



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

Notice: Change the Date

The **July Club Meeting** will be
TUESDAY, JULY 10 7:00 PM
because of the celebration of Independence Day!



Tarpon Bob Korose will take us along on one of his favorite trips to Mexico.

Fly Tying Bull Session will be Thursday, July 12 6:30
Same week as the meeting. The **RUSTY MONKEY**

The Clinic will be Saturday, July 21. 9:00 AM

Lunch will be Bar B Que Pulled Pork. Yum. Yum.

Note: Due to the heat there will not be casting classes at the summer clinics. Cold beer and cold air will be inside.



Christmas in July??!!??

Not quite, but the Christmas PARTY is very much on our minds, and Santa's chief elf (Jim White) will report from the North Pole at our July meeting – with changes coming re: where we eat, when we eat, and what we eat.

Pensacola Parks and Recreation Youth Fishing

Introduction to Fly Fishing

presented by Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida



Tarpon Bob IS Back!!!! He will be doing the presentation at the July 10th meeting. It is titled "Scorpion Atoll and Campeche Mexico". It is a trip he did in May 2017 before his illness later that summer. It was a 10 day trip fishing the flats at the atoll and fishing the mangroves for "baby" Tarpon at Campeche. *Bob*

And it does take TWO hands to hold a whopper

Remember Sam? (Capt. Dan's daughter)
She was at the clinic showing her dad how to cast.
More from Sam on her dad's page. She will have her own page some day!



From Jeff Deuschle:

Here are some pictures from our annual HOSSFLY get together on Dauphin Island. New guys caught fish, veterans caught fish, and we wound things up with a great lunch together at Islanders Restaurant and Bar. Many thanks to everyone who turned out and made this such a great outing. *Jeff*

(The annual Free Fishing Day in Alabama. Maybe next year we can join them.)

Fly of the Month: **RUSTY MONKEY**

The Rusty Monkey takes its name from the primary material it is tied with, orangutan rust craft fur. The fly is very easy to tie, swims great and fish eat it. Fly is fished for red fish and snook. Rusty Monkey is another fly in a series tied originally by a Guide in Central Florida. Fly can be tied from 1/0 all the way down to a #4.

MATERIALS:

HOOK: #1-#2 MUSTAD 3407

THREAD: BLACK 140d

EYES: BRASS DUMBBELL EYES

THROAT : PINK GLOW FIBERS SPARCE

WING; ORANGUTAN RUST CRART FUR EXTRA SELECT

ACCENT: BLACK KRYSTAL FLASH

BARS: BROWN SHARPIE MARKER



1. Debarb hook, lay thread base to hook bend. Return thread to 1/4" +/- from hook eye. Tie in dumbbell eyes.

2. Tie in throat fibers just behind d/b eyes. Sparse clump, tapered. Rotate vise.
3. Just in front of d/b eyes tie in 1st clump of wing material. Sparse, extend just past hook bend, cover hook point.



4. Tie-in 2nd clump of wing material, just in front of 1st clump. Medium size (?) clump extending past tip of your 1st clump.

5. Tie-in 3rd clump of wing material, same size as 2nd clump, extending past tip of 2nd clump.



6. Turn fly over, trim wing material to a taper. Bar wing with a Brown Sharpie along sides of wing. Add accent over top of wing, Thus The Rusty Monkey.

Pat Murphy

Fishing with Capt. Dan

June was a busy month for me and lucky for us the “big 3” were all here for the party.

I first noticed false albacore in the bay on June 2. I was fishing with club member Ahbijin Das and a small pod surfaced between the ranger station and NAS. It was Ahbijin's first fishing trip ever, fly or otherwise! He learned that it is harder than it looks, but he also got to feel some pull. This cooperative blue runner earned the distinction of his first fish on fly



We didn't get any shots at the albacore that day but I was back out there on June 4 with Harold and Katie Perkins on their first saltwater

trip. We had to show them our special fly but got both of them into the backing!



