



# Flies and Lies

Newsletter of the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida

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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



## Christmas Party December 13

**Holiday Inn** N. Davis Hwy at I-10  
**Hors'deuvres 6:00**  
**Cash Bar**  
**Country Buffet Dinner 7:00**

**Last Chance to Buy Party Tickets – Dec 6 at the club meeting**  
**\$25.00 Raffle Tickets - \$5 or 6 / \$25 sold at the party**

### Raffle Prizes include:



Trip with Baz  
Orvis Recon 8 wt  
Rod and Hydros IV  
Reel  
Orvis Superfine 3 wt Rod and Battenkill reel



TFO BVK 9 wt Rod  
and BVK 3+ Reel



Lamson Liquid Reel with 2 spools and case  
Donated by Bob Story of Feather – Craft

Cabelas 9' 8 wt rod plus reel and complete outfit



Gyo-taku Fish Rubbing  
cutting board Both donated  
by Jay Brykczynski



Door Prizes. Special drawings for the Ladies.  
And more. **MUCH** more! See page 2

## December meeting – Tuesday, Dec. 6 7:00 PM

We will have a program – pictures and tales from the Project Healing Waters trip to Georgia – but the main feature of this meeting will be the **Last Chance** to buy tickets for the Christmas Party.



USMC FLY GUY LOGO LARGE FLY BOX USMC FLY GUY LOGO TRAVEL ROD & REEL BAG BROWN TROUT NIPPERS



USMC FLY GUY, LLC ARSENAL GUIDE BOX



**AND MUCH MORE!**

FLIES, FLY TYING TOOLS & MATERIALS, AND MORE!!!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM  
USMC FLY GUY, LLC

## Another Raffle Prize -

This entire collection pictured here will be ONE raffle prize donated by Kent Reagan

Raffle tickets are \$5 or 6 for \$25. Tickets must be purchased at the party. There will be a separate paper bag for each item in the raffle. Put your tickets – as many as you want to buy – in the bag for the prizes you want to win. Good luck.

**Update on Lefty Kreh** – Many of us were very disappointed that Lefty's appearance in Pensacola was canceled due to his health. Here is the update from his friend, Corbett Davis, Jr (who is also a friend of our club):

*Lefty had mini stroke and blocked carotid artery. Was in hospital for over a week. Home now recuperating. He is 92. He said he would be here in spring. He sounded great as always and had high spirits as usual. He is amazing man. Thanks for invite (to the party) but Tis the season for me. Working 24/7. Will check in soon Corbett*

**There will be NO fly tying or clinic in December.** Come to the party.



## Last Call for pictures –

Send in your pictures of the fish you caught this year on the fly rod for the slide show at the Christmas party. Send by email attachment (.jpg) to [paulwargo3@gmail.com](mailto:paulwargo3@gmail.com)

## Club Officers for 2017

President: Oleta Webb Vice-president: open Secretary: George Norton,

Treasurer: Jay Brykczynski, Board members at large: Jerry Barkley and Robin Armstrong

**Our thanks** to retiring board members: President Rex Straughn, Secretary Kent Reagan, and board member Kevin Gorby.



# More pictures from the PHW trip to Georgia

Last month we saw the fish. This time we see the faces.



If I could just find the river...

Looking for a rise....  
In the parking lot



You row  
No, you row  
Well, let's let them row



**He Never Sleeps** – Not Alaska, not Brazil, not far far away. Bob Korose's report for this month is right here about fishing right here (or at least close by).

*I caught a blacktip shark on a red and white flash fly while casting at a school of Spanish mackerel. I went to Atlanta to do a presentation to the Atlanta Fly Fishing Club about peacock bass in Brazil. I then fished 2 days at Lake Lanier where I caught two 8# strippers and a 4# channel cat. Back in the bay after the trip to Atlanta I got a beautifully colored bull red. Bob*







## Fishing with Capt. Baz

The annual "Running of the Bulls" phenomenon came off right on schedule this year. Incredible as it sounds for the last three years it's started for me on November 10. This year Don Joyner and I were Spanish mackerel fishing and saw



pelicans diving and fish crashing on top a quarter mile away. We ran to the school, killed the motor, and drifted into their midst. Don had a blast landing numerous fish on a 12wt, floating line, and a white go-meaux. We were the only boat in sight. Here's Don with the first running-of-the-bulls redfish on fly for 2016. You might enjoy watching this short YouTube video of the action that day: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8aEyCzTyjE0>

