



The Prez Sez *by Tom Gadacz*



NEED TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

Annual Hog Roast and Silent Auction. Our annual event is March 24 at the Treasure Island Auditorium. It is very important that we give the caterer the attendance number. The cost is \$20.00 per member or guest. If you are planning to attend we need for you to pay at the membership meeting on March 15, mail a check (see address at back on newsletter), e-mail, or call Roger Blanton or me. The details are on the following pages. We greatly appreciate your help with the reservations.

Dessert this year is pot luck. Please bring you favorite dessert so we can share each other's sweet treats following a BBQ dinner. We thank you for sharing your dessert secrets.

Tampa Tribune Expo. SFF had a booth at the Tampa Tribune Expo. The attendance was fair but we had great participation from our members tying flies and talking to prospective members. It was amazing how many people stopped to chat about their involvement in fly fishing. There were several out of state people who kibitzed on how they tied flies from where they fished. Pat Damico did two programs on transitioning from fresh to salt water fly fishing. Thanks to Bill AuCoin for coordinating the event and all those who staffed the booth. The photo gallery has some pictures of our gang in action.

Federation of Fly Fishers Florida Council Meeting. The Florida Council had its board meeting in Orlando on March 4. President Bill Gunn called the meeting to order.

FFF is working with the 14 councils to sponsor all their meetings on a national level. As an example, the FFF Florida Council Expo will be marketed as the National Fly Fishers Expo sponsored by FFF Florida Council. The Expo will be the third weekend in October in Orlando. Attendance (370) at last year's meeting was almost double what it was two years ago. More details will be available.

FFF is identifying nationally prominent fly fishers to endorse support and membership in FFF.

It is also sponsoring fly fishing sessions open to the public. These day long sessions will be \$50 to non-FFF members. Individuals can pay \$50 for the session or pay for a membership in FFF. The sessions are free to FFF members. We are sponsoring one of these sessions on September 8. Pat Damico will have more details later.

Ron Whiteley has sent out the Florida Council newsletter and it is available on the web site. <http://www.fff-florida.org/>

.....Tom

SFF UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 24 - Hog Roast - Treasure Island Auditorium
- March 31 - Casting Clinic - Maximo Park
- April 27- 29 - Everglades Trip Special Event

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Outings—Reviews & Previews by Alan Sewell



March Outing: March 17, 2012 at Clam Bar

February Outing: Our Club had last month's outing on the Manatee River State Park lake and river. The day was perfect for fishing. Calm water, no wind, some fog early. Very good fly fishing weather. This was our last trip for the end of our 2011 -2012 yearly tournament. The Bass and Bream spots were the ones to fish for and the bass record was taken on this outing. The largest bass for this trip, and for the year's tournament was caught by Tom Hummel. The most sunfish catch on the outing went to Ken Hofmeister. There was a good showing of Suncoast Fly Fishers at this outing. Lunch was another great success prepared by Richard Oldenski. Grilled sausages with potato salad and sauerkraut really hit the spot. Of course, there was plenty of lies floating in the air. Another great FISH, FUN, AND FOOD time with our friends.

March Outing: March 17, 2012. We will be fishing salt-water this outing. Our location will be the famous Clam Bar east of the I-275 Skyway area. This is great place to catch most of the fish in Tampa Bay. The area runs from The Miesner Bridge to the Sunshine Skyway flats. Launch your boats at Maximo Park or wade fish and launch kayaks from the access roads. If it is too windy for the east side, you can fish the west side from the shore to the Mullet Channel. Lunch will be served at Maximo Park at 12:00 noon. Largest Trout will take the outing prize.

Future Outing Previews:

April 21, 2012: St. Petersburg Urban Outing

April 27 - 29, 2012: Everglades Fishing in the canals. We will be staying at the La Quinta Sunrise Hotel. Call Gladys at 954-846-1200 for reservations. Ask for the SFF room rate. You should reserve your room NOW. Breakfast is free and supper will be organized. (If you need poppers for freshwater fishing, look at BreamBugs.com for the best selection of poppers made. If you order bugs, tell the owner that you are with Suncoast Fly Fishers and you will get 10% more bugs free.)

