



The Prez Sez *by Tom Gadacz*



SFF 8TH ANNUAL HOG ROAST , SILENT AUCTION and 20th ANNIVERSARY

It's getting to be that time for planning our main event of the year. Bring your spouse, significant other, children, or best friend to show them how much fun we fly fishers can have. If you know someone interested in fly fishing, they can come as your guest. This is a great time for a SFF family event. Mark your calendar!

On March 19, Saturday will have the SFF Annual Hog Roast and Silent Auction at the Maria Center at 5800 15th Ave S in Gulfport. This is a change in location from the Starkey House which was owned by members, John and Stacy Zientarski. John and Stacy have relocated and we have identified a very spacious hall with plenty of parking and a central location. In addition to having a roasted hog with all the trimmings we will have the pleasure of Captain Bob and his array of songs and ballads along with the silent auctions, bucket raffles and a door prize raffle. We wish to encourage our fly tiers to contribute some of their favorite patterns to the auction. These are always a big hit with our members and a sure bet to catch fish.

You can win a kayak to fish the flats and bid on a half day guided trip with one of our expert guides. My trip with Pat Damico on the Manatee River was an excellent experience in combining the casting skills from our clinic with him and fishing techniques. An overweight sinking tip line significantly increased my distance with considerable less casting effort.

2011 is also Suncoast Fly Fishers' 20th Anniversary and we plan to celebrate at the Hog Roast. We will invite all the past presidents and hope they will tell a tale or two about the club. Also invited are the guest speakers for the past year. You'll get another chance to talk with them. So mark the date on your calendar and send in your reservation early so we can plan on the number of attendees.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We will have our election of officers and board members at the March 17th General Membership Meeting. Three positions on the Board are open and the three current members in these board positions can be re-elected. We also have three positions that will be vacated and these positions will need to be filled for the remaining term of the member. These positions include treasurer, secretary and one board position. Any member interested in any of these positions can contact any member of the nominating committee or one of the officers or board members.

The nominating committee consists of Mark Craig, chair, Mark Hays, and Paul Sequira. We greatly appreciate Mark, Mark and Paul for serving on this committee.

CORRECTION

In last month's newsletter I mentioned that there are two active members in the club who were members of the founding group 20 years ago. Actually there are three. They are Robert Fischer, Alan Sewell and Layne "Smitty" Smith. We are planning to capture the history of the club and if anyone has information, stories or pictures please contact me by e-mail (thomasgadacz@yahoo.com) or phone 727-360-8030.....**Tom**

SFF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 20th Trash & Treasure Auction
- Jan 22nd SFF Outing, Emerson Point
- Mar 11/13 St Pete Boat Show, Tropicana Field
- Mar 19th Hog Roast & SFF 20th Anniversary

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Outings—Reviews & Previews by Alan Sewell



JANUARY OUTING - JAN. 22, 2011 Emerson Point, Palmetto, Florida

DECEMBER OUTING - Dec. 18, 2010 Fort De-Soto Park

This was our annual meeting of the fly fishing clubs in Southwest Florida. We honored our departed member, Don Coleman. Don was a member of our Club and a great fly fisher and a great man. He taught us many valuable tools to fish and appreciate nature.

This outing was also our annual CHILI eating event. Many members brought chili and side dishes to make this a great outing. Thanks to all club members for your support.

JANUARY OUTING - JAN. 22, 2011 Emerson Point, Palmetto, Florida

Emerson Point Preserve is located on Sned Island between Terra Ceia Bay and the Manatee River. There is good wade fishing and kayak or

canoe fishing on both sides of the Preserve. A good boat ramp is close by. Lunch will be served at the last covered pavilion at, or about, noon.

Future Outing Previews:

February - Jigs Landing, Braden River
March - Pinellas Point

Fishing Tournament 2010 - 2011

Bass-Ken Doty
Bluegill-Ted Rich
Trout-Don Manning
Redfish
Snook-Ken Doty
Other fish-Mark Hays

January 20th Program - All of us, with our own Alan Sewell as he performs as auctioneer for **SFF's Trash and Treasures Auction**. This is one of the most popular programs of the year, and Alan is a master at keeping us all laughing as we earn some money to pay the rent and support the free lunches at our monthly outings. (See Ken Hofmeister's article on page 3.) Be sure to bring in some good stuff for Alan to work with; remember, this is what keeps our dues low, pays the rent, our equipment, supplies and provides all the freebies throughout the year.