The following day beginning fly-caster Erica Neel came to town for some casting lessons and a little fishing. She had been taking lessons on her 6wt from David Diaz in Birmingham and was looking forward to moving it to the next level. Thirty seconds into the session it became obvious that we needed the switch rod, and we ran back to the house to pick it up. Erica's athletic and in thirty minutes was throwing tight-looped 60 foot casts with the 5wt switch rod. For a change of scenery we ran to the Gulf, set up at the "palm tree", and for the next hour she practiced her casting and took "pot shots" at redfish cruising up and down the beach. Her casting got better and better, so I took her inside for some thrills with the Spanish mackerel. She hooked up on her first cast and got a nice line burn and bruised knuckles from that first fish! It was beautiful to watch her for the next hour



landing and releasing a dozen big Spanish. She even smacked herself in the cheek bone with the clouser minnow causing another bruise... I switched her to an unweighted chartreuse streamer after that, and late in the day after a few more Spanish she got a much different take. It was obviously a big fish, and when it came to the surface we saw it was a bull red. She fought it like a pro on the 11' 5wt, and brought it to the net in about 10 minutes. The fish weighed over twenty pounds!

The redfish action was wide-open the next week, and Russ Shields had Capt Eddie and I booked for the first three days. Excellent timing on Russ' part! Here are photos of Mike Shields, Cooper Adams, and Gary Pheabus from November 14-16 followed by Huntsville's Robert Lockwood and Ramu Nallamala from November 17 and 18. I left town for Thanksgiving week but heard there were some excellent days if you could navigate around the fifty or so boats out there chasing the fish. Glad I missed it. The water is warm enough and there is plenty of bait to keep this year's run going well into December. If we get a stretch of calm weather you ought to get out there and give it a shot.





Before closing I wanted to share a few more photos from the month.

First up is Mike Youkee with a nice pompano caught along the beach just west of the pass on November 3. There will be pompano in the close-to-shore pockets along Johnson Beach throughout December, and no one will be fishing for them. It's beautiful out there on a crisp, sunny December day.



Here's Mike again with a false albacore in the pass on November 3. With any luck we'll have a good run of these "black torpedoes" in December and January. Finally here's club president Rex Straughn with a Spanish mackerel on November 16.



When the Running of the Bulls ends we'll shift our focus to the spooky redfish along the edge of the Gulf. This is some of my favorite fishing of the year, and man is it technical. The fish are like a different species with their silver color and feeding habits. Mike Youkee and I stalked some of them at the beginning of the month



with the usual result...zero interest in the fly. Then Mike made a nice cast to three big fish in 4' of water. As the fly sank toward the redfish two Spanish mackerel appeared out of nowhere circling the fly frantically while deciding whether or not to eat it. It was just too much for this spectacular redfish, and it charged the fly before the Spanish could get it. Goes to show a little competition goes a long way...

**Capt Baz**



**Prez Sez:** As we enter the final days of 2016 , it is appropriate to reflect on the past as well as look forward to the future with optimism. You, the members of our fine club continue to excel in meeting our core mission of assisting others to learn and enjoy the sport of fly fishing that we all love.

Looking back, it is difficult to single out all the great things accomplished by our club this year. Our second year with the Gulf Coast Council of the IFFF yielded our club yet another prestigious award, the Fellowship Award for 2016, in recognition of our newsletter and the great fellowship enjoyed by our club members and guests. Thanks to Paul Wargo for his creative hard work and all contributors in consistently providing a newsletter that reflects the fellowship we all share in club activities.

As nicely stated recently by Jay Brykczynski; In a nut shell, the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida are a sound and vibrant bunch of people who love the sport of Fly Fishing and go to the extremes in educating and informing the Community. We as a collective group have made a contribution that has no boundaries. From our three meetings a month, our fly tying and casting sessions, the 3rd Saturday's lunches, our Spring Fly Fishing Class, our well maintained Website and colorful Newsletter, to our annual May auction as well as our Project Healing Waters involvement and our forever famous Christmas Party. I say yes we have definitely have made a major contribution. Kudos to you all.