Fishing Tournament Final Results 2011-2012

Bass - Tom Hummel

Snook- -closed

Trout - Rick Warfel

Redfish - Mark Hays

Sunfish - Don Manning

Other fish - Ladyfish - Ken Hofmeister

(All fish must meet FWC regulations minimum size)

March 15th Meeting and Program

Chris Anderson of FFWCC will present a program about getting access to maps of Tampa Bay and surrounding waters online and downloading them to your computer. Chris will also talk about getting tide and current information and topographical details of the waters, depth, etc.

Featured Fly Tyer: SFF's own "Smitty" will be manning the featured tier spot from 6:00 - 7:00 pm tying some appropriate saltwater flies. Smitty always has the latest killers so don't miss this meeting.

Casting Tips by Capt. Pat Damico, MCI

Casting Tip 27:

While fishing recently with Bryon Chamberlain our success was improved by slowly dragging our flies on the bottom in about 6 feet of water away from the shallow grass. Both using full sinking lines, we were plagued with twisting in our lines caused by not casting in the same plane. Using Belgium type casts where a horizontal back cast was followed by a more vertical forward cast allowed us to keep the weighted flies away from our rod tips preventing a rod damaging collision. Bryon suggested a simple tip that Dave Chouinard showed him for getting rid of line twist. Make a forward cast very high in the air and shake the rod tip as the cast unfolds. As the line free-falls to the water it will untwist. Several casts may be needed to get out all twists. If standing in a stream or where there is current, remove your fly and let the line dangle downstream. The pressure of the water against the line will cause it to straighten.

Suncoast Fly Fishers

*Beer and Wine
Allowed
BYOB*



*Please bring your favorite
dessert to share.*

*Live Guitar by
Captain Bob*

9th Annual

Hog Roast and Silent Auction

Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm

**Join us for a good ole fashion pig pickin
Choice of pulled pork, barbecued chicken
or ribs with all the fixins**

**At our new indoor location
The Treasure Island Auditorium
120 108th Avenue
Treasure Island, Florida
Tickets \$20.00 per person**

**Make your reservations at the SFF February or March
Club Meeting or call:
Tom Gadacz 727-360-8030 or Roger Blanton 727-515-5247
Or email thomasgadacz@yahoo.com**

9th ANNUAL HOG ROAST & SILENT AUCTION

This is a must event for every SFF member. This is our featured club event of the year.

When: March 24, 2012 Saturday

Where: City of Treasure Island Auditorium, 120 108th Avenue, Treasure Island, FL

Time: 4:00 to 8:00 PM

Cost: \$20 please make your reservation early. You may bring guests also for \$20/person.

Sign up at the meeting or mail your reservations

Special event: Program speakers for the past year have been invited to share some of their fishing secrets.

Menu: BBQ pulled pork, ribs, and chicken with sides of BBQ beans, corn on the cob, yellow rice and green beans with redskin potatoes. Leroy is catering the event. Please bring your favorite dessert to share with your fellow members.

Live Entertainment: Captain Bob will be strumming his guitar and singing ballads.

Door Prize: Fly rod built by Alan Sewell. Members only are eligible for the door prize and a ticket is included in the price of the event.

TFO Fly Rod, Reel, and Line Raffle: A TFO Lefty Kreh TiCr X 9' 8wt. with a TFO BVK reel and line. Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20 and raffle is open to everyone.

Silent Auction: An opportunity to get a half day guided trip by guys who know the fishing spots, trophy flies tied by our best tiers for fish in our area, rods, reels, fishing equipment, art and a host of other items. Some of the items are a TFO Lefty Kreh Professional Series 8 wt. rod and hand crafted set of Wasatch fly tying instruments. Bid sheets will be next to the auction item. The silent auction is open to all attendees.

Bucket Raffle: Fishing items and packages with a value up to \$35 will be in buckets and raffled off during the course of the event. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 12 for \$10.00. The bucket raffle is open to all attendees.

Awards: Presentation of trophies for the President's Vision/Values Award and to members with a biggest fish in several categories.

Please purchase your tickets early or call to confirm your attendance so we can provide the caterer with an estimate of attendees. Sign up at the meeting or call Roger Blanton (727-515-5247) or Tom Gadacz (727-360-8030). You can mail your reservation and check to:

Suncoast Fly Fishers

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Suncoast Fly Fisher Tyers

We are looking forward to your contributing flies for our annual hog roast silent auction. Member made flies are a very popular part of our auction and an opportunity for you to show off your favorite and most productive flies. The funds raised by our silent auction help make it possible for us to continue all of our great club activities.

