



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



Membership Dues are due!

Do the right thing. Just Due It.

\$30 pay Jay at any club gathering in February or mail a check payable to FFNWF to

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President's Message

This month I would like to talk about the club's affiliation with the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF). For the last number of years we have been part of the South East Council. They currently hold their conclaves in the North Carolina Mountains and have a emphasis on cold water stream fishing (freshwater trout). In the last few years the Gulf Coast Council has been formed with Mississippi, Louisiana and South Alabama clubs. Their emphasis is more aligned with the fishing that many of us do along the Gulf and Bays. In addition their conclaves are held along the Gulf Coast (last year in Miss.) I was able to attend both days and spend the nights at home in Pensacola. We have been discussing in monthly meetings for about a year the possibility of moving our affiliation to the Gulf Coast Council. To do this we need a affirmative vote of members and then permission from the Presidents of both Councils. We will have a vote on this at the membership meeting on February 3rd. Please come prepared to discuss and vote on this at the meeting

There will be a board meeting at 6:00 PM and the membership meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 3rd. *Cliff*

Coming Soon – Spring Fly Fishing Class

This is one of our biggest projects every year and a great way for us to get new members. Russ Shields will head up the class again but lots of us are needed to help out, especially with casting instruction (we have an excellent teaching guide; you don't need to be an expert and you will get better yourself). Classes start March 9 . See Russ' article on page 3 .



The Saturday Clinics

Last month we featured **The Trips** that are so much a part of the history of our club. However, perhaps many of us forget that there is a lot of fun and fellowship and food (and it's free!) right here at the club every month on the third Saturday – this month on **February 21**. Casting – fly tying – lunch – and friends.



Wake me when it's time to eat

Look who got there first

Thanks again to Russ Shields for the delicious Russ' Chowder.



February Meeting

will be **Tuesday, February 3**. 7:00 PM The program will be by Joe Higgins and Karen Brand about the trip out West that Joe, Karen, and John took this past summer. All about the luxurious accommodations, etc.



Joe sets out looking for water



John is the one with the beard



and the smaller fish

Fly Tying will be **Thursday, February 12**, just in time to make your wife something for Valentines Day. 6:30 PM at the club.

The Clinic will be **Saturday, February 21**. If you forgot to take you wife out for Valentines Day you may bring her along for the lunch. 9:00 AM at the club. Joe Higgins is going to provide "*Joe's bodacious chili*" and if you are not there to eat it, you will get it again in March with "*Joe's scrumptious chili hot dog's*".

FFNWF 2015 FLY FISHING COURSE

Our annual fly fishing course begins on Monday March 9th and continues to Monday May 4th. As he has done for past several years, Baz Yelverton will lead off with his excellent presentation on local salt water fishing. We will begin casting practice on March 23rd and we will need lots of volunteers just as we have in past years. The job simply cannot be done by the small Course committee and so we depend on each of our members to give as much time as possible on Monday nights for both the casting instruction and mentoring our new fly tiers. We have an excellent casting instruction syllabus put together by John Brand, so even if you think you don't know much about teaching students how to cast a fly rod, you know more than the students do and the syllabus will work for you.

Again, we need your help to make this class worthwhile for our new students: We can't do it without you, so it is time to give a little effort back to your club. With your assistance, I look forward to another very good year.

*Thanks in advance,
Russ Shields*



2015 Fly Fishing Course Content

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| Week 1 9 March | Opening remarks by FFNWF Introduction to Local Fly Fishing: | Club president Cliff Newton Capt. Baz Yelverton |
| Week 2 16 March | Getting started and choosing your tackle: Salt Water and Fresh Water Introduction to fly fishing knots: | Russ Shields/Guest Russ Shields |
| Week 3 23 March | Casting Instruction and Practice Introduction to fly tying tools and materials | Casting Committee Matt Wegener |
| Week 4 30 March | Casting instruction and practice Fly tying - Woolly Bugger | Casting Committee Karen Brand |
| Week 5 6 April | Casting instruction and practice Fly tying – Prince of Tides, Bend back | Casting Committee - Targets Kent Reagan |
| Week 6 13 April | Casting instruction and practice Fly tying-- Elk Hair Caddis | Casting Committee - Targets Jerry Giles |
| Week 7 20 April | Casting instruction and practice Fly tying- Clouser Minnow | Casting Committee - Targets Matt Wegener |
| Week 8 27 April | Casting review and practice Fly Tying-- Gartside Gurgler | Casting Committee - Targets Roy Turner |
| Week 9 4 May Fly | Casting Instruction and Practice Tying – Partridge and Orange Review of local fishing opportunities Discussion of Class Outing Welcome to club membership | Casting Committee - Targets Russ Shields Matt Wegener Russ Shields Cliff Newton |

