

# ***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*

Rain, rain go away! I hope August will be a little drier. I know I haven't done much fishing in July but did catch a few. We still want to do a club fishing outing soon. We've been hoping to have one since we had to cancel out in June. Come out to the meeting on the sixth at 7 pm to tell us if you've been fishing and where. Have you been traveling or been to a new location, I know some members have and I can't wait to hear about it. There will not be a board meeting this month so see you at 7. Don't forget the other events this month, fly tying on the 8th and the Saturday session on the 17th.

Tight lines and the tug is the drug,

Terry

## **Business Meeting, Fly Fishers Of Northwest Florida, July 2, 2013, President Terry McCormick, presiding**

President Terry McCormick called the meeting to order at 7 PM. There were 15 members and one visitor present. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as reported. The treasurer reported that we have a balance of \$5615.83. Russ Shields made a motion to buy 8 new fly tying kits. The motion was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

## *Green Weenie - Robert Korose*

### 60 Degree Jig Hook Flies – Green Weenie

The 60 degree jig hook provides a number of advantages over “J” hooks and can be used in tying many different fly patterns. Clouser minnow flies are one. You don’t gill-hook a fish as you could with a ‘J’ hook, which makes it ideal for catch-and-release fishing. A large majority of fish caught on a jig hooks are hooked in the top or corner of the mouth. Also, a 60-degree jig hook will get a much better hook set due to the lever action of the bend. As you continue to pressure a hooked fish, the angle created by the shape and the pulling of the jig hook continues to penetrate into the fish’s mouth; great for barbless fishing. The fly also has better action on the retrieve when a loop knot is used. Another plus is that flies tied on jig hooks ride point up and require less weight to do so than flies tied on conventional “J” hooks. Less weight means a softer landing, which gives shallow water fisherman a big advantage that should translate into fewer spooked fish.

The “Green Weenie” is an excellent fly for Spanish mackerel. It looks like a minnow and is very durable since it is tied with synthetic materials rather than bucktail. The 60 jig hook version appears to have more action in the water when a loop knot is used. Based on my limited sample size, it seems to hook up better with less bite offs than the J hook version.

Use the 60 degree jig hook with the Clouser minnow flies you use for specks because specks tend to take a fly deep and a lot of times in the gills which leads to a lot of unsuccessful catch and releases.

I get my 60 degree jig hooks at Barlow’s Tackle: <http://www.barlowstackle.com/Eagle-Claw-413CAT-Jig-Hook--P414C41.aspx> for only \$7.54 for a 100 count of size 2 hooks.

### **Materials List**

- Hooks: Size 2 Eagle Claw 413 CAT-jig-Hook
- Thread: White flat waxed Nylon 3/0
- Eyes: Medium Silver dumbbell 7/32
- Flash: Pearl Krystal Flash
- Hair: SuperHair Polar Bear and SuperHair Flo Green



Tie on a thread base. Place the eyes on top of hook 1/3 of the distance back of the eye toward the hook bend. Tie on with figure 8 wraps and if you desire, lock in with super glue.

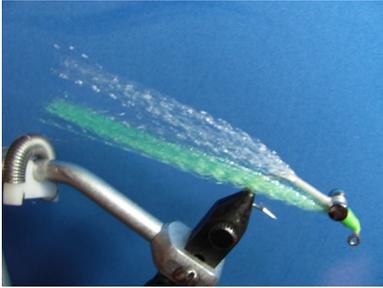


Select a small clump of the polar bear super hair about 3- 3 1/2 inches long and tie it on in front of the eyes and then tie down behind the eyes to the hook point. Return the thread back to the front of the eyes and turn the fly over in the vice or rotate the vice appropriately.

## *Green Weenie - Robert Korose . . . continue*



Take 3 or so strands of the Krystal flash, fold it over the thread and tie on in front of the eyes.



Select the same amount and size of flor. green super hair and tie on in front of the eye. Whip finish the thread. You may cover the head with green thread if you like but I don't think it is necessary. Put on head cement or a thin epoxy to make the fly more durable.

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



28" stripper Merrimac River, NH

Attached is a picture of a 28" stripper caught on a green half and half in the ( Joppa flats ) Merrimac river NH. I caught 5 schoolies and this keeper just before the temperature dropped 20 degrees and the wind picked to 20 mph . We heard thunder and saw lightning and decided to call it a day!!



We have made 10 of these Drying Wheels which will be for sale this month for \$25.00 each. A small portion of this cost will go toward our Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Program for fly tying supplies. Several have already been spoken for so get your request in early!

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# AUGUST 2013

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