Your flies can be brought to the meeting on March 15th, or even be brought to the banquet on March 24th.

Be sure to label the fly container with your name.

SFF News and Information

9th ANNUAL HOG ROAST AND SILENT AUCTION

MARCH 24, 2012

City of Treasure Island Auditorium

120 108th Avenue, Treasure Island

4:00 to 8:00 pm

PLANNED EVENTS

4:00 pm	Welcome and Registration Entertainment by Captain Bob
5:00 pm	Serving BBQ and fixins'
6:00 pm	Pick up (1/3) random bid sheets and buckets and announce winners
6:30 pm	Pick up (1/3) random bid sheets and buckets and announce winners
7:00 pm	Recognition and Awards for Vision/Values and largest fish categories Pick up rest of bid sheets and remaining buckets and announce winners Announce winner for drawing of door prize (members only) Announce winner of TFO TiCr X 8 wt rod with TFO BVK reel and line

INVITED MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM PRESENTERS

Steve Gibson	Dave Dant
Dave Mazzarella	Joe LeClair
Nick Angelo & Byron Chamberlin	Alan Wyatt & Craig Crumbliss
Alan Sewell and Annie Hays	Chris Andersen

SFF Election of 2012 Officers and Directors

As per the SFF Bylaws, an election of the slate of officers and directors presented at the February meeting by the Nominating Committee for the next year will be held at the March meeting. They are:

Tom Gadacz	President
Woody Miller	Vice President
Mark Craig	Board of Directors
Alan Sewell	Board of Directors
Kirk Burton	Board of Directors
Myron Hansen	Board of Directors

No other nominations were presented at that meeting and nominations were closed. A vote by the membership will take place at the March meeting. Three present directors Dan Baumgarner, Pat Damico and Alan Sewell have one more year to serve on their current terms and will remain.

What A Bucket List *by Ken Hofmeister*

Just when you think you have your bucket list complete, something else comes along. In this case, it's the SFF Bucket Raffle at the internationally famous SFF Hog Roast. "No way" you say. Let's see.

Picture twelve buckets filled with items you want, need, or can use. Notice that raffle tickets are \$1.00 apiece—twelve for \$10.00. Remember that the proceeds go to SFF causes, educational activities, conservation projects, lunches, and expenses.

Now consider what you could get for \$1.00. For example:

- Save a fishing trip—with special tools.
- Save a life—with a USCG approved signal device.
- Find a friend—with a LED light that fits in your shirt pocket.
- Tie a fly—with exotic materials from far-away places like Haines City.
- Escape or prevent skin cancer—with camouflaged buffs.
- Look like you know what you are doing while wearing trendy hats.
- Never lose your car keys, house keys, boat keys with floating fish key chain.
- Cool beverages with insulated cup holders.
- Life-saving escape from anchor lines wrapped around your foot—with sharp knife.
- Marriage savers-- with cell phone dry bag.
- Image enhancer shirts that leave no question about whether you fish.
- Apparel that identifies you as an elite member of fly fishing's finest club.
- Enhanced fishing experiences with things I can't even describe (since you haven't donated these items yet).

E-mail me to donate priceless treasures kentonhofmeister@gmail.com.

Ken Hofmeister, Chairperson and Ringmaster of the SFF Hog Roast Bucket Raffle

Casting Clinic, March 31, Maximo Park, 8:30 to 11:00 am... Note change from Ft. De-Soto Park

At our recent BOD meeting we decided to have our next casting clinic for Suncoast Fly Fishers Club at **Maximo Park, next to O'Neil's Marina**. Get off 275 south at exit 16. Turn right at the bottom of the ramp and proceed straight ahead to Maximo Park. We have a permit for the morning and will be at the shelter near the beach. We will begin promptly so get there early enough to rig your rod and have a donut with Richard's superb coffee. Cold drinks and lunch will be provided by the club. This is again available to all experience levels from beginner to advanced. New members especially are encouraged to attend. A sign up sheet will be available at our next meeting. A permit was purchased by our club so you will save gas as well as a \$5.00 use fee, which is now in place at Ft. De-Soto Park. Two boat launches are available for anyone wanting to launch a boat or kayaks if you want to fish after the clinic. FFF dues must be current. Call or email me if you need equipment.

