

Flies and Lies

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President's Corner

Happy New Year to each of you. It's a new year and with that, annual membership is now due. New members are \$40, renewals are \$35 and associate members are \$10 (those not permanent residents of Escambia or Santa Rosa County and don't participate in 50% of activities. Membership dues may be paid by check in person at events or by credit card online (\$2 convenience fee added). If you would like a name tag and your annual dues are up to date, please email me.

March is right around the corner which brings our annual FF101 class. For additional information, see the attached flyer... spread the word.

Cyndi Myers

President

Club Meeting – Tuesday, Feb 4 6:30

In addition to the business meeting, the presentation for February will be a by Officer Chris Lugg of Fish and Wildlife Conservation. Chris will be talking about fishing rules, any changes and boating safety

Fly Tying – Thursday, Feb 13 6:30

Mick Milo will be leading us through the Stealth Bomber fly.

Clinic – Saturday, Feb 15 9:00 AM

Join us to perfect your casting and tie the Stealth Bomber. The February Clinic Lunch will be some chili (not too spicy) provided by Dave Kuechenmeister.

Speaking of lunch, Chef Joe Higgins would like some volunteers to step up and prepare the March, and April clinic lunches. You can reach Chef at jhigpcola2@aol.com.

New Auction Chairman Thanks to Steve Gramo for taking over as Chairman for the club auction. Thanks also to Steve and Ellen Hoffmann for their all their hard work chairing the past auctions.

Membership Dues for 2025

The dues are coming due! Dues are \$35 to renew this year. There are three ways to pay,

1. **Pay Larry** in person at a club meeting,
2. **Mail a Check** to:
Larry Sisney 3610 Baisden Rd, Pensacola, FL 32503
3. **Pay online** through <https://ffnwf.org/membership>. A two-dollar fee is added for the online payment.

Business Meeting

The meeting this month was especially well attended. Russ displayed the box he built to hold the new bobbins.



Project Healing Waters

By Mick Milo



Float Trip

The next major event for the PHW Program is the upcoming trip to the South Holston/Watauga Rivers (Tennessee). Ten of our members will be participating in a 3-day float trip from February 17-20 in search the rainbows and browns native to those waters. We took this same trip last year and had a great time. I expect to hear some fish stories when they return home and hopefully there will be some photos to share.

Good Luck!

Fishing Trips

Casting for Recovery

Wolfgang tells us that Casting for Recovery has an event planned for the near future. They are looking for a few volunteer guides to assist with a trip over the weekend of March 8, 2025 at Camp Weed in Live Oak, FL. Wolfgang says that accommodations are provided and he can find room in his truck for transportation. Just don't wait until the last minute to volunteer! If you are interested, please contact Wolfgang Szutie at wolfgang.szutie@gmail.com

Fly Tying

Bob led us through tying the White Lightning fly.



Saturday Clinic





Fishing Report

By Captain Baz Yelverton

Cap'n Baz provided us with a couple redfish that were caught sight fishing. Two biggest reds were 22 and 26#. 8wt. 12# tippet.





PO BOX 1041
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***8 Week Fly Fishing Class
Sponsored by the
Fly Fishers of Northwest Florida
BEGINS***

March 10, 2025

Monday Nights

6-8 PM

***Learn & practice the principles of Fly Fishing
Equipment Selection***

***Fly Tying
Fly Casting
Knots***

Day/Time: Monday's 6 - 8 PM

Location: Mira Flores Park, 17th Ave and Belmont

For Info and registration call:

David Handley (850) 417-9233 or Email ffnwfeducation@gmail.com

Cost is \$95 which includes complimentary membership in FFNWF for the remainder of 2025. Register early, class is limited to 15.

Fly of the Month: Stealth Bomber

By Mick Milo

This pattern was developed by South Georgia guide Kent Edmonds for warm-water fishing and is essentially a “quickie” foam version of traditional slider/diver flies such as the famous Dahlberg Diver and others . It can be tied in a myriad of sizes to accommodate fishing for large bass to bream and has even been used in larger versions for salt water species. Color choices are unlimited.

Materials: Body - 2mm foam pattern (cut to template design)
Hook – Gamakatsu B10S, Size 1-6
 Gamakatsu SC15, Size 1-2/0
Thread – 3/0 Uni-thread or equivalent
Tail – Bucktail and Flash
Body Dubbing – Sparkle fiber dub or medium Chenille
Underwing (optional) – Flashabou



Trace foam from pattern template and cut.
Template available at Kent Edmonds' [website](#).



Start thread base mid-hookshank and wrap back to bend of hook. Tie in lower (lighter) portion of tail, length approximately 2 hook lengths. Keep it SPARSE!



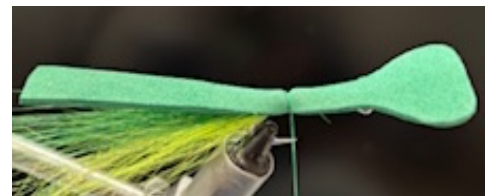
Tie in 4-6 strands of Chrystal flash same length as tail material.