Also, it is time to elect officers and directors for 2010. The process starts with naming a Nominating Committee which we will do prior to the auction. (See Tom's article on the 1st page.)

No Designated Fly Tyer this month - With all the activity involved with setting up the auction, we won't have time to give a featured tyer the attention he/she deserves. We will continue with our featured fly tyer in February.

Casting Tips by Capt. Pat Damico, MCI

Casting Tip #13 - When casting, why do I sometime hear a "crack" when starting my forward cast?

This is a common casting fault that can be accompanied by frayed leaders or flies that lose most of their dressing. If you begin the forward cast too early and too fast this will happen. The forward part of the cast should begin as the line is almost completely unrolled, this does not include the leader. It should look like a candy cane. Begin all casts slowly, increasing speed to a final stop. As with other casting problems slow everything down always trying to make a technically acceptable cast.

SFF Information and Activities

SUNCOAST FLY FISHERS TRASH AND TREASURES AUCTION

JANUARY 20, 2011

BETTER THAN A YARD SALE!

Fly fishers drive by yard sales and slow down – hoping to spot a Sage Rod for ten bucks or an Orvis reel for five dollars. We survey the display looking for something we can use in pursuit of our favorite pastime.

Well, SFF's January TRASH AND TREASURES AUCTION is better than any yard sale you've seen yet. Here we mostly feature stuff that you can fish with. You not only get great buys; but, you can unload some of your old stuff to make room for your new purchases.

Alan Sewell, magician, will take someone else's "trash" and transform it into your "treasure" while you wait. Most organizational experts suggest getting rid of things you haven't used in a year. Well, wouldn't this be a great opportunity to pack up that extra 5 weight rod, reel with the older line, and a few boxes of "back-up" flies that you no longer use? Perhaps you have a few more fishing hats than you really use — why not save some SFF member from getting skin cancer by donating it to the auction? Or, how about giving that picture that you are now getting tired of? It might enhance someone else's art collection. Haven't we all read some great fishing books this year? Why not share the insights with another angler friend?

Take an inventory of your fishing stuff and identify what has not been used in over a year. Ask yourself if it still works. Would it make some SFF member happy to be using it? Will it raise money for SFF causes? Or, is it so tacky that Alan will ridicule you for donating it?

We'll accept anything you care to share for the SFF cause. The main difference between this auction and the Pig Roast is that the January auction features articles that have been gently used and broken in. In contrast, the Pig Roast will offer more new items.

Bring a friend—or not. But be sure to bring cash or a checkbook!

Ken Hofmeister

Don Coleman Classic by Tom Gadacz

Friday, December 17 was a great day for fishing. It was warm with little to no wind. Saturday morning at 7:30 am 8 fly fishermen were assembled under the 2 X 5 foot roof at the Ft. DeSoto boat ramp billboard to avoid getting soaking wet. Yes, this was the day for the Don Coleman Classic with chili cook off. There were 2 boats and 2 kayaks. One fisherman was putting on waders. The rest of us were watching Robert Fischer's GPS weather radar screen as it confirmed the steady downpour.

No one thought the fishing would be good and a few left for breakfast at Skyway Jacks. Smitty was discussing the GPS guided trolling motor that could keep you in the same fishing spot for hours or could guide you 60 feet along the shoreline. Yes, you can purchase one at Cabela's if you could find \$2,000 worth of Christmas gifts you can return for cash.

This was the beginning and middle of the Don Coleman tournament. Woody and Ted Rich were spotted wading at Arrowhead. About 10:30 the rain let up, the sun came out and we began to assemble at shelter #8.

Alan Sewell had his two chilies going and Leslie Hand from the Tarpon club had her chili warming. All three were great comfort foods. There were plenty of superb accompanying dishes. We had a great attendance of about 47 people and 3 confirmed fly fishermen. SFF welcomed those members of the Mangrove, Tampa and Tarpon clubs who braved the early morning weather and stayed for lunch.

