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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

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Casting and Fly Tying....At the Thursday September 13 Bull Session, starting at 6:30 PM, the trout and inshore fly tying kits will be available for members and guests to use for tying the flies of their choice. John Brand will not be available at the September 13 Bull Session or the September 15 clinic to continue his fly casting instruction. John will be gone fishing.

At the Saturday September 15 clinic, starting at 9 AM, Russ Shields we lead us in tying a pheasant tail nymph. Your club will provide fly rods, reels, and all fly tying materials and tools at both the Bull Session and the Saturday clinic. If you have your own fly rod and tools please bring them. As always we welcome your guests and we have fly rods and tools for them to use. Your guest well be treated as we would want to be treated. We promise to make them welcome.

At the Saturday clinics, your club provides a "gourmet" lunch along with big and little people's beverages. And it is all free for both club members and our guests. At the September 15 clinic Russ Shields and Jerry Giles will feed us another mighty fine lunch. This time they will serve us grilled, fresh mystery fish that slept in the Gulf of Mexico Friday night. Russ will also serve his mighty fine baked beans. (Tell us Russ... the truth is the beans are fixed by Irene, are they not?). If you have partaken of Russ and Jerry's lunches in the past you need not be reminded of how great they are. If you haven't chewed down on Russ and Jerry's vittles, be there and fatten up... you won't be sorry....Tom Regina

President's MessageKaren Brand

I hope everyone had a great summer, I for one am glad it is over! The club picked up 9 new members this spring and summer and I wanted to welcome the 2 new members from last month, James Holton and Gerry Goldstein. Attendance at the meetings has been down and I attribute that to the excessive heat but we hope to see all of you at our upcoming meetings this fall. I have a couple of special dates you need to put on your calendars, the Fall Picnic is Oct 14th at Shoreline Park and the Club Christmas Party is December 11th at Pensacola Yacht Club. Russ Shields and Jerry Giles are also planning a very special "October Fest" for the Saturday Clinic in October.

John and I will be traveling west for our fall fishing trip and will be gone most of the month of September. Joe Higgins, VP, has graciously agreed to assume presidential duties during the month. See you all in October; we hope to come back with lots of fish tales and pictures at share! Karen Brand, President

General Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida, August 7th, 2007, President Karen Brand, presiding

President Karen Brand called the board meeting to order at 6:15 P.M.

There was a discussion about boosting attendance at the club picnics. Board members were asked to think of ways in which we might improve participation.

John Brand said that he would continue conducting casting instruction at our Thursday and Saturday meetings. Requests for specific methods of casting were welcomed.

Larry Sisney, treasurer and membership chairman, reported that we have 51 (fifty-one) full memberships, and 13 (thirteen) associate members. There are 9 (nine) new members.

There was discussion regarding flexibility of making changes and updates to our web site. Jerry Aldridge will check to see if we as members can make contributions in the form of pictures or other material to the site. After proper motion the meeting was adjourned.

General Business Meeting President Karen Brand called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.. She announced that several club officers would be absent from meetings the next two months as they will be fishing at various distant locations. If you cannot reach Karen, please try other officer's phone numbers in the newsletter.

Karen asked for input regarding attendance at the club picnics. We need suggestions from the membership to increase attendance or make improvements. The members were asked to consider having a picnic or outing at Hurricane Lake near Munson. Please come to the next meeting and express your views.

In a fishing report, Jerry Aldridge said he had a letter from Dave Law who guides on the waters of Tennessee and Kentucky. Dave says that fishing on the Hiwassee River in Tennessee, is superb. The low water is especially conducive to great dry fly fishing. Dave can be contacted at www.southeasternanglers.com if you are heading to that area.

