



Club Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2016
St. James Community Center

The Cape Fear Flyfishers met at the St. James Community Center at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

Club Business Meeting

President Jim White asked each participant to identify himself/herself.

October Minutes - Members approved the October minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Tony Mangiapane reported we have \$2,222 in the bank.

Fly Drawing – Nancy Fuller won the drawing.

Trips and Activities

Introduction Fly Fishing Class – There will be another Introduction to Fly Fishing class in January or February. Let Jim White know if you are interested. The date will be announced soon.

Christmas/Holiday/Awards Banquet – The banquet is set for Friday, December 9th in the bar area of the Members Club. Members will receive an email soon to ask their menu selections. A cash bar will be available for drink purchases. The cost will be \$30- \$40, including taxes and gratuities. New fly fishing members without a nine-foot, 8-weight rod will be eligible for a drawing for a [Temple Forks Outfitters 9', 8-wt Professional Series Fly Rod](#) – you must be present to win. The annual awards will also be presented.

Old Business

Members elected Jim Larson as Activities Director and affirmed the following Directors for 2017: President- Jim White; Vice-President- Ed Smith; Secretary- Forest Duncan; Treasurer-

Tony Mangiapane; Activities Director- Jim Larson; Environmental Director- Steve Moore;
Former President- Harry Gobble

Round Table/What's Biting, Where and on what?

Forest Duncan reported he and other anglers are enjoying an excellent speckled trout bite in the ICW and Lockwoods Folly River, trolling curly tail grubs and DOA halo shads. Aim to troll/drift in six feet of water. A Lockwoods Folly local reported the bite should be good until about Thanksgiving, after which water temperatures fall and the bite slows.

Charlie White reported spotting a half dozen red drum in the shallow marsh. Reds are in the area the year around.

Jim White recalled flounder can be caught inshore until water temperatures reach about 50, when most tend to move offshore.

Cary Davidson reported a successful fishing trip about 20 miles offshore. Forest Duncan reported catching eight bull reds, most about 38," fishing the "Hot Hole" area a couple of weeks ago.

Jim White heard reports of good catches of false albacore off Wrightsville Beach, although it is getting late for catching them.

PROGRAM: PLANNING THE 2017 CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS, TRIPS, AND EVENTS

Jim White led members in brainstorming and identifying 2017 programs, trips and events. Jim had submitted the attached form for members to submit before the meeting. Members identified, discussed, and "signed up" (not binding commitments) for the activities identified below. Jim White, Jim Larson, and Ed Smith will summarize and report the survey results and sign-ups before the next meeting. Jim Larson will identify coordinators for each trip.

2017 PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS	
SUGGESTION	COMMENTS
Videos by Experts	One suggested a video on "Reading the Water."
Fish-Specific Presentations	Present the month prior to the fishing trip targeting that species.
See attachment for other program ideas mentioned but not discussed at length in the meeting.	

2017 TRIP SUGGESTIONS	
SUGGESTION	COMMENTS
NC Mountains, Trout, Spring	Bristol or Abington are preferred due to their proximity to the Holston and Watauga Rivers. (Bristol on the Tennessee-Virginia border is about 20 miles away.) Good wade fishing spots can also be found near Bristol. The week of April 24-28 is preferred as this is the end of the stocking season and the weather is nice. A non-resident Virginia fishing license is \$20.
NC Mountains, Trout, Fall	<p>Locations near Waynesville are preferred as this is traditionally a spouse trip offering shopping, attractions, etc. – in addition to fishing. October 7-13 is proposed as the leaf season is just beginning and the crowds are fewer.</p> <p>One lodging option is to reserve one of the twenty condos at the Maggie Valley Country Club (about \$190 night), which is 4-5 miles from Waynesville. The club can get a ten percent discount because the resort is managed by Troon, the same company that manages the Clubs of St. James. One of our St. James members can make the reservation and get the discount. A golf course is available for members wanting to golf. Other lodging options are to reserve a room in one of the many area hotels or rent lodging through Vacation Rentals by Owners. Nearby restaurants are excellent.</p>
Morehead City, False Albacore	Late October and early November at Cape Lookout, the epicenter for catching false albacore. We need more boats with trailers to make this trip, unless members are willing to hire guides. Boats without trailers can be driven to Wrightsville Beach, but it is a two-hour trip from Southport. Fishing success depends upon responding quickly to reports of fish feeding on bait balls as they pass through the area.
Georgetown, SC, Red Drum, Winter	February. Members can trailer boats or hire excellent local guides. Taking your own boat is risky as there is a 6- to 8-foot tide and one must know the oyster bars to navigate the area. You want access to a guide with access to the Debordieu boat ramp.

