

Flies and Lies

July, 2025



FFNWF

www.ffnwf.org

PRESIDENT
Cyndi Myers
navwif@gmail.com

VICE-PRESIDENT
Rex Green
wrgreen45@gmail.com

SECRETARY
George Norton
geonorton@gmail.com

TREASURER
Larry Sisney
3610 Baisden Rd.
Pensacola, FL 32503.
lsisney@cox.net

MEMBERSHIP
David Handley
dmhandley@gmail.com

MEMBER EMERITUS
Russ Shields
rkshields37@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER
Dave Kuechenmeister
ffnwfnewsletter@gmail.com

President's Corner

Well, it looks like the "Dog Days" of summer are here. Temperatures have soared over the last week and surely is keeping some of us off the water. Hope we'll get a break and it will be tolerable to get out and sling some flies.

Have some fun, get out on the water and protect yourself from the heat.

Cyndi Myers
President

Club Meeting – Tuesday, July 1 6:30

In addition to the business meeting, George Norton will give a presentation on "Louisiana Fly Fishing".

Fly Tying – Thursday, July 10 6:30

Bob Korose will lead us in tying the Lightbulb. This was designed for night fishing, but Bob says just about everything eats it – Day and night.

Clinic – Saturday, July 19 9:00 AM

Join us for casting practice and another chance to tie the Lightbulb. The lunch will be announced later.

Replacement for FFNWF Head Chef

We are looking for a head chef to organize the meals for the Saturday clinics. Joe Higgins has told Cyndi that he cannot continue to carry out the head chef duties. Simply put, the head chef purchases the utensils and beverages that are used for the lunches and stocks the fridge with beverages. The head chef also recruits folks to prepare lunch for the clinics. All the funds are provided by the club.

Business Meeting

The April business meeting featured Jeremy Anderson describing the Project Healing Waters trip to the Holston and Watauga Rivers in Tennessee. There is an excellent description of the talk in the minutes.



Project Healing Waters

By Mick Milo



The Healing Waters group was busy in June. There were three major activities, beginning with a day trip to Ft Pickens for fishing. This trip combined wading and boating for a really enjoyable trip. Below are some photos with Jay and Jerry lounging on the beach, Gary in his boat, and Angel wading



During the month, there were three tying sessions to explore hollow tying and articulated techniques. Gary led us through tying a single hollow tie and an articulated Game Changer with five segments.



Last, Jeremy Anderson arranged a display of fly tying and casting at Ski Beach on the NAS. This was promoted as a Father's Day outing through Special Services. During the 2-hour event, we had approximately 20 visitors.



Fly Tying and Clinic

This month, Bob Korose led us through the Micro Minnow during the Bull Session and again at the Saturday Clinic. After the Bull Session on Thursday, Jay Brykczynski put the fly to the test at a friend's farm in Alabama and caught the Smallmouth Bass pictured below.



Cap'n Richard Montgomery helped several of us work out kinks in our casting and explained how he tapers the leader section.



Russ Shields treated us to some excellent homemade Kielbasa sausage and trimmings for lunch.



Fishing Report

By Captain Richard Montgomery

Well, we thought May was hot, June has topped that. Going into July is going to be worse.

Last month I thanked you for reading my rendition of other people's fishing. That was in hopes I would be able to provide more firsthand info. Turns out this report will be about the same.

As usual it took almost all of June before the ground swell in the Gulf too disappeared. Southwest wind continued to blow throughout the month, making the grass flats almost impossible to fish. If you picked the right day there were some fish there, specks and a few Spanish. We had a few speckled trout take a chartreuse minnow pattern on wire!

Baz was working his inside fish waiting on the Gulf to clear. He has been catching his usual 5-10 pound reds using ole-faithful EP minnow patterns. I am just not sure exactly which one or size.

In true form the silver queen, ladyfish, have finally arrived giving everybody a chance for a tug on the end of their fly rod. I was able to stop on Pickens and my client managed to land a few jumpers. Just this last week, ladyfish were stretched along the beach just outside the Pass to the first campground cross over. One of my anglers passed his time waiting for tarpon by catching ladyfish on almost every cast. Tan Clousers were the ticket.

With the heat, we should have more lady fish and bluefish entering the shallows. Don't know if the Spanish mackerel will actually come back or not. The rule of the game hasn't changed any: Clousers, flash flies and sparkly minnow patterns are the keys to these fish.