After no response to a request for any old or new business discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Larry Warrenfeltz. He holds a PHD in Meteorology, was a Navy officer, and director of the National Ice Center. He is presently with the Institute for Human/Machine Cognition. His excellent presentation to the club was, "Global Warming, Fact & Opinion." Dr. Warrenfeltz conducted core sampling of the polar ice caps and tested for carbon deposits, which reveal changes in gases in our atmosphere. He discussed the ice testing results, which show the anthropogenic effect, the solar constant (which isn't), and contrasting short and long wave radiation influences. Don't know what I'm talking about? Well, you should have been there. A lively discussion followed and Dr. Warrenfeltz was impressed with the knowledge of these issues by some of our members. Many thanks to Russ Shields for arranging the presentation. Respectfully submitted: Jerry Giles, Club Secretary

Purple Paint Law...Many states have a "Purple Paint Law". Generally, purple paint laws allow landowners to mark their property against trespass by placing readily visible purple paint marks on trees, posts, and walls, etc. around their property boundaries. Property so posted should be considered posted for all purposes, and any unauthorized entry upon the property is trespass in the first degree and punishable by law. In most cases, trespassing on any private property, whether posted or not, is illegal, but trespassing on posted property is a more serious offense. Anglers should be on alert for purple paint markings and should always ask permission of landowners before venturing onto private property.

Pheasant Tail Nymph... Russ Shields

The pheasant tail nymph in its many varied forms, is one of the truly great mayfly imitations in the history of fly fishing. The wise long rod angler will carry a considerable collection of pheasant tail nymphs in various sizes while on the hunt for any sweetwater species of fish; be they from stream, river, or stillwater.

Materials

Hook	Mustad 9627 nymph/streamer 3XL, size 12*
Weight	015" round lead-free wire
Thread	6/0 brown
Rib	Brassie size copper wire
Tail	Ring neck pheasant tail fibers
Abdomen	Ring neck pheasant tail fibers
Wing case	Ring neck pheasant tail fibers
Thorax	Peacock herl
Legs	Ring neck pheasant tail fibers



* Pheasant tail nymphs are generally tied in sizes 12-20.

Tying Instructions



1. Debarb the hook and mount it in the vise. To weight the fly, take 7 touching wraps of lead-free wire around the hook shank and cut away the tag ends. With your thumb nail slide the wire wraps on the hook shank so the front of the weight wrap is two hook eye distance back from the hook eye. Using a jam knot, tie the thread onto the hook in front of and adjacent to the weight wraps. Take several loose thread turns back and forth over the weight wraps to secure the wraps in place on the hook. With thread wraps, form a neat tapered dam at the front and back of the weight wire. Continue to wrap the thread toward the rear of the hook to form a neat tapered underbody stopping at a point directly over the hook barb thus establishing the rear tie-in or thread hang point. At the thread hang point, tie on a 6" length of copper rib wire to the top of the hook shank. Bind the rib wire to the top of the hook shank with thread wraps forward to the back of the weight wire.



2. Cut away the rib wire tag end. Wrap the thread back to the rear tie-in point directly over the hook barb. With the pheasant tail feather barbs still attached to the feather stem or quill, align the tips of 6-8 feather barbs and cut them away close to the feather quill. Measure the feather barb tips so they will form a nymph tail with a length equal to the hook shank. Tie the feather barbs to the top of the hook at the rear tie-in point. Do not cut away the excess feather barbs extending forward over the top of the hook as they will be used to form the abdomen.



3. Fold the barb butts back and advance the thread forward to the middle of the hook shank. To form the abdomen, gather the barb butts together and wrap them forward in neat touching turns to the mid hook thread hang point. Tie off the abdomen wraps with 3 or 4 thread turns.

Pheasant Tail Nymph.... Russ Shields (continued)



4. Cut away the excess abdomen butts. Wrap the rib wire forward in 5 or 6 evenly spaced turns to form the rib. Tie off the rib wire at the mid hook thread hang point. Cut away the rib wire tag.

5. For the wing case and legs, prepare about 8 to 12 feather barbs and measure their tips to equal the length of the hook shank. Tie the barbs onto the top of the hook at the mid hook thread hang point with the butts extending forward over the front of the hook.



6. Cut away the excess wing case barb butts. Select 3 or 4 peacock herls for the thorax. Tie them in, about 1" back from their tips, to the top of the hook at the mid hook thread hang point in front of and adjacent to the abdomen. *(Note: The first part of peacock herl tips are weak and brittle and tend to break off easily).* Advance the thread forward to the front of the thorax area which will be at the front of and adjacent to the weight wire wraps. Cut away the excess peacock herl tips. Lightly twist the herls into a "rope" and wrap them forward to the front thread hang point. Tie off the herls and cut away the excess butts.

