

On The Fly



Have you renewed your membership in the Suncoast Fly Fishers? Print and complete the form on P 3.



Chris Sexton's snook fly, which he tied at the September meeting, has been catching snook and more snook. P10. Tie some. P7



Carl Hanson, Lord of the Flies, RIP. John Chesnut Park on Lake Tarpon is the site of Saturday's Carl Hanson Memorial Outing. Get the scoop at Thursday's meeting.

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Suncoast Fly Fisher News 'n' Notes

Meeting: Thursday, October 15, Walter Fuller Park, 6-8:30 pm

- Carl Hanson Outing signup. Robert Fischer will talk about how to get there, where to launch, where we will eat, and other details.
- Fly Swap. Participants should tie Carl Hanson's glass minnow with any appropriate variations.
- Sign up to help teach fly tying at Marine Quest. See Bill AuCoin or Jeff Heer
- NEW Fly Casting Games will be Oct. 31 at Walter Fuller Park
- Bring in a favorite shirt and get it embroidered with the club logo

Carl Hanson Memorial Outing, Saturday, October 17

- Hosted by the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club. John Chesnut Park is on the east side of Lake Tarpon. Boat launch. Lunch is at Shelter #6.
- Directions, et cetera at [Pinellas County Parks](#). Check out launching/parking fees.

Marine Quest, Fish and Wildlife Research in downtown St. Pete, Saturday, Oct. 17

- Suncoast Fly Fishers will teach young anglers how to tie a fly. Details at the meeting. Fly tiers are needed. Contact Bill AuCoin
- What is Marine Quest? Info [here](#)

NEW. SFF Fly Casting Games, October 31, Walter Fuller Park

- 9 to noon
- Beginner tutorial session
- Free coffee and donuts

IFFF Florida Council Fly Fishing Expo -- IGFA museum in Dania Beach, Oct. 23-24

- Fly fishing seminars by Chico Fernandez, Jon Cave, Andy Mill, Nick Curcione, Rob Fordyce, Alex Lovett-Woodsum, Rich Keating, Joe Gonzalez, Pat Ford, Honson Lau, Cordell Baum, Bou Bosso, Pete Greenan, David Lambroughton, Jamie Allen, Mark Benson and other fly fishing stars.
- Check out the newest products from G. Loomis, Hardy, Hell's Bay, Galvan, TFO, Simms, Nautilus, Wulff Fly Lines, Carbon Marine, EP Flies, Rainy's Flies, Renzetti and others.
- Details at the [Florida Council](#) IFFF website.

Big Gun Fly Casting Distance Shootout, Picnic Island Park, Tampa, Sunday, November 22

Don Coleman Outing and Chili Cook-off, Fort DeSoto Park, Saturday, December 19

- **Wendy Burton writes,** *"Come join us for the Don Coleman Classic Chili Cook-Off and potluck. Dust off that favorite chili recipe. Join the fun by bringing your entry to the competition, possibly earning you bragging rights for the year. You might make the hottest, best flavor, or most different. We'll have someone to stir and watch the pot(s). If you are not bringing chili, bring a side to share. The club provides the bowls and spoon, toppings and drinks."*

(Past) Time to Renew Membership renewals for the 2015 – 2016 period were due in September. If you haven't renewed, it's time. Hey, It's past time. Starting now, to facilitate member-to-member contact, you may choose to share your email address with fellow members. It is with the understanding that your email address will not be shared with non-members or used for commercial, political or other purposes. To renew, [see Treasurer Karen Warfel, at the monthly meeting](#) or mail a check with your completed membership form (on page 3) to ... Suncoast Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 40821, St. Petersburg, FL 33743-0821



SUNCOAST FLY FISHERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

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Suncoast Fly Fishers (SFF) For new and renewing members. Membership categories (select one):

- ___ REGULAR MEMBERSHIP 1 year - \$15
- ___ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP 1 year (includes Member, Spouse and children under 18) - \$25
- ___ BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP 1 year (includes monthly business card newsletter ad) - \$100

If a current member of IFFF, enter your IFFF number _____.