Pat Damico, MCI 727-504-8649

Editor's Corner *by Paul Sequira*

The Suncoast Fly Fishers is without a doubt the best fly fishing club in the State of Florida. How did I come to this conclusion, easy, just go to the website <http://www.suncoastflyfishers.com/> and scroll down past all the pictures and other good stuff to the document titled **Suncoast Fly Fishers 2011 Educational and Public Service Activities**, an annual report to FFF describing our activities. I can't imagine another club as active as SFF in promoting fly fishing and related activities to the public through SFF's appearances at the many area fishing shows, education of members in the fly fishing arts, the dedication to help our veterans through the Project Healing Waters program and more. Read it and be proud of your club; I know I am.

Our 9th Annual Hog Roast is just around the corner and we are counting on you all to join in on the festivities and help support your club. Please see the flyer on page 3 and Tom Gadacz's article on pages 4 and 5. As Tom said in his Prez Sez column, we really need you to make your reservations now so that we can give Leroy, our caterer an accurate head count so that he will know how much food to prepare. Please make your reservations at the March meeting or send them in to Roger Blanton, you'll find mailing information on the flyer. Don't forget to tie and donate your favorite flies and other items for the auction and bucket raffles. Member contributions are always welcome and important to a successful event.

The Everglades special outing is next month (April 27-29) and Alan Sewell has included the information for reservations at the LaQuinta Inn in his Outing Report on page 2 of this newsletter. This is one of the best events of the year and you don't want to miss it. Go to the club website <http://www.suncoastflyfishers.com/> and check out the April 2011 issue of the newsletter for my article "What's The Story On The Everglades" on pages 10 -11 for all the information you will need for a successful trip. If you have any questions, see Alan at the meeting.

Pat Damico will be holding two fly casting clinics this year. The first one will be SFF's spring event and will be held at Maximo Park on Saturday, March 31, 2012 8:30 - 11:00 am. See Pat's article on page 6 for details. A second clinic will be held on September 8, 2012 in conjunction with the Florida Council FFF. This event will also be held at Maximo Park and details will be published in future newsletters.

SFF Welcomes New Members

The Suncoast Fly Fishers welcome new members William Joseph of St. Petersburg and Robert Morrison of Largo. Gentlemen, we hope that you will find your membership with SFF rewarding and enjoyable. Our club offers many activities and benefits as described on page 12 of this newsletter.

Drift Boat Bassin with Capt. Craig Crumbliss by Bill AuCoin

When we see a picture of a drift boat most Florida fly fishers think Colorado trout fishing. Capt. Craig Crumbliss thinks Florida bass fishing.

Oh, Craig pays his seasonal dues to Colorado river trout, in his Native Driftboats vessel, of course, but the rest of the year he and his western-style drift boat help two fly fishers launch flies for big bass, bream and crappie on central Florida's celebrated lunger waters.

"My drift boat is just right for guiding two fly fishermen at a time on Florida lakes," he told Suncoast Fly Fishers at the February meeting. "One is in the front and one is in the back and I'm in the middle and ready to tie flies, dispense advice and maneuver us into position. The boat is stable. The angler can even stand up."

Allen Wyatt of [Andy Thornal Expedition Outfitters](#) introduced Crumbliss and pointed out that his newest Orvis-endorsed guide is doing important work for the fly fishing cause. "You know if you're fishing in Colorado you just go into any fly shop and they'll know exactly where trout are biting and what fly to use, and whether to use a size 8 or 10 or 12," he said. "You know, that body of knowledge doesn't yet exist for Florida. That's what Craig is doing."

Indeed, Crumbliss has already authored an 86-page how-to, where-to book on the subject – Fly Fishing Central Florida's Freshwater -- available through Amazon, Andy Thornal Company, Orlando Oufitters, and Tampa Bay on the Fly.

Here's a once-over-lightly, right from his narrated slide show, but you still need Craig's 86-pager for the full scoop, including 17 great warm-water fly fishing spots between Tampa and Orlando. Lakes, rivers, even neighborhood ponds (gold mines, so to speak.)

Year on the Water

Suncoasters who have salt fishing on their minds need to remember that they already own the equipment they need – 6 to 9 weight rods. Freshwater is near, it's easy, it's inexpensive to fish.

