



On The Fly

The Prez Sez *by Tom Gadacz*



SFF Evaluation Responses

On behalf of the officers and board members, we wish to thank you for responding to the survey which evaluated of our club and its activities. I am very happy to report that you are also happy with our club. We give you credit for its success and your participation in the activities. Before discussing some of the comments I would like to encourage you to continue to give us suggestions on improving our club. It is important that new members feel comfortable about asking questions and seeking any assistance with club activities. Likewise, it is critical that the longtime members reach out and invite the new members to engage in all the activities. Invite them fishing or to share a boat. We have a great tradition for engaging and embracing new members and I would like to emphasize how important this is to a new member. I remember how Ken, Joe, Alan, Paul, Ted, and a host of others helped me.

The numerical results of the survey are in this issue of the newsletter so keep reading. (See page 3 Ed) I wish to thank Paul Sequeira for editing the best fly fishing newsletter in the world. In addition to our recognition of a great publication, we have received requests from fly fishing groups in other countries to receive and use material in our "On the Fly". We were pleased that the Hog Roast and Auction received favorable comments even though we now have a new location. A suggestion to change the menu may be difficult since we advertise this as a hog roast. We received several great suggestions for programs and plan to have a program on tides, wind, temperature and other physical forces that influence **catching** fish. Another suggestion was to have a fly fishing doctor talk about warm up exercises and protection against UV and sun exposure.

The casting clinics are superb and I know that Pat Damico and his staff try to give as much personal attention as possible. We are fortunate to have a highly skilled fly casting staff as members of our club. The outings are great and as one member commented, is the glue that holds us together. We received a few suggestions about different locations but are concerned that trips to Lakeland and other places may be more of a drive than most may wish to do. There were a few comments about the hard chairs at Walter Fuller and I really don't think we can remedy this. The web site is a great resource for our activities, newsletter, fishing reports and other events. We keep the web site as current as possible and realize that this is a real challenge and we will continue to work on this.

We will continue to work with other organizations and promote FFF goals. We have promoted several events including the Federation meeting in August in West Yellowstone, MT, the Florida Sportsman show in September at the FL Fairgrounds, the FL FF Expo in October in Kissimmee, and the Tampa Tribune Outdoor (aka Frank Sargeant) show in March, 2012 at the FL Fairgrounds. There were several suggestions for fishing reports at the meeting and this might prolong the meeting but these can be submitted to Woody for the web site. A few requests were made for more details of fly tying. There are many videos that can be accessed on the internet and can be Googled. Pat Damico has a few on line. We plan to partner with other organizations such as Tampa Bay Watch to improve on our conservation efforts and realize that many of these projects require much work and a longtime commitment.

Again, we thank you for your input and suggestions to keep SFF the best fly fishing club in the country!Tom

SFF UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 23 - SFF Outing Skyway So Rest Area
- Aug 31/Sep 3 - FFF Nat'l Conclave W. Yellowstone MT
- Sep 24/25 - FL Sportsman Fishing & Boat Show, FL Fairgrounds
- Oct 21/22 - FL FFF Council Fly Fishing Expo, Kissimmee, FL

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Outings—Reviews & Previews by Alan Sewell



July Outing, July 23rd South Rest Area June Outing: June 18, 2011

This outing was fished at Alligator Lake in Safety Harbor. The S.F.F. members tried to catch freshwater fish and it seems they had a good time. Plenty of fish were caught. It was a hot morning and the members were glad to eat lunch early. Plenty of watermelon, cold sandwiches and drinks. Richard Oldenski provided the picnic and it was appreciated. The best Bass was caught by David Mullens, at 14 inches. The largest Sunfish was caught by Dan Manning, a nice 10 inch fish.

July Outing: July 23, 2011

Our outing this month will be at the Sunshine Skyway South Rest Area. There is excellent wading on both the east and west sides of the rest area and kayaks and canoes can be launched there too. Convenient boat launching ramps are located at Maximo and Bay Vista

parks. The prize this month will be for the largest “OTHER” fish. Lunch will be served early at the picnic tables on the east side of the South Rest Area (adjacent to the parking lot).