Our program was highlighted by welcoming members of all four fly fishing clubs and paying respects to Don Coleman with some stories by Alan Sewell, Layne "Smitty" Smith (who has some Don Coleman flies in their original box), Ken Hofmeister and Pat Damico. The book by Don Coleman "Wading the Saltwater Flats with a Fly Rod" is available for purchase from Joe Dail, our treasurer.

We also had the Chili Judges skit with John Adams, Evan Jones, President of the Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers, and Woody Miller. By the judging of the 5th chili we all had tears of laughter. Thanks to Marianne Hays for the script for this hilarious performance.

We announced that 2011 is the 20th anniversary of SFF.

The sky was blue, the sun was warm, our bellies were full and we departed with a smile and wishing each other a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. A memorable event!*Tom*



Members of the Tampa, Mangrove, and Tarpon clubs joined the Suncoast Fly Fishers to enjoy some great chili, remembrances of Don Coleman and a recital of the "Great Chili Cook-off". Tom Gadacz photo

Fishing With A Black Dog by Marianne Hays



Morgan Hays 2005 - 2010

Sometimes all it took was a change of clothes or the sound of ice in a cooler for him to know. Sometimes it was as simple as “do you want to go get some fish?” to tip him off. No matter what, when it was time to leave, he was right there, ready to jump in the truck, off on another adventure.

Morgan was our beloved black Lab. Most of you knew him from the monthly meetings; many others saw him at the outings on the water, hoping to get a chance to play with a lizard fish. When the action was slow, he took to looking for seashells, searching with his big paws, and then sticking his head underwater, coming up like a black bear in the wilds of Alaska with a clamshell in his mouth. The water was never too cold, too rough or too grassy to bother him. When it was lunchtime, he practically waited in line with a plate in his mouth, hoping to get some venison or a piece of lunchmeat before it was all gone. Since he had so many friends, it didn't take long before he had his fill from all the handouts. He never turned anything down, except maybe olives.

Two weeks ago, Morgan was out on the flats. The water was dirty from recent winds as well as cold to the touch. That didn't stop him from his routine. The whining started, not from the chill, but from the lack of fish. After less than an hour, his mistress couldn't take it any more and it was back to the truck, home for a hot bath and an afternoon of watching football. Little did everyone know that this was his last outing.

This past Wednesday, December 29, 2010, Morgan left us. His liver had started to betray him, other organs quickly followed. With his family holding him he breathed his last, going out on his own, no more needles. Words cannot begin to describe the emptiness that engulfs his family's hearts and home. Yet, he is everywhere, his toys, bed, and yes, his black hair still somehow winds up on our plates. Someday another dog will occupy the home he once knew.

There will only be one Morgan, though. Morgan, the Wonder Dog. Rest in peace good friend.

The End Of The Beginning by Charlie Most

When American forces landed in North Africa early in World War II, the very eloquent and prophetic Winston Churchill, England's Prime Minister, said this is "not the beginning of the end but rather the end of the beginning."

If you're new to fly fishing and have only attended one or maybe two of Captain Pat's excellent casting clinics, you have just experienced the "end of the beginning."

That's because casting skills, though crucial to real success, is just the opening of a big door that leads to a lifetime of fun, beauty, tradition and adventure. It's even been said that fly fishing is a university from which you never graduate. So Congratulations!

I am a good example of this. After more than 65 years of learning or unlearning the ins and outs and the in-between nuances of fly fishing, I still run across many ideas and "tricks" that add a new perspective or change my approach to some aspect of this best of all outdoor sports.

In 1944, my 14th year, I won \$80 in the usual Tuesday night cash give-away at my small town's movie house. The first thing I bought was an eight-foot, three-piece, refurbished bamboo fly rod for \$20.

That included some rudimentary casting lessons, which consisted of "don't drop that bottle!" of coke held tightly under my right elbow while trying to cast.

But this is an old, traditional, classic and even graceful casting style but it is a long way from being efficient. If you recall the movie, "A River Runs Through It," you may have noticed the younger brother, played by Brad Pitt, used his whole arm to cast across the river and catch a big trout.

