



The Prez Sez *by Tom Gadacz*



CHARTER MEMBERSHIP in FFF - TFO ROD MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

One of the advantages of being a Charter member of FFF is the new member rod program. With each new member we accumulate points to the FFF rod program. Once a Charter Club has 12 points we can get a TFO Lefty Craig Professional rod. We have taken advantage of this program and have several TFO rods. Thanks to our new members we have accumulated 19.5 points and are entitled to use 12 of those points for a new TFO 4 piece 8wt rod. In addition the board voted to participate in a youth program and a chance to get 3 TFO rods with reel, line and case.

NEW MEMBERS

It was great to see some of the new members at the Everglades and in the fly tying workshop lead by Tom Jones and thanks to all the members who made them feel welcomed. Come to the meetings early and do some socializing and learn from our featured fly tiers beginning at 6:30 pm. Get involved in a committee or any other activity. Let us know how we can help you have fun fly fishing.

MARINE QUEST 2011

Thanks to Bill AuCoin and those who volunteered to make Marine Quest 2011 a success. There were over 5,500 people who attended. I think we must have seen at least 5,000 of them. We had fly tiers and helpers and what a team they made. The tiers were busy tying flies with the kids and the helpers got a chance to talk to visitors and promote the club. We had a great crowd and were the last of the participants to leave. My thanks to all! Make sure you read and view the photos of the event.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Our Vision and Values state that we will meet or exceed members' needs. In order to make your club a value to you, we need to know how we are doing and what we need to change, what we need to add and what we need to discontinue.

Are there activities you would like to see us add? Get involved in a committee or activity. We want you to have a great time fly fishing and participate in as many club activities as you would like. Included in this month's newsletter is an evaluation form (see page 3). Please complete it and mail it to:

Suncoast Fly Fisher
P. O. Box 40821
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or bring it to the next meeting. If there are additional comments you wish to make, please do so. To address your needs we need your response. Thanks*Tom*

SFF UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19 - Club Meeting
May 21 - Night time dock light fishing

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



May Outing: May 21, 2011 Night Dock Fishing

April Outing: Apr. 23, 2011

The Club held their April outing at Pinellas Point. The week before was calm and beautiful springtime. Our outing started with 20 knot winds out of the East, right in our faces. Plenty of fish were caught, but none were recorded for prizes. Lunch was grilled by Richard and Paul and it was really tasteful. A large turnout with great food, friends, and fish. (Duster flies are now out. Women wig material is now the HOT tying material.)

MAY OUTING: May 21, 2011

This is our yearly all-nighter trip fishing the dock lights. You will be venturing into unknown areas looking to catch and release snook, trout, redfish and other night time fish. The trip does require a vessel of some sort. Boats, large or small, kayaks, wade-fishing or standing on the docks or beach. Time will start at

11:00pm Saturday and stop at 5:00am Sunday. No dinner or breakfast at this outing. Call Alan on Sunday AFTERNOON at 470-4570 with your results. Our club oath will be in effect, so we will believe your report. Let me know if you want a vessel.

Future Outing Previews:

June 18, 2011 - Manatee reservoir

July 23, 2011 - Skyway South rest Area

Fishing Tournament Results 2011-2012

REDFISH

SNOOK

TROUT

BASS

SUNFISH

OTHER

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

May 19th Program and Designated Tyer

Dayle Mazzarella will present a program on fly fishing for trout in the western mountain streams of Wyoming. Dayle, is a professional guide for Star Valley Outfitters has been fly fishing since 1983. Dayle and his wife Barbara make their home in Wyoming and during the summer months generally makes about 50 to 75 trips fishing mountain streams for cutthroat, rainbow and brown trout. During the winter, Dayle likes to fish the flats of the Tampa Bay area and has been doing that since 2000. His favorite saltwater target is snook. Dayle, an accomplished fly tyer will also be our featured fly tyer and will demonstrate some of his favorite trout flies.PS

Casting Tips by Capt. Pat Damico, MCI

Casting tip #17:

I notice some excellent casters stand differently when casting, is there a right stance?

Your physical makeup will often dictate what stance is more comfortable for you. Placing your casting side foot back is common in saltwater casting because it allows you to use your body to assist in casting with heavier equipment and longer distances. The longer the cast, the further back your foot is placed. Much less stress is on your shoulder, elbow and wrist. Tilting your rod away from vertical and more horizontally also can be more comfortable. This position is the only one that allows you to easily watch your backcast, which is most helpful in diagnosing casting problems.