Year-around, something is happening. January, February, March are for bedding bass and the shad run on the St. John's. In April, May and June bass are schooling and bluegills are on the beds. In the summer months, fish early and fish late to avoid the heat. The fish don't seem to mind. In October, November, December bass are schooling. Between cold fronts, the bluebill and crappie bites are amazing.

Craig uses topwaters – Did somebody say red and white popping bugs – early and late but success comes to those who know how to fish subsurface flies. He fishes attractors that stimulate an instinctive strike but he is getting more fish on realistic-looking mayflies, dragonflies and damselflies.

Or combine surface and subsurface offerings into tandem rigs with the popper on top followed by a nymph or baitfish simulation.

For subsurface fishing your leader is short, just 30 to 40 inches of fluorocarbon. That helps the fly sink more quickly. He counts the fly down to a depth he lies then retrieves it, typically, with a strip-strip-pause pattern. If that doesn't work, he said, experiment until you get the right rhythm for the day.

He lets topwaters settle in for 10 seconds or so before retrieving but often he prefers letting the current and wind to do the work of moving the fly. It looks more natural that way.

But whether you're fishing on top or below, you must maintain contact with your fly so don't let slack keep you from feeling the strike.



Craig Crumbliss on the oars in his drift boat with two clients fore and aft. Crumbliss photo

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Develop A Plan by Capt. Pat Damico

Watch the birds: To have consistent success finding shallow-water reds and trout, a pattern is needed. For most saltwater fly-fishing, I prefer winter. Winter's extreme low tides have flats – areas often exposed or with skinny water – awaiting the incoming tide. Wading birds that eat the same things fish do, such as worms, shrimp, crabs and small baitfish, will precede the arrival of reds eager to enjoy the same smorgasbord. If looking at a large flat, birds are often concentrated in one area. This is where the most food is available, easily reached and also a guide to where the fish will arrive. As the water depth increases, look for tails or nervous water on the edges first. Surface changes that are different from surrounding water indicate fish beginning to move and feed. A small pair of binoculars is invaluable allowing your vision to be extended without moving.



A gorgeous gator trout caught while fishing with Capt. Pat. Knowing the signs of feeding fish or where they will be feeding will help you locate the fish you are hunting for. Damico photo

Technique: When a large brown tail appears waving slowly, it means a redfish has his snout in the soft bottom getting food, causing his body to be almost vertical. Careful observation should reveal others in the same general area. Wading is the best way to get close to your target. The time to cast is when a tail shows. A 7-or 8-weight fly rod with floating line should have a tapered leader at least 9 feet in length. Accuracy is needed to cast almost on the fish's nose. A small dark crab pattern with a weed guard and bead chain eyes attached to a 20-pound tippet is ideal. When the tail goes down, the fish is horizontal looking for his food. This is when the fly should be moved a few inches. A violent strike should be your reward.

As the water deepens with the incoming tide, fish will not show well especially in poor light. A reliable technique for finding them is to look for sand holes. Grass flats will have areas that look bare, varying from a few feet in diameter to much larger. They indicate water that is deeper and a frequent ambush point taken up by reds and large trout. Change to a baitfish fly pattern, such as a chartreuse-white or brown-orange Clouser or Deceiver. Cast enough times keeping your offering close to the bottom covering the sand hole carefully before moving to the next. Large sand holes will contain multiple fish.

Capt. Pat Damico

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Tying Bench — Jerk Minnow by Craig Crumbliss

Fly Fisherman in Florida really need truly weedless flies, whether you're casting into the mangrove shorelines or fishing through lily pads and hydrilla there are thousands of ways to snag a fly in our Florida waters.

There are several ways to tie weedguards with either a mono loop our double or single mono post that can be effective as weedguards but also unfortunately are “fish guards” as well, often preventing a solid hookset. Popular flies such as the Clouser Minnow which are tied to ride hook point up are also effective in steering clear of the weeds.

My idea when designing the Jerk Minnow was to tie a pattern that was effectively weedless on its own. This is accomplished by using a worm style hook made by Eagle Claw and sold by DOA lures. This hook has a little longer neck than similar worm hooks so it allows the tier to have space to tie the fly. Initially these flies were tied with Enrico Puglisi fibers but I've since changed to Steve Farrar Flash Blend because it's a little stiffer and not as likely to foul.

