



Flies and Lies

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MONTHLY MEETINGS at
Miraflora 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

Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 9 Holiday Inn (7813 N. Davis Hwy at I-10)

Hors'deuvres 6:00

\$25

Cash Bar
Country Buffet Dinner 7:00

Raffle Tickets sold at door
\$5 / 6 for \$25 Door Prizes, too

Last Chance to buy tickets: Club meeting Tuesday, Dec. 2 7:00

Raffle Prizes:



Orvis
Hydros 9' 9 wt rod
Hydros reel

TFO 9' 8 wt Ti CrX rod
donated by Bob Story of Feather - Craft



Trip with Baz



Superfine 9' 4 wt rod
Clearwater Reel

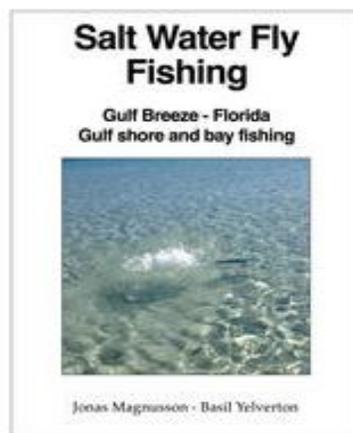
Lifetime supply of
flash and fiber



Renzetti Vise

Dr. Slick tools

Separate bag raffle for each item



Now on Sale

Salt Water Fly Fishing
Gulf Breeze, Florida

by our very own
Jonas Magnusson and Capt. Baz

Their book is only available through
iBooks for iPads and Mac computers
but it contains interactive photos and video

Great Christmas gift idea
(if you need an iPad that
would be a good gift idea, too)

From the President

I thought I would take this opportunity to reflect on this past year for the club and look forward to 2015. Overall it has been a successful year on several fronts. The class last spring was again highly attended with a good many of the participants now active in the club. Kudos goes to Russ Shields for his organizational skills and all the club members who volunteered in one capacity or another. Club meetings, Bull Sessions and Saturday Clinics were all well attended. Again thanks goes to Rex for the interesting programs, Matt for the line-up of fish catching flies to learn and Joe for the great meals on Saturday mornings. We had a great participation in the first Gulf Coast Fly Fishing Fair. Our club website is up and running again thanks to Kent Reagan. Our club newsletter has been full of news and information, thanks to Roy Turner and now Paul Wargo. I guess the theme is that it takes a lot of people to keep a club like ours humming along. I want to personally thank everyone mentioned above and a lot of others that continue to contribute throughout the year.

I am sure that we will continue to have people step up to the plate and keep our club thriving in 2015. See everyone at the Christmas Party.

There will not be a board meeting in December see you at the membership meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 2nd. *Cliff Newton*

Coming Up

Business Meeting – Tuesday, December 2 - Bob Korose (aka Tarpon Bob and/or Eagle Eye Bob and sometimes Bluegill Bob) will have a program with pictures from a trout fishing trip to the White River in Arkansas.

Last Chance to buy Christmas Party tickets



The November Business Meeting
Dazzling discussion and magnanimous motions

November Meeting Highlights

Plans for the party and the December schedule were decided.

Jack Bauknecht has put together great new member packets.

All executive board members were re-elected.

Kevin Gorby and Oleta Webb were elected for the 2015 Board Member at large positions.

Complete minutes for both meetings are posted at the end of the newsletter.

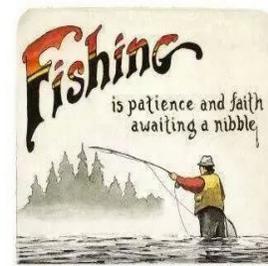
Thank you, Kent!

There will be NO fly tying / bull session in December. Santa is busy with other things (after all, it is December)



But Santa will be back in January to put all you elves back to work.

There will be NO Saturday clinic in December.



A BAD DAY FISHING IS BETTER THAN A GOOD DAY AT WORK



*We all know that....
but what about a
GOOD day of
fishing? All of us
fish waiting for that
day... that really
good day, and
sometimes some
of us actually get
to have one of
those days.....*

Fishing with Bob Korose November 12, 2014

Water temperature 72* Air Temperature 75*
Mostly cloudy. NE Wind

We ventured out with "Eagle Eye" Bob Korose bound and determined to find some fish. Scanning the horizon Bob decided we should search for some Spanish Mackerel. Closing in on Town Point, Russ got the first tug and thereafter the Spanish were hitting our flies non stop.



