



Minutes September 16, 2015
St. James Community Center

The Cape Fear Flyfishers met at the St. James Community Center on Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

Introduction of New Members and Guests

David Cary is a long-time freshwater fly fisherman – trout, steelhead, salmon. He has no saltwater experience. He enjoys tying flies.

Ken Waddell enjoys the outdoors. He has had limited experience fly fishing in freshwater, estuaries, and offshore.

Bob Brien has been saltwater flyfishing almost forever – mostly saltwater, in- and offshore for tarpon, bonefish, redfish, etc. He now lives in North Myrtle Beach after having lived in Bristol, Virginia for 30 years. He runs a tournament each year in the Bahamas where anglers use 12-15' weight equipment and larger flies to catch black fin tuna, wahoo, and an occasional white marlin on chum slicks.

Lefty Kreh and Flip Pallot Clinic

Bob Brien announced a clinic featuring Lefty Kreh and [Flip Pallot](#) that will be held in late February at the [International Palms Resort](#) on Cocoa Beach, Florida. It will focus on casting, knots, hooking & fighting fish, flies, lines, rods, drags, and more. Only 12 persons are in the clinic so there is a lot of personal attention from Lefty and Flip. You can expect to receive 30 minutes private instruction from each. The cost is \$1,060 plus transportation, lodging, meals, etc. Jim White will participate. There are two spaces left. If interested, call or email Jim at [910-278-1459](tel:910-278-1459)- home; [910-477-0441](tel:910-477-0441)- cell; email him at jwwhite115@gmail.com.

Harry mentioned the article "[Southern Master: The Legend of Lefty](#)" that appears in the August/September issue of Garden and Gun. You would also enjoy listening to "[Tom Brokaw on Lefty Kreh and a Fly-Fishing Life](#)," who honors Lefty Kreh and captures well the appeal of fly fishing to all of us.

Approval of Minutes

The members approved the minutes of the July 15, 2015 meeting. Forest will revise the minutes to show the club's holiday party will be on Thursday, December 17th.

Treasurer's Report

Tony Mangiapane reported we have about \$1,600 in the bank which will drop after making an upcoming IFFF payment for liability insurance of about \$350.

Fly Drawing

Rich Turek held the winning ticket for the fly drawing.

Fishing Reports

Jim and Charlie White explored the flats beyond the house sitting on the creek across from the Varnamtown public ramp. They found much attractive water to try on future trips. On a separate trip, they caught their limit of Spanish mackerel casting to them on the surface off [Lockwoods Folly inlet](#).

Jim and Ann White caught three Fat Alberts recently fishing off Oak Island.

Harry and Tony trolled for Spanish just outside the Lockwood Folly inlet where they too caught fish on the surface until the fish were spooked by shrimp boats.

Dan Neuschafer, Steve Thomas, and Mark Young wade-fished for redfish in the marshes near Georgetown using only surface flies. Dan advises one not to look or to listen when using surface flies or you will not set the hook. You must first feel the fish pull the line. Bobby Sands noted that Seth Vernon does not wade-fish in our area due to oysters and sting rays.

Steve Kennington has had good luck lately trolling offshore for wahoo and dolphin. He recently fished with friends in Alaska and brought back 380 pounds of filets. He out-fished his friends 3-1 using a fly rod.

Bobby Sands reported Bill Rustin caught the first tarpon on a fly in NC. Bill is 85 and fishes sunup to sundown every day. He reported a few tarpon are still in the [Thorofare](#) behind Bald Head Island, a stretch of water about 400-500 yards and 19' deep.

Dan Sokoloski reported catching the same bass and brim several times in the St. James pond near his home. He also caught a catfish using a sinking fly.

Harry Gobble reported those fishing in Montana had a great time despite the low water and variable weather conditions.

Old Business

IFFF Association Update – The club needs to verify its Employee Identification Number.

Holiday Meeting - The holiday party will be held Thursday, December 17th in the pub room of the St. James Plantation Members Club, the same location as last year.

