

# ***Flies & Lies***

NEWSLETTER OF THE FLYFISHERS  
OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA  
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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*

May is a happening month. First of all is the biggie, That's right its **AUCTION TIME**. The auction is Tuesday May 7. The doors will open at 5 pm for dropping off your donations and pre shopping. The auction will start at 7 pm. We have several rods, reels, lines, bags, flies, gear and trips. But we need a lot more stuff and we need you to come out and buy. This is a great time to get a bargain and clean out some stuff. How about making a box of flies or take someone fishing on your boat? **Please** come out and help. Remember this is our only real fund raiser and heck, it's a lot of fun.

We just wrapped up our fly fishing school. Many thanks to Russ Shields and to all the members that help put on another successful class. Again this year we will have a club fishing outing in connection with the class. It will be Saturday, May 11 at Shoreline Park starting at 8 am until about noon. Bring your on food and drinks and come out and support our new members and do some fishing.

May also brings the FFF conclave. It will be on May 17 & 18 in Sylva N.C. This is home waters to many of us and several members will be attending and getting in some fishing including yours truly.

Don't forget our other opportunities this month. Healing waters on the 3rd, tying on the 9th and the clinic on the 18th. and don't forget to get out and go fishing somewhere.

Tight lines and the tug is the drug,

Terry

## **Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida,**

The meeting was opened at 7pm by Pres. Terry McCormick.

Visitors were welcomed. The minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was read and approved.

The proposed budget was discussed and then approved.

Membership and participation are expected to remain at a high level and improve. Members were asked to inventory their fly fishing gear and to make available any excess equipment that someone else might be able to use.

We need to emphasize participation in our "annual fund raising auction" and also the tying of and quality of the flies.

Submitted by

Bud Newbill

Secretary

## Fishing Report... Captain Baz Yelverton



Has April been windy enough for you? My fly anglers have been relegated to fishing the inside flats for trout and redfish. Not a bad thing but atypical for April. Actually, the redfish and trout fishing has been very good. There are lots of fish close to shore in the usual places, and not many anglers are harassing them. Generally speaking the only ones seeing these fish are the waders and the mullet fishermen.

This first shot is of Grant Slack, from Singapore, with a very fine trout caught and released in Butcher pen Cove. The fish took a large

gold sea-ducer. In the tannin-colored water the fly looks a lot like a shrimp, and this fish hammered it. We've had a few other big trout on but lost them all including what looked like a five pounder yesterday. The fish took the fly 20' from the boat, came to the top with a big head shake, and then took off. My angler got the fly line wrapped around his little finger while trying to clear the line. The 12# tippet didn't last long...

The best red fishing is always in calm water. We're fishing in 2-3 feet of water, and if there's much chop the fish move away from the hull slap. So I'm always trying to find smooth water in the lee of the wind. South wind and we'll fish the N side of the island. NE wind, and we'll be between the points in Gulf Breeze. W or NW wind and the Naval Live oaks is the ticket. E wind and it's either Butcher pen or the Big Lagoon. When all else fails there's the big grass bed in the "no combustible engine zone" out in the middle of Little Sabine Bay. You've got to be flexible and find the calm water. The good thing this time of year is there are some fish just about everywhere if you're stealthy enough to get close to them.



Here are some shots of successful redfish anglers in April. Tony Rea, Houston, got his first-ever redfish on fly April 27 in Little Sabine Bay. Then Greg Speer, Ft Collins, CO, had a field day on April 29. For about two hours around lunchtime the wind died and the water glassed off. We were on a shallow flat with about fifty hungry redfish. At times there were fish all around the boat, and we couldn't move. It was truly spectacular. Both of these fish were 27-28" and took the Puglisi gray/white 2/0 baitfish. I get mine from Bob Story at Feather-craft.

The Spanish mackerel have been a disappointment so far. Jay Brykczynski, his brother Terry, and I fished hard at the Massachusetts last week and hooked 10, landed 3. It was very tough fishing...wind, waves, current, etc. We've been doing well on live shrimp at the "Mass", and I was relatively certain we'd have steady action on the green weenie. But it wasn't to be. As soon as the wind stops howling it should improve out there. Very few big Spanish on the inside grass beds so far. We've landed some on spinning tackle but none on fly.

There have been some huge schools of jack crevalle migrating along the beach, but I haven't seen them. Friends have called to tell me the fish are there, but it's either been too rough or too late in my trip to make the run to the Gulf. Looks May's going to be the month to get our first jack on fly...I hope.

Capt Baz

## *Around the Bay... and Further Away*



Paul Wargo and Jeff Deuschle went hunting Bull Reds earlier in the month, but settled for a nice mess of Spanish Mackerel. Paul caught most of the fish on a 4wt rod, but was camera shy!

## **Gerald Giles teaching 2013 class how to tie their first fly.**



## 2013 Class during casting practice



Last night we concluded our nine week fly fishing course. Watching the improvement in casting and fly tying by our students has been quite rewarding for me and the many of our members who helped out in teaching the course. I want to remind our students that our library has some wonderful books, DVDs and videos available free to check out. There are also two books that I found to be excellent reference material for both salt and fresh water fly fishing. they are: "Fly Fisherman's Guide to Saltwater Prey" by Aaron J. Adams, Ph.D., published by Stackpole Books and "Common Nymphs of Eastern North America", by Caleb J. Tzilkowski and Jay R. Stauffer Jr., published by the Pennsylvania State University Press. Both books are available from Amazon. I did not mention it last night but another excellent source of fly tying information and patterns is Fly Tyer Magazine. Also, I urge our new students/members to follow our club activities in our Newsletter and attend our club tying and casting meetings every month: You will learn a lot and have a good time doing so.