Bob also joined the fun and brought up a Gafftopsail catfish that would not give up the hook, Bob can tell you the rest of the that story at a later date

(editor's note: ask him After The Wounds Heal).

Once again Bob surveyed the horizon looking out toward the three mile bridge and guided us toward the mid channel. Noticing an array of bird activity all of a sudden we were in the middle of bait fish, pelicans diving and a flurry of bull reds surface feeding. All lines went out and within minutes all three of us here pulling in 19 pounders averaging 32 inches in length. We spent most of afternoon cris crossing the mid channel and continued to bring in the red bulls. All told, we landed eight with Jay "Oh no not another one" pulling in four. All in all a banner day of fishing for the three of us.



Eagle Eye Bob has an exceptional talent for predicting where the Red Bulls will surface. We pulled into Hoffman Bayou for lunch and Jay decide to do some leisurely casting.

And sure enough, a Speckled Trout hit the Deceiver fly on the third cast. It just doesn't get any better than this. Perfect weather made for a great day on the water and it was enjoyed by all, just look at the smiles.

Jay Brykczynski and Russ Shields

Editor's Note: This trip started out as an Auction item in the club auction last May, donated by Bob Korose. Plan now to be at the auction in May and bid on a trip like this, and a rod and reel to take along!

Tackle Review Pro Softhead

In his book "*Feather Brain*" Drew Chicone emphasizes the importance of balancing the placement of eyes on saltwater flies so the fly will swim straight. That's easy using heavy Clouser eyes, but what if you want big eyes on a lightweight fly?

Enter the Pro Softhead (Feather Craft #TL151), which fits over the thread wraps at the head of your fly and forms a base for the eyes you choose.

As a bonus, since it is clear and soft you can hold it in place while you glue it to the thread wraps if you use Clear Cure Goo and UV light. The CCG also works on the eyes for the same reason.



The softhead compared to medium brass Clouser eye



A regular F-C Surf Dart compared to one with a softhead and molded eyes (thanks to Cliff Newton for tying the flies).

Paul Wargo

Send your tackle reviews to flyfishersnwf@gmail.com

Fishing Report from Capt. Baz



November has been a wide-open race to keep up with the Running of the Bulls, and the fishing has been outstanding. We have been catching most of the fish on 10 weight tackle with floating lines and big (2/0 or 3/0) clousers, weighted streamers, or go-meaux. We've also had good success on 10 weights with sinking lines when the fish have been deep. Can't beat a go-meaux on a sinking line. All my bull redfish flies are chartreuse/white.

The fish can be anywhere in the bay. Hot spots include: the EPA, Shoreline Park, Deer Point, Town Point, Deadman's Island, 3MB (N and S), Port of Pensacola, East of Bayou Grande channel, Ranger Station, plus right out in the middle of the doggone bay. How's that for pinning it down! To make matters more confusing there seems to be no feeding pattern. Sometimes it's early in the day, and on other days it happens at sunset. Late afternoons in the neighborhood of Town Point to the Gulf Breeze end of the 3MB has been relatively dependable. Also, there's usually somen8am activity somewhere between Shoreline Park and Town Point. You have to just get out there, burn some gas, and hope to get lucky. Be sure to take a good set of binoculars and look for the birds.



I had Ben Blevins and Chris Jenkins from Johnson City, TN, on the boat for 4 days Nov 10-13. It was a 2-boat charter from

Eastern Fly Outfitters, and Capt Eddie Woodall was the second boat. On the second day Capt Eddie suggested we take a break from the redfish and head out in the Gulf to the Tex Edwards looking for amberjacks. The plan was to "chum them up" with big, hookless plugs, and then catch them on fly. Which we did! Amberjacks, false albacore, king mackerel...even mahi-mahi! I've

never seen Capt Eddie move so fast as he did when three mahi-mahi appeared under his boat while he was drifting with an angler fighting a fish.



There were two big mahi in the 10 pound range and a third huge one over 30# directly under his boat. Eddie was screaming

"mahi...mahi" and running around his boat like a madman trying to get another rod out and a fly in the water. From my perspective a hundred feet away it was beautiful to watch an expert fisherman "in the moment" as Eddie simply stuck the rod tip in the water and dragged the clouser erratically back and forth in front of the mahi enticing it to eat. Which it did! Eddie handed the rod to his client Ben Walters, and the mahi exploded with great speed and aerial acrobatics. Ben landed it, got the photo, and released it unharmed...after which there were high-fives and hugs all around their boat. It was one of the smaller fish which weighed around 10 pounds; the bull mahi just sank down and disappeared when all the commotion started. Here are a couple photos of the fish.