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___; Membership___; Fly tying___; Fly casting___; Hog roast/silent auction___; Special events___; Publicity___; Conservation___; Fishing reports___; Web site___.

Name: _____ (optional)

Please complete and submit this evaluation form at a meeting or mail:

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Thanks for helping to improve your SFF club.

Tom Gadacz, President

Marine Quest 2011 by Bill AuCoin

Suncoast Fly Fishers fly tying demonstrations and instructions at Marine Quest 2011 was a grand success. Before the end of the day SFF had helped an estimated 25 young people tie their first fly. At any point in time we had three club fly tyers teaching young people how to tie a fly and for most it was their first fly. This was grand fun for all involved, children and instructors.. Huge thanks belong to our fly tyers -- Tom Gadacz, Ken Hofmeister, Tom Jones, Terry Kirkpatrick, Capt. Dan Bumgarner, Jim Day, and Al Pitcher.

Capt. Pat Damico also came by with his fly tying equipment to help if necessary, but his services weren't necessary; all SFF fly tying stations were occupied. Members Rick Tripolino and Bill AuCoin supplied waters, Diet Cokes, and pats on the back.

SFF had one of the more popular exhibits at Marine Quest this year. Marine Quest is an annual Open House organized by the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute in downtown St. Petersburg to show case the good work of their scientists and other researchers.

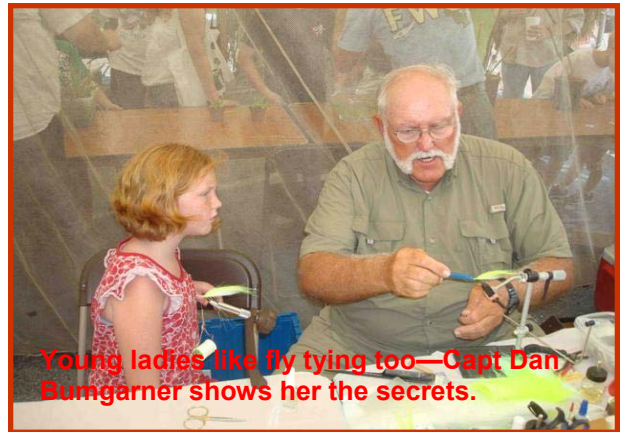


SFF's booth attracted large crowds all day. Our member tyers had a great time instructing youngsters in the art of fly tying.

All photos by Bill AuCoin: More pictures in Photo Gallery



Future fly tying star—this is why we do these demonstrations.



Young ladies like fly tying too—Capt Dan Bumgarner shows her the secrets.



Jim Day shows our future star & his buddy just how it is done.



Al Pitcher, Ken Hofmeister and Tom Jones were busy all day teaching youngsters how to tie.

Can Fly Fishing Compete With Live Shrimp? *By Tom Jones*

I took my son and granddaughter dock fishing last night (May 10th). I told them I would be fly fishing but they insisted on using live shrimp. I have to admit, I was already thinking to myself, "there's no way I can compete with two live bait fishers at a lighted dock". But I was careful not to let them see me sweat.

At the first dock, while I was trying to coax a strike on the greenback minnow fly I had just demoed for the Fly Tying Workshop, my granddaughter quickly boated 3 keeper trout. I finally caught a nice trout — but by then she had 4. It seemed my fears were well founded. Then things started to change. The next 5 trout were mine, all on the same fly. We were all surprised that fly fishing could keep up with, and even exceed, fishing with live shrimp. We all three caught our limit of speckled trout and released 10 more would-be keepers along with 5 smaller trout and several lady fish.

My son was the slowest catcher on the boat so I teased him repeatedly by offering him a turn on my fly rod. Finally, he accepted and caught three trout on my rod using the DT pattern Steve Gibson taught us at the last meeting. I was beside myself. Altogether, we caught 13 slot-size trout on the fly and 11 on live shrimp (If you're checking my math, the 25th slot-size trout was caught on a spoon). Bragging rights for the largest (19") go to my granddaughter, Destini.

Let the record show, for those who are skeptical as I was, that fly fishing can complete with live bait fishing!



