

Suncoast Fly Fishers*On The Fly*

The Prez Sez *by Tom Gadacz*



Summer Fishing

Now that the temperature is warming up, night fishing has many advantages. You can enjoy fishing without the sun beating down on you and the temperature is cooler. Night fishing was last month's outing event. Partnering with Myron Hansen around the docks was a great experience. Myron knew the spots and we landed several trout and even a redbfish. The redbfish was a surprise to me but does occur under the docks. Casting to the shadows away from the light and also under the dock improves the chance of getting a bigger fish. Casting under the dock can be tricky. If you hook a fish get him out fast otherwise he will tangle your line around a piling and break off. Another problem with casting under the dock is that anticipated high cast that hooks the dock. A few whips of the line might dislodge the fly or it might be an easy reach to unhook the fly without getting on the dock. If all attempts fail, break off the fly but do not trespass. Some dock owners may discourage fishing around their dock and turn off the lights. This is the time to move to another dock. Others may come out and even tell you where they spotted the big fish. This happened when Myron and I were fishing. The man even suggested a few spots in his canal. Spot lights shining into the water will attract fish; however, under water lights seem even better. As you quietly approach the lights on the dock you can see the shadows flashing around the light. Myron can spot the type of fish and we avoided fishing for catfish at a couple of docks. What you can't see are the potential luggers under the dock or in the shadows. Myron is a great partner who has a lot of experience and put us on plenty of fish. In addition to Myron, there are also other experienced night fishers in our club and I would suggest you partner with any of them. Although I have caught some fish on our daytime outings, night fishing has been the most productive for me. If you haven't tried it, I would encourage you to do some this summer. It is an ideal time. Beautiful nights on the water, cooler temperatures, no sun, and delightful group of guys in the club to be your partner are a benefit of being a SFF member.

The National Fly Fishing Fair & Conclave 2011 Presented by the Federation of Fly Fishers

For those of you who are interested in western fly fishing, the FFF meeting this year is in West Yellowstone, MT from August 30 to September 3. There are many activities and workshops on fly casting, tying, conservation, and even fishing. Many excellent rivers and lakes are nearby with some great scenery. You can fish the Madison, Gallatin, Gardner, Gibbon, Firehole, and Yellowstone rivers plus the Shoshone and Yellowstone lakes. National Park tours are available to see geysers, boiling mudholes and Old Faithful. The best part for me has been the wildlife with thousands of roaming bison, elk, moose, bears, and even the possibility of wolves. Gawking at the wildlife will result in missing a few strikes and that is when you are fishing and not catching. Registration is from June 6 to August 1 and you can register and view the schedule of activities at www.federationconclave.org.

Suncoast Fly Fishers Survey

We need feedback from you about how we are doing. If you cannot attend the meeting, please fill out the evaluation form in this newsletter (see page 3) and mail it to the address at the bottom. There will also be some forms at the June meeting with plenty of pencils. Thanks for your help.

. ...Tom

SFF UPCOMING EVENTS

June 16 - Club meeting - Tie-A-Thon and free pizza night. Bring your tying gear and show off your latest and greatest creations.

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Outings—Reviews & Previews *by Alan Sewell*



June Outing: June 18, 2011 Alligator Lake

May Outing: May 21, 2011

This was a really great night of fishing the lights around our docks. The wind was a no-show, and the temperature was perfect. There were a LOT of fish to eat our flies, and they did, except there were no snook caught that met the minimum length. There were two outstanding catches caught by our members. The largest trout was caught by Woody Miller, a 21 inch yellow mouth, and the largest redfish was caught by Mark Hays, a whopper 28 inch. Great catch for these and all fish that were caught.

June Outing: June 18, 2011

We will be fishing this outing at Alligator Lake. It was listed in last month's newsletter as being at Lake Manatee, but there is very low water and it would not be a good time to fish. No water on the shores. We will fish from sun-up till 11:30, when our chefs will prepare

lunch. This will be a good time to lock-up the Bass and Sunfish spots on our year long tournament. Prizes will be for the largest sunfish over 8 inches and the largest Bass over 12 inches.