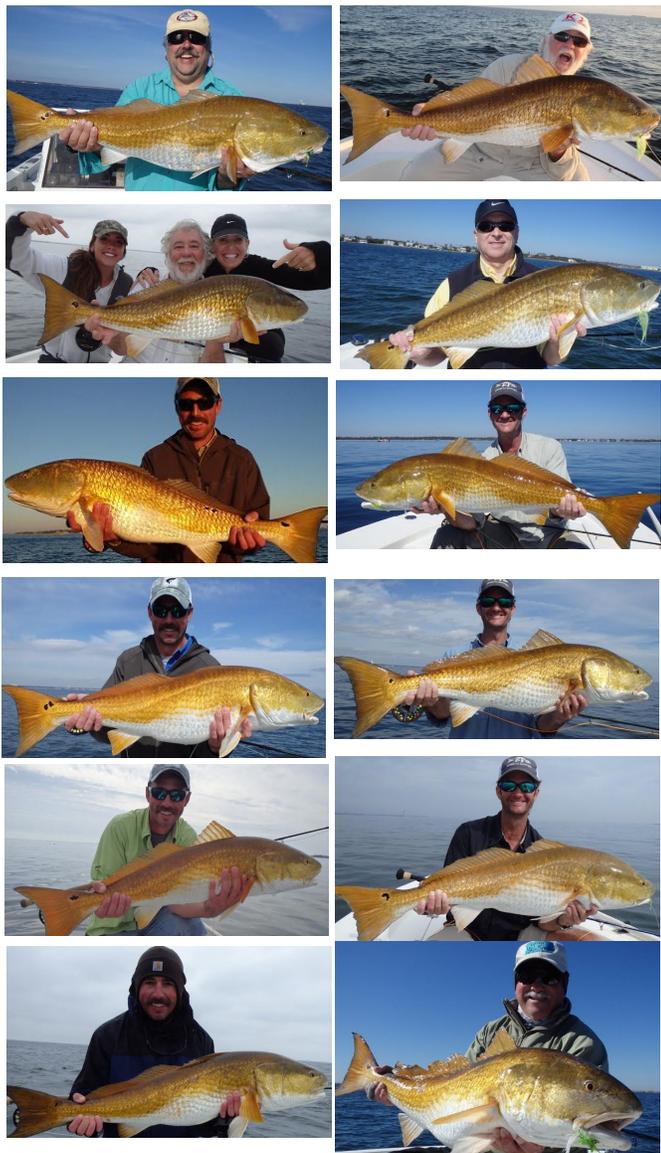
We had some exciting action on our boat, too. Here's a nice shot of Ben Blevins with a 13# amberjack which hit a big streamer.

Next is Chris Jenkins with a beautiful king mackerel that gave Chris and his 12wt about all he wanted. The king



was foul hooked just outside the jaw which kept the fluorocarbon leader out of its teeth. The most excitement on our boat was when Chris hooked a huge amberjack and fought it for over thirty minutes totally "bowed up" on his 12wt. It appeared he finally had the fish coming up when there was a huge surge on the line, and the rod exploded! I hand-lined up the fly line and the head of an amberjack that would have weighed over 20 pounds... sad but exciting for sure!

Here are my favorite daily photos from the November Running of the Bulls starting with club member Bruce Trumbull on November 3. I hope you enjoy them!
Capt Baz



Around the Bay

Terry McCormick caught this trout fishing with Tom Finkle near Town Point on a tan and olive Clouser.



And Further Away

"Howdy Pardner" from way out west where Karen and John Brand were fishing for Cutthroat Trout (and catching)



And In Between

We had to find a place to dodge that cold and windy weather early in November and found some nice slot reds in the skinny water marshes near the AL-MS state line - great sight fishing! - no luck on fly with the big bulls in Pensacola Bay yet, but I've heard that some of you have done well!



Jeff Deuschle

Subject: Meeting minutes for 04 November 2014 Board and General Membership Meeting

Location: Miraflores Park, 17th Ave. Pensacola, FL
Time: 1800 Board Meeting, 1900 General Membership Meeting

For a list of participants in both meetings please refer to the attendance record dated 04 November 2014.

Cliff Newton, President, called the board meeting to order at 1813 hours.