International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) This is only for new members and is in addition to SFF membership. If you are a current member of IFFF, please enter your IFFF number (above). SFF is a charter club of IFFF, and membership in SFF requires membership in IFFF. Current members pay annual dues directly to IFFF. If a new member, select one category only:

- ___ INDIVIDUAL 1 year - \$35
- ___ INDIVIDUAL 3 years - \$85
- ___ SENIOR (age 65 or over; provide date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ___/___/___) 1 year - \$25
- ___ YOUTH (under age 18; provide date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ___/___/___) 1 year - \$15
- ___ FAMILY 1 year - \$45
- ___ FAMILY 3 years - \$100

Total amount due: \$ _____. Please make check payable to **Suncoast Fly Fishers** and submit with completed application at next meeting or mail to: **Suncoast Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 40821, St. Petersburg, FL 33743-0821.**

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***This information is shown on the Membership List which is distributed to members only and is not used for commercial purposes. If you do not desire this information disclosed to members, please so indicate.**

****The monthly newsletter, "On the Fly," is only distributed electronically. If you do not provide an e-mail address, you can obtain the newsletter from our web site - <http://www.suncoastflyfishers.com>**

If an e-mail address is provided, please select one of the following options:

- ___ Publish my e-mail address on the Membership List which is distributed to members.
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NOTE: AS A CONDITION OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP, ALL MEMBERS AGREE NOT TO SHARE MEMBER E-MAIL ADDRESSES OR USE THEM FOR ANY REASON (COMMERCIAL, POLITICAL, ETC.) OTHER THAN SFF CLUB RELATED CONTACTS.

We are Suncoast Fly Fishers

Aims and Purposes

Suncoast Fly Fishers (SFF) is a non-profit 501(C) 3 organization and a charter member of the International Federation of Fly fishers.

Suncoast Fly Fishers are dedicated to sharing their total fly-fishing experiences and to developing interest in fly fishing in both fresh and salt water. We 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 help members become more skilled, have more fun, and be more productive in the sport. SFF supports the conservation of natural resources, boating safety and fishing regulations.

Suncoast Fly Fishers

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Dan Bumgarner - John Craig - George Haseltine - Tom Gadacz - Ken Hofmeister - Jeff Heer - Rick Warfel

Committees

Volunteers needed. Please speak to any officer or director at the meeting
Casting Skills -- Pat Damico, MCI, and Dayle Mazzarella, MCI
IFFF Liaison -- Pat Damico
Fly Tying -- Myron Hansen
Membership -- Karen Warfel
Webmaster -- Dick Miekka
Hog Roast -- Karen and Rick Warfel
Club Outings and Lunches -- George Haseltine and Dan Bumgarner
Project Healing Waters -- John Craig, Terry Kirkpatrick
Raffles -- Dave Barson
Programs -- Board of Directors
Newsletter, publicity -- Bill AuCoin

Monthly Meetings are the third Thursday of each month except December from 6:00 to 8:30 pm, Walter Fuller Park Recreation Center, 7981 26th Ave N., St. Pete



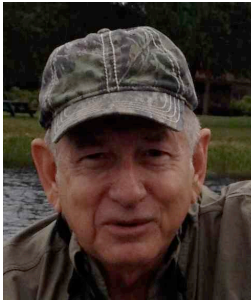
Directions to our meeting at Walter Fuller Park...

From 22nd Avenue N turn North on 72nd St. N. Turn left (South) on 26th Avenue N. Then turn right into the recreation center parking lot.

<http://suncoastflyfishers.com/meetings.html>

The Suncoast Fly Fishers, Inc. (SFF) is an organization of fishing enthusiasts who love fishing with the fly rod. We welcome all people of all ages with similar interests, regardless of their fly fishing skill level. We enthusiastically teach those that wish to learn or improve their fly casting, fly tying and related fly fishing skills. SFF meets monthly where we talk fly fishing, tie flies and most months feature a speaker with a program highlighting local fly fishing opportunities. SFF is a non-profit, 501(C) 3 organization. SFF is a charter member of the [International Federation of Fly Fishers \(IFFF\)](#). SFF is a member of the [Florida Council of IFFF](#).

By U.S. mail: Suncoast Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 40821, St Petersburg, FL 33743-0821



George Haseltine

Suncoast Fly Fishers Outing Reviews and Previews and Annual Tournament Update

George Haseltine, Dan Bumgarner, Co-Chair SFF Outing Committee with Truk Trukenbrod & John Craig



Capt. Dan Bumgarner

Review: Cypress Point Park, Saturday, September 19

As you can see from Tom's excellent, detailed report with pictures (P9), we fished in the sunshine and lunched like kings.

Mark Craig caught the longest above (at) legal limit trout: 15" long. He and his dad, John, caught trout and ladyfish. Mark Hays was seen trying to entice a small shark into hitting his fly, but it was too busy tearing up something else in the grass. Bill Scarola caught a 27" ladyfish and Joe Dail caught at least one 14" trout.