Future Outing Previews:

July 23, 2011 - Skyway South rest Area

Aug 20, 2011—Ft DeSoto

Fishing Tournament Results 2011-2012

REDFISH - Mark Hays 28 inches

SNOOK - open

TROUT - Woody Miller 21 inches

BASS - open

SUNFISH - open

OTHER - open

(All fish must meet FWC regulations minimum size limit.)

June 16th Program — Fly Tying and Free Pizza

Our program for June is one of the most popular events of the year. Everyone is invited to bring their fly tying gear and tie their favorite flies, shoot the breeze with fellow club members and eat free pizza. No matter what your fly tying skill level is, we want you to join in of the fun. Maybe you'll learn something new and maybe you'll teach someone else something new. Lots of pizza and soft drinks will be available so please set up a table and tie some flies.PS

Casting Tips by Capt. Pat Damico, MCI

Casting tip #18:

Why do some casters stand square to the target?

Standing with both feet together facing the target is frequently used when accuracy, especially with relatively short casts, is required. Having the rod vertical and close to your eyes will also minimize triangulating to reach the target. When experiencing casts that form loops that are out of plane a square stance is useful. Turning to watch your backcast may cause your arm and rod to sweep off plane and create the elliptical loop that will take power away from your cast.

SUNCOAST FLY FISHERS PROGRAM EVALUATION 2011

PLEASE RATE THE ACTIVITIES ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 5

1 = NEEDS IMPROVEMENT AND **5 = FANTASTIC**. ADD SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

RATING 1 TO 5	CATEGORY	COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT
	Meetings and Programs Topics, speakers	
	Newsletter	
	Outings and Fishing Places we go, lunch we have	
	Special events Everglades and Don Coleman Classic	
	Hog roast and auction Location, food, auction	
	Casting clinics Location, time, instructors	
	Fly tying At monthly meetings and workshops	
	Communication Are you getting the information you need?	
	Web site Visit it and tell us what you think	
	Conservation/education	
	Meeting facilities Location, room, audio facilities	
	Interaction with others Other clubs, FF Council, FFF	
	Outreach programs PHW, boat shows, Marine Quest	

Please indicate which committee you would be willing to serve on: Program___; Outings___;
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Name: _____ (optional)

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Thanks for helping to improve your SFF club.

Tom Gadacz, President

The Nocturnal Novice by Annie Hays



Mark with his club tournament leading 28" redfish Hays photo



Annie with two nice spotted seatrout Hays photo



Mark with another nice spotted seatrout and a 27" redfish Hays photo

9:30 PM McDonalds. Oh, perhaps I should skip the hot, greasy cheeseburgers and fries that Dad and I ate to keep ourselves up for five hours. You might get hungry. This is not a restaurant review; this is a semi-factual account of my first time night fishing with a fly rod. Now then, we launched at Jungle Prada shortly thereafter. We realized halfway to the docks as we cruised through the channel that Dad had mixed up the wires on the battery, and thus we were without a depth recorder. This made navigating the channels a bit difficult. The dead low tide did not help things. At least this would help me prepare for rowing a tiny drift boat down the mighty Big Horn, which is full of rocks.

As we began to cast our shminnows to the dock lights (I cannot disclose which docks these were as I am a respectable fisherwoman), I thought of my fellow adventurers who will journey with me to Montana next month. I especially thought of the two kids that have e-mailed me the most: Connor Murphy of Ft. Collins, Colorado and Talia Oulton of Gunnison, Colorado. Though they are both younger than me they have been trout fishing their entire lives, and they both know more about nymphs, hatches, drift boats, and tying size 20 flies than I'll ever hope to comprehend. Sure, I've really improved my casting and tying thanks to Dad and Tom Green's classes, but I'm still a novice at cutthroat and rainbow fishing.

Suddenly I feel a tug at my line. In my deep contemplation a fish had eaten my fly and was now confused why the minnow was stuck in its lip. The fish turned out to be a 14 inch trout. After several more docks and small fish Dad and I spied the Kraken under a light. The Kraken was a 27 inch redfish that Dad was able to hook on a fly that was not a shminnow, and I finally netted it for him five minutes later.

