

Flies & Lies

NEWSLETTER OF THE FLYFISHERS
OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA
JULY 2010

THE FLYFISHERS OF
NORTHWEST FLORIDA
PO BOX 1041
PENSACOLA, FL 32591
www.flyfishpensacola.
com

PRESIDENT

Larry Goodman
(850) 433-5135
trakr1@aol.com

VICE-PRESIDENT

Jerry Giles
(850) 994-9946,
FlyFisherman1942@aol.com

SECRETARY

Bob Willice
(850) 934-6586
lastboat3@msn.com

TREASURER

Larry Sisney
(850) 474-1433
lsisney@cox.net

NEWSLETTER

Jerry Aldridge
(850) 478-9255
jamayfly@yahoo.com

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

From the V.P....We had a good group for the Saturday clinic June 19th. Although it was turribly hot, we had a "mighty fine" fly tying session. The A.C. was working passably well and the fans were blowing the feathers around a bit. John Brand held a long session of casting instruction, and tried to keep everyone under the shade of the big oak. The mesquite grilled chicken was tasty. Thanks to all who turned out despite the sizzling summer day.

Joe Higgins has a source for members who want to put the clubs logo on their shirts, jackets and hats. Cost \$4.50 per logo. Bring garments to the monthly club meeting or Saturday clinic. Also club name tags are available for \$7.00. Thanks....Joe Higgins

Welcome to new members Samuel Ksiazkiewicz, USMC and Stacey Martin of Summerdale

After the SECFFF conclave I fished Noontootla Creek Farm near Blue Ridge, Ga.with Unicoi Outfitters and caught 2 really nice 24-25" rainbows....Bob Korose



General Business & Auction, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida, June 1st, 2010, President Larry Goodman, presiding

Because of the scheduled annual club auction, President Larry Goodman called the meeting to order early at 6:55 pm with 39 members and guests present. The treasury report for May 2010 was approved. The minutes of the May 4, 2010 Board and Business meetings as published in the June 2010 newsletter were approved. There being no new or old business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm. Terry McCormick then directed the auction for the rest of the evening. Bob Willice secretary.

Casting & Tying at the Club.... Tom Regina

July 8 -Monthly Bull Session, 6:30 PM. We will tie the "Crazy Charley".

July 17 -Monthly Casting and Tying Clinic, 9 AM until about 1 PM. Casting instruction and practice with John Brand. Fly tying "Captain Baz's Favorite Redfish Fly", with Russ Shields.

Russ Shields will lead the fly tying for both the Bull Session and the Saturday tying clinic in July. Both flies Russ has selected to tie are saltwater flies. Your club will provide all tying materials to tie both flies. If you have them, bring your vise and tools. The club can also provide a vise and tools for you and your guests.

Bring your long rod to the Saturday casting clinic. Club fly rods/reels are available for you and your guests also. Free lunch and beverages will be provided at the Saturday Casting and Tying Clinic. Free beverages are available for all club Bull Sessions, clinics, and meetings.

Library.... Karen Brand

"Trout Fishing in North Georgia" by Jimmy Jacobs is one of the new additions to the club library. The revised and updated 4th edition is a comprehensive guide to Georgia Trout Waters and offers information on river access, special stream regulations, a little bit of history and valuable advice and tips on how to fish each stream. Jimmy has included information on the larger rivers including the Chattahoochee, Toccoa, Chattooga, Tallulah and Savannah Rivers and maps of all of the Wildlife Management Areas that offer fishing opportunities. Jimmy Jacobs is editor of Alabama Game & Fish, Florida Game & Fish, Georgia Sportsman, Kentucky Game & Fish, Mississippi/Louisiana Game & Fish, Tennessee Sportsman and West Virginia Game & Fish Magazines plus he is also the Outdoor Columnist for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution newspaper. I had the pleasure of meeting Jimmy at the 2010 SE Fly Fishing Show in Helen GA and attended a couple of his presentations on fishing N GA. He has a wealth of information and has fished just about every stream in the region from the small wild trout streams to the trophy and private waters where you can catch the really BIG fish. One of Jimmy's other books; "Trout Streams of Southern Appalachia" is also in the club library and his writing and photography have earned Excellence in Craft Awards from the Florida Outdoor Writers Association, Georgia Outdoor Writers Association and the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association.

