

# ***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

## *President's Message... Terry McCormick*

Wow this year has flown by. It has been my honor to serve as your president this past year and I'm looking forward to serving for this next year. We had many accomplishments in 2012, some of which were a very successful beginners class, three club fishing outings, a very good auction, and a Project Healing Waters class. And we survived the move and renovations.

I would like to thank all the members that served as Officers, Committe Chairman, and all of the members that pitched in to teach a class, cook a meal, or do what every they could to help out. THANK YOU!!!

Well as you know that the highlight of December is the annual Christmas party on December the 11th. I hope you have your tickets, if not you have until December the 5th to buy them. This the time we get together with spouses and friends for great stories, good food, and wonderful prizes. Remember to bring a door prize if you can and buy your raffle tickets at the door. Also if you can email me your "fishy foto's" I am trying to do the slide show this year.

There will be a Board meeting at 6 pm on December the 4th and the regular meeting is at 7 pm. There will be no fly tying meeting in December but we will still have the Saturday Clinc on the 15th at 9 am.

Tight lines and the tug is the drug, Terry

## **Fly Fishers of NW Florida Annual Christmas Party**

**Date: December 11, 2012 Tuesday**

**Time: 6 PM Cash bar Dinner served at 7:00 PM**

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**Location: Holiday Inn 7813 N. Davis Hwy Pensacola FL**  
**Hors'deuvres: Complimentary Drummettes and Meatballs**

**Main Course: Country Buffet**  
**\$25 per person**

**Bucket Raffle - Great Prizes!**

**Fly Tying Kit....Salt Water**

**FlyTying Kit....Fresh Water**

**Two fly rods....7 weight & 3 weight**

**Two reels with backing, one with WF-7 line, one with WF-3**

**Fly Tying Tools....Hand made by Russ Shields**

**Tickets - \$5 each, 6 for \$25**

**Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida,  
November 6, 2012, President Terry McCormick, presiding**

President Terry McCormick called the **board** meeting to order at 6:10 pm with 9 board members present. Russ Shields reported that the first Healing Waters Fly- Fishing Class sponsored by FFNWF had been completed and was very successful. He thanked all the volunteers who had participated. The class produced two vet graduates, Kent Reagan and Oleta Webb. In honor of this inaugural event they will be invited to attend our upcoming Christmas Party December 11, 2012 as guests of FFNWF.

Ticket sales for the Christmas Party are being handled by Karen Brand and will be on sale through the next business meeting December 4, 2012. Karen will order and purchase shirts for the Fisherman of the Year Award and for next year's President. Bucket raffle prizes will include Orvis 3 wt. and Orvis 7 wt. fly rods, Orvis 3 wt. and Orvis 7 wt. fly reels complete with backing and line. A saltwater fly-tying kit, a freshwater fly-tying kit and fly-tying instruments hand crafted by Russ Shields will also be raffled. Special door prizes will be given to two lucky lady guests. Members will be encouraged to donate flies and other fly-fishing articles as additional prizes.

Roy Turner volunteered to help Jerry Aldridge with the newsletter and Ed Wingfield will chair the membership committee for the year 2013.

The club will meet Tuesday December 4, 2012 and Saturday December 15, 2012 but will not meet for the bull session on Thursday December 6, 2012.

The treasurer's report and minutes were approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

The **business meeting** was called to order by President Terry McCormick at 7 pm. Seventeen members were present. Kent Reagan and Oleta Webb were introduced. The business conducted by the board was presented to the general membership. Jay Williams, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of members to be officers in 2013: Terry McCormick president, Cliff Newton Vice President, Jay Brykczynski treasurer, Bud Newbill secretary. The slate was approved. Larry Sisney and Joe Higgins were appointed from the floor to be members at large. Vick Vickery and Kevin Gorby were nominated for the Fisherman of the Year Award and a secret ballot was taken. The winner will be announced at the upcoming Christmas Party.

Paul Wargo kicked off the membership drive for 2013 A renewal form letter will be E Mailed to the membership.

Bob Korose gave an excellent presentation of his recent trip to the Kenai and Togiak Rivers in Alaska. The presentation was highlighted with samples of smoked salmon he had shipped home.

Local fishing reports indicated Bull Reds were hard to catch, a few Spanish and Ladyfish were being caught, but the lizard fish bite was red hot.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm. Bob Willice, interim secretary.

