



# Flies and Lies

Newsletter of the Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida

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Business Meeting  
1ST Tuesday, 7 PM

Bull Session - Tying  
2ND Thursday, 6 PM

Clinic -Casting, Tying,  
Lunch - 3RD Saturday  
9 AM

**NEWS FLASH - Congratulations to US, the members of Fly Fishers of NW Florida – just named: CLUB of the YEAR and winner of the McKenzie Cup Award by Fly Fishers International. Join the celebration at the Club Meeting Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 pm**

## *The Auction...* Monthly Club Meeting Raffles!!

For the September general meeting we will be raffling off a “new-in-the-box” Pflueger *Supreme 1856* fly reel, complete with a spare spool!! Line weight is 4/5/6. Attractive gold finish. **Come take a chance! It only takes \$5.00 to win.**



## **Fly Tying: Thursday, September 8 at 6:30**

We will make the Nylure Fly for Spanish.

*Note: Same week as meeting.*



## **The Clinic: Saturday, September 17 at 9:00 AM**

**It's Oktoberfest in September!** Jerry Giles

& Cyndi Myers will bring the Brats and Potato Salad.

And, of course, iced tea and Kool Aid.



## **The Prez Sez**

*I'm happy to announce that I've completed all of my required medical therapy and have a clean bill of health! So I'm happy to return to all of the FFNWF activities and mix it up with all the members/friends again. Once again, I'd like to shout out a “thanks” to Brad for stepping up and presiding over club meetings and activities on my behalf. Likewise, a “thank you” to all the committee chairs and volunteers who work hard behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly and seamlessly.*

**SEE YOU ALL AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING!! Mick**

## Fishing with Capt. Baz

Captain Baz is taking the month off. Fishing has been rough. Weather has been rough. He deserves a break today – and every day. Look for an exciting report right here next month!

### Fly of the Month: NYLURE FLY (For Fall Spanish) by Bob Korose

Last April (2021) Pat Murphy talked about how he used a nylure jig to catch pompano off the beach pier many years ago. He tied up a fly of that month that imitated the jig in size 4. It worked well. That reminded me of my youth back in the 1950s when I used a nylure jig in Galveston Texas to catch Spanish mackerel off the jetty. I decided to tie a variation of his fly in a larger size (#1) and I used it last fall very successfully on the bigger Spanish mackerel and others.

It worked great in my opinion, along with my favorite red and white flash fly and also the very popular tan and olive clouser. It also caught ladyfish, specs, blues, and pompano. Make sure you tie up several of these flies because they get chewed up and bit off quickly when the schools of Spanish and others show up.



#### MATERIALS:

**Hook:** Mustad C70S or Mustad 34007 Size #1

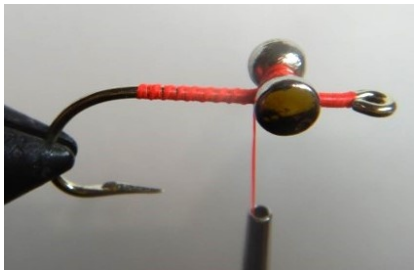
**Eyes:** Nickel plated or yellow painted lead eyes. Size large or medium.

**Thread:** Flat waxed Nylon Hot Red (FL Fire Orange)

**Flash:** FTD H20 Twist Pearl Yellow Gold (or Krystal Flash)

**Hair:** FTD Crystal Hairs, Hot Yellow and Red (other synthetics like supreme hair, unique hair, super hair or SF Blend). Bucktail hair is **not** recommended.

#### Instructions:



Start the thread behind the hook eye, tie in a thread base and then tie in the eyes about 2 eye widths behind the hook eye with figure 8 wraps. (Add super glue if you like.)

Tie in some flash behind the eyes and wrap back to the bend. Bring the thread back to the eyes and wrap in some yellow hair on top of the flash (about 1/2 way back).



Turn the fly over. Bring the thread back to behind the eyes. Wrap some red hair around the thread. Tie back with half of the hair on each side of the fly to about 1/4 of way back.

Return the thread in front of the eyes to the hook eye. Wrap some yellow hair around the thread and tie it on top to the front of the lead eyes. Form a nice head and whip finish. Trim up the back of the hair.



Cover the head with UV or Sally Hansen's and your fly is ready for action.