The 2nd addition to the library is the handout from a Tying with Foam "Happy Bugs" Workshop by Tom Travis. Tom was one of the guest tiers at the 2010 Fly Fishing Show in Helen and I attended his workshop on tying ants and beetles! Tom has been teaching fly tying for over 30 year; he is an invited tyer at the British International Fly Fair and does presentations at countless shows across the US. Tom is a fly designer & contract tyer for the Orvis Company and has written numerous articles for several of the fly fishing publications. His workshops are informative and entertaining since he likes to blend in strong doses of humor into his fly tying and is willing to share his patterns and tying techniques with others. Tom lives in Livingston, Montana where he operates Montana's Master Angler Fly Fishing Guide Service and Custom Flies, but also spends some of the winter months in South Florida.

"Trout Fishing in North Georgia" is a must if you are planning a trip to N GA! Karen Brand, Librarian

Captain Baz's Favorite Redfish Fly... Russ Shields

MATERIALS

HOOK	Mustad 34007, size 2
THREAD	White 3/0 or 210 denier flat waxed nylon
EYES	Nickel plated brass hourglass, 3/16", painted red with black pupil
BELLY	White bucktail
WING	Copper flashabou and tan bucktail



TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Place hook in vise. Lay thread base from eye of hook to barb. Return thread to ¼" behind eye. Attach eyes there with series of figure 8 wraps followed by 6-8 horizontal wraps (under brass eyes but over shank). These turns will lock eyes in place. Return thread in front of eyes.



2. Cut a swatch of white bucktail about a kitchen match thick or a little more. Stack the bucktail so the fine ends are near the same length. Cut the blunt ends square to form a belly about 2 ¾" long (shorter for smaller hook, longer for larger hook). Place bucktail atop hook with blunt ends aligned just behind hook eye. Take 3 "soft wraps" around bucktail and then apply firmer thread pressure by pulling bobbin up from bottom. This upward pressure will keep the bucktail from spreading around shank. Cover the bucktail with a series of wraps between eyes and eye of hook. Also cover the bucktail behind the eyes with a series of wraps all the way back to just above hook barb. Return thread to just behind eye of hook with several wide wraps. Trim loose ends of bucktail around the hook eye.



3. Turn hook over in vise with hook point up. Cut 3-4 full length strands of flashabou. Double flashabou around tying thread and tie in the strands (now 6-8) with a few thread wraps while holding strands so that half are on each side of hook. Don't pull hard on flashabou or it will curl. Cut and prepare a swatch of tan bucktail the same as the white. Tie in the same way between eyes and eye of hook. NOTE: Do not tie the tan bucktail behind the brass eyes. Wrap a neat, tapered thread head and coat with head cement or epoxy.

Notes: Many of the fly-caught redfish you see in Captain Baz's Fishing Reports are caught using this Clouser Minnow. The copper flash is a must as are the red/black eyes. I paint my own with red and black nail polish and a simple foam jig. Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle carries a product called "Fire Fly" that also works well in place of the flashabou.

Crazy Charlie... Original by Bob Nauheim

According to Lefty Kreh*, the Crazy Charley was originally tied by Bob Nauheim while fishing for bonefish at Andros Island with Charley Smith who kept saying "Man, this is a nasty fly". Bob named it the "Nasty Charley", later changed to Crazy Charley by a commercial tying firm. I like Bob's name better. Ron Knorr, longtime club member now deceased, one of the best anglers I ever knew, put me on to the Charley for speckled trout. Ron often waded the grass near Grand Lagoon casting his Charley as only he and few others could cast. Not many specks could resist the pearlescent white or light pink colors Ron favored. Sometime later, Vance Cook, another longtime member and master tyer now deceased, suggested I try chartreuse. Thanks to Ron and Vance, I finally started catching a few specks, many on chartreuse Crazy Charleys.