The Jerk Minnow is true to its name and swims like an unweighted soft plastic jerk bait. The flie's profile can be trimmed to match any size baitfish or thinner for a more wormy profile. I will fish this fly on a floating line to cover the upper 6"-18" or on a sink tip line to get it down a little deeper.

Materials List

- Hook: DOA Long Neck 3.5/0 or 5/0
- Thread: Mono
- Body: Steve Farrar Flash Blend
- Eyes: EP Solid Plastic Eyes

Step-by-Step

1. Wrap a base of thread from the eye down to the bend.
2. Tie in the first clump of material on the top of the hook shank near the bend of the hook. You will want to tie down the material right in the middle then fold it back similar to tying an EP minnow.
3. Tie in the second clump of material directly under the first with half of it splayed to either side of the hook.
4. Repeat this two step process twice. When tying on the smaller 3.5/0 hooks I'll cut the material in half for this step.
5. Form a nice head and whip finish.
6. Trim the body to your desired profile and add markings with a sharpie.
7. Glue the eyes on with Zap-A-Dap-A-Goo

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Jerk Minnow tied by Craig Crumbliss
Sequeira photo

Tying Bench — Andy's Seaducer Variant by Paul Sequira

The Seaducer (originally the Homer Rhodes Tarpon Fly but popularized by Chico Fernandez as the Seaducer) was designed to be a soft landing, very slow sinker, hence the heavily palmered shank. The Seaducer is also a very productive fly for both spotted seatrout and redfish. Andy Constantinou liked the looks of the fly but wanted it to sink faster and deeper. So what did he do? He substituted marabou for the hackle collar and weighted the fly with lead dumbbell eyes; that did the job. We can attest to the fly's success given the results Andy has had on several occasions fishing for redfish at Simmons Park in Ruskin. See photos on page 15.



Andy's Seaducer Variant tied by Andy Constantinou
Sequira photo

Materials:

- Thread: Black Flat Waxed Nylon
- Hook: Mustad 3407 or equivalent, size - your choice
- Tails: Dyed green grizzly saddle hackle 2 or 3 each side, splayed out
- Collar: Dyed green or dark olive marabou
- Flash: Rainbow colored Krystal Flash
- Weight: Painted black dumbbell eyes size appropriate for hook

Tying Instructions:

1. Secure the hook in the vise in the standard way. Tie in the thread with a jam knot about 1/3rd of the way behind the hook eye and make a small bump.
2. Place the dumbbell eyes in front of the thread bump and take figure eight thread wraps to secure the eyes to the hook. Take several wraps of thread under the eyes and across the top to the hook shank to level the eyes on the hook. Wrap the thread down to the start of the hook bend. Put a few drops of head cement on the thread wraps to cement it to the hook.
3. Select two pairs of 2 or 3 hackles each and even up the tips to create the tail. Remove the fluff from the base of the hackles. Place the two pairs back to back so that the hackle splay out. Place the hackle butts on top of the hook shank at the bend and secure the butts with several tight wraps of thread. At this point you should adjust the hackles so that they lay evenly on top of the hook shank.
4. Select a well hackle marabou feather and tie it in just in front of the hackle butts and palmer the marabou up to the eyes.
5. Select about 5 strands of rainbow colored Krystal Flash and tie them in on the bottom of the hook shank directly in front of the eyes. Use the center fold method so that you wind up with about 10 strips of Krystal Flash. Snip the ends of each strand at a slightly different length to provide plenty of flash.
6. Move the thread in front of the eyes and build a neat bullet shaped head. Whip finish and coat the head with head cement.

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
- Raffles - Tom Hummel & Bryan Jankovic
- Shows & Special Events - Woody Miller
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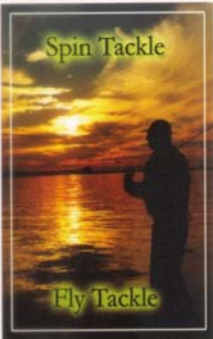
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SFF dues are due in September. This is for the remaining months of 2009 and then through August of 2010. Members whose dues are delinquent for 2 or more months may lose their SFF membership. See Tom Gadacz for renewal forms.