Future Outing Previews:

August 20, 2011 — Fort DeSoto only. Wade fishing only. No fish counted unless caught wading.

Fishing Tournament Results 2011-2012

BASS - David Mullens 14 inches

SNOOK - open

TROUT - Woody Miller 21 inches

REDFISH - Mark Hays 28 inches

SUNFISH - Don Manning 10 inches

OTHER - open

(All fish must meet FWC regulations minimum size)

July 21st Program & Featured Fly Tiers — Nick Angelo and Bryon Chamberlin

will present their very well received program on tarpon fishing. This program has been highly recommended by other area guides as one of the best they have seen and admit that they also have learned a lot about this very exciting fishing. Nick and Bryon will be our featured fly tiers and will demonstrate some of their favorite tarpon flies.



Nick Angelo (photo left) is a fulltime guide who has been fishing since his early childhood. He operates his own fishing guide service Shallow Water Fly Fishing www.shallowwaterflyfishing.com/ Nick's fishing experiences include Biscayne Bay, Miami, the Florida Keys, Alaska and now Florida's West Central coast. You may remember him from the Tampa Fly Shop. Nick is an outdoor writer and has articles published in fishing periodicals and newspapers.

Bryon Chamberlin (photo right) is a full time salt water fishing guide and operates his own fishing guide service, Barbed Steel Charters, Inc. <http://barbedsteel.com/links.htm> Bryon has been guiding for 8years, mainly on the waters of Tampa Bay. An outdoor writer and avid photographer, Bryon has been published in several fly fishing magazines.



SUNCOAST FLY FISHERS PROGRAM EVALUATION 2011

RESULTS of EVALUTION

1 = NEEDS IMPROVEMENT AND 5 = FANTASTIC.

RATING 1 TO 5	CATEGORY	Total points and number of responses	
4.8	Meetings and Programs Topics, speakers	115	24
4.9	Newsletter	118	24
4.5	Outings and Fishing Places we go, lunch we have	99	22
4.7	Special events Everglades and Don Coleman Classic	71	15
4.9	Hog roast and auction Location, food, auction	108	22
4.7	Casting clinics Location, time, instructors	90	19
4.6	Fly tying At monthly meetings and work- shops	101	21
4.7	Communication Are you getting the information you need?	113	24
4.6	Web site Visit it and tell us what you think	97	21
4.1	Conservation/education	82	20
4.6	Meeting facilities Location, room, audio facilities	106	23
4.6	Interaction with others Other clubs, FF Council, FFF	89	19
4.8	Outreach programs PHW, boat shows, Marine Quest	96	20

Thanks for responding and helping to improve your SFF club.

Tom Gadacz, President
All the Board Members

Fishing Big Sky Country by Annie Hays

Despite promises of high, muddy water and a possible bear attack; my dad and I still decided to venture into the strange, foreign world of Big Sky, Montana. Our courage and dedication to fishing was tested by many fruitless attempts to catch fish, the sights of dismembered animal skeletons, and many, many overweight tourists wearing fanny packs and walking in the middle of parking lots. However our efforts were not in vain as I was rewarded with several nice fish including a 20 inch rainbow trout. Our trip began as many a trip from Florida to the Big Sky country begin; with a long plane ride, motion sickness on my part, and much arguing about the directions we received from Bing to get to our cabin. However, on the entire drive out to our condo, when we weren't deciphering directions, my dad and I were awestruck by the sheer beauty of the area. I felt, in a word, small. I had been to Colorado before, but the size of those enormous mountains really took my breath away. I also couldn't believe how nice everyone was. The only "mean" people we met on the entire trip were the ones who drove no less than 100 mph down the highway and constantly passed my speed limit abiding father.

On the next day my dad and I went fishing on the Gallatin River. We pulled off next to a bridge, and with the water roaring in front of us we cast some woolly buggers and black girdle bugs near a rock pile. Dad got a 16 inch brown and I got a 15 inch rainbow. That was the first trout I'd ever caught in freshwater. However, I learned that day that rivers are like wind tunnels for air coming off the snowcapped mountains. After 20 minutes it felt like someone had taken a sledgehammer to my fingers and we decided to call it quits.