The recipe below is tied in hot pink, mainly so you can see Tom Regina's photos better although hot pink fishes well. At the bull session, you can tie with colors of your choice with materials provided. The colors I usually fish with are chartreuse, hot pink, pearl white, orange, and tan.

MATERIALS

Hook	Mustad 34007, size 2
Thread	Danville flat waxed nylon, hot pink
Eyes	Brass hourglass, 3/16 nickel
Underbody	Krystal Flash, pearlescent pink
Overbody	Larva Lace, clear, medium
Underwing	Fishair, Fluorescent light pink
Overwing	Krystal Flash, pearlescent pink



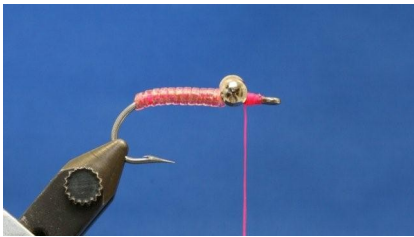
TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Flatten hook barb, place hook in vise. Lay thread base from hook eye to just around bend. Return thread to 1/4" behind eye. Tie hourglass eyes atop shank. Wrap 10 turns diagonally over eyes and under shank in either diagonal direction, then 10 more turns in the opposite diagonal direction. Make sure eyes stay perpendicular to shank using finger pressure. Now take 10 horizontal wraps under the brass eyes and over the hook shank. This will lock in your previous diagonal wraps and set the eyes firmly in place.



2. Tie in a 6" length of larva lace atop shank with half a dozen turns of thread directly behind brass eyes. Tie in 10-12 strands krystal flash, 6" long, with half a dozen turns over the larva lace just behind brass eyes. Wrap towards the rear of hook with thread while holding lace and flash atop the hook with left hand. Stop wrapping at end of thread base just past hook bend. Wrap thread forward to just in front of brass eyes.



3. Wrap the flash forward in overlapping turns around shank forming smooth underbody. When you get to the eyes, wrap 2 or 3 diagonal wraps around eyes and secure flash in front of eyes. Wrap lace forward with touching turns. When you get to the eyes, bring lace forward over eyes and secure with several thread wraps. Trim excess flash and lace.



4. Remove hook from vise, turn upside down and replace in vise (With rotary vise, simply rotate 180 degrees). Cut a matchstick thickness of fishair twice the length of hook. Tie in under wing just behind hookeye, wrapping even turns back to brass eyes. Tie in 8-10 strands of krystal flash to form overwing. Trim excess and wrap neat head. Coat head and body with head cement taking care that cement doesn't get on wing. At rear of fly, trim flash a bit longer than fishair.

*Anecdote from "Saltwater Fly Patterns" by Lefty Kreh

Fishing Report... Captain Baz Velverton

June has been an unusual month. Normally we would be chasing false albacore, jack crevalle, and tarpon in the Gulf but the oil has forced me into Pensacola Bay and Santa Rosa Sound. The last trip I ran in the Gulf was June 13, a spin-fishing trip when we limited out on red snappers and put 37 Spanish mackerel in the box. That night at midnight the Marine Patrol closed Florida state waters to keeping fish. We can still fish out there, but it's all catch-and-release which is just fine by me. The problem is that there is a lot of oil in the Gulf, and it's about impossible to stay out of it. If you have oil on your boat the Marine Patrol directs you to the decontamination boat, where you get in line to be cleaned. The process can take hours. I heard one horror story of a recreational vessel that got in line late one afternoon and didn't complete the process until the next morning. It would be hard to put my clients through such an ordeal, so I'm avoiding the Gulf... and even Pensacola Pass.