There weren't a lot of fish caught, but one couldn't ask for a better day: good company, good fellowship and good food. Thanks again to Joe Corr and Larry Morse for (as Joe Dail put it) "an exotic lunch for a fly fishing club." It was great.

We had 24 names on the list and 23 showed up for lunch. If you broke bread with us and weren't able to fish, thank you for joining us. It was good to see Wendy Burton, Mim Craig and Peggy Averill (related to Bob Morrison) there, too. Truly roses amongst the thorns.

Preview: Carl Hanson Memorial, Lake Tarpon, October 17, 2015

October is a beautiful month for fishing. Our October outing is the annual Carl Hanson Hillsborough River Tournament, except it won't be at the Hillsborough River. It will be at Lake Tarpon. The contest will still be the most fish caught. The Tampa Club will be hosting and providing lunch and since the water is so high in the Hillsborough River they thought we would do better at Lake Tarpon. We agreed. We will have maps and directions provided by John Craig at the October 15th meeting. Be there and plan to join us also at Lake Tarpon. We have to win that trophy and portrait back!

We could still use a lunch volunteer for our November outing at Weedon Island. John Craig will reserve the pavilion.

Questions? If you have questions or want to sign up for an outing you can call or text me on my cell phone, 727-423-8110, or email me at ghh343@aol.com.

George

Reviews-Previews-Tournament Update

2015-2016 Annual Tournament Leaders

Species	Length	Angler	Outing
Longest bass -	16.5 inches	David Putnam	April: Hillsborough River
Longest bluegill	9.5-inches	Tom Trukenbrod	April: Hillsborough River
Longest sea trout	20.5 inches	Mark Craig	June: Docklight outing
Longest redfish	22-inches	Mark Craig	June: Docklight outing
Longest snook	Open		

Note: All fish entered in the yearly contest must be caught at a club outing, in the zone defined, and must be at least the minimum length as determined by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.

About this fly...

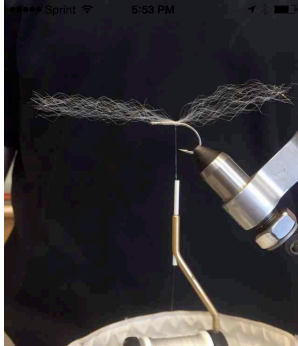
After casting in vain at lots of snook, I was complaining to Chris Sexton and Ethan Kiburz at Flint Creek Outfitters about the problem. Both of them said: "Steve Farar's fiber tied white and SPARSE." I bought some white and invited Chris to tie for SFF. At the tie-a-thon, he offered to trade me one of his flies for one of mine. I tried it that night and caught snook. And I have hooked or caught snook every night since (two different things--hooking and catching). Without directions, I improvised and modified to include peacock herl and crystal flash. SPARSE is the magic word. *Ken Hofmeister*



Materials

- Hook: Gamakatsu SC-15 #1
- Thread: Ultra Monofilament .006
- Adhesive: Backcountry Laboratories Hard-As-Hull
- Fibers: SF Blend White & Olive
- Epoxy: Loon UV Knot Sense
- Eyes: Mirage Eyes 7/32

Tying Sequence



Step 1: Start the thread at the mid point of the shank and advance the thread back to the bend where the bobbin hangs just about 1/8" behind the hook point.

Step 2: Take a very sparse clump of white SF fibers (about 20-30 fibers tops!), double over and cut to make it half the length. Then tie in the material at its mid point, creating an 1/8" thread dam.

Step 3: Pull back, fold over and cinch down on the portion of material that hangs over the eye of the hook. Hit the thread bump with hard-as-hull.

Step 4: Repeat steps 2 and 3, twice more, leaving you with three folded over sections of white.

Step 5: Repeat steps 2 and 3 one last time with a sparse clump of olive SF fibers. Then whip finish and hit with hard-as-hull.

Step 6: Apply the Loon directly to the material before you stick on the eyes. Make sure the material has absorbed the epoxy and then stick on the eyes. Cure.

Step 7: Do a final coat of UV epoxy over the eyes. Use the rotary function of the vise to rotate the fly which will smooth out the layer of epoxy.



Tom Gadacz: September Meeting Tie-a-Thon

The September 17 membership meeting featured a fly tying session and pizza. The fly tiers included Toni Fernstrom, Charlie Most, Terry Kirkpatrick, Ken Hofmeister, Craig Smothers of the



Toni Fernstrom of Bill Jackson's Shop for Adventure

Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers, Dan Bumgarner, "Smitty" Smith, and Chris Sexton of Flint Creek Outfitters.