On Monday we went into Yellowstone. We decided to be tourists for the morning and after a quick stop in the Blue Ribbon Fly shop in West Yellowstone Dad and I toured Old Faithful, several hot springs and lesser geysers, Gibbon Falls, and Firehole Falls. It still amazes me how many people were there. We couldn't even find a parking place at most of the sites so we didn't get to see some of the hot springs. I also got to see buffalo herds, elk, and mule deer. Buffalo have a very difficult and important job in Yellowstone. They must stand on or near roads all day eating grass, slowing and/or stopping traffic, and pose for many, many pictures. Yes, the life of a buffalo must be difficult indeed because supermodels are paid millions of dollars a year to live on grass and water and pose for pictures. Anyhow we also did some fishing, and Dad got 3 browns in the Madison.

On Tuesday we did pretty much the same thing, but I managed to get a small rainbow in the Firehole, and Dad got 2 rainbows there and a brown in the Gibbon. On Wednesday we were tired of messing around and we hired a guide named Tim who was about 6'3" and part billy goat. How he was able to bound up those rocks and steep banks in waders is beyond me. Somehow we even managed to cross the first place we fished, Duck Creek, without any trouble. Tim basically taught me how to nymph fish that day, and I got a 20 inch rainbow trout on a fish egg imitation. Dad got a 19 and 20 inch rainbow, and then we went to the Madison at 3 Dollar Bridge. The Madison was really scary to fish. Tim had to stand next to me to break the current so I could stand. That must have been nerve wracking for him too because I am left handed and he had to stand a foot from my left side. I didn't get any fish there, but Dad got an 18 inch brown and a 19 inch rainbow on San Juan worms.

On Thursday, Dad tried the Gallatin again while I made the mistake of taking a 3 hour horseback ride. It would have been a pleasurable experience had my horse, Two Eagles, not decided to take me for a steep downhill gallop for the stables. Of course it didn't help that the guide had let us go ahead of him after he had ridden about ten feet in front of me the whole first part of the ride, and he was too cool to speak to anyone except when I took my gallop. The next few days getting up and sitting down were excruciating.

The next day we hiked through the woods in Yellowstone and found a branch of the Firehole River. We also found some torn up shorts, a fly box, and a pile of bones all within 3 feet of each other. So we decided to go find a picnic ground very far away. On Saturday we went into Bozeman, saw the Museum of the Rockies, and then fished on Hyghlight Creek in Gallatin National Forest. We hopped around from rock to rock and Dad got 3 baby rainbows. Sunday we hiked in Beehive Basin. That was up in the mountains near Big Sky, and there was snow everywhere. I was slipping and sliding everywhere, and we even saw a snowboarder and some cross country skiers. As we were leaving the trail ice pellets started falling from the sky. I had seen snow before, but that was the first time I ever saw it falling from the sky.

Unfortunately our vacation had to come to an end with that. I can't wait for the Bighorn trip next year, and I really hope you guys don't get a lot of snow this winter.



Annie with a nice Montana rainbow trout.

Annie Hays photo.

A Report On The Substitute Muddler by Terry Kirkpatrick

Marge and I have been going to the Kapok Recreational area. The first time I made the mistake of not taking a fly rod with me. I spent most of the time sleeping, due to this cold I had for the end of April and most of May.

I didn't make that mistake again.

Two weeks ago I picked up several little bream and missed a small bass on a bead hair olive woolly booger. (*Booger is Terry's spelling; I was about to change that to bugger but then perhaps Terry has discovered a new tying material. Who knows, nasal fluff may have some special properties that draws the fish in.ED*)

Last week I tied up a couple of "substitute muddlers" and took them along to see what would happen. By chance I tied one that was fairly sparse and one that was "full bodied."