The Joneses—Destini, her dad Tom and grand dad Tom with a nice family dinner in the making. Tom Jones photo

Editor's note: This is a new and improved version (see photo below) of Tom's greenback minnow that he demonstrated for us back march 2009 and was featured in the Tying Bench column of the April 2009 issue of On The Fly. We'll have to get Tom to demo this one for us — perhaps at next month's meeting where we will have an SFF Member Tie-a-Thon.



Greenback Minnow tied and photographed by Tom Jones

Dock Lights Are Getting Hot! *By Capt. Pat Damico*

May has been SFF's traditional month for a night time dock light fishing outing. It used to be specifically for snook, and someday, it may be again. Well, there are lots of other fish that like the docks and as you read in Allen's column, we are going to have a night time fishing outing this month — but with the current FWC fishing regulations, all snook caught must be returned to the water, unharmed. This article by Pat Damico first appeared in On The Fly in May, 2007. I am republishing this excellent article, by popular request. Pat thoroughly covers every aspect of night dock light fishing. After reading this article and following his advice, you'll have no excuse for not having a great night. Just remember, release any snook caught gently and unharmed. We want to see our snook populations rebound from the unprecedented cold weather of the last two winters.PS



Ken Hofmeister with a nice snook caught (and released) under the dock lights several years ago. Hofmeister photo

Warmer water has snook moving out of deep canals and rivers and starting to forage on baitfish in the shallows. Since they are primarily nocturnal feeders, lighted docks are getting a lot of their attention.

I will gladly admit my favorite fly rod quarry is a mean Old Snook. Daytime Snook fishing with a long rod is hard work. Yes, there are many areas where numbers of small Snook can be tempted during the day, especially during the first and last hours and under low light conditions. If you want to get really rattled and have your tackle tested, fish in the dark. One of my fishing buddies, Bob Finck, told me years ago, after a Snookin' good trip, "Pat, they're like largemouth bass on steroids."

If you've never pursued Snook at night, where do you begin? I use a flats boat that is equipped with a bow mounted Minn Kota electric motor. Preferring not to anchor, I can maneuver the boat, even when fishing alone, to get me in the best position. The electric will also be used as soon as you hookup, to get you and your lunker away from barnacle encrusted structure. Use your electric in forward mode only and turn it one hundred and eighty degrees to go in the opposite direction. Reverse prop wash seems to disturb fish because of the excess vibration. A slow steady speed will not scare fish like sudden stopping and starting. Dock lights will be the areas where I will do most of my fishing. These lights attract plankton, which in turn attract hordes of baitfish that are easy pickings for large, lazy Snook. Some bridges have lights on the fenders and lighted Marinas will also attract fish, but I prefer to concentrate on lighted docks. Check out the areas you want to fish during the day so you are familiar with water depth and any navigational hazards. Pick an area where there are a lot of lights mounted close to the water. This way, you can just use your electric to go from one to the next. After a hookup, a light will frequently not produce for a while. Move to the next one and return later. Running and gunning at night is not a good idea. This time of year, docks near passes and points adjacent to deeper water will harbor more fish. As the water temperature drops, docks back in canals where water is warmer will be more productive.

Are tides important? Is incoming preferred over outgoing? The most important consideration is to have moving water. If the tide is slack, the fish will be there milling around and not feeding. Pick times when there is maximum tidal flow. The current will orient the fish. As they face into the current waiting for their food, they may be positioned away from the dock with one tide and under the dock when it reverses.

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Tackle will depend on the size of fish available. Two fly rods one with a floating and the second with a clear sink tip would be ideal. Nine-foot, fast action rods in eight or nine weight should be equipped with thirty pound fluorocarbon shock tippets. A nine-foot tapered leader on the floating line is perfect. The sink tip can have a three or four-foot shock tippet only since the clear line is almost invisible. Observing feeding fish will tell you what flies to select. Snook will be very selective. If they are feeding on glass minnows, larger offerings will be refused. When a small grass shrimp skips under the light in a panic followed by a series of explosive boils, use a small shrimp pattern. Duplicate the movement of the forage with your retrieve. Keep the rod tip close to the water and strip strike when you feel the take, then get the fish away from the structure. Crimp the barbs on flies, it will make release easier and help penetration. Besides shrimp and baitfish patterns that sink, I always have a few floating patterns; nothing beats the excitement of a large Snook exploding the surface. The newer synthetic materials are very effective. Polarfiber Minnows, Dan's Neerly Live Bait, Lefty's Deceiver and Clouser Minnows are all good choices for sub surface. Jack Garside's Gurgle Bug and small Poppers will work on top.