The majority of my trips this month have been spin-fishing trips, and the fishing has been outstanding. On June 17 we landed and released an 18# red snapper in the bay. The next day my anglers wanted to keep fish, and we put three snappers averaging 9# and three legal groupers in the box. My client had to sit on the cooler on the way to the dock because it was overflowing with fish. There's no doubt in my mind the bigger fish are coming into the bay to escape the oil.

Of my twenty trips in June just six were with the fly rods. We saw and had shots at many redfish and trout on the flats but never landed one worthy of a photo. The fish are there, they're just very spooky. We're catching plenty of ladyfish, too, and also having a lot of fun sight-fishing for catfish. Hey, it's redneck "bonefishing" at its finest. Don't knock it until you try it. The catfish are easy to see, and they'll follow the fly...but they won't always eat it. It takes a special strip to get them to take. I like a yellow/yellow clouser minnow for catfish.

You'll find fish on all the flats from Gulf Breeze to Navarre, and there aren't many boats competing for them. I ran down close to the Navarre Bridge a few days ago to check some redfish spots from past years and found them loaded with fish. The annual schools of menhaden are also where they're supposed to be...between Portofino and Opal Beach. You'll find sharks and occasionally redfish and jack crevalle under them. I've heard about some big schools of menhaden close to the Navarre bridge but haven't seen it with my own eyes yet. I'm planning to head up there Thursday with a fly client weather permitting.

My advice in these difficult times is to turn off your TV, put your boat in the water, and go fishing. We've had some truly beautiful days in the past couple weeks, and I've been out there enjoying them while most people were sitting in front of the tube being inundated with bad news. It's bad all right but not as bad as they're projecting it to be. Get out there and enjoy it while you can...never know what tomorrow may bring....Capt Baz

Crazy Charlie... Original by Bob Nauheim (continued)

TYING TIPS

HOOK - Usually Sizes 1-8, any standard length good quality salt water hook.

THREAD - Usually 6/0 or 3/0 white or clear monofilament. May use colored thread to match or complement wing or body. Head of fly is only part of thread visible.

EYES - Bead chain or metallic (brass, lead, aluminum, tungsten) hourglass determined by depth of target fish. Probably bead chain or no eyes for spooky fish such as bonefish or permit in shallow, clear water. Heavier eyes to get down in water column to reach speckled trout or redfish. I generally use brass in this area in 3-6 feet.

UNDERBODY - Just about any shiny or flashy material that will wrap around hook shank. Crystal flash, flashabou, tinsel, mylar, braid, floss, etc.

OVERBODY - Any clear or transparent colored material that will protect underbody. Monofilament fishing line works fine. Also larva lace, V-rib, D-rib and other brand names in clear or transparent colors. For durability, overbody should be coated with head cement, epoxy or nail polish. I like Sally Hansen "Hard As Nails". When tying several flies, I finish the bodies, coat them all with cement, let them dry and then add the wings.

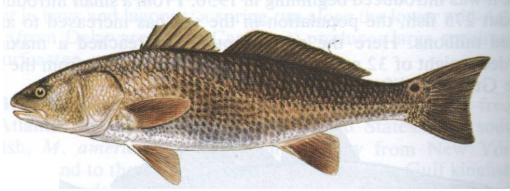
UNDERWING - Wide choice of natural or artificial materials. Bob Nauheim's original was tied with a wing of four white hackle tips, two on each side. Fishair, super hair, neer hair, craft fur, hackle, bucktail, yak hair, squirrel tail, calf tail, etc.

OVERWING - Flash or accent material of your choice to match or complement underwing. Crystal flash, flashabou, holographic flashabou, angel hair, etc....Jerry Aldridge

FLY FISHERS

OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA

**PO BOX 1041
 PENSACOLA, FL 32591**



JULY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Business Meeting 7 PM			Bull Session-Tying & Tall Tales 6:30 PM		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
					Clinic - Casting, tying, gourmet lunch 9 AM	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31