It wasn't until I got my wife settled and down to the water that I discovered I'd picked up a 5 weight rod and a 4 weight reel! Oh well, the extra stiff rod helped with the weight of the fly and the 20 knot wind that was blowing.

There are usually a few bass that hang around under the pipe that runs across Alligator Creek just below the dam. I tied the sparse substitute on and had a go at it. (This is about 1:30 pm after church on Sunday. Not exactly prime bass fishing time.)

On about the third cast I saw a shadow move out from under the pipe and felt the line go tight. I could tell it was a bigger fish than the bream I caught the week before. It was. It was a little 12 inch bass. Not the biggest bass in that hole, but not bad either. (I'm still trying for the big boy, 4 to 5 lb!) I measured the fish and turned him back into the water.

Time to switched flies. I wanted to see if the fly with more fur on it would catch a bigger fish. I fished it for about a half hour and did have a few follows, but didn't have any strikes. So far I'd say tying the "substitute" sparse is better than tying it full.

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Top: Terry with a typical bass as mentioned in the narrative taken on an earlier trip to Alligator Creek. Bottom: Terry's Substitute Muddler which was featured in last month's (June 2011) Tying Bench column. Kirkpatrick photos.

Editor's Page by Paul Sequira

I thought I would share some thoughts regarding the newsletter. The recent “how are we doing poll” had some interesting responses for each of the categories. First, let me thank all of you for the nice things you said about the newsletter. Creating *On The Fly* every month is a bit of work, but it is gratifying to know that you all enjoy it and look forward to each new edition every month.

There were some good suggestions of things that could be added to the newsletter; one was to include a monthly feature identifying good websites covering such things as fly patterns and instructions regarding other subjects relating to fly fishing. I could do that, but currently I spend on the average of 12 to 15 hours a month putting the newsletter together. If I were to add such a feature, it would involve quite a bit of research, file maintenance and several hours of my time to do this.

You can do this yourselves. There is an incredible amount of information about fly fishing and fly tying on the Internet. Anytime I have wanted to find some information about a standard or new currently popular fly pattern I have always found it (this may not include some local patterns by your fishing partner, but even they may appear somewhere on the internet). Often, I have even found videos of either the fly's developer or some other excellent tier demonstrating the tying procedure. There are many sites out there, you'd be surprised at what you can find on You Tube.

Sometimes I do include a link for you to go to make it easier to tie a complicated fly pattern as I did this month for the Muddler Minnow in the Tying Bench column. A couple of years ago I wrote an article about fishing the Everglades describing all the places we fish, the flies and equipment needed, where to stay, etc. and I included links to various websites providing detailed information for those of you who had never been there before so you could have a successful trip. I, and other On The Fly writers, will continue doing this. However, if I were to provide a list of websites that may interest you every month, I'd be cheating you out of the pleasure of discovery you get when you find these things for yourself.

My favorite search engine is Google. Just type in a few words (enclosed in quotation marks to avoid getting links to each individual word) describing what you are looking for, and magically a whole list of links will be identified for you. They may not all be exactly what you are looking for, but many will be.

Do you need directions to get to the location of our fishing outings? If you attend the monthly meeting, Alan always has directions for you; but if you miss the meeting, go to Mapquest, RandMcNally-maps or Google maps and you'll find just what you need.

It was also suggested that we include a feature of the fishing related biography of club members. This could be a fun idea. If anyone would like to write their autobiography and email it to me I'll be more than pleased to publish it.

Now, just to accommodate those members who were thoughtful enough to provide some suggested subjects that would be helpful to have a link to a website for more information, I have identified a few below.

