



Club Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2016
St. James Community Center

The Cape Fear Flyfishers met at the St. James Community Center at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

Club Business Meeting

Introduction of New Members and Guests - President Jim White welcomed Steve Rice, Mike Bearden, John Morrison, Rich Klein, Matt Kraker, Jim Kethcesid, Kay Bauer, and Nancy Fuller.

August Minutes - Members approved the August minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Tony Mangiapane reported we have \$2,173 in the bank.

Fly Drawing – Returning member Nancy Fuller won the drawing.

Trips and Activities

Fly Fishing Class – Jim White will send an email soon announcing the third Introduction to Fly Fishing class to be held Saturday, October 8th, 10 am- 1pm at the St. James Community Center. Afterwards, participants will practice casting on the ponds behind the parking lot, weather permitting. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you participated in one of the first two classes.

Casting Clinic – also stay tuned for an announcement of another Sunday afternoon casting clinic to be held on the ponds behind the St. James Community Center parking lot.

NC Mountain Trip - The NC Mountain fishing trip in the Cherokee, NC area is still on from Sunday, October 9 to Thursday, October 13. Next month the club will make hotel reservations next month for next year's trips in March-April and October to ensure reservations are made so everyone is not scattered so far apart.

Christmas/Holiday/Awards Banquet – The banquet is set for Friday, December 9. Put it on your calendar.

Local Fishing – the club will arrange a local outing soon. Given our lack of shallow-water boats, Jim White “polled” the membership on whether hiring local charter guides would be acceptable. It costs \$400-500 for a full day trip, plus tip, a much less costly option than owning your own boat. A day on the water would cost about \$300 each for two members sharing a charter. Most of the members indicated they would be interested. The club will explore the idea further.

Fishing Hot Spots Map – email Steve Moore if you would like to download the Google Earth map showing club fishing “hot spots.” Also send Steve any new spots you would like to add.

Fishing for Bonefish in the Bahamas – Jim Larson announced there is still room for anyone wanting to join him and two others on a bonefishing trip to East Key Lodge in the Bahamas on December 3-9. The cost is \$2800-2900, including fishing and lodging. Contact Jim if you are interested.

New Business

The club identified officer nominees for 2017. Current officers are eligible. Ed Smith agreed to be a candidate for Vice President after Jim appointed Steve Moore as the Environmental Director. Jim is still looking for a candidate for the new, Activities Director position. Former president Harry Gobble is also a Board member. Members approved the slate of candidates.

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

Steve Moore reported catching redfish on the “redfish highway” using spinning tackle and live bait. Steve positions his kayak and waits for the fish as they enter a system of creeks from the ICW.

PROGRAM: FISHING TIPS

Our originally scheduled speaker was unable to travel from Raleigh to give his presentation, so Steve Moore and Jim Moore presented several fishing tips, many of them available on You Tube videos produced by Steve. It proved to be a highly successful and informative spur-of-the-moment program as can be seen in the following tips presented.

Fishing Gear

[Zinger Retractable Fly Box](#) – “The Retractable Fly Box includes a small retractable gear tether and small waterproof fly box. This Retractable Fly Box is capable of keeping up to 170 flies (85 each side) dry and secure. With Boomerang Tools Retractable Fly Box your flies are always handy and never lost.”

Steve then showed how to make a similar retractable fly box at much less cost. Steve used a Dollar Store zinger and drilled a hole in a fly box to attach the zinger.



[RexFly Casting System](#) – By placing the fly reel on a chest harness, you have all the functionality of the reel without the unnecessary added weight slowing down your rod. This is particularly helpful with the heavier saltwater reels. You can cut down on fly line piling up on the kayak or boat deck by removing the line such that it falls on the deck in a figure-eight pattern.

You can reattach your reel at any time by simply sliding it back on the reel which unlocks it from the chest harness. The chest harness fits under your fly vest and you can strip out line and reel line back in while the fly reel is on your chest just as you would with it mounted on your rod. Rexfly has been tested in both fresh and saltwater on steelhead, redfish, striped bass, snook, trout, bass and panfish and it works flawlessly.” Also see the [You Tube video](#).



[Bear Spray](#) – an important item to take when wade fishing the NC mountains. “When Only The Best Will Do”, SABRE offers FRONTIERSMAN Bear Spray for those who venture into bear country. Following EPA guidelines, FRONTIERSMAN contains the industry’s strongest formula (2.0% Major Capsaicinoids) and manufactures the only 9.2 ounce canister to fire up to 35 feet away – that’s up to 20 feet further than other bear sprays. Our 7.9 ounce canister fires 30 feet – up to 15 feet further than other sprays. Since bears can cover over at least 30 feet per second, carrying Frontiersman within the very accessible hip holsters gives you a big advantage against an 800-pound charging animal.”

Tying Knots

Steve Moore demonstrated and members practiced tying the following knots:

[How to Tie Quick Clinch Fishing Knot with Forceps](#)

[Tie a fast Improved Clinch Fishing Knot with Forceps](#)

[Tie easy Kreh Loop Fishing Knot with Forceps](#)

[Easy Trick to tie on Dropper Fly when Fly Fishing](#)

[How to Add a Hook to a Strike Indicator for Fly Fishing / Tenkara](#)

(Steve has a treasure of other videos you would likely find of interest even if you don't own a kayak— consider subscribing at [Kayak Hacks Fishing](#). Steve posts new videos every Sunday and Wednesday. Also read Steve's articles in [Southern Trout Magazine](#) and [Southern Kayak Magazine](#).)

Jim White demonstrated how to tie the following knots:

[Surgeon's Knot](#) – Lefty Kreh says the triple surgeon's knot is much simpler to tie and just as strong as the Bimini or Albright knot. It is one of the easiest knots to learn and is an excellent knot to join two lines of moderately unequal size.

[Perfection Loop](#) - It is the easiest way to make a small loop in the end of a leader or tippet that will lie perfectly in line with the standing end. It is commonly used to join a Perfection Loop in the end of a fly line to a Perfection loop in a Leader using a "Loop to Loop" connection. Using this knot makes it easier to change leaders without retying a knot.

Threading Fly Line – when threading fly line on the rod, double the fly line, not the tippet, and feed the line through the guides.

Respectfully submitted,

Forest Duncan

Secretary