If you are primarily interested in salt water fishing, you have to learn something about tides; a big weakness of mine and something I'll probably never understand. That said, I'll not try to advise you on reading tides.

If bass and bluegills are more your thing you need to think finesse. Bass and their sunfish relatives are much farther up the evolutionary scale than any trout and they'll prove it to you. Bass are capable of showing anger or curiosity, or even playfulness.

If the water is a bit rough maybe you need to cause more of a surface disturbance, such as giving a bass bug loud pops. If the wind is down and late evening has set in, perhaps you should try some gentle casts and slow movements.

Because bluegills and largemouth bass live in the same general habitat, you can try to catch both bass and bluegills, or either. Tie on a medium bug (most bugs are too big to cast easily and they will sometimes scare the fish) and tie about 18-inches of leader to the hook bend. Then tie a small shrimp fly or nymph to the other end. It's not hard to cast and I've even caught some decent bass on the little dropper.

You may even get a double. And if tying this lash-up together is tough for you, you're in for a lot of fun just figuring out several knots that suit your needs. I still don't know them all and doubt if anyone else does. I do know the three or four I like, handle my needs and I don't look any farther unless it's something very new and fits my needs.

If mountain trout are your game, in New England, the Southern Appalachians, or in the West, you'll need to know something about the insects they eat. You then need to cast an imitation insect fly in such a way the trout will think its real. If it's dry fly, it should float naturally without the leader pulling it around. This is known as drag and is the downfall of far too many casts. You'll eventually devise differing casts for almost every presentation. And when one works, there's an adrenalin rush that is downright addictive.

Then there's the question as to how you want to approach the water, and this applies to almost all fly fishing. I was sitting at a riverside picnic table with a middle aged man who told me his two sons had just finished a fly fishing course. This tailwater below the South Holston dam in north-eastern Tennessee happens to be one of my favorite trout streams.

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The two young men, wearing waders, loaded fly vests, etc., walked past the table, waded into the water and then all the way to the other side.

Their father was so proud I hadn't the heart to tell him they had just waded through a pod of rising trout that had momentarily stopped coming up. Fifteen minutes watching the water while straightening a leader, taking a smoke or whatever could have meant success.

Then there's the matter of ethics?

Back when I started fly fishing, I often had the water all to myself because there weren't all that many fly fishers around, and you could always get away from the bait fishing bank sitters.

Not any more.

Our population has boomed, and fishing, especially fly fishing, has become very popular. It used to be that a trout fisherman, after spooking a pool, could sit down and "rest" that pool until the trout started coming up again. Might take a half hour or more but such patience will teach you a lot. I'm not about to say that's a thing of the past but you if try resting the water on most public streams, another angler will be casting into that pool almost before you can wade out.

There is an ethic involved in almost any human endeavor, including fishing. Don't worry, I'm not going jot down to a ten commandments of fishing. But I will write one.

Always treat other anglers the way you'd like to be treated.

I don't envy you all the fun you're going to have because I'm still enjoying it too. I can only wish you many years of meeting and over coming those many fly fishing challenges ahead.*Charlie*

First Bass & A Fun Weekend

Did you know that there is a program presented by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission specifically for women who would like to learn more about, and become more proficient in the field sports? Well FFWCC makes various workshops available in their Becoming Outdoor Women (BOW) program.

Kitty Rich, (Ted's better half) an experienced kayaker and camper, has attended three of these workshops — hunting (Talking Turkey), self defense (Personal Safety) and of course fishing (Bass Fishing). On a recent Bass Fishing Workshop weekend, Kitty caught her first ever largemouth bass. Regarding

this program, Kitty said "These weekend workshops are for women only and to encourage participation in outdoors experiences they may never have tried before. It's a ball! It's like scout camp for adults. All classes, and even the food, are included for a reasonable fee. The FFWCC website has the details." For more information about the BOW program, go to www.myfwc.com



Kitty Rich (right) with her first largemouth bass caught several weeks ago participating in BOW Bass Fishing workshop. Rachel Mummy photo