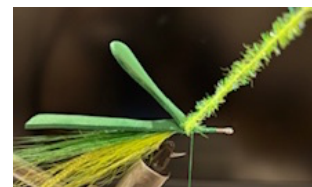
Tie in top (darker) portion of tail. Again...keep it SPARSE.



Place foam pattern on top of hook, so that the “flared” portion starts just behind the hook eye. Tie in the foam towards the rear just above the hook point.



Fold back the flared portion of the foam and tie in the chenille/dubbing and wrap forward to one eye-width behind the hook eye.



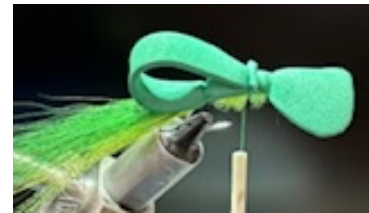
Fold the flared portion of the foam back to its former position and tie in just behind the hook eye. You have now created a "thorax" with the foam/dubbing.



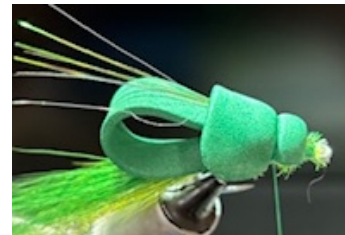
Move thread rearward to approximately 1/3 the distance of the "thorax" and take a few thread wraps to create a small bubble in the foam.



Fold the rear extension of the foam forward creating a loop. Size of the loop is optional and will determine the amount of water/air it will move when stripped. Tie this foam section in at the rear of the "bubble" created in the previous step and trim the excess. (Optional: flashabou can be tied in here and can be laid back over the top of the loop extending rearward.



Fold the flared section of the foam back and lay it over the foam loop previously created. Tie in the flared portion by creating a small "head" as shown.



Tie in rubber legs and trim to desired length.



The Minutes

FFNWF January 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

By George Norton, Secretary

1830 President Cindy Myers opened with the pledge of allegiance

Treasurer's Report: Larry reported on the December expenditures for the Christmas Party. Expenditures included payments to SHCC, raffle items, two gift cards, a cake, and the Anglers of the Year monogrammed shirts for the Hoffmanns. Income from raffle ticket sales, membership renewals, and 101 class payments were minimal. Russ and Dave approved the TR.

Last Month's Minutes as published were approved by Tarpon Bob and Terry.

Bobbins: Russ recently purchased new bobbins for the club. Russ also crafted a beautiful box to keep them organized. Thanks Russ.

The Presentation was canceled due to a family issue but next month our outside presenter will come. If you would like to make a future presentation see Rex to get on the schedule.

101 Class starts the 10th of March and runs to the 28th of April. Dave H needs several volunteer to help set up before the class. See Dave H. Class bulletins also need to be passed out all local tackle and sporting goods stores around town. Captain Richard will open with his expertise on local salt water and Matt will cover freshwater fishing. Richard will handle all the casting instruction.

Membership: Dave reported we have five honorary members, five associate members and nine renewals. Please renew ASAP. Also your membership in Fly Fishers International saves the club money.

Community Fly Shop in Gulf Shores is new full shop for all your fly fishing needs. Tell them Terry sent you. They are a local business.

Southern Culture on the Fly was recommended by Terry. It is a quarterly publication with great stories and it's free.

Fly Fishing Show in Atlanta at the end of January, Terry reposted he goes every year and it is top notch for seminars, trips, and personal relationships. The Embassy Suites is the official hotel. Google show.

Red Stick Day in Baton Rouge on Saturday March 8th seminars, fly tiers, casting, kayak try outs, etc. See George for further information. A great way to get introduced to fly fishing in Louisiana.

Fly Fishers International's Gulf Coast Region (Destin to Lake Charles) has their third annual show in Gulf Shores State Park in May.

Campeche, Mexico Club Trip for tarpon is in May. Contact Tarpon Bob or google "Fishing with Larry."

Fly of the Month: Tarpon tied the White Lightening which is best fished under a gurgler over the grass flats for speckled trout and other species. He also taught the Midnight Special for night fishing dock lights. See Tarpon to lead a session with your favorite fly.

Christmas Party: After a long discussion it was unanimously decided to not renew the annual party at SHCC. We will move the party to the Holiday Inn which is less costly, has better food and offers a sit down buffet meal with real entrees and a dedicated bartender. Jay did the all leg work (thanks Jay) who confirmed new management, updated facilities and better food turned the Inn around. Cliff reported on the raffle items and the most popular was the four drawer storage cabinet. Forty-one tickets were sold. Gerry made a motion to move to the Holiday Inn and Russ and Larry will follow up Jay's initial work. Dave and Jay approved the move.

Fishing Reports: George and Terry fished the canals in December and caught lots of small trout. Terry recommended a long twelve-foot leader with slow strips using a Clouser minnow. Reds are off the beach if you can stand the cold weather and sheep head around the pilings are thick.

Notable: Tarpon Bob caught a five pound Sheepshead in Louisiana on a Clouser minnow a few years ago and is listed in the Louisiana state records for fly fishing.

1950 Meeting Adjourned