We are sad to report that Baz's mother passed away in January and as a result he does not have a report this month. We wish Baz and his family well and pray for peace and comfort for them all.



From our Secretary and Angler of the Year, Kent Reagan:

Now Available Semper Fi-ber

- **Now available in 45 different colors.**
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From Project Healing Waters

PHWFFNWF Facebook page update. 558 people actively engaged 8,600 Total reached

If you haven't done so already, please go on our Facebook page and "like" us. *Jack Bauknecht*

Tackle review

I got started with **Clear Cure Goo** because I didn't have a drying wheel and the epoxy I experimented with smelled. So I got the CCG kit. It does work once you get it where you want it on the fly... getting it there is the issue. CCG comes two ways – standard syringe, or squeeze bottle. The syringe is frustrating to the point of aggravating because once it starts coming out it is hard to stop and I always end up with too much too fast and some is wasted. The squeeze bottle is wonderful – you can put a drop right where you want it and release the pressure and it stops. It also stands upright. But that's not the whole story. The good thing about the syringe and the reason why it is standard is once you push the plunger to the end you get all of the goo out of the tube. The CCG company admits that a good portion of what's in the squeeze bottle is going to stick to the inside of the bottle – and now that's aggravating. But it works great once you get it on the fly.....



Paul Wargo

Fly of the Month – Fort Walton Kwan by Kent Reagan



In order to celebrate the roll out of USMC Fly Guy LLC's new fiber material, Semper Fi-ber, I figured we'd go ahead and tie one of the company's flies using the new material. This is a general all-purpose shrimp imitation. It works well for Reds, Seatrout, Flounder and about anything else that eats a shrimp. In the example I use 3/16" Real Eyes Plus for the Eyes, but you could also use bead chain or lead eyes depending on the depth you want to fish this fly. It's a fun tie and I hope you enjoy tying it.

Tying Materials

Hook: Daiichi 2546 or Mustad 34007 Size 2

Thread: Tan Flat Waxed Nylon

Body: Caddis Tan and Dark Brown Semper Fi-ber

Tail: Caddis Tan Semper Fi-ber, 3-4 strand Root beer Krystal Flash

Eyes: 3/16" Chartreuse Real Eyes Plus (or your choice depending on depth you're going to fish)

Tying Instructions

Prepare the hook by crushing the barb and then secure it in vice. Attach eyes about 1/4" behind the eye. Eye placement is the same as you would place eyes on a Clouser Minnow. With thread directly behind eyes attach approximately 2.5 shanks length of Caddis Tan Semper Fi-ber. Tie it in directly behind the eyes and advance thread to the bend of the hook securing the Semper Fi-ber the length of the hook so it gives an even body to build the remainder of the fly upon. Take a black permanent marker and make evenly spaced lines the length of the tail. Attach 3-4 strands of root beer Krystal flash to each side of the tail extending to just beyond the length of the tail.



Attach an approximately half a pencil of Caddis Tan Semper Fi-ber perpendicular to the hook at the hook bend. Initially attach the approximately 2" segment using a loose X pattern, ensure the segment is at the bend of the hook and then apply two tight turns around the hook shank directly in front of the segment. It should look like an airplane when you're done with this step.



Attach a similar width and length Dark Brown Semper Fi-ber segment directly in front of the Caddis Tan segment. Make sure your X tie in point is loose enough to position the segment directly against the previous segment leaving no spaces and then cinch down with 2 firm wraps around the shank directly in front of the segment once it is in place.



Continue attaching alternating color segments of Semper Fi-ber until the hook shank is full with the last segment directly behind the eyes. Make a coned head with your thread. Whip finish and cut thread.