We have enjoyed a very fruitful and successful year, creating many fond memories. I regret that space does not permit me to single out every individual, detailing their contributions. But you and your fellow fly fishers know who you are as well as your sacrifices and contributions which continue to make this club great. Let us look forward to the future and the exciting adventures that await.

We enter the new year with a recently approved MOU and opportunities to improve our surroundings. Thanks to all those whose efforts culminated in this accomplishment.

I want to thank the elected officers and all the committee members and volunteers who served with me this year as we continued this club's journey that started some 30 years ago. My thanks and admiration also goes out each member of our wonderful club for all you have done and will do in the future. I want to thank you all for your support and for allowing me to serve as your president this year.

I ask that you give your full support to our new president Oleta and the new slate of officers, committee members and volunteers as they lead us in the coming year. Please consider joining the IFFF to partake of all it has to offer.

We will not have a Board meeting this month and our last members meeting of the year will be at 7:00 PM. on December 6th . Then, let us not forget our famous Christmas Party on December 13th. Bring your spouse or friends and enjoy an entertaining slide show coordinated by Paul Wargo, the super food, excellent door prizes, impressive raffle prizes, and as always warm fellowship. Thanks to all of you who worked hard to make this a successful climax to another great year.

Wishing everyone an exciting and healthy future, remembering "tight lines and the tug is the drug".  
Rex

# FFNWF Business Meeting Nov. 1, 2016 Minutes

President Rex Straughn Presiding President Straughn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Eleven members were present.

The minutes from the October meeting as posted in the newsletter were approved. Treasurer Jay Brykczynski was on a Healing Waters fishing excursion in Georgia. Therefore, the treasurer's report was not available.

Paul Wargo had tickets available for the Christmas Party, and a number were sold at the meeting. The Christmas Party will be on Dec., 13<sup>th</sup>., at the Holiday Inn near Interstate 10, on Davis Hwy. Tickets may be purchased at the Thursday Nov., 10<sup>th</sup>., tying session, and Nov., 19<sup>th</sup>., Saturday clinic. Cliff Newton said that every attendee would receive a door prize. In addition \$2,000.00, will be won in raffle prizes. Also, two guests are eligible for \$50.00, door prizes.

In the call for old business, Russ Shields said an addendum to the "Memorandum of Understanding", with the City of Pensacola, was presented to organizations seeking use of the club house. The details cover care and conduct regarding the building. They all agreed to abide by the rules and responsibilities as presented.

The club officer nominating committee, Cliff Newton, and Russ Shields, presented their proposals for offices, and opened the floor for discussion and further input. Those present were eager to volunteer and the following slate was submitted: Oleta Webb, president, Sam Main, vice-president, George Norton, secretary, Jay Brykczynski, treasurer, Jerry Barkley and Robin Armstrong, board members at large. Nominations were taken for "Fly Fisherman of the Year", and a secret vote was taken. The chosen one will be announced at the Christmas party. Russ moved that the slate be accepted by acclamation, with second from Cliff, and the motion was approved. Also, Rex Straughn volunteered to represent our club in the Gulf Coast Council Federation of Fly Fishers organization.

Bob Korose gave a very informative presentation on an Alaskan float trip. He flew with his friend Tom, to Kagati Lake, at the headwaters of the Kanetok River. They pumped up a float boat, and with their guide, set off on an eight day trip through the Togiak Wilderness. The scenery, and the fish were incredible. Silver salmon, grayling, char, trout, and bear were plentiful. Bob showed several sample boxes of colorful flies used on the trip. They ended the trip at Quinhagak, in the last week of August.

Respectfully submitted: Jerry Giles, sub.sec.

**Editor's note:** *the minutes report that Sam Main was elected Vice President. However, since the meeting Sam has had to decline due to a change with his work. That office will be open. The vice president is in charge of arranging for the programs at the meetings.*



Signs courtesy of Russ Shields. Hope you like them because there will be more in the slide show at the party.