Georgetown, SC, Red Drum, Late Summer/Fall	May to October, in the Hobcaw Barony Research Reserve . Guide Mark Young takes clients by pickup truck along the marsh to spot and wade fish for reds. Mark Young is an excellent guide but there is less fishing access wading than if in a boat.
Charleston, SC, Red Drum	Another good location for reds, but a bit further to drive than Georgetown.
Ft. Fisher Basin and “The Wall,” Red Drum, Trout, and Flounder	Take the Southport Ferry to the Wildlife Commission ramp just a block away from the ferry terminal. This would be an excellent location for members with kayaks.
Roanoke River, Stripers	An annual club tradition – and only a four-hour drive away in Weldon, N.C. on the NC-VA border. We usually go in early May when fishing is catch and release and the river is less crowded. Jim has two boats that can accommodate six anglers. Current is horrendous and not suitable for kayaks. Participants stay at the Hampton Inn, which gives fishermen a discount.
New River, Smallmouth Bass	Fish one section for smallmouth in the spring; another section and time for trout.
Marshes around Southport, the ICW, and Bald Head Island, Red Drum, Speckled Trout	Hire several guides to take a group of members on an outing; perhaps two trips in the spring and two in the fall, when the weather is more comfortable than summer and winter. Members with boats could also participate and help reduce the per capita costs.
Rice’s/Town Creek, and Black River, Bass and Bream	Any time after February. Nearby and can be productive if you plan the right time of the year and know where and how to fish. Boats should be 22 feet and smaller. This is an excellent location for kayak fishing.
Lake Waccamaw, Bass, Bream, and White Perch	Nearby; good for white perch but must fish for them the first two weeks of the summer. It is a shallow lake, with an average depth of seven feet and maximum depth of eleven feet.
Twin Bridges, Montana, Trout	Twin Bridges is where the Beaverhead, Ruby and Big Hole meet and then form the Jefferson. The cost for four days of fishing is about \$2,500 including airfare, lodging, and guides.
New York/PA, Steelhead	Western NY, Erie PA, and tributaries of Lake Erie; a 12-14-hour drive. Fish September/October and through the winter if prepared to endure the cold weather; must know on short notice when to fish.

Bahamas, Bonefish	For example, Jim Larson is planning a trip to East Key Lodge the week of December 3-10. The cost is \$2800-2900, including fishing and lodging.
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2016 EXTRA-CURRICULAR SUGGESTIONS	
SUGGESTION	COMMENTS
Fly Fishing Show	Excellent opportunity to attend seminars by professional fly fishermen and see the latest fly fishing gear. To be held in Atlanta February 3-4, 2017. This would be a six-hour road trip; members can carpool.
2017 Saltwater Fishing Schools	Local fishing experts Jerry Dilsaver and Jimmy Price present a series of informative and entertaining seminars that are a must for local fishermen. Two schools on February 4 and 18 are being offered in 2017 in response to high demand in recent years. Program includes several door prize drawing and lunch. \$65 when one registers in advance; \$75 at the door.
2017 Fishermen's Post Fishing School	Another excellent way to spend a winter's day learning from local guides. February 11 at the Coastline Convention Center next to the Wilmington Convention Center. Participants may win one of many door prizes. Catered by Smithfield Restaurants. Tex's Tackle offer good variety of fishing tackle at a 10% discount. The registration fee is \$100 before February 4 th ; \$110 after.
Ladies Only Fly Fishing School	Friday, March 31- Saturday, April 1- led by Capt. Allen Cain . Last year's school with Capt. Seth Vernon was a huge success. Participants stay overnight at Blockade Runner Resort in Wrightsville Beach.
Fishing Kayak Demonstration	Members interested in test-driving a fishing kayak could meet at the Wildlife Ramp to drive two or three kayak models owned by members with kayaks.
Introduction to Fly Fishing	Lecture followed by casting instruction and practice on ponds behind St. James Community Center. Classes to date have been highly successful. A third class is being planned for January or February.

Casting Clinics	Held periodically to instruct new members and give all members opportunities to improve their casting skill.
Fly Tying Sessions	Options include holding sessions before regular meeting during the winter when we have less daylight; or holding sessions as a regular program event. We have sufficient number of coaches and equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

Forest Duncan

Secretary

2017 Trip, Activity, and Program Survey

Name _____

In order to help provide trips, activities and programs that you will find helpful, please humor us by completing the following survey and bring it to our November meeting or return it to Jim White by computer, snail mail, or hand-delivery.

Trips

I am interested in:

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| _____ An overnight trip to Georgetown, SC | _____ A week-long trip to the mountains |
| _____ A week-long trip to western rivers | _____ A major trip outside the US |
| _____ An overnight trip to Weldon, NC (stripers) | _____ An overnight trip to piedmont lakes |
| _____ A week-long steelhead trip | _____ An overnight trip to Morehead City for False Albacore |
| _____ An overnight trip to _____ | _____ Local fresh water trips |
| _____ A day trip with guide in local waters | _____ Trip to fly fishing shows |

Activities

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| _____ Fly tying | _____ Rod Building | _____ Knot tying |
| _____ Local trips with guides | _____ Fly fishing class | _____ Casting clinics |
| _____ Kayak demonstrations | _____ Fishing from shore | _____ Trash Tournament |
| _____ One-day fishing tournaments | _____ New boat owners tour | _____ Other |

Programs

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| _____ Fishing in our area | _____ Local guides | _____ Map talk |
| _____ Equipment discussion | _____ Preview of trip locations | _____ How to catch _____ |
| _____ Conservation | _____ Marine Patrol officers | _____ Exotic locations |
| _____ Videos by experts | _____ Helpful hints | _____ Casting problems and solutions |
| _____ Essential flies | _____ Fly tying | _____ Gear swap |
| _____ Gear repair | _____ Leaders & tippets | _____ How to hook & land a fish |
| _____ Tricks to short casts | _____ Tricks to long casts | _____ Tips on accuracy |
| _____ Essential books and mags | _____ Ask an expert whatever | _____ Stupid questions |