Push fibers directly up with thumb and forefinger and trim the fiber segments using the contour of the end of your thumb to put a curve in the cut. Body should be about the size of a quarter when you're done.



Trim up any stray fibers you may have missed. Apply Hard as Hull to the thread wraps and go fish.

Meeting minutes for 06 January 2015 Board and General Membership Meeting

Time: 1800 Board Meeting, 1900 General Membership Meeting

For a list of participants in both meetings please refer to the attendance record dated 06 January 2015.

Cliff Newton, President, called the board meeting to order at 1806 hours.

Jay Brykczynski gave the treasury report. Florida Department of State dues have been paid as well as the IFFF dues. Russ Shields moved to accept the previous month's meeting minutes as printed. Joe Higgins seconded and motion passed.

Cliff Newton has been speaking with the headquarters of the IFFF about switching to the Gulf Coast council instead of the Southeast Council. Three things are needed for the change to occur. Vote of club membership which will be accomplished at the next month's meeting after an announcement of the vote in the newspaper. Need permission from the SE council to leave and finally need permission from the Gulf Coast council to join.

Annual fly fishing course is coming up. Russ Shields is in charge of the course. Some changes have been made to the lesson guide. Took out tying the Crazy Charlie and replaced it with the Prince of Tides bend back fly. Tying a Partridge and Orange will replace the lecture of fish and their food. We need to start advertising the course as soon as possible. Need a publicity chair to push advertising. Still looking for someone to do the fly casting instruction.

The gentleman from the Orvis store offered to come over in April or May so our members could try casting this year's new rods.

Auction is coming up in a few months so start thinking about items for the auction.

Joe Higgins has a list for individuals to volunteer to do the lunch at our Saturday clinics. The first three months are covered but we'll need volunteers for the remainder of the year.

The International Fly Fishing Film Festival is coming April 23rd in Cartersville Georgia.

Russ Shields motioned to adjourn meeting and Terry McCormick seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 1845 hours.

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

Russ Shield motioned to accept the previous month's meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. Matt Wegener seconded the motion and motion passed.

Fishing reports given by members.

Fly fishing course is coming up. Russ Shields is in charge of the course. He sent out an email listing some changes to the course outline. Tying of the Crazy Charlie has been replaced with tying the Prince of Tides bend back fly. Also going to tie a Partridge and Orange instead of giving a lecture on fish food. Need to get flyers out and push a lot of publicity. A publicity chair is needed. The course will be for 15 to 18 people from the 9th of March to the 4th of May with our annual auction on the 5th of May. Matt Wegener is in charge of tools and materials as well as tying of the Clouser Minnow. Jerry Giles will teach the tying of a hackle version of the elk hair caddis. Roy Turner will teach the Gartside Gurgler. Kent Reagan will teach the new Prince of Tides fly. John Brand's notes on fly casting instruction will be used as the course guideline. Matt Wegener will give a review of local fishing opportunities.

Joe Higgins is in charge of the meals at our Saturday clinics. Eleven meals are in the year and Joe will need assistance for the months he is not available. The first three months are covered. Be thinking about what you can make as a meal and get with Joe to volunteer. First month's meal is Seafood Chowder. The next month is chili and the month after that is hotdogs and chili. Budget for the meal usually between \$60 and \$80.

Matt Wegener needs people to volunteer to teach monthly flies. IF you have an idea for a fly to tie get with Matt.

Jack Bauknecht has created and is promoting a Facebook page for our chapter of Project Healing Waters. Make sure you go by and like the page. Project Healing Waters is currently building TFO Mangrove rods.

Discussion about changing affiliation with the IFF from the SE council to the Gulf Coast Council. Three things are needed for the change to occur. The club must vote for the change which will be done next month and the general membership meeting after the vote is posted in the newsletter. Next we need permission for the SE Council to leave and last we need permission from the Gulf Coast Council to join. We are the only club in Florida not in the Florida council. Disadvantage is they are in southern Florida.

Membership drive is ongoing. Make sure to pay your dues.

Raffle was done for door prizes.

Russ Shield motioned to adjourn and Jay Brykczynski seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 1959 hours.

The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned.

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Gerry Giles....always with a smile

Thought for the day: "Oh, what a tangled mess we weave, when fish we practice to deceive." Jerry Giles



Sometimes the thread just breaks