Russ Shields moved to accept meeting minutes for October as posted in the newsletter and Rex Straughn seconded. Motion carried.

Cliff Newton gave the Treasury Report in Jay Brykczynski's absence. Russ Shields moved to accept the treasury report and Oleta Webb seconded. Motion passed.

Christmas party tickets will be available for purchase for \$25.00 each. Paul Wargo continues 30th anniversary project. Special edition of the newsletter will be sent out. Focusing on founding of club and early years, trips, Healing Waters and rise of popularity of saltwater fly fishing. Power point with historical pictures on loop at Christmas party. Fly on club logo was the favorite fly of the first president.

Paul Wargo motioned that John William receive a free ticket for being a charter member and Rex Straughn seconded the motion. Kent Reagan voted against motion and motion did not pass. Kent Reagan motioned that the possibility of John Williams receiving a free ticket at the Christmas party be voted on at the General Membership meeting. Russ Shields seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Looking at extending the deadline to buy tickets for the Christmas party. Current deadline is the December business meeting on the 2nd.

Activities for December comprises of the Business Meeting on the 2nd of December and the Christmas Banquet on the 9th of December. Bull session and clinic for the month of December are cancelled due to the holidays.

Elections being held tonight.

Jack Baunecht gave a briefing on new member packets. Current compilation will come out to \$2.33 per packet. Cliff Newton adjourned meeting at 1842 hours.

Cliff Newton, President, called the general membership meeting to order at 1901 hours.

Russ Shields moved that previous month's minutes be accepted as printed in the newsletter. Terry McCormick seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Cliff Newton gave Treasury Report in Jay Brykczynski's absence. Russ Shields motioned to accept report and Rex Straughn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Outing at Karick Lake was a good day even though only one fish was caught.

Project Healing Waters had meeting making closed cell foam poppers. Closed cell foam can be purchased at Grants Foam & Fabrics. Meeting this Friday at the VA and third Monday at senior citizen center.

Membership. Jack Bauknecht has put together great packets for new members.

John Williams, founding member of the club, was motioned by Paul Wargo to receive a free ticket to the Christmas Banquet. Rex Straughn seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Paul Wargo still working on 30th anniversary project for the Christmas banquet. Special edition of the newsletter will be posted. Please email a picture of your favorite fly to Paul Wargo. Fly for club logo is the favorite fly of the first president of the club.

Christmas Banquet on the 9th of December at the Holiday in North of Davis Highway. Tickets are available for \$25.00 each and will be available from Jay Brykczynski at the November bull session and Saturday clinic as well as the first meeting in December. A great 9wt Hellios II and 4wt Superfine both with good reels will be available at the Christmas raffle. Also available will be a Renzetti Saltwater Traveler Vise, Dr. Slick tool sets, gear bags, fishing trips and more. Door prizes will be available as well as a special door prize for the ladies. If you want you can tie flies and donate them for a door prize. Jack Bauknecht donated a nice humidior which Russ Shields transformed into a fly tying kit box. Great food, cash bar and 30th anniversary slide presentation. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Angler of the Year announced at Christmas Banquet.

If you want to be an active member in the club volunteer for one of the committees. Terry McCormick ran elections for the 2015 club officers and member at large positions. All current officers have agreed to stay on another year. Terry McCormick motioned that with no other

nominations that we close the elections and keep the current officers for another year. Russ Shields seconded. Motion passed and in current positions will remain in those positions for another calendar year.

Two member at large positions open for nomination. Kevin Gorby nominated Oleta Webb. Russ Shields seconded motion. Oleta Webb nominated Kevin Gorby and Russ Shields seconded the motion. Robin Armstrong nominated himself for the position. Terry McCormick passed out ballots. Terry McCormick counted ballots and the club voted to elect Kevin Gorby and Oleta Webb for the 2015 member at large positions.

Kent Reagan, Bob Korose, Paul Wargo and Joe Higgins were nominated for the angular of the year award. Terry McCormick passed out and subsequently counted all the votes. Winner of award will be announced at Christmas banquet.

Annual fly fishing course is coming up in March. Looking for volunteers to help with fly casting and fly tying instruction.

Club schedule for December consists of the business meeting on the 2nd and the banquet on the 9th of December. All other meetings for the month of December have been cancelled due to the holidays.

Door prizes were given.

Russ Shields motioned we adjourned and Kent Reagan seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 1947 hours.

The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned.

Kent Reagan, Secretary