The variety of flies ranged from salt water to trout patterns. This was a great opportunity to tie with these guys and learn how they tie patterns that catch fish.

Smitty tied his Calypso Coyote with two types of UV coyote tail, a great fly for tarpon when tied on a Gamakatsu SL 12S 2/0 hook.



Chris Sexton of Flint Creek Outfitters tied his killer snook pattern. See "Tying Bench" p7.



Craig Smothers tied his famous EP fiber flies. A great video by Craig entitled "Tools ^& Tips When Working with Enrico Fiber is found at this web page.:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x90fpone8EM>



Terry Kirkpatrick



Dan Bumgarner

Tom Gadacz: Cypress Point Park Outing



Big cheer for Joe Corr and Larry Morse for their Northern Indian Curry Chicken.

The September 19 outing at Cypress Point Park in Tampa was perfect for fly fishing. We had boaters, kayakers, and waders. The morning was cloudy with mild breeze and a low tide.

There were several good catches but yours truly had plenty of casting practice.

Our lunch was prepared by Joe Corr and Larry Morse and the theme was Northern Indian Chicken Curry. The spices included ginger, garlic, coriander, cumin, turmeric, and chilies. Great taste. Wow. All



Swapping fish tales maybe? John Craig, Mark Hays, Wendy Burton, Miriam Craig, Mark Craig and Joe Dail.

these great fishing opportunities and lunches for only \$15 a year and only 23 members took advantage of this great event.

Many of you are missing a great adventure and a chance to learn about fly fishing in the Tampa Bay area. Don't miss the next outing!



Ready for Northern Indian Curry Chicken? Oh yeah!



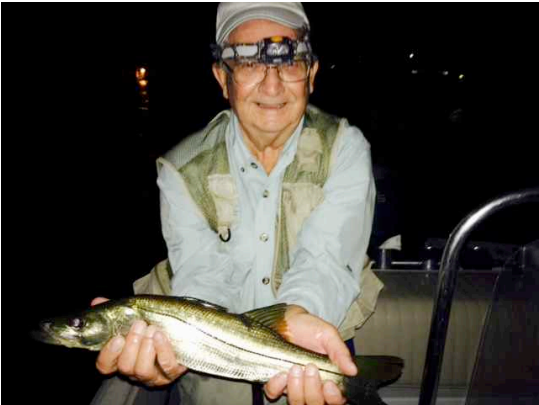
High noon, time for lunch. Can't be late.

Tom

Chris Sexton Snook Fly Scores on the Dock Lights



Ken Hofmeister caught this snook, one of several docklight linesiders he caught in September using the Chris Sexton snook fly.



Tom Gadacz lost one and landed one on Chris Sexton's snook fly one night in late September. "Snarse is successful." writes Ken Hofmeister.



Another docklight snook caught on -- you guessed it -- the Chris Sexton snook fly. Ken Hofmeister got the reward.



Not just snook, either. Ken Hofmeister caught and consumed this mangrove snapper.



What is a Coke Float fly? Glad you asked. It's like the beer can fly, only a different flavor.



Ken Hofmeister caught this sheephead on a coke float fly. (What? Not the Sexton snook fly?)

Florida Sportsman Show: Casting and Tying Demo



Ted Rich was one of nine club members demonstrating fly tying and casting at the Florida Sportsman show.



The Tampa fly club also helped spread the good word about fly fishing to show goers.

Nine Suncoast Fly Fishers volunteered to demonstrate fly tying and fly casting at the Florida Sportsman Expo at the Tampa Fairgrounds September 12-13. Dan Bumgarner, who organized our club's participation, extends thanks to the following for their help spreading the good word about fly fishing and about our club: Alan Sewell, Ted Rich, John Craig, Rick Warfel, Tom Gadacz, Kirk Burton, Bill Scarola, and Ken Hofmeister`



Dan Bumgarner, Ted Rich and Alan Sewell get a rod ready for the casting pond.

Capt. Pat Damico: Fly Casting Clinic. Tip #71



By Capt. Pat Damico, IFFF Master Casting Instructor

The rear taper decreases in diameter from the thicker belly section to the much smaller running line on a weight forward line. The rear taper creates the transition so important to casting smoothness. A short rear taper will kick the energy quickly into the head, turning the line over fast. A long rear taper delays this turnover. Long rear tapers are preferred for big waters and long casts; a short rear taper for smaller water and shorter casts.

