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**April 4th, 2023 at 6:30
BFFA Club Meeting
at the Italian American Club
1471 Cypress Ave
Melbourne**

**Capt. Jonathan Moss
is our April Speaker**

Captain Jonathan Moss was born and raised in Orlando FL. Growing up, he spent every opportunity he had fishing on the Central Florida waterways. From bass fishing to redfish on the flats, the pursuit of fish was always an exciting time. Captain Jonathan is a full time fly and light tackle guide and is passionate about fishing. But more importantly, passionate about putting clients on fish and educating anglers on how to be a successful on the water.

Additionally, Capt. Jonathan Moss hosts the award winning fishing TV show, The Captain's Log, which airs on Waypoint TV and is a contributing writer for Coastal Angler Magazine Brevard.



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Ramblings and other news

Our March Auction was a great success and a fun time to be had by all that were there. The support the club members showed with the items they brought in as well as the bidding that went on helped make this year's auction one of our best auctions ever. Our clubs board of directors wish to acknowledge their appreciation to Billy Kempfer for hosting this event at his property as well as cooking those excellent ribs. Also big round of thanks to Chip Turknett for auctioneering. A lot of people jumped in to help out this year which was really appreciated. Pictures below taken by Alec and Steve.

We have added another member to the Board of Directors, as Alec Buchness has agreed to join in. Alec recently started a Facebook page for our club which is Backcountry Fly Fishing Association of Brevard. Check it out.

On the next page is an update on the status of red tide in our state from the FWC website. Luckily for us our area has been off the radar for that activity so far. The west coast of our state just seems to get hammered more often with this problem.

FWC statewide snook workshops started March 23 in Sebastian and will be continuing around the state at various locations until the end of March. If you were not able to attend you can go on their site and there is an option to click on past workshops to listen to them. The verbiage below is from their site and summarizes what is their goal.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is adopting a holistic management approach for snook that includes a review of several environmental and human factors including habitat, fishing effort and stakeholder feedback to evaluate the fishery at a more local scale. FWC staff is proposing to establish 10 new management regions with snook regulations based on the status of the fishery in each region. The public is encouraged to attend one of the FWC's in-person workshops that are being held throughout the state.





From the FWC website:

Current Conditions

Over the past week, the red tide organism, *Karenia brevis*, was detected in 79 samples along Florida's Coast. Bloom concentrations (>100,000 cells/liter) were present in five samples: three in Pinellas County and two in Manatee County. We continue to use satellite imagery (USF and NOAA NCCOS) to help track this event. Additional details are provided below.

- In **Southwest Florida** over the past week, *K. brevis* was observed at background to medium concentrations in and offshore of Pinellas County, very low to medium concentrations in Manatee County, background to low concentrations in Sarasota County, background concentrations in Charlotte County, background to low concentrations in Lee County, and background to low concentrations in and offshore of Collier County.
- In **Northwest Florida** over the past week, *K. brevis* was observed at background concentrations in Bay, Gulf, and Pasco counties.
- Along the **Florida East Coast** over the past week, *K. brevis* was observed at background concentrations in one sample from Palm Beach County.

Reports of **fish kills** suspected to be related to red tide were received in Southwest Florida over the past week from Pinellas, Sarasota, Lee, and Collier counties. For more details, please visit <https://myfwc.com/research/saltwater/health/fish-kills-hotline/> and <https://visitbeaches.org/>.

Over the past week, **respiratory irritation** suspected to be related to red tide was reported via the Beach Conditions Reporting System and/or the Fish Kill Hotline in Southwest Florida in Pinellas, Manatee, and Collier counties. For recent and current information at individual beaches, please visit <https://visitbeaches.org/> and for forecasts that use FWC and partner data, please visit <https://habforecast.gcoos.org/>.

Forecasts by the [USF-FWC Collaboration for Prediction of Red Tides](#) for Pinellas County to northern Monroe County predict net northern movement of surface waters in most areas and variable transport of subsurface waters over the next 3.5 days.

The next status report will be issued on Wednesday, March 29th. Please check our [daily sampling map](#), which can be accessed via the online status report on our [Red Tide Current Status](#) page. For more information on algal blooms and water quality, please visit [Protecting Florida Together](#).

This information, including maps and reports with additional details, is also available on the [FWRI Red Tide website](#). The website also provides links to [additional information](#) related to the topic of Florida red tide including satellite imagery, experimental red tide forecasts, shellfish harvesting areas, the FWC Fish Kill Hotline, the Florida Poison Information Center (to report human health effects related to exposure to red tide), and other wildlife related hotlines.