After we moved to another dock that was near an apartment playing Katy Perry at 1:30 AM I again thought about the trip. I began to see some similarities between what I was doing and the books I'd read about stream fishing. The casting was about the same if not easier. Dad seems to think river trout fight like ladyfish, which I've caught plenty of. If I could make a 16 and a 16.5 inch trout eat a fuzzy thing that sort of looked like a minnow then how hard would it be to get a rainbow trout to eat an almost exact replica of a mayfly? Maybe this wouldn't be so hard after all. When I again came out of my delirium I found myself racing to grab the net. Dad caught a 28 inch redfish and needed some help. I'd like to see a trout fisherman fight such a beast and then be so humble about it afterwards.

Fishing The North Fork of the South Platte River by Tom Gadacz



Left: Tom's grandson Moss McLaughlin playing a nice trout while guide John Hagan coaches him. Photo right: Moss proudly show a gorgeous 18" rainbow while guide John Hagan looks on. Tom Gadacz photos

While visiting my daughters and grandkids in Boulder, Colorado it was difficult to pass up a chance to fish the North Fork of the South Platte River. This fork is a 50 mile tributary of the South Platte River that runs through a rugged mountain area southwest of Denver. Much of the water is on private ranches. It runs along US 285 and through Bailey. The surrounding mountains provide some spectacular views.

So off we (my 17 year old grandson, Moss, and I) went with John Hagan, my favorite guide. Oxbow Ranch was the area we previously fished and this time we fished a mile stretch on the property of The Perfect Drift fly fishing club. The water was somewhat turbid with a flow of about 280 cfs and temperature in the low 40's. Fortunately the big current that comes with the snow melt had not yet started. We wade fished the holes with 9 foot 5 and 6 weight. rods. We started at 9:00 AM and by 11:00 Moss had landed 6 rainbow trout averaging about 18 inches (see attached photos). My single fish was one of slightly smaller size. Morning fishing was really hot using two droppers with a strike indicator. We needed small lead sinkers to get the nymphs deep. A pink San Juan worm, caddis nymphs, and small bead heads were the best.

We took a brief lunch break and fished for several more hours until 5 PM. My only claim was hooking a 30 inch rainbow, and after fighting it upstream it took off downstream, got behind a big boulder and sheared off the tippet. Darn, darn, darn! Moss caught at least 20 rainbows including a brown trout and Tom not quite 20.

So much for my point of view. Moss's comments include "I did not expect to catch so many fish. Things were happening all the time. John was great. He helped me see the holes and where to cast, explained their food, and how the fly imitated natural things they eat. He also taught me how to identify a strike and hook the fish. He would sometimes yell but wanted to make sure we did it well."

John Hagan was great and can be reached at hagenoutdoors@aol.com or 303-915-1753.

Dayle Mazzarella - Mountain Stream Fly Fishing You can do it.

A guide can help. *by Bill AuCoin*

Fly guide Dayle Mazzarella and his wife Barbara have life figured out. This is what you do, see. You fish Florida's Gulf Coast in the winter and spring. When the 'poon bite slows, you go west and fish Rocky Mountain streams in summer and fall. If you've timed it right you've evacuated Florida before the summer doldrums and resettled in Wyoming when the muddy- water snowmelt season is over. The streams are running clear now and big browns, cutthroats and rainbows are really, really hungry.

Must be nice. Oh, it is nice, as Suncoast Fly Fishers could see at the May meeting as Mazzarella showed us slide after scenic slide of mountain stream fly anglers fishing Snake River feeder streams like the Grey, Salt, and Hoback. Sometimes, wild sheep were watching them.

Oh, the life. It's quite doable actually. To paraphrase the Home Depot slogan... You can do it. A guide can help. Dayle can help.

On a mountain stream you don't need to know how to cast a Clouser 70 feet like you do for a redfish. Instead of an 8-weight that loads up your arm to the edge of an ache you will enjoy working a dry fly with a 3-weight or retrieving nymphs on a 5/6. That said, if you're brand new to fly fishing a mountain stream, it is humbling but helpful to remember this: you probably do not know what you do not know.

For one thing there's state law. You can park and wade on this stream but on that one you must fish from a boat. And don't get out of the boat or you could get shot by an angry homeowner. The law is on his side. In other places there are grizzly bears. You can blow your whistle and ring your bell. Grizzlies like whistles and bells. Grizzlies obey their own laws.

And then there's the entomology. Oh my, there's the hatch. How do I match it?