7. Gather the pheasant tail tip barbs together and pull them forward over the top of the thorax to form the wing case. Tie them down with 3 or 4 thread wraps one hook eye distance back from the hook eye.



8. On each side of the hook shank fold 4 or 5 barb tips back and down to form the legs. Tie the legs back with 3 or 4 thread wraps over the fold. Cut away any excess barbs overhanging the hook eye. Build a neat tapered thread head. Whip finish or half hitch the head. Cut away the thread and apply cement to the thread head and wing case. *(Note: For a more durable fly apply epoxy cement to the wing case).*

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Fishing Report... Captain Baz Melverton



The water in Santa Rosa Sound was 91 degrees today, and the gulf is over 88. The hot water temperatures have made the fishing very tough inside and pretty darn difficult in the gulf. The best action at the moment is false albacore, and you have to be willing to run six to seven miles ESE of the pass to find them. It's well worth the run; however, as there are more albies churning the surface than I've seen since last August. The schools were so large and ferocious today it was almost scary. Here are a couple photos from this morning's trip. The first shows my client, Chris Motes from Vacaville, CA, fighting a fish on a 7wt while the school boils in the background. The next shot shows Chris' catch...a 6-7 pounder.

The big game sight-fishing excitement at the moment comes from the sharks cruising the shore. There are LOTS of sharks in the three to four foot range along the beach from the lookout tower to Battery Langdon. If

you can get a big popper in front of one and dance it along *just right*, the shark will explode on it. I usually use 40-50# fluoro, because I'm not man enough to want to land one. I'll leave that to Capt Bob...he's younger.

Also, there's some great sight-fishing for individual, big ladyfish along the beach by the Ft Pickens pier. Put your boat on the beach 200' west of the new pier, grab a 6wt with a Clouser minnow, and walk along the shore to the east watching closely for moving shadows. I'm seeing most of the fish just east of the old pier. The experience is similar to bonefishing, except of course the fish take flight. I've found it best in the afternoon on a falling tide with the sun at your back.

A couple days ago I saw two slot-sized redfish in the surf. Bodes well for fall.... Capt Baz



Just Like The Book Says... Tom Regina

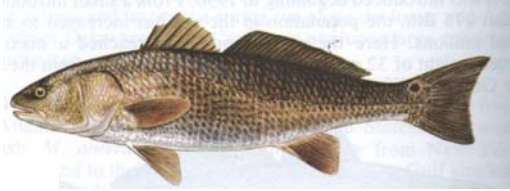
I am floating the Green River in the Upper Green River Valley of the Wind River Mountain Range about 25 miles north of Cora, Wyoming. It's a bright, warm, windy, spring day with a cloudless cobalt blue sky. The snow has melted and the river is high - not overflowing its banks - but extended far beyond its normal summer channel flow. I'm blind casting a dry fly with a dropper. All morning the fishing has been slow, but it's after lunch now and the fishing has picked up a bit. It's still not good, but it's ok.



I spot a riser. His entire head comes out of the water. The salmonid is only three inches from the bank and under an overhanging bush draped-out in fresh spring-green leaves only inches above the water. As the boat continues to slowly drift down river, I quickly strip in line, remove the dropper and make a 30 foot cast to the bank about 12 feet up-river from the rise spot. I hit the bank and gently pull the fly onto the water. A quick mend and I'm set for a long drag free drift. The size 10 sofa pillow attractor dry drifts perfectly down the feeding lane just inches from the bank. The fly floats under the overhanging bush and the fish rises to the occasion. The sting of the quick but gentle hook-set sends him racing down river. I apply pressure to move him away from the river bank and toward the boat. As would any self respecting *rainbow*, he leaps and jumps from the water doing cartwheels several times as he circles the drift boat two and a half times. The guide slips the net into the water and lifts a kaleidoscope of color, robust 22 inch brown trout to hand. A few pictures and the fish is returned to the cold Green River.

It was *just like the book says*. I even had the guide fooled into thinking I knew what I was doing... but I know better.

LIBRARY NEWS.... Don't miss this one by the inventor of the Copper John! "Barr Flies", John Barr, Book #81. "Bugs of the Underworld", Cutter/Feathercraft, DVD#93. Spectacular photography, a fish eye view of bugs underwater....Bill Parrish



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