Catching Anything? *By Pat Damico*

How many times when you are on the water has another fly fisher asked you this question? How do you answer? A short, yes, or no, is usually not in order. It can be one of those rare days when almost anything works, but more frequently an accurate answer would involve considerable detail. “Caught three browns on a size sixteen blue wing olive,” tells us something, and could be an acceptable response. In saltwater, “A size one deceiver in white over chartreuse is producing,” would sound typical. Is this enough information to help the other fisherman get a start on a day of success? Is more



A nice spotted seatrout caught by one of Pat's clients on a recent Tampa Bay trip. Pat Damico photo

detail needed? Should the first response be, “Luck has nothing to do with it, they are just sipping, had to use a nine foot 6X leader with a downstream presentation without drag, the leader close to the fly better be under water, stay out of the water as much as possible and make a very soft delivery a few feet above where the fish is holding, a right hand curve cast with a reach upstream mend will help present the cdc pattern that they seem to want in the surface film. As you can see, I'm wearing camo clothes to blend in with the trees on the bank; move quietly because any vibration will send them scurrying.” Huh? When did you last get a detailed answer like that? And if you did, you were probably wondering why you asked the question.

One of the attractions in fly fishing is the more I learn, the more inquisitive I become, sometime a whole new series of interests is generated by a recent discovery. A half-century of chasing fish with a long rod has made the sport more of a challenge that ever. When I first began, knowledge was not as readily available. A couple old wet fly fishermen took me under their wing and helped me get a start with some hand-me-down equipment.

Technical improvements in rods, reels, lines, leaders, and synthetic tying materials, are a few of the areas where we have seen an explosion of beneficial products to further fool a fish with a brain the size of a pea. The Internet, books, and videos, fly fishing clubs as well as personal instruction will give the beginner, or expert, a wealth of knowledge. Do we take advantage of this knowledge to improve our ability to catch fish, or are we in the same pattern of limited skill each time we venture out? Do we keep remembering the day when we could do nothing wrong, and hope it will reoccur? Or are we on a constant journey to improve our skills so that we become one of the ten percent who catch ninety percent of the fish? Do you have an attitude that I'm just out for the fresh air and catching fish isn't important to me, or is that saved for fishless days?

Since I love all areas of fly fishing, I really enjoy this never-ending journey. Recently, I spent a few weeks in my native Pennsylvania, doing some trout and bass fishing. As a saltwater inshore guide in Florida, I get a variety of clients who want to pursue the challenges of this type of fishing. Speckled trout, snook, redfish, tarpon, and jack crevalle are some of the species we target. Many clients have fished freshwater, and

Catching Anything? By Pat Damicocontinued

have little or no saltwater experience. While giving some clinics on the transition from fresh to saltwater fly fishing, I emphasize what some of the requirements are for success. I encourage questions and feedback, but usually have the impression from the audience that what I am telling them about success is something they are capable of doing. The moment of truth occurs on the bow of a flats skiff when their first sight fishing opportunity unfolds and their knees turn to rubber.

As a saltwater guide who fishes mostly shallow inshore water, most of my contacts begin with a phone call, or an email. This is an opportunity to share honest information. Your casting ability especially should be understood. If your ability is limited, a guide can give you some instruction and target species that are within the scope of your skills. Many of our trips will devote the first hour or so to helping clients get their casting in tune. The growth of fly fishing has many new devotees who have varying degrees of experience and abilities. Fly fishers who have spent many years on the water can be well prepared for a trip, or can have poor preparation for a productive day of fishing depending on how well they have continued to grow in the sport. Unlike many other pastimes, age can be an advantage in fly fishing if we use our time wisely.

Capt. Pat Damico, a FFF Master Certified Fly Casting Instructor, welcomes comments or questions. Contact him at www.captpat.com, or 727-504-8649.

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Suncoast Fly Fishers Welcome New Members

SFF welcomes Andy Constantinov who joined us in November 2010. Andy comes from far-away Apollo Beach, but more impressively, lives in the west of England for six months of the year. It appears that Andy may be our only British member; since Peter Cole lives here in the USA year round, I think that disqualifies him.