As with saltwater fishing you need to know how to read the river. That's a seam. That's a rock. That's a very deep hole. This stretch of river is dead. Nothing happening. Keep moving. But when you've gotten your feet wet, so to speak, you can do it. Read all you can before you fish. Chat up the people at the fly shop.

You can fish the Grey, a small river that runs into the Snake before it leaves Wyoming. It's one of Mazzarella's favorites for dry fly fishing for cutthroat trout. No boat is necessary. This one has 67 miles of public access.

And there are many smaller streams that are just right for catching cutthroat spawners in the spring. When the bigger streams go muddy, these upper creeks stay clear. This is classic Rocky Mountain dry fly fishing.

You'll want to fish the Salt River. It runs from south to north into the Snake just inside of neighboring Idaho then runs south to north through farmland. Smooth and winding, the Salt is Mazzarella's go-to river for big brown trout. It also has good dry fly fishing for cutthroat and a few rainbows but you will enjoy throwing a big streamer to a big brown.

Mazzarella does. He will throw streamers on the Salt that are bigger than the ones he throws at beach tarpon along Florida's beaches.

The Hoback is another Mazzarella favorite, a tributary of the Snake between Jackson and Alpine, which is where the Mazzarellas live. Part of the year.

Okay, then the bite slows. So you and yours pack up and head to San Diego and spend Thanksgiving holiday with family.

Since it's so close, it makes perfect sense to scoot down to Baja to fish for rooster fish. Then it's time to return to Florida's west coast for snook and tarpon.

Yep.

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SFF's May guest speaker Dayle Mazzarella near one of his favorite Rocky Mountain trout streams. Mazzarella photo See more photos in the Picture Gallery

SFF Activities and Information

SFF Welcomes New Members

Welcome to new members Michael Grillo from Tampa and Bill Lane from St. Petersburg. We hope you will enjoy your membership and take advantage of the many opportunities we offer to learn or increase your fly fishing knowledge, skills and pleasure.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 June meeting. If you would like to order a shirt, please see Mark to get in on the next order.PS

Fly Casting

Club rods are available for fly casting assistance for members between 6:30 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 planned for September. Watch the newsletter for announcements.PS

Fly Tying

The recent fly tying class with member Tom Jones was well received by those who attended the four week course. Another class is planned to be held sometime in the fall.

Until then, don't forget that Enver Hysni offers free fly tying at his shop, "**Tampa Bay On The Fly**" (see business card ad on page 11 for shop address) every Tuesday evening. Bring your tying gear if you just want to sit and tie. If you are learning and don't have tools, Enver has tools that beginners can use at the shop. Of course, if you decide that you would want to progress with this wonderful hobby, Enver can guide you in the purchase of the proper tools and materials.PS

Tying Bench - Dayle's Devil by Dayle Mazzarella

This fly was originally designed to imitate the sculpins of the Greys, Snake, Green and Salt Rivers of Western Wyoming. With modifications, it has proved deadly as a finger mullet, bait fish, and sculpin in Tampa Bay as well as a great large and small mouth bass fly in rivers and lakes. The inspiration for this fly is borrowed from the Zoo Cougar and Dahlberg Diver.

The materials and design create a fly with super erratic movement and a realistic profile. Properly tied, the fly jerks and undulates in the water very similar to a Rappala or other action based lure. It is not so much a realistic imitation but rather a suggestive attractor.

Because it has very little weight, it can be fished in extremely shallow water. By adding a weed guard, it has caught lots of snook against mangroves and big brown and cutthroat trout on willow-lined rivers of the west, or in lilly-covered bass ponds. It is a great gator trout fly on shallow flats.

In some situations more depth is required and the angler may opt to incorporate a sinking fly line or split shot. I often use a 300 grain, 26 foot Rio sinktip on a 6wt. rod when floating big Western rivers. On a floating line (10 - 12 foot leader with a 20 lb. tippet) I tie a nonslip loop knot to attach the fly and then put a big split shot in front of the knot. When fishing it on a sinktip line, my leader is a 2 ft. piece of 20 lb. Fluorocarbon in front of a 2ft, 40 lb. butt section. Because fish hit sculpins head first, the takes are often violent, and strong terminal tackle is required. When I first started I lost quite a few 6-8 lb. fish on 12 lb. tippet. They just snapped me off at the take.