Knot tying - <http://www.animatedknots.com/indexfishing.php>

Beginning fly tying - <http://www.flyangleronline.com/>

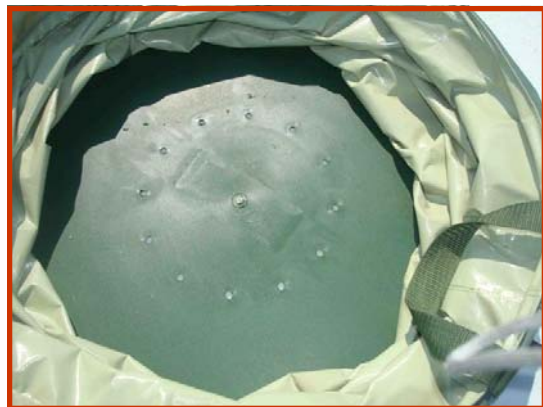
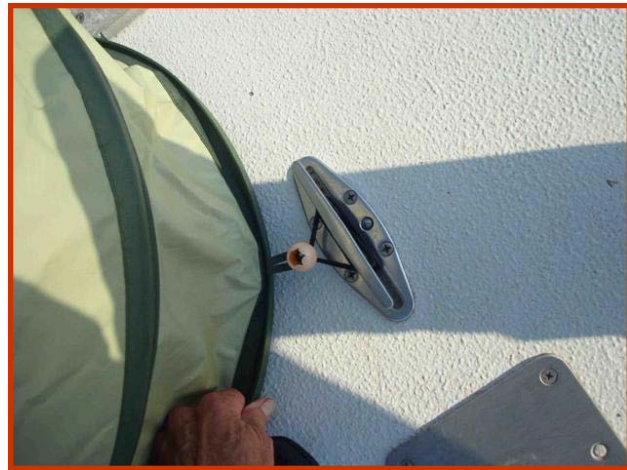
Bass & bream fly patterns - <http://www.warmwaterflytyer.com/welcome.asp>

Catch Magazine – great photography and it's free - www.catchmagazine.net

Okay, that ought to get you started. Now Google up a bunch of stuff and if you find something that you think will interest other members, write an article about it, email it to me and I'll be happy to pass it along in the newsletter.

A Cool Stripping Basket by *Bill AuCoin*

Here is my newest fly fishing tool -- a fly line stripping basket that masquerades as a collapsible leaf container. It's the Fiskars 9413; officially the Fiskars 9413 30-Gallon Hard Shell Base Kangaroo Gardening Container. (There are other models but the 9413 is the best for fly fishing, in my opinion, because it has a hard bottom to keep it in place and in shape on your boat deck.) You could even use it on the beach. It's very light in weight. [Amazon](#) sells them for less than \$30. I used it for the first time this morning and it was terrific (Bill sent this to me on June 18thED).



Top left: \$30 stripping basket ready for action
Top right: It is collapsible
Above: Keeps fly line in place
Middle right: Secured to a deck cleat
Bottom right: Features hard bottom with drain holes
AuCoin photos

SFF Activities and Information

Casting Tips by Capt. Pat Damico, MCI

Casting tip # 19

Is it ever appropriate to stand with your casting foot forward?

Some distance casters will use this method, or may end up this way after using their body and shifting from a position where they begin with the casting foot back. You should try different stances in fishing situations. A fast moving river with slippery rocks will cause you to stand many different ways. Placing your casting foot forward is often more comfortable when casting to the opposite side. It may be helpful when a right-handed caster makes a reach cast to the left as in many trout situations to prevent drag and extend drift.

Fly Casting

Club rods are available for fly casting assistance for members between 6:00 and 7:00 pm before the meeting on the grassy area near the parking field. Check with any director or officer if you would like some help in learning or improving your casting.

A formal casting class with Capt. Pat Damico, MCI is tentatively scheduled for November 19, 2011, 9:00 to 11:30 am at Ft. DeSoto's East Beach. Casting clinic in the morning and our monthly fishing outing will follow at Ft. DeSoto after the 12:00 noon lunch. Watch the newsletter for more information*PS*

SFF Shirts

If you ordered an SFF tee shirt with the new logo and haven't picked it up yet be sure to see Mark Craig at the meeting. We have 12 shirts left in XL and XXL sizes; some of them were ordered by members who have not picked them up yet.