# *Around the Bay...and Further Away*

**Bob Korose** has had a busy fall. From monster cutthroats and brown trout on Arkansas' White river to bull reds 2 miles from our clubhouse. Bob caught the bull reds on size 3/0, 5 inch yak hair clousers and couple on 3/0 poppers. The rest of the salt water fish were caught on size 2 yak hair clousers, tan and white and also Jerry's Green and white "Yak Attack".....and he still had time to lead us in tying the "firefly" at the Saturday clinic (last two photos)



**From Jay Brykczynski....**Two more photos of Jay's trip Nov 20 with Capt Baz



## *Around the Bay....and Further Away*

**Karen and John Brand, Jerry Aldridge and Tom Finkle** caught some nice bulls close to Fair Point in Gulf Breeze. Big clouser type flies, 4-6", 1/0 and 2/0, heavily weighted fished with sinking lines did the trick. White, hot pink and chartreuse yak hair, fish hair and rabbit strips all worked. John must be shy because he didn't send a picture. Tom and Jerry and fishing buddies George Bennett, Bill Locher and Terry McCormick caught dozens or hundreds of speckled trout in canals and bayous, mostly under 15" but plenty of keepers, too. Clousers and crazy charlies work—any color is good as long as it is tan and olive!



**Editor's Note: Tom Finkle insisted on adding the following story about my red in the photo. Feel free to question its veracity.**

"Tom and Jerry at it again. Everyone has heard about those big bull reds in the bay. Tom spent the better part of a day chasing them but was unable to get deep enough with the fly rod to hook up. A couple of days later Jerry called him and said, Want to go fishing? Silly question. It was kind of cool and the water was choppy that morning. Too rough to really see the Reds. So we made the decision to launch at Shoreline and make our way around Deer Point to Gilmore where we had pretty good fishing earlier. As we were cruising in at a good rate of speed trying to stay dry, Tom saw nervous water directly in front of us and cut the throttle and turned off the engine. No birds, no sign of fish, but it was one of those trust me things... I think I saw something! Besides, Tom said he was on a strategic course. Right! We took a couple of casts with no luck and were about to reel up when Jerry's rod obtained a very healthy bend! He was hooked up with a beauty! Took him a little while to get it close to the boat, Jerry is by no means gentle with big fish. The shooting head was just coming into the guides when Jerry says, "my reel handle is loose!" No problem says Tom. Just keep playing him. About that time Jerry says, "my reel handle fell off!" No problem says Tom, I'll collect the parts. No problem? Jerry hand stripped the brute through the rest of the battle and we boated it! We continued into Gilmore after that and caught some nice trout. A fitting end to a great day."

## Fishing Report... Captain Baz Velverton

The hottest action for November has been the continuation of the "Running of the Bulls" in Pensacola Bay. The fish haven't been coming to the top as dependably as in the past couple years, but when you're in the right place at the right time it's outrageous! The most likely areas are between Town Point and the Gulf Breeze end of the Three Mile Bridge (includes the Dead Man's Island cove); between Joe Patti's and Muskogee Wharf (around the Port of Pensacola); in the triangle formed by the Turning Basin at NAS, the entrance channel to Bayou Grande, and Buoy 22; and finally between Town Point and Deer Point. Of course you never know when it's going to happen or where...or even IF it's going to happen on a given day. You just have to be out there ready for action hoping to get lucky.



Here are photos of fly-casters who "made it happen" during November. First, a great shot of Tim English who came over from Houston on November 19. Next is our very own Jay Brykczynski with his first-ever bull redfish on November 20. Then we have Ken Shireman from Fayetteville, Arkansas, on November 21. And finally Mike Youkee from London with one of three fish landed November 29. Interesting to note that all these fish were landed on sinking lines with a green/white "go-meaux".



While waiting for the big fish to hit the top I've been having some good success with slot-redfish on our favorite sand/grass flats. Poling the shallows looking for fish sure beats drifting around aimlessly waiting for the pelicans to get excited! Dave Walters landed this first fish November 2 and Mike Youkee landed and released this beauty on November 28. The "flats reds" are less spooky than earlier in the year, plus they're eagerly taking the EP gray/white #2 baitfish and the EP #2 tan/white clouser. The water temperature in Santa Rosa

Sound is down to 58 degrees, and the fish are energized. They're charging the fly from 10' away and inhaling it...way different from the nervous fish of early-fall.

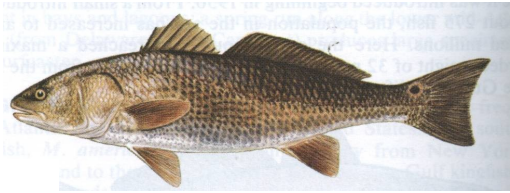
The final and equally exciting news is the fall run of false albacore is going on BIG TIME. This morning (November 30) at 8am Pickens Point was loaded with albies. There were four or five large schools of fish feeding aggressively just outside the inner bar in 2-3' of water. We ran east to the observation tower and found bunches of fish feeding all along the beach. Mike Youkee landed them on a #6 gummy minnow until he was ready to move on to another species. So we made the cardinal mistake of leaving fish to try and find other fish...and never landed anything else. There's a lesson there somewhere...

I'll be looking forward to seeing everyone at the banquet December 11....Capt Baz



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|                   |   | Business Meeting<br>7 PM |           |           |  |           |
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|                   | Christmas Party...See<br>Front page for details |                          |           |           | Clinic - Casting, tying,<br>gourmet lunch 9 AM |           |
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