I fish it by starting with an across cast and strip it back. I have found the fly to work also by casting it upstream and stripping it back, or the traditional down and across. If I see fish follow it and they don't take, I let it dead drift sans any overt action on my part. Often, fish will take it as it dead drifts in the current. I have had many fish take it on the surface before it sinks and before the strip.

I tie it in sizes from 2/0 down to size 6 on 1X to 3X long hooks. It is a deadly small stream fly when casting upstream and stripping it down through tails, lips, and into the head of pools. Often these spots create serious issues with drag and this fly and technique circumvent these issues.

Tying instructions for Dayle's Devil are on page 9.



A group of Dayle's Devils tied by the author with different materials and trimmed differently to represent different types of baitfish as discussed in the narrative.

Sequira photo

Tying Bench - Dayle's Devil by Dayle Mazzarella

A discussion of the history of this fly will be found on page 8.

Materials:

- Hook: 2/0 to 6 1X to 3X long. Make sure the hook is sharp! For longer heads you need a
- longer hook
- Thread: Danville's 210 Denim Flat Nylon
- Body: The materials vary to suit the fly as described in the tying instructions below

Tying Instructions:

1. Tie a full stem of strung Maribou on to the bend of the hook. I use white, cream, or tan, depending on the type of bait being imitated. For sculpins I use cream or tan. Leave the first half of the hook bare. For smaller hooks less Maribou will be needed. On smaller hooks I now use raccoon. For large flies, 2 stems may be required.
2. Place Flashabou either on each side or on top of the maribou. I prefer it on top for sculpins as they don't have a lot of Flash on the sides. For whitebait, mullet, etc., flash on the sides is okay dependent on water clarity, etc.
3. Place two schlappen feathers on each side of the maribou - marry them. Colors range from olive, brown or even black depending on the river. I also use hen feathers for smaller flies.
4. Place 1 schlappen feather on top. Make sure it sits flat. I use the same or slightly darker feather as it is placed on the sides - for green backs, I use olive, for mullet I use grey or brown. For sculpins, I often use brown or black.
5. Put some head cement on what you have done so far. Wrap a few wraps of RUMF white or beige body fur or rabbit crosscut fur to about 1/2 of the way to the front. Make sure the fibers lay back as you palmer forward.
6. Pick a big, juicy schlappen feather (note: soft hen hackles can be used for this and steps 3 and 4. They just don't undulate as well.) I use white or cream. Palmer the feather with the curve to the back. Tie it off, pull it back and create a soft hackle look that extends over the bend of the hook. (Note: This hackle can be tied with a red feather, one of my favorite variations is an all white fly with a red soft hackle behind the head.)
7. Spin your deer hair to close to the eye of the hook. I use a beached white for greenbacks, and natural for everything else. (An all Black Devil has caught a few Cobia.)
8. Trim the hair. The bottom must be totally flat. You can use a razor or a pair of scissors. Trim the top back at a 45 degree angle and trim and angle the sides to match the creature you are imitating. For greenbacks, the head is trimmed to be as streamlined and narrow as possible. Mullet are left somewhat wider and sculpins 2 X as wide as the body of the fly. The fat, flat head and prominent dorsal fins need to be imitated.
9. Put head cement into the hair on top and below. This ensures the fly doesn't lose its shape after repeated use.
10. Add eyes and a weed guard if desired. I use holographic eyes that are fairly large. I put them on with epoxy or liquid fusion, which I find considerably easier to use than epoxy.



A typical Dayle's Devil, tied by the author.

Sequira photo

Editor's Note: If you are unfamiliar with the term schlappen, these are the feathers that grow on the backs of roosters. They reside between the end of the saddle hackles and the start of the tail. These feathers are very soft and webby, generally with hackle fibers that are much wider than the feathers we refer to as saddle hackle.

Tying Bench - Smuddler by Terry Kirkpatrick

I'd been looking for minnow pattern to fish deep in Sunrise Lake, in the Ocala National Forest, but, as I said, I didn't like adding weight to make the deer hair head sink. I decided to try substituting a stiff synthetic fiber from a craft cord. The problem was how to attach the head and the answer was to spin the fibers in a dubbing loop.