## Meet the Grumpy Fly Fisherman, aka Larry Grossman

I grew up in NJ where I was taught appreciation for the great outdoors from my father, an avid fisherman. We moved to South Florida when I was 13 and I fell in love with bass fishing. We lived on a fresh water canal where I honed my skills out of an aluminum jon boat. I graduated from Florida State in 1981, moved west in 1983, and spent my first summer working in Yellowstone National Park where I began my fly fishing journey. The next summer I was guiding in Colorado on the Gunnison, East and Taylor Rivers. I worked in Colorado for several years, and guided many celebrities at famous resorts, including the Prime Minister of Canada and Jack and Barbara Nicklaus. I also did a couple television shows with Andy Mills on Outdoor Life Network.

A developer from the Vail Valley in Colorado then recruited me to develop, manage and run a fly fishing program at a new community called Cordillera in Edwards, Colorado on the Eagle River. I did that for six years when I left the industry for a while. I did however continue to fish for the next dozen years, including trips to New Zealand, the Yucatan, the Florida Keys. I got back into the industry during Covid when the Denver Fly Shop was looking for a manager (since gone out of business).

I moved back to the Panhandle of Florida with my wife in December to begin retirement and quickly found the fishing here to be worthy of sharing with other fly fishing enthusiasts. I thought it would be a great way to stay busy and utilize my skills as an accomplished guide on a part time basis as I've started collecting social security this month!



So Panhandle Fly Fishing Charters was born. I'm offering wading trips only, 1-2 people and we will fish exclusively in Gulf Island National Seashore as I've obtained the proper permits necessary to guide clients there, both gulf and byside. It will be a fun adventure.



My flies are all patterns I tie and my local favorite has become a pattern I refer to as the Fort Pickens Special, which has ben producing monster redfish from the beach for me. My other favorite patterns I developed while guiding in Colorado. I have tutorials those patterns on my YouTube channel which morphed from the Grumpy Fly Fisherman to the Grumpy Panhandle Fisherman, and now is simply called the Panhandle Fly Fishing Charters channel. **Larry**



## August Clinic



And a Good Time was had by all

## General Meeting FFNWF August 2, 2022 Minutes By G. Norton

**1900: Vice President called the meeting to order**

**Last Month's Minutes:** approved as posted.

**Treasurers Report:** Normal expenditures totaled \$714 for insurance, Saturday food, drinks, and a rod return from the auction. Our checking account has a healthy balance. Report approved, motion by Bob; second by Russ.

### **Program by Wolfgang Schutte "Fly Fishing the Florida Keys 2016."**

This was a repeat presentation from his trip in April of 2016. Most of us have never fly fished the Keys which are famous for tarpon and bonefish. Wolfgang gave us many handy tips on what to expect along with some interesting history on how the Keys were developed originally (a railroad in 1910). His recommendations were to stay at a Florida State Park (get the annual pass) and make your reservations well in advance. Bahia Honda was his favorite State Park. The parks have tent camping, showers and cabins. Hotels rates are sky high. Be careful of your personal belongings (thieves). He fished by wading shallow grass flats and had some luck with barracuda (a shark got half while getting his camera ready for a photo) and Spanish mackerel. His three trips with guides for tarpon and bonefish were a bust. Most of his trip took place in the Islamorada area (middle Keys). Favorite eateries were the Square Grouper, Fish Company, and the Hogfish Bar and Grill. Thanks Wolfgang and good luck on your next adventure.

### **Committee Reports: Auction Committee**

Steve H has 18 reels in inventory (but only a few are good) and a bamboo eight weight that needs some work. There will be no fall auction.

**New Business: Future Events: The** secretary updated the club on Fly Fishers International's upcoming events. First a big conclave for the Gulf Coast Region is planned for May 5-6, 2023 at Gulf Shores State Park. The conclave will feature fly tiers, fly fishing seminars, a fishing tournament, and a film festival. There is a 600-acre lake, overnight accommodations, cabins, a hotel, a large auditorium, classrooms and an on-site restaurant. You do not have to be a FFI member to attend. Further details will be advised.

Status of the FFI McKenzie Award for the outstanding club in the nation. FFI said "a decision will now be delayed to late August after a board meeting. Next year our club should nominate outstanding members for FFI awards for individual achievement awards.

Reminder: the big Fly Fishing Show in Atlanta will be the first weekend in February 2023. Fishing reports: Terri has done well on specs in the grass flats. He also caught Spanish mackerel, Pompano, and thirty- one bluefish on a short trip all caught inside the Bay.

1950: Motion to adjourn by Cindy and George.

**June Clinic**