



# 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

## Dues are Due!

see Jay at all the meetings or send check to to

**Jay W Brykczynski 4983 Prieto Drive Pensacola FL 32506**

Dues: \$30.00. Make checks payable to FFNWF.

### Club Meeting – Tuesday, February 5 7:00

Jim White presents “Fishing the Potomac River shad run”. We also have to make plans: Spring Class, Auction, and it's time to start getting ready for the Christmas Party! There will be a board meeting at 6:00 PM

### Fly Tying – Thursday, February 14 6:30

Avoid the crowds at the restaurants. Bring your wife to the club and let her sparkle.



### Clinic – Saturday, February 16 9:00 AM

Time for you to sparkle. And to get outside and cast. Jonas will be reviewing the basic “pick up and lay down cast” and then will spend time with you (individually) with your cast. Great way to get ready for spring!! And Joe Higgins will be bring Joe's Famous Chili – good old chili with new secret ingredients. Yum!!

### From the President

We're off to a great year at our club. We had a large turnout at the Saturday Clinic and gained a new member. On our 5 February stated meeting we will dedicate the United State Flag that was flown over the US Capitol and presented to our club for our work with Project Healing Waters by Congressman Matt Gaetz, Representative Florida 1st Congressional District. A flag and certificate display box was designed and built by our Russ Shields. This is mounted on the club wall for viewing. It is going to be a wonderful year, come and enjoy the fellowship.  
*Dave*

*More about the flag next page.....*



## January Clinic



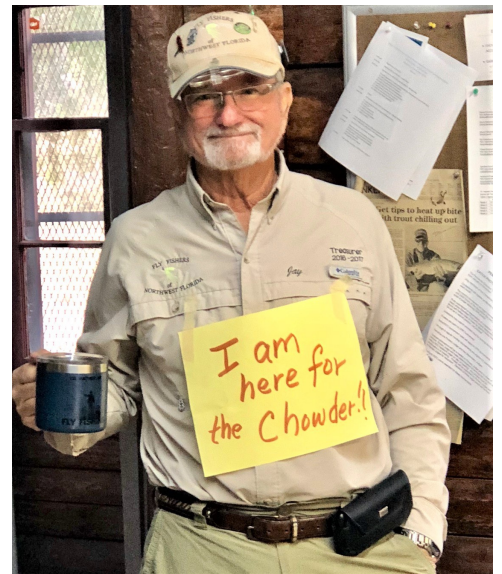
Hard at work. Notice not a single beer bottle on the table. That is serious fly tying!



Hot chowder in a cooler. Laws of physics.....

Real seafood and lots of it!!!! Thanks, Russ.

How to get panhandlers off the streets



# 8 Week Fly Fishing Class

Sponsored by the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida

**BEGINS March 18, 2019 Monday Nights 6:00-8:00 PM**

Learn & practice the principles of Fly Fishing:

**Equipment Fly Tying Fly Casting Knots**

Mira Flores Park, 17<sup>th</sup> Ave and Belmont

For Info and registration call:

**Russ Shields 983-9515 or Email [rkshields@bellsouth.net](mailto:rkshields@bellsouth.net)**

Cost is \$60 which includes membership in FFNWF for the remainder of 2019.

**Register early - class is limited to 15.**

## Fly of the Month **SPARKLE MINNOW STREAMER** by Pat Murphy

### MATERIALS:

**HOOK:** MUSTAD 3407, DIIACHI 2461 #1

**THREAD:** BROWN 140d

**EYES:** SMALL DUMBBELL YELLOW/BLACK

**TAIL:** MARABOU QUILL 1 EA, OLIVE & GINGER OR BROWN

**UNDERBODY:** STD ESTAZ TOBACCO / OPAL DK BROWN

**COLLAR:** EP SPARKLE BRUSH ROOTBEER

**HEAD:** TAN STARBURST DUBBING FIBERS



### DIRECTIONS:



1. WRAP THREAD BASE TO HOOK BARB. DEBARB HOOK, RETURN THREAD TO HOOK EYE. WRAP IN D/B EYES.

2. TIE IN EACH MARABOU QUILL BY TIPS, ONE ON TOP OF THE OTHER. PALMER QUILLS TOGETHER TO MID-SHANK.

3. TIE IN ESTAZ AND EP BRUSH AT BASE OF MARABOU. PALMER ESTAZ WITH CLOSED WRAPS TO D/B EYES. SECURE ESTAZ.



4. WRAP EP BRUSH WITH OPEN WRAPS TO D/B EYES AND SECURE.

5. MAKE A SMALL BALL OF DUBBING. SPREAD DUBBING AROUND SHANK. SECURE. FOLD TAG END BACK OVER D/B EYES. WHIP FINISH.



## Fishing with Capt. Dan

I skipped out on your report last month.

The weather was just down right crummy for most of December. I managed a few good days with one of Baz's regular clients, master chef Stephen Miller from Chicago IL. It's always tough to fish with Baz's good clients, because they all have at least one story about a time they caught 20, the wind was always at their back, and the casts never had to be longer than 30 feet. I was a little relieved on Dec 10 for our first day when the weather was perfect and the beach was calm and clear. I ran to one of my favorite stretches on the edge of the gulf and lucky me, the fish were there in droves. He managed two nice redfish in the boat with a pile of great follows and good looks.



We spent the next day huddled up in the canals out of the wind.