As I started to gather the materials, I realized that I didn't have most of them, so I started substituting. Before I knew it, I'd completely changed the pattern. It's one of the few patterns that I know that was changed without the idea of creating a new and better fly.

Materials:

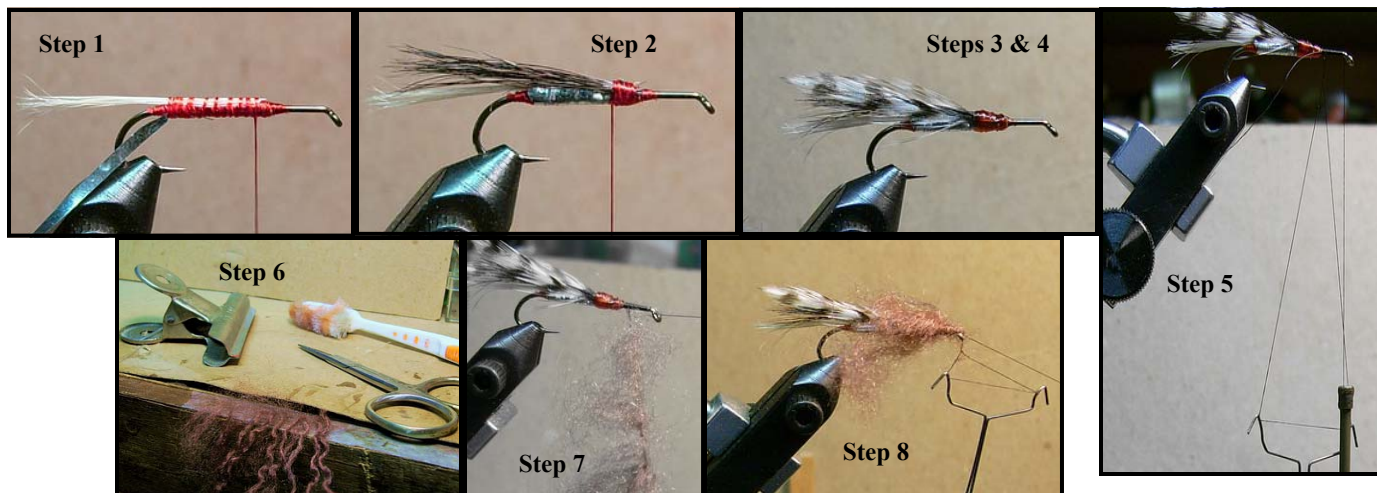
- Hook: 3~6x long wet hook
- Thread: body – red, head – black.
- Tail: white paintbrush fibers.
- Body: silver tinsel
- Under wing: brown paintbrush fibers.
- Wing: grizzle hackle
- Head: Craft cord fibers

Tying Instructions:

1. Apply weight to taste. Wrap with red thread. Leave about 1/32 red thread exposed. Tie in silver tinsel and tail. Tail should be about the same length as the hook shank and extend about half it's length beyond the tie in.
2. Wrap tinsel to front of weight and tie in. (a little super glue helps keep it in place) The under wing should reach almost to the end of the tail.
3. Cut two small grizzle hackle tips to the length of the under wing. Tie them in, shiny side out and dull side facing each other. Tie off and cut the red thread.
4. What you know have is a very simple streamer.
5. Tie in black thread. Create a 6 inch dubbing loop.
6. Cut craft cord into 3 inch sections and comb out from the tip to the center. Reverse and comb out from the tip to the center. (This prevents tangles.) place a piece of two sided tape on a surface and stick the fibers to the tape, cut the fibers at about 1 ½ inch and stick the section you cut off next to the fibers you've already placed on the tape.
7. Use a large spring clip (found in grocery stores these days) to grasp the fibers. Lift them off the two sided tape and place them into the dubbing loop. Close the loop
8. Spin the loop creating fuzzy chenille with very long strands. Wrap the loop forward to the eye. Keep the material from bunching up by stroking it to the outside. Tie off and cut the thread. "Comb the head to the rear and trim off any excess material.

Final thoughts: At first glance this fly might seem like it's more difficult to tie than the original, but once you've tied a few, it isn't. Paintbrush fibers are all already stacked and the dubbing loop is very easy to use. I fish this fly because it's lighter than the deer hair Muddler Minnow, but will sink at about the same rate.