To learn more about various organisms that have been known to cause algal blooms in Florida waters, see the FWRI Red Tide [Flickr](#) page. Archived status maps can also be found on Flickr.

The FWRI HAB group in conjunction with Mote Marine Laboratory now have a [facebook](#) page. Please [like our page](#) and learn interesting facts concerning red tide and other harmful algal blooms in Florida.

Fly Tying with Jeff Ward

April's fly is a Sand Crab / Mole Crab

Recipe:

Hook: FTD MS100 #4

Thread: 210 Pink or Orange

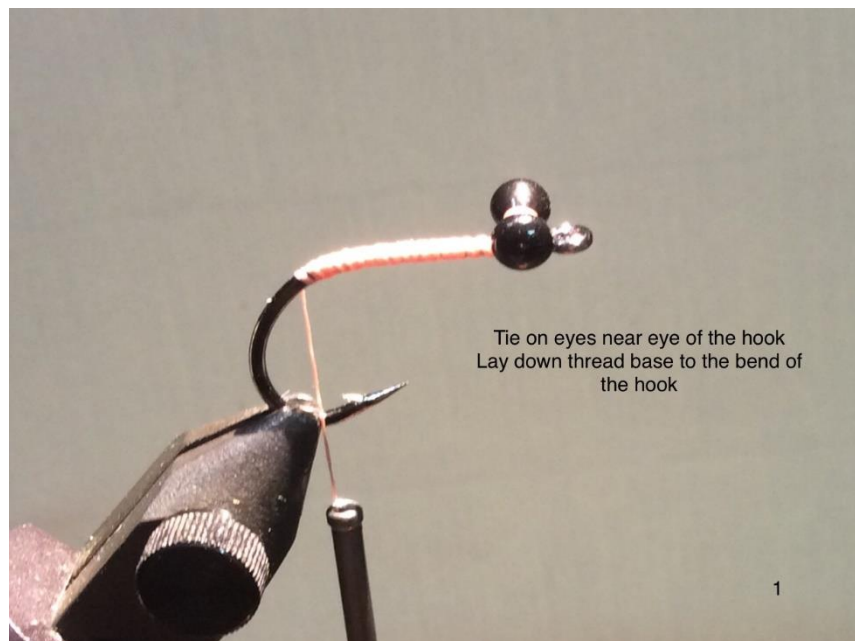
Mouth: ice Dub UV Shrimp Pink

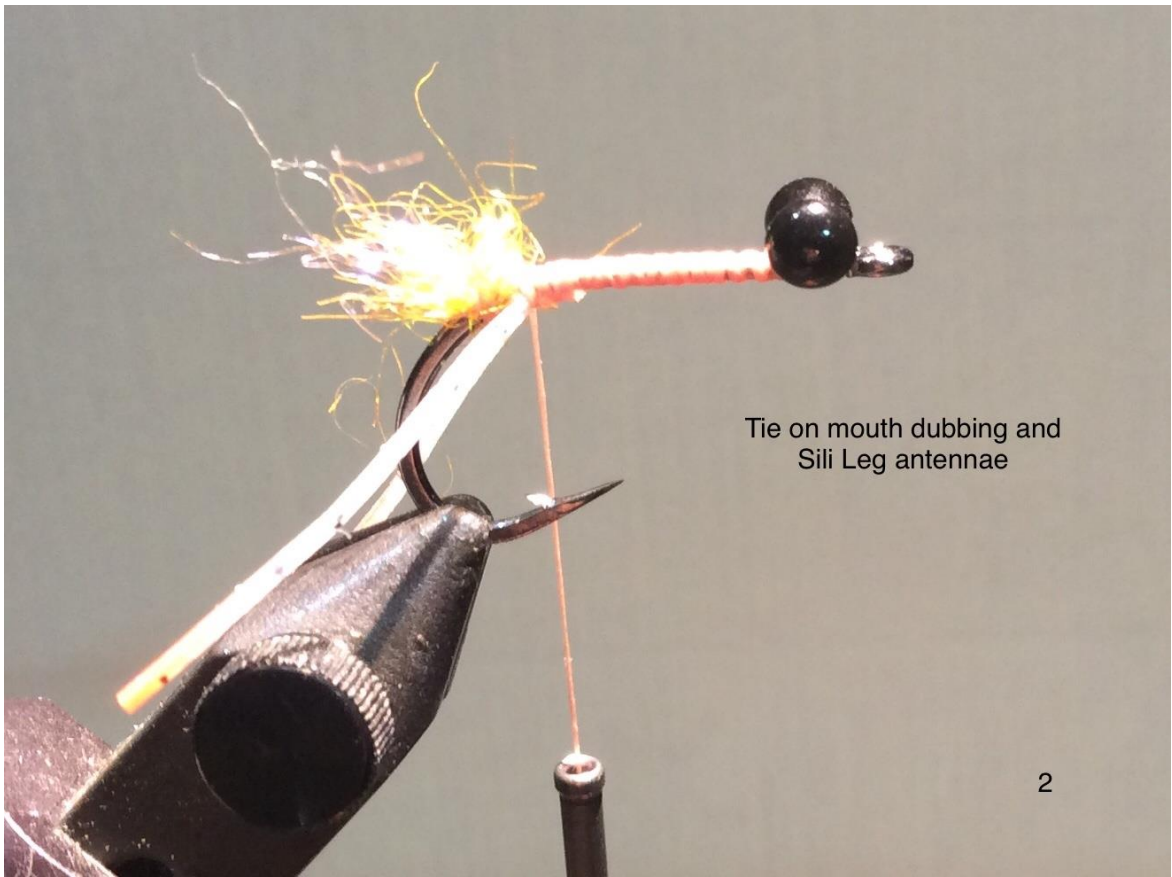
Antenna: Sili Legs Fire Tip Clear/Orange

