cut off residual latex tag and form a neat head. Whip finish.



12. With a 1" piece of centipede leg, loop it around the hanging thread, pull the equal ends to the top of the head, and tie it on for the antennae. Whip finish, apply head cement and let dry.
13. Finally, use a brown or black marking pen and color the biots, upper body and head.

Fishing Report... Captain Baz Velverton



The *Running of the Bulls* is going on big time and should continue well into December. Pensacola Bay is loaded with bay anchovies and menhaden, and the schools of redfish are gorging themselves on a daily basis. The fish are mostly bright orange and range in size from 15 to 25 pounds. I've never seen them here in such quantities. We're finding them from the Bob Sikes Bridge...to Town Point...to Deadman's Island...to the Three Mile Bridge...to Buoys 26 and 22...and out in front of the Old Coast Guard Station. In the Gulf the fish have been mostly down to the west a couple miles, and I've heard there are even more huge schools south of the Perdido Bay condos. The problem is you never know where they'll pop up or when. Some days it's an early morning thing and other days it happens late in the afternoon. On days with a north wind following the cold fronts the action can go on all day. As usual it's the birds that help you locate the fish. We've been catching them mostly on sinking lines, although I like to have a floating line rigged with a 2/0 popper to use when the fish stay on top. You won't get as many hookups, but it sure is thrilling to watch them explode on it. Here are some nice shots of clients who've taken advantage of this year's *Running of the Bulls*: Roger Orth, Pensacola; Dave Walters, Johnson City, TN; club member Bob Korose; Greg Catalano, Acton, MA; and Ken Shireman, Fayetteville, AR.



Earlier in the month we found some big reds along the beach east of the pass, but I haven't seen them in the past two weeks. They've probably headed up into the bay to take part in the feeding frenzy. But before they moved we had some terrific shallow-water sight-fishing. Jonas Magnusson coaxed this 40" fish to eat a tan/white clouser minnow on Nov 1, and then the Rocket Man (Greg Speer) from Colorado nailed another monster in 4' of water on November 7. Rocket's fish ate one of the new Karl Elliott Puglisi clousers that you can find at Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle. But the sight-fishing award for this month goes to Geoff Brodersen who landed and released this last beauty while "wet wading" along the beach east of the Observation Tower on October 30. Geoff fought the fish for a half hour on an 8wt. Another of my clients Evan Nordstrom watched the action and assisted Geoff in the release. I'm sure it's Geoff's "fish of a lifetime" so far. The light tan color of these magnificent fish allows them to almost disappear along the sandy bottom just outside the inner bar. Of course if they are up in the water column their shadows give them away. Hard to hide when you're the size of a small submarine...



November wasn't all about redfish. We found that a few of the nice Spanish mackerel returned to the usual spot by Town Point. Here are Bob Korose and Greg Catalano with some fine caught-and-released examples. Plus, there are still pompano up in the bay system. A reliable mullet fisherman told me last week he had jumped a couple dozen fish at Range Point by Portofino.



Fishing Report... Captain Baz Yelverton



The only one we've landed was this 3 pounder caught and released by Greg Catalano on November 14. The fish ate the old reliable tan/white clouser.

The final good news is about the false albacore. It's been a very frustrating year for the albies, but the past few days have been as hot as I've ever seen it. Huge numbers of fish have been along a tide line a mile west of the pass, and maybe a quarter mile offshore....and they're hungry! That area is loaded with "eyeball" jellyfish, and the albies love the little minnows that live around and within the jellyfish. Of course there are also huge schools of bay anchovies in the area, too. This past Saturday, November 27, was the all-time best-ever day for false albacore fishing on fly. I had two fly-fishermen on the boat, Charlie Forrest and Taylor Curry, who landed and released a couple dozen fish each. It was an incredible day by anybody's standards. Yesterday the fish had moved into the pass, and Ken Shireman was there to enjoy the action. We stayed with the #6 clear gummy minnows both days, but the fish were so ravenous most anything would've worked...maybe. Capt Baz

Around the Bay...and Further Away

From Milt Mays in cold Colorado....Long time no see. Missed everyone in Yellowstone this year except Travis. We went in July instead of September, and the fishing was only so-so then. Made a mini Colorado trip in September, camping with Lynn and Maggie, wading rivers and lake fishing with my one man pontoon boat. First stop was Delaney Butte North Lake-caught a huge cuttbow, probably 10 or more pounds and 24 inches-camera on shore, no pictures. You can believe me, right? Next to the Yampa River below Stagecoach Reservoir, managed to catch quite a few picky 16-20 inch rainbows, all footballs. Then on to Trappers Lake in the Flattops Wilderness where I had one good afternoon of 20-30 fish, most on a chartreuse body, black-tailed Wooly Bugger, but the last one a 20 incher (pictured in net) about 3-5 lbs on a Crackleback. Last stop was the Williams Fork above the Colorado River and below the Williams Fork reservoir. Several nice browns to the net and two huge bows hooked but lost. The Colorado had New Zealand mud snails under the rocks and the fishing was mediocre.

Last week traveled to Montana for our yearly Bighorn trip below Yellowtail Dam--nine guys and three drift boats. Weather was okay, one day 45-60 mph winds, one day barely got above freezing. But, the fishing was great. Lots of streamer fishing and one hole caught about thirty trout and one huge carp- all deep nymphing. Pictures attached. We'll probably go a few more times this winter.

I am thinking about coming out in early March to catch the end of the big reds in the gulf and bay. Hopefully they are still going strong even after the spill. Have a great one.....Milt **(Editor's note: I lost Milt's pictures somewhere in cyberspace so perhaps he could send the pics for next month's issue.**



Who is the mystery angler with the nice trout, pole in mouth, inviting the swan to Thanksgiving dinner?

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Business Meeting 7 PM					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 14TH SEE PAGE 1 FOR DETAILS				Clinic - Casting, tying, gourmet lunch 9 AM	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	