Your boat should be well organized and everything unnecessary should be stowed. Daytime problems will quadruple at night. Tripping, catching line, not finding things, can be frustrating. Stealth is the key. Noise should be eliminated. I wear a small "LEDHEDZ" light on my hat brim that uses small button type batteries and weighs almost nothing. It can be turned on to change and locate flies or assist in bringing a fish alongside for release.

Fly line management, especially in the dark, can be a major problem. I've caught more than one sixty dollar fly line in my electric motor. A couple weeks ago, Capt. Mel Berman and I were guests of Capt. Rick Grassett, fishing Sarasota Bay. Rick introduced me to a homemade stripping basket that can be placed on the deck and is a clever, inexpensive way to eliminate all the problems associated with fly line control. When not used, it is very compact and easily stored. Contact me if interested in a description of how to make this inexpensive tool. Besides catching fish, this tip alone was worth the trip with Rick.

Remember, you are fishing in someone's back yard. I make it a policy to thank dock owners when they are around during the day, for the privilege of fishing their dock at night. Not only will this surprise them, I have been given some great other fishing locations nearby.

If your fly fishing luck with daytime Snook has been frustrating, give night fishing a try. Your catching rate should accelerate. When you see the size and numbers of fish after dark, and how much fun you've missed, you'll see why this has become my favorite.

Capt. Pat Damico
www.captpat.com

SFF Welcomes New Members

Welcome to new members Toni Fernstrom from Clearwater and Robert Hilliard from Tampa. 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.

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. If you would like to order a shirt, please see Mark to get in on the next order. These tee shirts are available for \$13 without a pocket or \$15 with a pocket.

Tying Bench - Gibby's DT Variation by Steve Gibson

As so often happens, a good fly spawns other good flies, sometimes better than the original. Steve Gibson developed his Gibby's DT Variation based upon the DT Special which is simply an all white version of the Stu Apte Tarpon Fly, aka Keys Tarpon Fly. In his quest for snook sight fishing on the beach, Steve used an all white Lefty's deceiver with good success for years. Then another guide gave him a DT Special and said this is the only fly you'll ever need. Steve found the fly to be excellent but over the years made modifications to it that suit his style of fishing and work extremely well for him.PS

Materials:

- Hook: Mustad 34007 size # 4 to # 1
- Thread: White flat-waxed monochord
- Tail: Four white neck hackles (facing) tied in at rear of hook
- Collar: One white neck hackle palmered and laid back
- Flash: Two strands of pearl Krystal Flash
- Eyes: 3D Prism Stick-On Eyes
- Coating: Devcon 2-Ton Epoxy.

Tying Instructions:

1. Mash the barb down on a size 2 Mustad 34007 hook and secure in the vise in the normal fashion. Attach the 3/0 white monochord thread at the rear of the hook shank just ahead of the bend with a jam knot.
2. Select 4 white neck hackles and make 2 pairs with the curve facing inward. (Do not splay the feathers outward as in the Keys Tarpon Fly.) Size the feathers appropriately for the hook size you are using by cutting away the excess butt section. For a number 2 hook the tail should be approximately 2 inches long.
3. Cut away the excess feather fibers. Place the butts on top of the hook shank at the thread tie-in point and secure the feather butts to the hook shank with several tight wraps. Be sure that the feathers are laying straight and not tilted to one side. Tilted feathers will result in the fly not tracking straight on the retrieve.
4. Select two or three strands of pearl Krystal Flash and fold them over the thread approximately in the middle of the strands. Secure them to the hook shank directly in front of the tail feathers and separate the flash strands so that you have an equal number of strands on each side of the tail feathers. You may substitute other colors of Krystal Flash to more closely imitate the prevalent baitfish but pearl is an excellent all around color.
5. Select another white neck hackle with fibers slightly longer than the ones used for the tail. Remove the fluff from the base of the feather and tie it in on top of the hook shank by the butt directly in front of the tail feathers. Palmer this feather with approximately 5 or 6 close wraps and tie it off with several wraps of thread. Cut away the excess feather and take several more wraps of thread laying the fibers back.
6. Make a substantial head with thread wraps large enough to secure a 3D prism Eyes. Tie off and cut away the white thread.
7. Attach the 3D Prism Eyes, one to each side of the head.
8. Attach red thread to the hook shank in front of the head and wrap a band of thread about 1/8th of an inch long.
9. Coat the head, eyes and red band with Devcon 2-ton epoxy. *(Avoid the quick setting [5 minute, 12 minute etc] varieties, they will just turn brown in a very short time. The 2 hour cure will stay clear much longer. I personally use rod wrapping epoxy finish; this stays clear permanently and will never discolor.PS.)*