It rained the next day, but I got back out on the 6th with Clark Dubreuil, and they were foaming the water all around us. Dirtier water and cloudy skies makes it a lot easier to fool these fish. I had one more day with them on June 11 with Brian Shilling who caught two but had to really work for it. No pictures, we were using a gopro for his trip and I am still waiting on the final cut! The next day those fish were gone.

I had David and Jim Carroum on the boat for a 2 day starting June 13, and I really would have preferred those albacore sticking around! We looked hard before I ran out to the pass to visit a school of “old friends”. They were right where they were supposed to be, and refusing everything just like normal, and then we stumbled on to the right fly and the right retrieve. Redfish are funny like that, when you figure it out they just swim over and eat. It looks so easy then. Four hookups and two to the hand. Here is a father-son pick with the biggest



Jacks were here too this month to round out the “big 3”. We found a hungry school with Thad Morris on the 19th. It was his first saltwater trip and when the entire school of Jacks tried to eat his popper at the same time, it was a life changing experience for him. He got a solid hookup but the fish came unbuttoned when he doubled back to us and created slack in the line. Lucky for us, his daughter Katie was there with a chug bug on a spinning rod to save the day. I know it's not a fly caught fish, but the picture is just too good.

If you absolutely need to see one caught on fly here ya go





Other news is the ladyfish around the pass. They are easy targets and a great way to pass the time, work on mechanics, and practice your deep breathing exercises when fishing around jet skis and pontoon boats.

Here's a cool pic of Katie with a typical fish and her dad flexing a fly rod in the background

And finally a few of Sam putting some work in with her new echo 4wt and her very own flies! She has had good success on her "lucky lady" pattern. Maybe she will share the recipe at a clinic in the future. Then again, maybe she won't.



Best bet to see backing next month: anchor shallow and cast at the sharks. Watch how they change their body language based on what you do. If they are following and refusing the fly, try a "dead stick"

presentation. Get him interested and following and then just stop. Have fun. **Capt. Dan Storey**

Fishing with Capt. Baz

Bad news: Baz has no report this month. The **GOOD** news: Baz is fishing every(!) day and making up for all that time he missed after surgery. We will give him a break after being so busy and so tired. After all, none of us are getting any younger. He has been out there.... check out this picture from Capt. Dan's report:



FFNWF Minutes for June 5, 2018

Board Meeting President Dave Handley brought the meeting to session at 1805. April minutes were accepted.

Old Business:

Club presentation is still in the works, Dave is working to complete and present to club members for review and approval.

Committee Reports:

Education; Reports survey from Spring Class participants was positive with some recommendations concerning knot tying and water casting events.

Saturday Clinic Lunch; Joe Higgins says he needs someone to step up and volunteer for July lunch. (note: that is now covered)

Christmas Party, Jim White presented several options with concerns to locations and pricing. Several discussion on the cost to members and actual expense to the club as related to menu selections were presented to the board members for consideration. It was recommended to revisit menu selection costs in order to determine best approach in decreasing the initial expense as presented.

New Business:

Discussion on how to better manage the number students and member ratio that signup for the Spring Fly Fishing Class. This item was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

There being no further business, the board meeting was adjourned at 1905.

FFNWF Business/Membership Meeting June 5, 2018

President Dave Handley brought the meeting to order at 1915. There were 17 members present.

April minutes were accepted and approved.

Treasurers report was presented and approved.

Presentation: Terry McCormick enlightened the club members on fly fishing tips, locations and equipment as it pertains to fishing from our local shores. Thank you Terry for the in-depth presentations and your very colorful stories.

All Old Business and New Business as reported at the Board Meeting were presented to the general membership.

Fishing Reports:

Local reports featured lots of Lady Fish and Blue Fish activity. Rex Straughn reporting good fishing in Minnesota and Bob Korose reporting exciting Tarpon action in the Keys.

Meeting was adjourned at 2015