There will be a "Class Outing" at Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze on Saturday May 11th. Bill Parrish will have some rods and reels for our students who don't have a rod yet, at the park at 7:00AM. All club members who want to are urged to attend. Bring your kayaks or boats or just come to wade fish and have a great morning. Bring something to drink and some lunch and enjoy the park after you fish.

Lastly, I want to thank all of our club members who gave their time generously each week to help teach this course. You provided a consistent, high level of expertise that all the students benefited from. This truly is our "CLUB's" course and we couldn't do it without you. Well Done to All.

Cheers and Tight Lines, Russ Shields

## *Around the Bay...and Further Away .. Continue*



Went to the White River at Bull Shoals , Ar. and hit the peak of the caddis hatch. We caught lots of trout. One was a colorful brown. We also went to the Pere Marquette river in Michigan for steelhead. Despite flooding water and less than ideal weather conditions we had great action with quite a few very nice fish. The 27 inch brown that was eating the steelheads eggs was my largest ever. A big male steelhead (maybe 12#) was also my largest ever.

Two great trips.

Bob Korose



**Good things come to those who wade.**

"Mitch Abernethy on the Tuckasee-gee River, No. Car. (Photo by Jerry Giles)

# Southeastern Fly Fishing Festival

Sponsored by the SEC of the FFF  
May 17 - 18, 2013



Save the Date!

Southeastern Fly Fishing Festival  
Presented by the SEC-FFF

**DATES:** Friday & Saturday,  
May 17 - 18, 2013

**WHERE:** Ramsey Center  
Western Carolina University  
Cullowhee, North Carolina

**INFO:** [www.southeastfff.org](http://www.southeastfff.org)



# NW FLORIDA CAST OFF

## COMPETITION

**HERES YOUR CHANCE to show your FLY CASTING abilities. Salt or Fresh water and SUPPORT for our local wounded warriors. All proceeds from this event will stay locally to help our veterans in Our Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing programs here in NW Florida.**

**Saturday June 15, 2013 at 1200**

**noon**

**In Pensacola at the old Boy Scout building, ½ block north of the 17<sup>th</sup> street graffiti bridge.**



1<sup>st</sup> prize a TFO BVK 9' 4 piece 8 wt. Fly rod with case.

This is a lifetime warranty rod.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes to be awarded at the event.

**So here's your chance. \$10.00 each entry, you will have 2 chances at each of the four targets. So bring your own gear or use ours. Standard FFF tackle and rigging rules will apply. If you have never casted a fly rod before or would like to brush up or tune up your casting, show up early at 9:00 am we will be glad help you as we give free instruction on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.**

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## 2013 Cast off Rules

5 wt. thru 8 wt. fly rods with matching weight fly lines. 6' ft. leader material. 20" inch section of tippet material.

Standard casting only -example 10:00 to 2:00 position. Contestant will be allowed 2 attempts at each Target the best one of 2 casts will be scored.

Each contestant starts with score card of 100 points. A cast within a target is worth plus 10 points. A cast outside or on a target is deducted 2 points for each foot 12" inches outside of each target.

Example: 3 foot 3 inch from target edge the contestant would be deducted 8 points.

If for whatever reasons the supplied fly / indicator touches the ground it will be counted as an attempt. No do over's. Prizes will be awarded by highest points on score card.

There is no limit to the number of score cards purchased by the contestants.

Sorry only one 1<sup>st</sup> place winner each year

## *Bimbo Skunk - Kent Reagan*



This fly appear while surfing the web. The web page is [www.bimboskunk.com](http://www.bimboskunk.com) but there are no instructions for tying the fly. It is only sold in the mid-west in 37 different locations.

From the picture on the left I created my version of this fly. I gave two of them to Kent who reported back that the bream were not so much interested in the fly as were the bass. He said he caught at least six bass. He had retied the fly using pink instead of purple or green.

For easy of tying we will use green. You can use what ever color you desire. A jig hook can also be tied.

Roy Turner

### **MATERIALS**

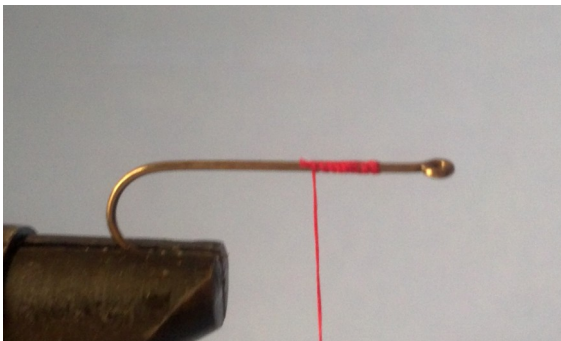
**Hook**—size 4 to 10 or a 1/64 oz jig

**Thread**—Red

**Body**—Black chenille or crystal chenille

**Hackle**—Black rooster hackle

**Upper body**—Purple, Green, Pink chenille



Tie on a jam thread about two hook eyes back for about 1/4 inch.



Tie on Upper body chenille on hook side as shown. Bring thread back to the front. This helps create some bulk.



Tie on the black or crystal chenille on opposite side of hook.



## *Bimbo Skunk - Continued*



Wrap the black chenille forward and tie off



Wrap the black rooster hackle forward and tie off.



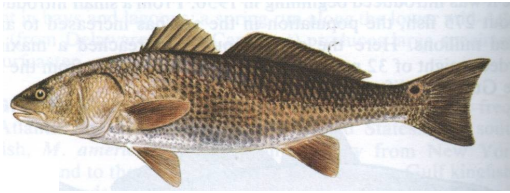
Pull the upper body chenille forward and tie. Be sure to tie a neat wrap. Apply head cement.



If you desire a jig type use and 1/64 oz jig and tie as above. Color of jig head is up to your choice.

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# APRIL 2013

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