Gibby's DT Variation tied by Steve Gibson
Sequeira photo

Tying Bench - Misty Black Polar Fiber Minnow by Al Pitcher

There are many flies that bear the name “Polar Fiber Minnow.” However, the Polar Fiber Minnow I have tied for many years originated from an article written by Captain Mark Ballard of Vero Beach, Florida for the Emerald Coast Flyrodders Newsletter. The “Misty Black” pattern is tied similar to Captain Mark’s Polar Fiber pattern, but alters the typical color scheme of white, olive, and chartreuse with off-white or beige, olive, light-brown, and misty black. For flash, I substituted the use of Flashabou or Silver Gliss’N Glow with Steve Farrar’s Flash Blend. This product is dynamite and provides a realistic flash and provides a little extra bulk to the finished product. As with most bait fish patterns, you can alter the color scheme to meet your local baitfish. This pattern is not only very simple to tie, but it is a killer under the lights for snook, and the trout love it.



Misty Black Polar Fiber Minnows tied and photographed by Al Pitcher

Materials:

- Hook: Owner Mosquito Hook size #2 to #1/0
- Thread: Clear Monofil .004 dia.
- Wing/Body: Off-white or Beige, Olive, Light Brown, and Misty Black Polar Fiber
- Flash: Shaded Chartreuse, Wild Olive, and Mullet Brown Steve Farrar’s (SF) Flash Blend; and either red or hot orange Fluoro Fibre
- Eyes: 1/8”, 3/16” or 1/4” Hologram Dome Eyes; size selection is based upon the final product
- Glue: Head cement, Hard as Hull, Super Glue, and Softex

Tying Instructions:

Step 1: Starting at the hook eye, lay down a base of thread back to the hook bend and then back towards the eye to the hook point.

Step 2: Begin just above the hook point. Tie in small amount of either off-white or beige Polar Fiber followed by a small section of either red or hot orange Fluoro Fibre. The Fluoro is tied on top and slightly ahead of the Polar Fiber.

Step 3: Tie in another small amount of the off-white or beige Polar Fiber. As you tie in each successive material, you will be moving slightly forward toward the hook eye.

Step 4: Select small amounts of the Shaded Chartreuse, Wild Olive, or Mullet Brown SF Flash Blend, or a blend of all three, to provide the coloration you want for the finished product and tie it in just ahead of the previous material.

Step 5: Just ahead of the previous material, tie in very small amount of Olive Polar Fiber followed by a small amount of Light Brown Polar Fiber. Make sure you blend each of these materials over the previous material.

Step 6: Finally tie in a small amount of the Misty Black Polar Fiber. Insure you blend this final material over the previous material. Whip finish and apply a coat of Hard as Hull.

Step 7: Apply a small amount of Softex to the sides and the top of the Polar Fiber from the hook eye to near the bend of hook. This will prepare the Polar Fiber for easy placement of the eyes.

Step 8: After the Softex has sufficiently dried place the eyes followed by a drop of Super Glue to each eye.

Step 9: After the Super Glue has set up, apply a sufficient amount of Softex to form the head. If you have a Fly and Jig Rotator, you can apply all of the Softex at one time before placing it on the rotator. Otherwise, you will need to apply the Softex in successive layers allowing time to dry in between. I usually leave the fly on the rotator for about 15-20 minutes. I prefer Softex to epoxy because of the softer feel of the head and it doesn’t yellow over time.