Wading The Saltwater Flats With A Fly Rod and Random Thoughts From The Tying Bench By Don Coleman

With the original printing of Don's book, SFF gave a copy to all current and then new members when they joined the club. We have a good supply of these books; if you are a recent new member who did not receive a copy, please see Joe Dail at the meeting or call him at 727-725-7638.

Other members who would like an additional copy or non-members who would like a copy may purchase one for \$5.00 (plus \$2.00 postage if mailing is required). This book is loaded with excellent information and is a wonderful keepsake of a much missed member and friend of the club.

Tying Bench - Kumisky's Furry Foam Crab by Paul Sequira

Crab imitations are useful patterns for many of our in-shore fish. John Kumisky's Furry Foam Crab fly is a simple to tie, easy to cast and effective pattern. We should always have a crab pattern available when we are fishing the flats and this one will produce for you.

Materials:

- Hook: Mustad 3407 or similar, sizes 1 – 6
- Thread: 3/0 black
- Eyes: Unpainted lead eyes 1/160 for small to 1/36 for large flies
- Tail: Soft brown fur
- Claws: Natural grizzly hackle
- Legs: Natural grizzly hackle
- Carapace: Olive or tan Furry Foam

Tying directions:

1. Mash down barb and place a #4 hook in vise in the point down position.
2. Tie thread in about ¼" behind hook eye and make a small bump of thread building towards the hook eye.
3. Tie the lead eyes in using the figure eight method. Place a drop of cement on thread wraps to help secure the eyes.
4. Move the thread down to the beginning of the hook bend. Select a small bunch of brown fur (calf tail is okay) and tie it in at the hook bend. The fur should extend about ½" beyond the back of the hook.
5. Select 4 thin grizzly hackles and strip off all the barbs leaving the tips full and slightly longer than the fur tail. Pair up two sets of hackles and tie in each set on either side of the fur tail to simulate claws.
6. Turn the hook over in the vise so that the hook point is now on the top.
7. Cut a small patch of olive (or tan) Furry Foam about ½" square. Tie one corner of the foam patch to the hook shank right at the start of the bend. Let the foam stick out over the hook point for the time being.
8. Select one soft wide grizzly hackle, strip off the fluff at the bottom of the stem and tie it in directly in front of where you tied in the foam patch.
9. Palmer the grizzly hackle forward and tie in right behind the lead eyes. Cut off the excess hackle and discard. Cut away the hackle barbs on top and bottom of the fly leaving just the hackle barbs on the sides. Move the thread ahead of the eyes.
10. Fold the foam patch over towards the lead eyes and tie down the corner of the foam patch in front of the lead eyes (just behind the hook eye).
Take several wraps of thread to form a head, whip finish and cement.

Note: You have to adjust the size of the foam patch to fit the size of the hook you are using. The foam patch should lay flat against the hook shank with no slack. You may trim off the two points of Furry Foam to create a more round body or leave them as is.



Top View



Bottom View

Kumisky Furry Foam Crab. Sequira tie & photo

SFF Picture Gallery—Don Coleman Classic 2010



Top left: SFF hosted members from the Tampa, Mangrove and Tarpon clubs for the 2010 edition of our annual Don Coleman tribute outing.

Top right: Alan Sewell, SFF's master chili chef getting the cook-off started.

Middle: Evan Jones, John Adams and Woody Miller share the reading of the ever popular and hilarious "Texas Chili Cook-off."

Bottom: Smitty contemplating the chili competition. I think his judgment was that they were all terrific with Alan's version having the edge.

Tom Gadacz photos

SFF Picture Gallery - Redfishing With Pat Damico

What does a guide do when he gets a day off? He goes fishing of course. Capt. Pat Damico while fishing with Capt. John Hand, Ruskin, a fellow FFF Master Certified Fly Casting Instructor gets to enjoy the pointy end of the boat for a change.



Pat said, "They have a B&B there. We fished inside some islands on the south side of the bay on a day when there was a lot of northerly winds. Reds were sunning in shallows on the lee side in 2 ft of water. We used baitfish patterns and a brown slider John had. John belongs to Tampa Club." Capt. John holds one of Pat's fish in the photo below. Pat Damico photos



SUNCOAST FLY FISHERS INFORMATION

SUNCOAST FLY FISHERS

Our Aims and Purpose

The Suncoast Fly Fishers are dedicated to sharing their total fly fishing experiences and to developing interest in fly fishing in both fresh and saltwater. We shall promote and teach both fly fishing and related subjects of fly tying, rod building, fly casting and knot tying.. Through collaboration, fellowship, conservation and sportsmanship, we will help members become more skilled, have more fun and be more productive in the sport. Suncoast Fly Fishers support the conservation of natural resources, boating safety and fishing regulations.