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

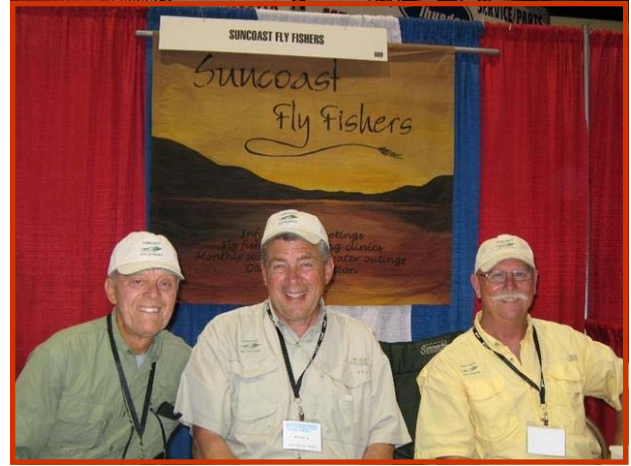
Other members who would like an additional copy or non-members who would like a copy may purchase one for \$5.00 (plus postage if mailing is required). This book is loaded with excellent information and is a wonderful keepsake of a much missed member and friend of the club.

SFF Photo Gallery—Simmons Park Redfish



Andy Constantinou developed his own Seaducer Variant (see page 11) and had several successful outings with the new fly. Andy wrote: (top picture) "I had my best day on the flats at Simmons Park, Ruskin. Caught 4 reds ranging from 16" to 27" plus a 24" sea trout, all on my own seducer variation. Went out for a couple of hours today (2-17) and caught a 22" redfish (bottom picture) on the same fly, I was wondering if the other day was a one off." And then on 2-22-12 - "Hi Paul, I don't want to be a bore but caught 2 more redfish today 16" and 20" on the same fly at Simmons Park, so it looks like the other catches were not a fluke." *Editor's note: You're no bore Andy, and you've made the rest of jealous!*
Constantinou photos

SFF Photo Gallery - Some Random Pictures



Top: left Dan Baumgartner, Don Manning & Alan Sewell—Right: Norm Sande, Ron Kelley & Woody Miller tying at the Tampa Trib Show Middle: Members watching Craig Crumbliss demo his Jerk Minnow Bottom: Tom Hummel running the monthly raffle Right; Tom's tournament winning large moth bass at the Lake Manatee outing

SFF Photo Gallery - Member Flies for the Hog Roast



Okay SFF fly tyers, let's get busy. Al Pitcher (top) has certainly been busy and so has Paul Sequira (bottom) tying flies for the Hog Roast and this is just a sampling. I know Charley Most has been putting together a package of some beautiful bend backs. How about the rest of you? Member tied flies are always one of the most popular items at the silent auction. Bring your flies in to the March 15th meeting, make sure you put your name with them and turn them in to Myron Hansen. Picture and Sequira photos

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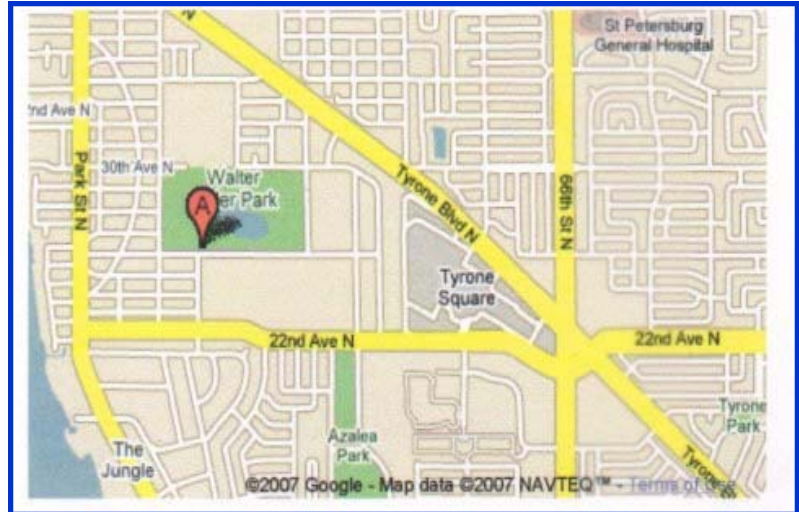
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Next Club Meeting: March 15, 2012

Time: 6:00-7:00 PM Fly Tying Demo

7:00-8:30 Meeting & Program

Location: Walter Fuller Park

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

Program - Chris Anderson of FFWCC will talk about marine charts for Tampa Bay and surrounding waters and how to download them

Featured Fly Tyer: Layne “Smitty” Smith

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