All of these shirts will go on sale to anyone at \$11.00 each if they are not picked up at the July meeting. If you would like to order a shirt, please see Mark to get in on the next order.*PS*

Tying Bench - Mostly Grizzly by Ken Hofmeister

This fly is something of a synthesis between the E. C. Bait Fish (Bill Couch), the Grizzly Bend back (Aaron Adams), and various Enrico Puglisi patterns with a few improvisations. "Mostly Grizzly" is named in recognition of Charlie Most who tried to teach me how to tie with grizzly hackle. Major challenge is to find grizzly hackle since female fashion has depleted fly shop supply. Then too, there is the question of whether to tie flies or sell hackle to highest bidder!

Materials:

- Hook: Owner SSW Model # 5115-101 or #5315-091 in either size 2 or size 1.
- Thread: Black, olive, or white (depending on underbody)
- Wing: E.P. Fibers, Neer Hair, or similar material in white, off white, or beige
- Overwing: Pair of grizzly saddle hackles, one on each side
- Flash: Tan, Green, White crystal flash, tied in at sides
- Top: Peacock herl (one or two herls); Black and grey polar fiber
- Eyes: Mirage Eyes ¼ inch or smaller
- Underbody: Marabou: Pink, white, or tan



Mostly Grizzly tied by Ken Hofmeister
Sequira photo

Tying Instructions:

1. Wrap thread from eye to bend of hook and back to middle of hook.
2. Attach a 3 inch piece of E.P. Fiber, or similar poly fiber by tying in middle of hook and material.
3. Bend fiber back over and tie in.
4. Attach two or three strands of crystal flash on each side.
5. Lay a two inch piece of black and grey polar fiber near hook eye and tie in.
6. Tie in one or two peacock herls to form the back of the fly.
7. Turn hook over in the vise and tie in a sparse clump of Marabou (pink, white, or tan).
8. Select two grey grizzly hackles about the same size as the fly and tie in one on each side.
9. Wrap the head securely and tie off with whip finish, half hitch, or knot of your choice.
10. Build a base of Thick Soft Body anglerschoicelyingmaterials.com where eyes will go.
11. Press eyes into the Soft Body with tooth pick and hold for a few seconds.
12. Use Sally Hansen's Hard as Nails or Zap-a-Gap to coat head.
13. Allow to dry before using under docks on a moving tide.

A note from Ken Hofmeister "Due to unusually heavy demand for grizzly hackle, wholesale prices have skyrocketed. It seems fashion conscious women are buying up the supply for cosmetic purposes. Faced with high cost of materials, we have no choice but to raise prices on our tried and proven "Mostly Grizzly" fly. Naturally, they will still come with a "Georgia Guarantee." That is, if you lose it you bought it! If you don't catch fish with it, it's your fault!"

Tying Bench - Muddler Minnow by Paul Sequira

Mark Hays' success with the Muddler Minnow at this year's Everglades trip sparked quite a bit of interest in this excellent pattern that has been catching fish since the 1930s. Developed by Dan Gapen to catch the spectacular large brook trout of the Nippegon River in British Columbia, the fly itself has spawned dozens of variations and new flies. In last month's Tying Bench, we featured Terry Kirkpatrick's Substitute Muddler. Since some members wanted to learn how to tie the Muddler, I demonstrated it at SFF's Tie-A-Thon last month. Here are the tying instructions for those of you who missed it.



Muddler Minnow tied and photographed by Paul Sequira

Materials

- Hook: Mustad 34891 3XL streamer, size 4 thru 10
- Thread: white 3/0 flat waxed nylon
- Tail: Mottled turkey feather slips*
- Body: Medium gold mylar
- Underwing: Grey squirrel tail
- Overwing: Mottled turkey feather slips*
- Collar: Deer body hair
- Head: Deer body hair

Instructions:

1. Mash down the hook barb and secure in the vise in the normal fashion. Attach the thread with a jam knot approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ the length of the hook shank behind the eye. Wrap the thread to the start of the hook bend in close wraps.
2. Cut two slips of mottled turkey feather, each approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ the width of the hook gap. The long fibers are used to create the tail. Match the pair with the dull side facing inward.
3. Secure the tail feathers to the top of the hook shank at the start of the bend. Hold the feather slips gripping the slips and the hook shank between your index finger and thumb. Slide the tying thread up between your thumb and the near side of the slips, and then down the other side between your index finger and the far side of the slips. Bring the thread back up between your thumb and the near side feather slip, pulling the thread directly up. This will tighten the wrap and cause the turkey slips to sit directly on top of the hook. Now wrap the thread forward (never wrap back past your first wrap) towards the hook eye trapping the remaining feather fibers. Make nice even wraps to create a smooth underbody, stopping at the tie-in point. Cut away excess fibers. The tail should be approximately twice the length of the hook gap.
4. Cut a length of gold/silver mylar about four inches long at a sharp angle. Lay the point of the mylar against the hook with the gold side facing you at the tie-in point and take 2 or 3 tight wraps to secure it to the hook. Now wrap the mylar towards the tail with each wrap butting up against the previous wrap. Stop at the start of the tail and reverse your wraps going forward to your original tie-in point and again make sure each wrap butts up against the previous wrap. Take 3 or 4 tight wraps to secure the mylar and cut away the excess. Take a couple of half hitches here with a drop of head cement to lock in every thing.

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Tying Bench - Muddler Minnow by Paul Sequira ..continued

5. Cut a small bunch of squirrel tail about the thickness of a wooden match for the under wing. Make sure that the tips of the hair are even and tie it in by the butts where you finished off the mylar. The underwing should extend to the hook bend.
6. Cut two more slips of turkey feather about 1/3 the width of the hook gap for the over wing. Just as you did for the tail, match the slips with the dull side facing inward.
7. Position them over the tie-in point of the under wing. Now tie them in following the directions in step 3 for the tail. The wing should extend to ½ the length of the tail.
8. Cut a bunch of deer body hair about the thickness of a pencil and remove all the fuzz at the butts. It is important to clean this stuff out or the deer hair won't spin evenly. Even the tips of the deer hair and trim the butts evenly.
9. Now place the batch of deer hair along side the bare hook shank at a 45° angle in front of the wing (You left this part of the hook bare didn't you?). Take two wraps of thread around the hair and the hook shank while holding the hair between your thumb and index finger and slowly tighten the thread by pulling down. As the loops tighten, release your fingers. Take an additional wrap or two as the hair spins around the hook shank forming a collar. The tips of the collar should extend back about ½ the length of the hook shank.
10. Move the thread forward in front of the spun deer hair and with your thumb and index finger nails, push the deer hair back towards the tail to make room for another batch of hair.
11. Cut a second batch of deer body hair about the same size, remove all the junk at the butts, cut the butts even, cut away the tips (you don't need them this time), place the batch in front of the bunch you just spun and secure the hair to the hook just as you did for the first bunch in step 9. Take a couple of thread wraps in front of the spun deer body hair, move the thread forward and tie off with a whip finish.
12. You're in the home stretch now. Take your scissors and trim the hair on the bottom of the hook flat, to open up the hook gap. Now with your scissors or bodkin, stroke the deer hair forward leaving the natural tips of the first batch of hair laying back towards the tail to form a collar, you don't want to trim them.
13. Now trim the rest of the hair to form the head in your desired shape. Do this slowly and methodically. If you cut too much, you can't put it back. A little head cement on the thread wraps and you're done.

This may seem like a complicated and lengthy process but it takes more time and effort to write these directions than it does to actually tie the fly. And what the heck, if it were really easy, it wouldn't be much fun.