On a lighter note, as some of you know, I have taken a 40-hour week job. I will be working over the weekends so my fishing is going to be limited to two days. But Pensacola Beach Fly Fishing is still going be up and running. Also, my work at the Saturday clinic is done until September, but if anyone wants help, I can arrange to meet them prior to either the monthly business meeting or tying session.

Richard

And More...

Ron Bloomquist sends this bit of news about his granddaughters.

I have twin granddaughters. They share the pink boots. One likes to sit in a tree stand, the other likes to fish.

The bass swirled close to shore and Allie threw to it. Missed it. Determined, she threw again and the fight was on.....



Fly of the Month: The Lightbulb

By Bob Korose

Capt. Tom Shadley of Mangrove Outfitters in Naples Florida created this fly with bright glow-in-dark materials because when night fishing for snook and tarpon he couldn't get them to bite his usual flies. This fly really works. It turns out that just about everything eats the Lightbulb both night and day including speckled trout and redfish. It is an easy fly to tie. It can be tied in various hook sizes and with different weighted eyes depending on the size of the fish and the water depth to fish. We will tie it here with a large silver bead chain eye or an X-small white dumbbell eye. Try it in our region for Spanish mackerel, bluefish, ladyfish, specks, and redfish. Give it a try under dock and bridge lights at night too. www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QTkmUAWUJE



Ingredients:

Hooks: Mustad C70SD or C47SD Size 1
Eyes: Large silver bead chain or X-small painted white dumbbell
Thread: White flat waxed nylon.
Tail : Polarflash Mirage Opal (FTD Big Game Hair Tinsel-Bright White)

Fin/Body: Palmer Chenille Medium Pearl
Head: Medium Pearl Chenille or Pearl Estaz.
Flash Glow pink and glow white Flashabou (FTD pearl Shadow flash)

1. Place the hook in the vice and start a thread base. Tie on the glow white Flashabou.	2. Turn the hook over and tie on the gills of glow pink Flashabou.	3. Turn the hook back over and tie on the eyes. Leave room in front for the fly head.
4. Tie on the Polarflash in two clumps. Side by side on the top and sides of the hook. This keeps the tail from fouling on the hook.	5. Tie on the pearl Palmer chenille and wrap forward with 3-4 turns while stroking the fibers to the rear.	6. Tie on the Estaz or Pearl chenille and move the thread to forward of the eyes. Palmer the chenille forward and thru the eyes and tie off.
		7. Make a nice head and finish with head cement or UV.

Miraflores Park Memorial Service

On June 17, the City of Pensacola unveiled a permanent marker commemorating the historic burial ground located in Miraflores Park, historically known as Havana Square. The marker also serves as a structure for the reinternment of two individuals found under the Boy Scout Building in 2021 and was sponsored in part by the Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, and the State of Florida



Odds and Ends

One of our subscribers, Corbett Davis, reports that the Forgotten Coast Fly Company has reopened under the management of Captain Danielle Davidson. Cap'n Davidson is an experienced guide in the Apalachicola area.



The Minutes

FFNWF Business Meeting Minutes: June 3, 2025

George Norton, Club Secretary

1830: Club VP Rex, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of allegiance.

Treasurer's Report: We have a healthy balance in checking. Income from the annual fund raiser in May, and beverage sales less expenses for Go Daddy's 5-year renewal, fly tying supplies, pastries and beverages. Tarpon Bob and Cliff approved the TR.

Presentation by Jeremy on the PHW February trip to the South Holsten River

It was an outstanding trip with ten PHW members participating. Ninety-seven trout were caught including a big 25-inch brown by Cliff.

There was a beautiful snowfall which made a beautiful white backdrop in the woods. High water was not a problem with drift boats and excellent guides. Most trout were browns on nymphs fished deep under indicators.

The food was excellent and lunch every day was back at the lodge. Attendees also enjoyed the fire pit. Mick Milo plans to make this an annual PHW trip every February. Thanks, Mick, for organizing it.

Club Fishing Trips: Mick suggested more club trips to rejuvenate participation in the club. If you have an idea and want to lead a trip, come to a meeting with a plan and see if it can happen. Many members have a wealth of experience fly fishing destinations far and close.

Meeting Adjourned at 2035 by George and Steve.