The weather deteriorated throughout the month, and even as I write this the waters in the bay are still dirty as a result. It was unfortunate but I canceled a few trips late December that I wish I could have ran. I do want to mention before I move on to January the trout that saved an otherwise poor weather day. We found several in villa Venice and some that were a little larger in Santa Rosa shores. This was my first time fishing the canals. It is just

something that I have never messed around with and I want to send a special thanks to Matt Wegener and Terry McCormick for giving me the rundown at the Christmas party. We didn't find any honkers in there, but here is one of the better ones that at least made the line tight:

January moved along with a warm start and some cleaner water, at least in some spots. I was able to pole some SE wind spots early in the month and was thrilled to see the flats were still loaded with trout and redfish. Water earlier in the month was still mid-sixties though, so I suspect that intel is outdated by now. You will be better suited



working the typical January patterns and anchor on the beaches for shots at the biggest redfish of the year. There are plenty of them out there, and they are more mobile than you would think so you better not be. If you idle, use a trolling motor or pole too loud you will be left scratching your head.

Kellan Lewis is a return client of mine and he learned all of this first hand on January 10 when he caught 2 nice fish and broke the daggum hook on a third right at the boat!



We saw 1000 fish that day. No exaggeration. I went back out there a few days later just to check off my first fish of the year. So here is #1:

*Dan Storey*

## **Club Meeting Minutes January 8, 2019** by George Norton

**Board of Directors** 1800 President Dave Handley called the BOD meeting to order

**Financial Report:** Our treasurer reported the club is running a solid balance. Our finances were aided by a big increase in our Christmas ticket sales. This meant the club had to only minimally subsidize the party. Now is the time to pay your 2019 membership dues (\$30). The 2019 budget will be presented at the February meeting. To be decided: Do we renew our umbrella liability insurance with our local agent at a slightly higher price or go with the Federation of Fly Fishers Insurance policy? Do we file for 501C non profit status to save on taxes? Russ moved to accept the treasure's report and Cliff seconded.

Minutes of the December 4th Meeting were approved without discussion and Russ and Bob Myers accepted and seconded.

**Old Business: We had a great Christmas Party and special commendation to Jim** along with the Christmas committee and helpers. We had outstanding prizes and a record 67 attended (compare to 55 in 2017). The President said "it is not too early to start thinking about forming a Christmas Party Committee."

**Spring Class** Russ and Tom are nearly ready for the class that begins in March. They plan on a maximum of 15 students. Russ already has 8 names so far with three who have paid. Russ feels the class needs to be advertised as "it is better to get to many inquiries than too few."

**Club Outings:** George reported he will plan a freshwater outing in March or late February which is the peak time for shallow water fly fishing for bass and crappie. Let George know if you have any suggestions on a public site or have access to private waters we could use. A second club outing (wade fishing) for late April or May at Johnson Beach in Perdido Key is also on the docket.

**New Business: The President said "we need to form three new important positions."** First is Chairman of Membership. The second new position would be a Public Relations Chair. Our Auction needs a new person to take over the auction (Terry has done it for 14 years and has retired). An auction committee needs to be formed.

The President reminded us we need to think about upgrading our equipment (vises and video) in the future.

**Other club needs:** Club helpers for the March class. Casting helpers need to be approved by Jonas to make sure we have a consistent presentation. Helpers are needed for fly tying. Help is needed for our booth and fly casting at the Pensacola Parks and Recreation Expo this summer. The city will cover our supplies estimated at \$150. Help is also needed at our summer camp classes for children.

1850: The president adjourned the BOD meeting and Gerry seconded it.

**General Meeting** The President opened the General Meeting at 1905. There were 22 members present.

Adrian King who was originally from Pensacola, but now resides in Gunnison, Colorado, was visiting but mentioned he was considering a move back to Pensacola. Welcome back, Adrian.

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**Program:** Jonas Magnusson presented on matching the fly line to the rod and the great importance of the proper fly line for the rod. Jonas is the club's certified casting instructor by the Federation Flyfishing International. Jonas has devoted countless volunteer hours to helping club members and the public improve their fly casting. He also gives private instruction for a fee.

Here is a slide show of the presentation:

<https://vimeo.com/310672161>

Thank you, Jonas. This was an outstanding presentation. Jonas' web site is [Jonahasawhale.com](http://Jonahasawhale.com).



**The December meeting minutes and Treasurers Report** were accepted.

See Old Business above for further details in the BOD meeting.

New Business See the complete details in the BOD write up.

**Fishing Report:** Baz said the flood waters moving down the Escambia River have put a whammy on fishing in the Bay. Clearer water is available east towards Navarre. False Albacore only move up the beaches in ultra-clear water." Even Speckled trout maestro Terry M has had a tough time lately, and said, "The speck fishing has slowed in the canals as the weather got warmer." Don Smith's catch of the month was a 22 inch trout in the canals on a tan and olive Clouser but he also hooked a giant black drum that dragged him around before breaking off. Our guest from Colorado reported he had caught bluefish and pompano east of Perdido Key." Gerry G has had good success in ponds on a fly he modified for bass and bluegill recently. The fishing has slowed to a snail's pace with all the December rains (16 inches) so even the diehards are cooling their heels.

**Two tips** from Terry: the Fly Fishing Show in Atlanta and the International FF film festival are fabulous and he will again attend (Feb 1-2) in Duluth, Georgia. There will also be a Fly fishing film festival at the Shoreline Church in Destin May 3rd.

President adjourned the meeting at 2040