As you can guess, this isn't the only variation on the Muddler. A pattern this successful could never be left alone. There are an amazing number of variations including a marabou Muddler, Muddlers with sparkle, Muddlers many different colors. In fact you could probably start a fight by suggesting that the Dahlberg Diver is nothing but a Muddler with a collar!



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.

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- Newsletter - Paul Sequira
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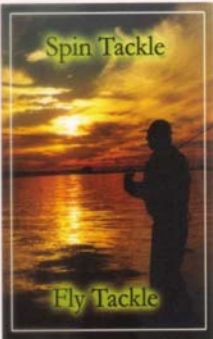
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Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) and Suncoast Fly Fishers (SFF) Dues

At initial membership dues are collected for both SFF and FFF. Since we (SFF) are a Charter member of FFF, all SFF members have to be members of FFF. After the initial dues you are responsible to directly pay yearly dues to FFF. The dues period of SFF and FFF may not coincide. We do not collect the yearly dues for the Federation (FFF). You will receive dues notification directly from FFF.

SFF dues are due in September. This is for the remaining months of 2009 and then through August of 2010. Members whose dues are delinquent for 2 or more months may lose their SFF membership. See Tom Gadacz for renewal forms.

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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 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 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 — Club meeting May 19th



Top left: Dayle Mazzarella demonstrating his Dayle's Devil before the meeting. Sequira photo

Top right: Dayle presented an excellent program on trout fishing in western mountain streams. AuCoin photo

Middle left: a typical western cutthroat trout. Middle right: a 23" 7 to 8 pound brown trout. Mazzarella photos

Bottom left: two versions of Dayle's Devils. Flies tied by Dayle Mazzarella. Sequira photo

SFF Photo Gallery — Some night time fishing



Al Pitcher and ken Hofmeister have been sneaking out for some night time dock light fishing and they told me that although the mosquitoes were biting, so were the fish — all on flies that Al tied. Ken's snook was 28 inches and caught on Al's Dusty Black Polar Minnow featured in the Tying Bench in last month's newsletter. Ken tells me that he caught 11 trout on a weighted version of that same fly.

Some of these fish were caught on another of Al's secret new flies — the Raggedy Rabbit Bait Fish. There are a few pretty hefty trout in these photos! Perhaps Al will demonstrate these flies for us at the June 16th Fly Tying extravaganza. All of these fish were caught between May 9th and May 25th.

Ken Hofmeister photos

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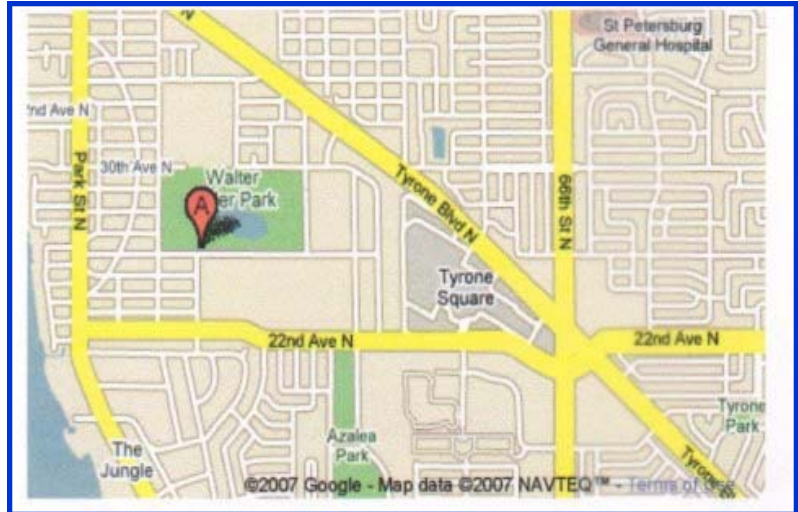
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Next Club Meeting: June 16, 2011

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

7:00-8:30 Meeting & Program

Location: Walter Fuller Park

7891 26 Avenue, N, St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Program - Tie-A-Thon, Bring your stuff and tie some flies — FREE PIZZA

Featured Fly Tyer - SFF members who want to tie

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