

Flies & Lies

**NEWSLETTER OF THE FLYFISHERS
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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**

President's Message... Terry McCormick

We have had some really great events lately and I need to ask, where have you been? Recently we have had some low turn out for these events like the auction and the resent casting competition. Although these events have been successful, I think many of you are missing out on some great opportunities. I hope it's because you were out fishing or the heat or family obligations. If there is something in the club you want, let me know. This is your club.

There will not be a board meeting for July. We will meet at our regular time of 7 pm July 2.

Russ Shields will give a presentation on matching flies to the bait. Hope to see you there.

Tight lines and the tug is the drug,

Terry

Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida, June 4, 2013, President Terry McCormick, presiding

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Terry McCormick at 6:05 PM with 14 members present.

A motion was made by Russ Shields and approved to replace 15 fly tying vices and update our fly tying equipment.

The meeting was closed at 6:55pm.

Fishing Report... Captain Baz Yelverton

The big news for June was the arrival of the false albacore in a BIG WAY, and that on June 17 they came inside the pass all the way to the old Coast Guard Station. I haven't seen them that far inside in such large numbers in years. We landed a few fish the previous week south of the "Mass", but they were incredibly finicky gorging themselves on the 1" clear minnows lovingly known as "snot bait". **Seth Adams** landed a single fish on June 12, and **Dan Willcutt** got two fish on July 14. Both were taken on sz 6 Cowen's "albie anchovy" patterns. The fish wouldn't eat the fly unless we used a very long 4-5' strip with a little jerk at the end.



But on June 17 everything changed when we found hundreds (thousands?) of albies on the inside. They were in a feeding frenzy going nuts in the bait-balls of bay anchovies, and that's when the sz 6 gummy minnow is the fly of choice. I had Feather-craft's **Bob Story** on the boat, and we caught them until Bob's hands got sore. What a problem! I took the rod and landed a beauty on the first cast. Here's a link to a short YouTube video of the hot action: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3Zz7ZJ52ZU>



The next week I packed it in and disappeared to the Keys for a week of tarpon fishing. We fought through some tough weather and had shots at a lot of fish but didn't figure it out until the last afternoon. I finally changed to a palolo worm pattern and hooked a fish on the second cast. After that we lost our light and headed in. The next day I spoke with my old guide and mentor down there who informed me his neighbor (also a guide) had jumped seventeen tarpon over the previous four days...all on worm patterns. You can bet I'll be more prepared when we arrive next June...

Capt **Baz**

The Tip Jar....

Submitted by: Jerry G

Check out www.midcurrent.com This site has the best videos for fly tying, casting, art and articles galore. Also, Google Kelly Gallop's articulated bottoms-up. I tied it leaving off the popper bodies. The music on that video is one of my favorite versions of Country Roads.

Around the Bay....and Further Away



Paul Wargo sends greetings from Lake St Clair in Michigan. Using a 4 wt for bass and pan-fish. The first day of summer brings the Michigan mayfly (Hex) hatch, which means brushing off the house and car every day. Grandkids love to feed them to the sunfish in the boathouse.



A little more this way and I will get his tail.

Hurricane Lake fishing trip



Russ



Cliff



Jerry

Jerry, Cliff and Russ took a trip last Friday to Hurricane Lake. It was a beautiful morning, hotter than blazes and no fish to speak of. They got to Hurricane lake at 5:30am and left about 9:30. It was just too hot, the wind came up and no fish to keep them there!

Healing waters and club news

FFNWF's first casting contest to support Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing efforts with our injured veterans, was held today and we did fairly well considering the rather light turn out of our members.

After several attempts during a tie breaking "cast-off" between Terry McCormick and our newest member, **Jeremy Wagner**, Jeremy won the Temple Fork BVK 8 wt rod!!

We took in a total of \$219 in contest fees and contributions so after paying Healing Waters Headquarters \$130 for the rod, we have \$89 for use with our Healing Waters Program.

Many thanks to our members who put up with the heat, made additional contributions and made this event a success. Congratulations to **Kevin Gorby** for putting this all together, gathering the prizes and working very hard to pull it off. Thanks also to Kevin's son **Kyle** for helping out today.

Well Done to all who participated.

Cheers, **Russ Shields**

Healing waters and club news

We will have Project Healing Waters meetings at the Bayview Senior Citizens Center on Monday the 1st and 15th of July; at the VA Clinic at 11:00 on Friday the 5th and possibly on Monday the 29th at Bayview.

New BassPro Supreme Rotary vises (15) have been ordered at a greatly discounted price and no shipping charges. We will use the old bases and relegate the old Pakistan made vises to the Boy Scout program. New tool kits are needed and are on the way as well.

Saturday clinic tying Rubber Legged Dragon



Elephant Fly...by Matt Wegener

Summertime to me means big bluegill on the fly rod. While the bass have moved deep and the saltwater fish are starting to get wary, bluegill can still be found in the shallows and are ready to gobble up a fly. Growing up in the Midwest, I spent plenty of time searching for new ponds to fish and my go-to presentation on a new body of water was this fly fished as a dropper 12-18" below a popping bug. The popper would draw them in, and the elephant fly would seal the deal. The secret to this fly is the bent hook shank, or the "trunk", which makes the fly very resistant to snags. The bent hook shank acts like a weed guard as it deflects sticks and weeds away from the hook shank. That means you can drop it in the thickest cover around and catch the biggest bluegill of the day on your next fly fishing trip.

Tying Materials

Hook: Long shank, thin-wire pan fish hook, #6-#8
Thread: Red 3/0 or 6/0
Tail: White Marabou
Flash: Pearl Krystal Flash or Flashabou
Body: Pearl ice chenille or petite Estaz
Eyes: Silver bead-chain eyes

Elephant Fly...by Matt Wegener - continue



Start placing the hook in the vise and then use a pair of pliers to bend the last 1/3rd of the hook shank down towards the hook point about 30 degrees



Wrap a thread base all along the hook shank and place the eyes right at the bend that you just made, on top of the hook shank. Hold they eyes in place with figure-8 wraps and a drop of super glue



Tie in a sparse tail of marabou the length of the hook shank then 2 to 3 strands of flash.



Tie in the pearl crystal chenille and wrap forward to create the body. Tie off just behind the eyes. Whip finish and the fly is complete.

FISH IN FOIL

Recipe by **Roy Turner**

6 fillets (crappie, blue gill, cat fish)

¼ cup melted butter

1 teaspoon lemon juice

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

2 teaspoons instant onion

1 tablespoon bread crumbs

Mix all ingredients except fillets. Place fish in foil in a Single layer. Pour mixture over fish. Fold up and seal foil. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes or until fish flakes.

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