BENEFITS OF SUNCOAST FLY FISHER MEMBERSHIP

- Monthly membership meetings with outstanding local speakers on fly fishing, fly tying, rod building, marine conservation and exotic fishing trips worldwide.
- Free fly casting, fly tying & knot tying instructions.
- Monthly club outings in local fresh and saltwater locales topped off with top notch lunches and story telling of the day's catch.
- Joint outings with other clubs in Florida.
- Monthly electronic newsletters with local fishing and club activity information plus fly tying instruction sheets and color photos.
- A professional website with fishing reports, links, club activity photos etc.
- Club hats and shirts.
- Annual award winning Pig Roast with first class auction.
- Charter club of the Federation of Fly Fishers.
- Make new friends and find a fishing buddy for your next fishing adventure.

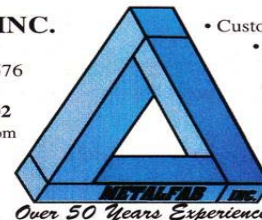
Suncoast Fly Fishers, Your Board Of Directors Working For You

Activities are at the heart of any successful organization. SFF's BOD has instituted the following Standing Committees to help us maintain a high level of activities that have proven to be popular with the membership and some new ones to fill a need as expressed through membership surveys. These committees are generally chaired by board members but you do not have to be a board member to fill that position. If you would like to volunteer to participate on any or these committees, please speak to any director.

Committees are as follows:

- Casting Skills - Pat Damico
- FFF Liaison - Pat Damico
- Fly Tying - Alan Sewell
- Membership - Pat Damico & Joe Dail
- Newsletter - Paul Sequira
- Outings - Alan Sewell
- Publicity - Roger Blanton
- Programs - BOD
- Project Healing Waters - Terry Kirkpatrick & John Craig
- Raffles - Tom Hummel & Bryan Jankovic
- Shows & Special Events - Woody Miller
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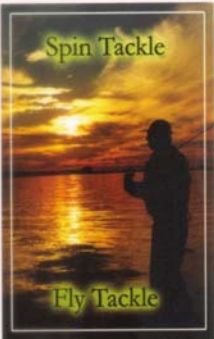


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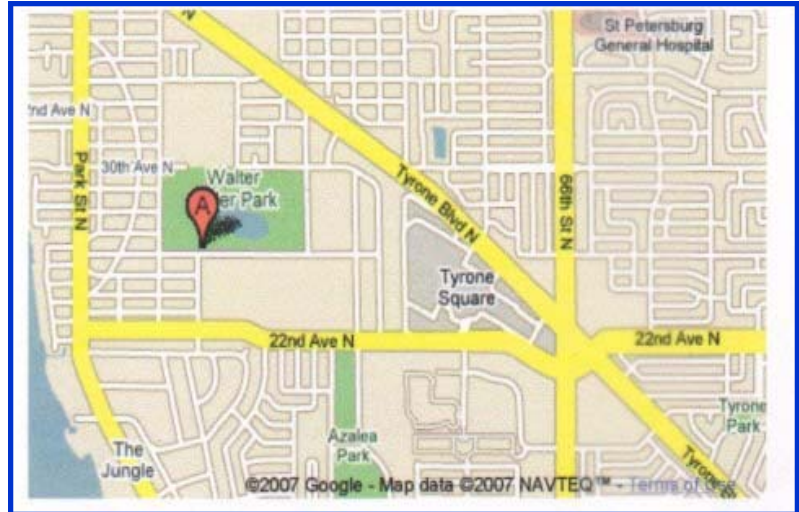
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Time: 6:00-7:00 PM Outdoor Activities & Fly Tying

7:00-8:30 Meeting & Program

Location: Walter Fuller Park

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