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
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- Fly Tying - Alan Sewell
- Membership - Pat Damico & Joe Dail
- Newsletter - Paul Sequeira
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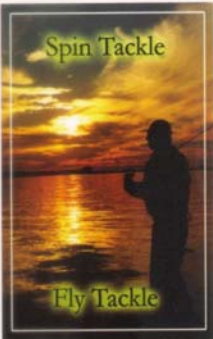
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At initial membership dues are collected for both SFF and FFF. Since we (SFF) are a Charter member of FFF, all SFF members have to be members of FFF. After the initial dues you are responsible to directly pay yearly dues to FFF. The dues period of 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



Pat Damico writes “The 2011 spring opener in Pennsylvania was outstanding. “Bill Whitebread and I caught over 100 native brookies on Terry Kirkpatrick rods today! Lot of fun. Largest about 10” -- Terry’s rod and native brookie (upper left) - nice rainbow (upper right). We fished a small stream where we walked about 3 miles. My wife picked us up later along the interstate to save us the hike back with boots and gear. Did not see a single boot mark. Saw deer, turkeys, 2 grouse... a gorgeous spring day. BWO's (*blue winged olives to you non trout fishersEd.*) and stoneflies hatching. These fish were not selective. Fracking process for gas has the potential of ruining some of these pristine class A streams. Worries me!” Pat Damico photos



Steve Gibson’s tying demonstration of his favorite snook fly — Gibby’s DT Variation drew a very interested group of members at the April meeting. His program was excellent!



Sequira photos



Dave McKay’s Firetiger Pike Fly. Dave fishes UP Michigan waters and finds great success with this fly he fashioned from some secret material found in a fabric store! More later. Sequira photo



New member Andy Constantinou sent in this photo of the kayak he won at the Pig Roast. He tells us he upgraded it to this model.

SFF Photo Gallery — More From Marine Quest 2011



Al Pitcher--Marine Quest with budding fly tyer
Hofmeister photo



Ryan Voight showing Conrad how to tie the Ada
Potato Hofmeister photo



Photo middle left: Tom Gadacz instructing this
young lady and future tyer a killer fly.

Middle right: Not to be outdone by the Prez, Terry
Kirkpatrick shows three little girls how to tie a fly.

Bottom left: Tom Jones with another prospective fly
fisherman/tyer and a Tampa Bay Rays fan.

Bill AuCoin photos

SFF Photo Gallery - Everglades 2011



It was a bass and bream weekend in the Glades this year. John and Mark Craig caught a load of fish, the bass and bream have really put on some weight since they don't have much competition from the exotics thanks to our last two unusually cold winters. The bass loved the poppers as John shows us in the two photos in the bottom row. Mark was really proud of that beautiful large mouth in the upper right photo. All photos by John and Mark Craig

SFF Picture Gallery—Everglades 2011



Mark shows us one of the warmouths (bottom left) they caught and one gator (bottom right) he nailed and promptly broke off. I'm told that the weather was excellent, food was good, lots of fish although the bluegills and shell crackers had some length to them but weren't too chubby. All photos courtesy of John and Mark Craig

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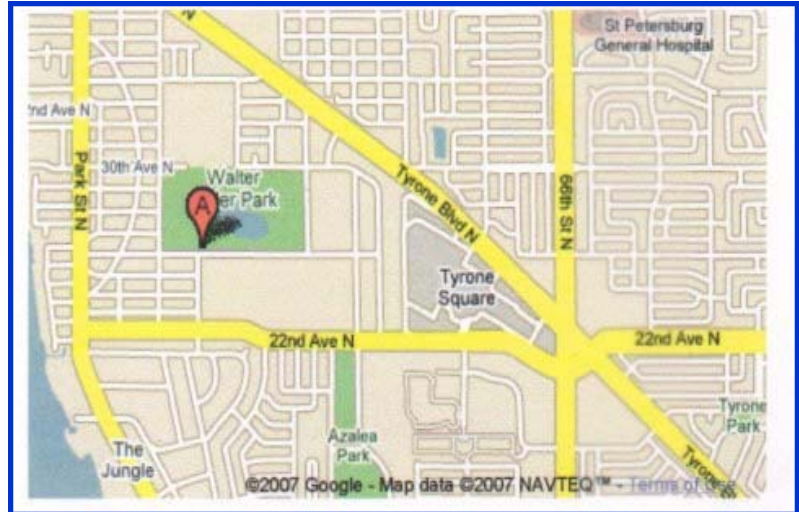
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Next Club Meeting: May 19, 2011

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 - Datle Mazzarella - Western Trout Fishing

Featured Fly Tyer - Dayle Mazzarella

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