Legs: Ultra Chenille Tan

Body: Tarantula Brush Tan

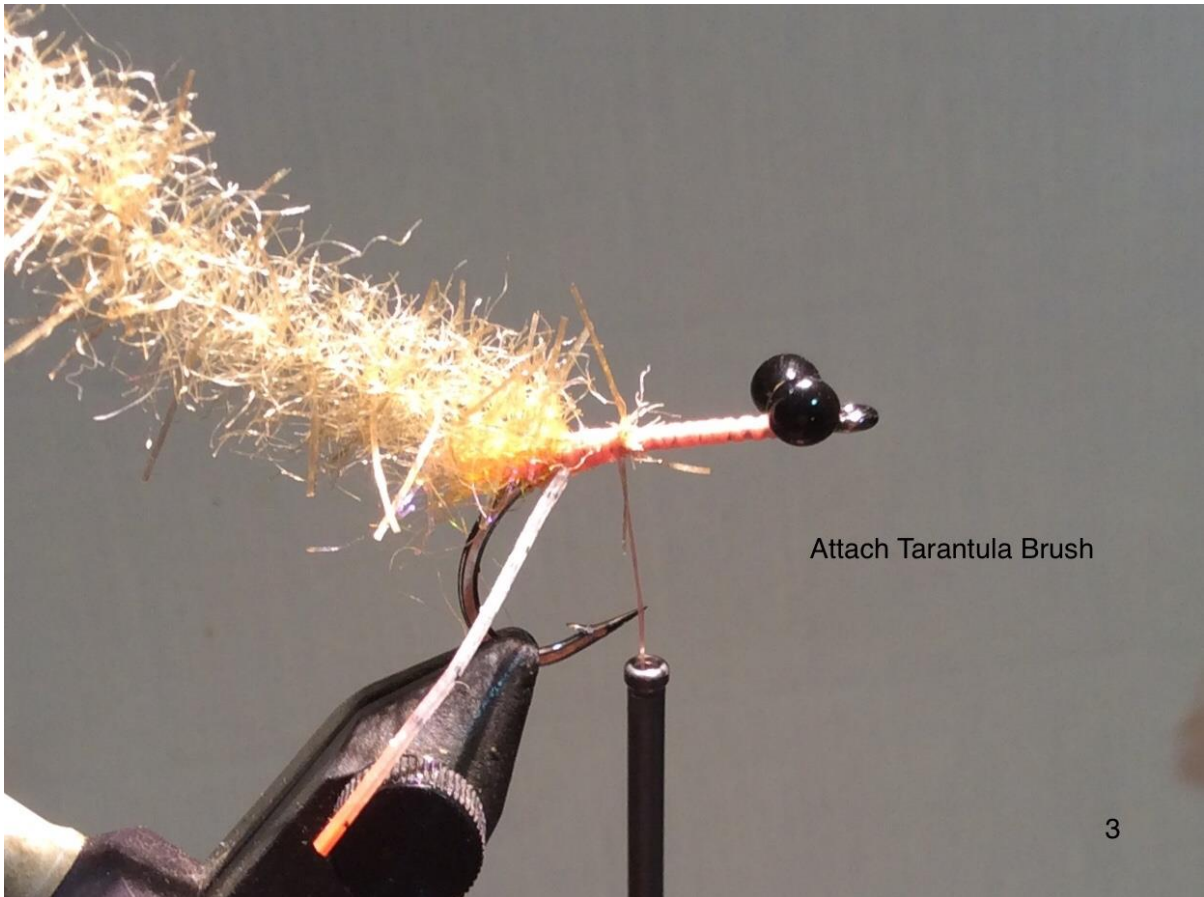
Shell: Mallard Flank





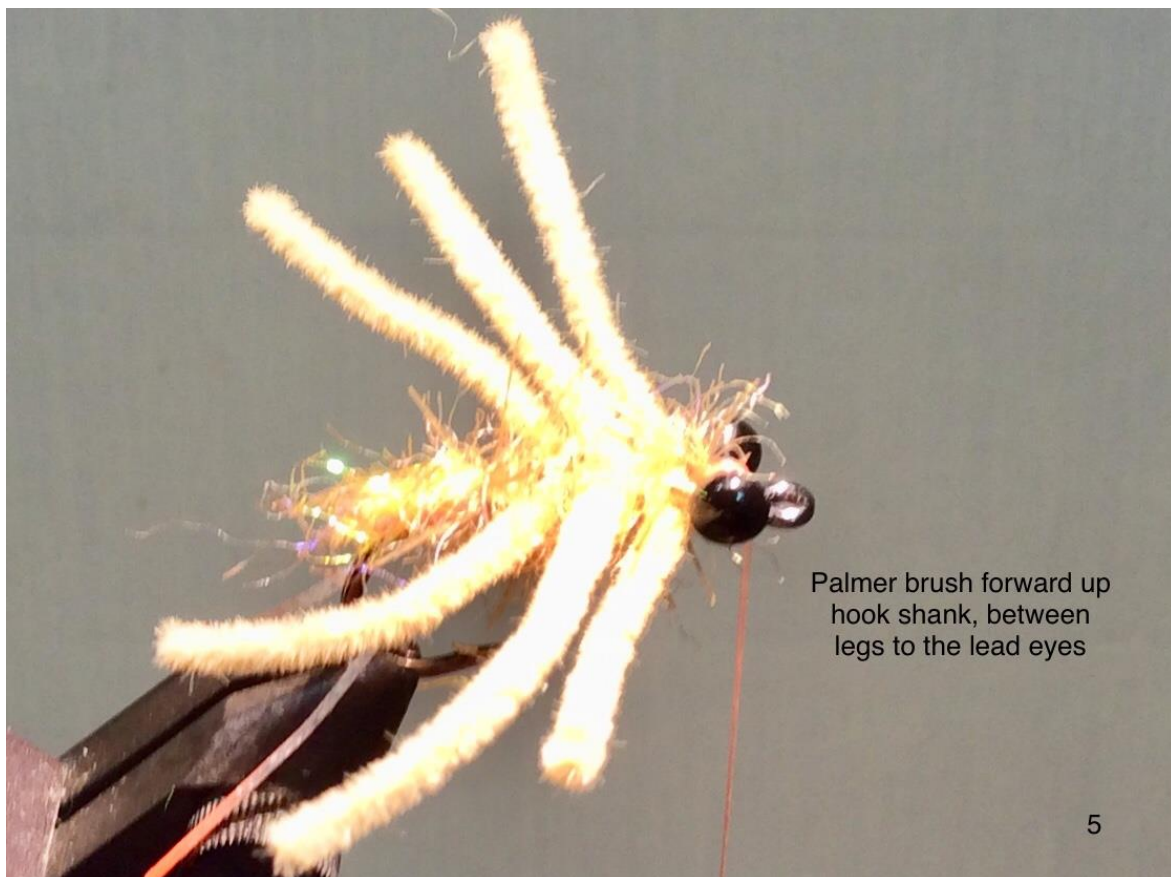
Tie on mouth dubbing and
Sili Leg antennae

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Attach Tarantula Brush

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BFFA April 2023 Events

Monthly Dinner Meeting:

April 4th at 6:30PM
Italian American Club—
1471 Cypress Ave. Melbourne

Fly Tying:

Melbourne Library
April 17th at 6:00 pm

Outings:

Nothing scheduled

Board Meeting:

April 11th 5:00 meet at Ron Winn's office
2103 Grant Place Melbourne
All members are welcome to join. We typically
eat at Megs first and then rejoin at Ron's office
around 6:00



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