**Note: Traditionally, the secondary flight feathers are used for the tail and overwing; you will need a matched pair of feathers, to create one left and one right slip. Only the long fibers are used, the short fibers, or biots, are not used for this fly. However, you may use one turkey mottled tail feather since the fibers of the tail feathers are the same length on either side of the stem. The secondary flight feather fibers are somewhat stiffer than tail feather fibers and make a slightly sturdier fly.*

Step-by-step pictorial instructions can be found at <http://www.charliesflyboxinc.com/flybox/details.cfm?parentID=54>

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 of 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 & Roger Blanton
- Newsletter - Paul Sequeira
- Outings - Alan Sewell
- Publicity - Roger Blanton
- Programs - BOD
- Project Healing Waters - Terry Kirkpatrick & John Craig
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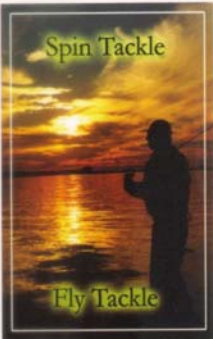


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Wading The Saltwater Flats With A Fly Rod and Random Thoughts From The Tying Bench By Don Coleman

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 Tom Gadacz at the meeting or call him at 727-360-8030.

Other members who would like an additional copy or non-members who would like a copy may purchase one for \$5.00 (plus 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.

SFF Photo Gallery, June 16th Tie-A-Thon



Left: Al Pitcher looks a little surprised at his latest creation.

Right: A sample of some of Al's excellent fly tying.

Bill AuCoin photos



Left: A pair of Ken Hofmeister's new killer fly, the Mostly Grizzly (MG) tied and photographed by Ken. See Tying Bench page 9 .

Right: Ken Hofmeister tying the MG.

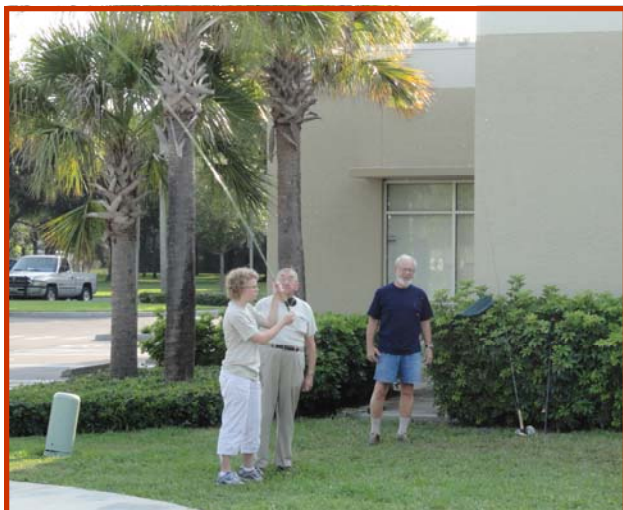
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Above: Paul Sequeira demonstrated the Muddler Minnow at the Tie-A-Thon see page 10. Top row standard Muddler Minnows, bottom row Marabou Muddlers Tied & photographed by Paul Sequeira

SFF's June Tie-A-Thon was a lot of fun. We had seven tiers including Alan Sewell, Al Pitcher, Ken Hofmeister, Paul Sequeira, Craig Smothers (who came up from Sarasota to share his tying skills), a new member who I apologize for not knowing his name and Michael Larkin, a future member who is moving here from South Florida. All in all, the crowd really enjoyed the demonstrations, learned some fly tying techniques and generally had a good time socializing and eating free pizza. Thanks to all the tiers for sharing your skills. We'll have to do it again.

SFF Photo Gallery — Some recent catches



Top left: Some nice trout and ladyfish provided Mitchell & Mathew Scogna with action fishing with Pat Damico July 4th weekend. Pat Damico photo

Top right: Ken Hofmeister with a pair of nice trout that fell prey to his Mostly Grizzly a couple of weeks ago.

Middle left: Joe Dail managed to snag a couple of MGs from Ken and caught this nice redfish while fishing with Ken around the N.E. St Pete docks on June 20th. (Many other catches have been reported with the MG. Unfortunately, we have no photographic corroboration. ...ED)

Middle right: Jim day caught this nice Spanish mackerel earlier this year while fishing with Ken Hofmeister. (I don't think the MG had been born yet.ED)

Last 3 photos by Ken Hofmeister

Bottom left: Charlie Most helps Annie Hays brush up on her casting skills in preparation for her big western adventure. See Annie's report on page 4. Paul Sequira photo

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7:00-8:30 Meeting & Program

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