New Business

N.C. Mountain Trip, – The trip is scheduled for October 11-15. Spouses are welcome and participants can be flexible in planning which days they wish to participate. There will be opportunities for wade fishing and for float fishing on the [Tuckaseegee River](#). Steve Moore and Tony Mangiapane are coordinating the wade fishing. We will hire guides through the [Hunter Banks Company](#) fly shop in Waynesville for wade trips. The wading rate for three people is \$450/day, \$150/day per angler. We have made arrangements for float fishing with [Hookers Fly Shop and Guide Service](#) in Waynesville.

Morehead City, false albacore – Timing will be in November. The club will receive short notice as we must respond immediately upon receiving word they are in the Morehead City area. Otherwise we will miss the opportunity to catch them as seemed to be the case last year.

Wrightsville Beach, false albacore – We may opt to fish for Fat Alberts off Wrightsville Beach if we get notice when the fish are there. Harry will call [Alex Posey](#), [Sarah Gardner](#), [Brian Horsley](#), or [Joe Shute](#) to ask them to let us know when the fish are in these areas.

Georgetown, S.C. – we are aiming for late October – or November; some members will be trailering 4-5 boats; we can also hire guides.

Boat for Sale: Bobby Sands is selling his 2007 21' Tidewater Bay Boat and trailer. Bobby purchased the boat in the spring of 2008. It has a custom oversized poling platform which he installed and a 22' fiberglass push pole, among many other features. See the attached flyer. Bobby is offering a price to CFF members below that estimated by a local boat dealer. If you are interested, contact Bobby at sands@ec.rr.com ; 910-253-3527-h; 910-368-7151-c. See attached flyer describing boat.

Simms Wading Boots for Free – Eddie offered a pair of size 8, felt-soled, wading boots. He will donate them to charity if no one is interested.

PROGRAM: NEW EQUIPMENT, TIPS, AND GEAR

Member Dan Neuschafer led off a program that invited all members to share new equipment, tips and gear that can improve members' fly fishing skills. Dan was vice-president of the [Bass Pro Shops in North Myrtle Beach](#) and still works there Saturdays and Sundays. Dan introduced us to several new products from the Bass Pro Fly Shop.

Dan wanted to bring, but could not get in time, the new 11-foot [White River Fly Shop Black Watch Switch Rod](#) he thought would be helpful to fly fishermen fishing from kayaks. They offer more casting distance from a sitting position in a kayak. One drawback is landing a fish.

Dan thought members might enjoy the [White River Fly Shop Classic Small Stream Complete Fly Outfit](#), a three-piece, 5.5 foot ultra-lite fly rod and reel combo with a two-weight line that would be ideal fishing for wild Brook trout in small streams – especially during the fall when they are in their spawning colors. It retails for \$199.95 up to \$224.99 for the combo with a 7.6 foot rod. The reels are \$99.99; the lines are \$19.99.

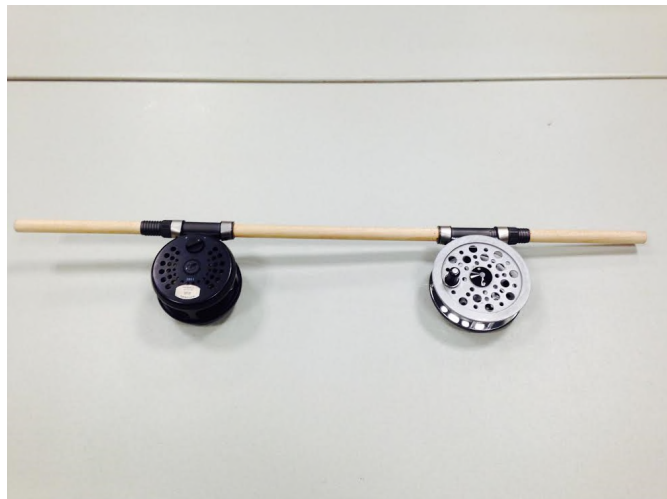
He is puzzled by the recently distributed [Okuma RAW-1002 Center Pin Float Reel](#). It does not have a drag but sells for \$199.99. He will get more information as otherwise it is a quality piece of work. He brought it for members to see as a curiosity.

He believes the [Bass Pro Shops Flats Boots](#) at \$29 are a good buy compared to much more expensive brands. They have a firm sole and come in black and sand.

Dan likes the [White River Fly Shop Riseform Clear Fly Boxes](#) as they make it easier to find what you are looking for.

Charlie White demonstrated his homemade line dressing station. One can put one together with two reel seats mounted on a stick you can get at a hardware store. Take it with you when you travel.

Forest Duncan recently purchased the telescopic 9-17' [Superstick Push Pole](#) for use on the flats with his kayak. You can install three lashing hooks and a shock cord on the side of the kayak to carry it.



Jim White always carries side-cutters to cut off the barb if he hooks himself instead of a fish.

He prefers a [wide-brim hat](#) to keep flies off and keeping the sun off your ears. One must learn not to cast with the rod too close to one's ear. Dan Sokoloski suggested getting one with an SPF rating and a stiff-enough brim that it does not flop down on your face.

Taping over cleats and your shoe stings is one way to prevent fly line from tangling on them.

Keep a golf towel with a loop and stuff it in a cup holder on your boat.

A floating [dry bag](#) is an essential on any boat. Put your cell phone, wallet, keys, etc. that you don't want to get wet.

Jim likes the [William Joseph Stripping Basket](#) because it is designed so the wind can't blow the line out of the basket. It is easy to fold up and carry. Jim recommends the [Orvis Safe Passage Carry It All fishing bag](#) to carry rods and reels when traveling. For traveling, he carries five or six rods and reels and stores in the airline overhead compartment.

Jim marks his lines to find more easily where his line loads best. Bobby Sands buys Rio peel-off orange dots to mark his lines. Assuming a 9' leader, mark your line with one mark 16 'from the start of the fly line to indicate a distance of 25' from the fly; make two marks at 50', and three marks at 75'. He finds the 50' mark particularly helpful as his saltwater rods load best at about 30 feet of fly line out of the tip. If you have the 50' mark close to the reel, you have about 32' outside the tip, assuming you have a 9' rod and a 9' leader. A friend, Jack Kelly, would wrap line and a dab of cement glue on the line at the 50-foot mark so he could feel it as he worked the line.

Tony Mangiapane found a great buy at [Ollie's Bargain Outlet](#) on South College Road in Wilmington: He bought [Casting with Lefty Kreh](#), a \$60.00 book for only \$3.99.

Bob Brien recommended keeping your eyes open for the [Temple Fork Outfitters Impact rod series](#), coming soon! You cannot break the rod. It loads and casts beautifully. It will probably be in Bass Pro Shops in November.

For treating your Gore-Tex apparel, Harry Gobble recommends Gear Aid's [Rivivex](#), it is endorsed by Simms for their jackets. For zippers, try [Zip Tech Zipper Lubricant](#).

Use [MaryKate Off and On Hull and Bottom Cleaner](#) to clean your boat.

Use [Goof Off Rust Remover](#) makes good stain remover to remove rust stains. You can buy it by the gallon at Lowes.

Bobby Sands finds that GNAT, an insect repellant made for dogs and sold through Petland stores, works on humans as well. It works and smells good.

Bobby recommended shopping for fly tying materials such as flashabou and cork at hobby stores (Michael's, Hobby Lobby) instead of fly shops. Buy and cut bungee cords into the length of jelly legs; they are made with elastic that make great jelly legs for fly tying. Jim White has several colors of yarn he is willing to give members for making crab and similar patterns.

Jim White finds a [Swiss Army Fisherman Knife](#) is often handy. Get one with scissors, file, tweezers, toothpick, and a screwdriver. The toothpick is handy for dealing with wind knots.

Respectfully submitted,

Forest Duncan
Secretary

1907 21ft Tidewater Bay Boat

(purchased new in spring of 2008)



Included:

- **150 HP Yamaha**
- **Performance aluminum trailer**
- **Long shaft 12 volt Great White Motor Guide**
- **Forward fishing chair**
- **Lowrance sonar/gps (does not function properly in shallow water)**
- **Custom oversized poling platform**
- **22 ft. fiberglass push pole**

Features:

- **Two live wells**
- **60 gallon gas tank**
- **3 Forward cushions (removable)**
- **3 dry storage lockers**
- **Gunwale rod holders**
- **Port and starboard console rod holders**

Comments:

- **Well maintained, serviced bi-annually**
- **Dry ride**
- **Shallow draft**
- **Price upon request**