Pat Damico, St. Pete Beach

Capt. Pat Damico: Dock light Tarpon

Capt. Pat Damico in the Tampa Bay Times:

This has been a banner year for smaller tarpon in the Tampa Bay area. Dock lights have been holding a good number of tarpon up to 30 pounds with an occasional larger one cruising near the lights to take advantage of the concentration of baitfish. Snook, reds and trout are the usual customers frequenting lights, but tarpon will be there too. Lights near structure, docks, bridges and marinas are a good place to start. Be very cautious on your approach. Watch the lighted area from a distance using an electric motor at a very slow speed. Good tidal flow is needed to get these fish to accept your offering. This is strictly a sight fishing situation where long accurate casts are needed. If you can't do a saltwater quick cast, get a good casting instructor to help perfect your technique. This will help in all saltwater fly sight casting. If you're not a night person and you want other baby tarpon choices, explore the many rivers that go into the bay and Gulf. Early morning will bring these silver rockets rolling on the surface helping you find their location. If they do not show, concentrate casting small baitfish patterns around the above mentioned structure. If there is no surface activity, use a full sinking line as these elusive fish will spend most of their time close to the bottom. When you find one, more will be nearby.

Fly fishing guide Pat Damico charters in lower Tampa Bay. Contact: captpat.com . (727) 504-8649.

Bob Morrison: How-To



Mac Attack. We are currently seeing large baitfish schools both offshore and inshore. Game fish are after them, and the game fish include Spanish mackerel, both off the beaches and in the backwaters of the Bay. Watch for diving terns, gulls, and pelicans to locate the action. Casting flashy white minnow pattern flies and silver spoon flies should produce good results. Consider wire tippets for those sharp mackerel teeth.

Crab patterns reign. Afternoon incoming tides will find redfish on the oyster beds, looking for small crabs. Try Smitty's Frank Rhodes dark crab pattern (SFF newsletter, December 2013); also try a blue-bodied mud crab, a dark fiddler or a tan-bodied blue crab pattern.

Fish the crab fly. Eat the real ones. Tie the tan-bodied blue crab in foam with a white foam belly and the hook point down. Cast it in the early morning, when the blues go swimming on the surface. Bring a fine-mesh net with a long handle, and maybe you can catch a few of the larger crabs for your own eating enjoyment.

Game fish love pinfish. In early morning high tides about now, try fly patterns that resemble pinfish, such those offered by Craig Smothers of the Sarasota Mangrove Fly Fishers fly tying school. Find Craig online at mangrovecoastflyfishers.com (website) or thefishdoc@comcast.net E-mail.

Tailing reds look up, too. Finally, try gurglers and poppers on a early morning outgoing tide for those tailing redfish.

Go get 'em and good luck

Bob

Gems from Don Coleman, RIP

Keep tension in the fly line throughout the entire cast and during the retrieve. Keep your rod tip down when fighting a fish. The tip of the rod is for casting, the butt for fighting. Fight a fish from the first stripping guide up from the grip.

(P 8, Wading the Saltwater Flats with a Fly Rod)

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Bill AuCoin : Flyfisher Flyover



October Outing Optimism: Did you know that Lake Tarpon once held the state record for the largest bass? Yep, 19+ pounds. Believe it or not. ([Tampa Bay Times](#))

Something to keep an eye on. Low levels of red tide algae have been noted in the Gulf in Southwest Florida and in the Panhandle. ([Boca Beacon](#))

FWC tip, Bayway Bridge holds mangrove snapper. I always get a kick out of reading the FWC's law enforcement report describing lawbreakers all over the state. The Pinellas County report was pretty thin but it had one case in which the apprehended a guy with lots of mangrove snapper. Some were too small so they wrote him up for that. Bayway Bridge, hmmm. Just saying...([My FWC](#))

Everglades: So long airboats. Other boating restrictions apply, too. In National Parks we're not supposed to hear internal combustion engines, doncha know. ([Naples Daily News](#))

How this angler stays in shape. Tom Rowland has a terrific website. David Putnam pointed it out to me. Knots? Yep. Where? Yep. Tides? Yep. There's even a post on how to stay in shape: just jog three miles and do 300 pushups. Got that? ([Outdoor Experience](#)).

Just imagine 1,500 fly fishers all in one spot. Well, it really happened. Thank goodness they weren't all fly-casting. No, they were in Bend, Oregon for the IFFF conference. I scanned the pictures. Tom Gadacz was there but he was camera shy, I think. This and more in the hot-off-the-press September 2015 newsletter from the Federation. ([IFFF](#))

Sixty pound carp found in a Kansas ditch. Caught on a fly rod? Smitty's carp fly? Doesn't say. ([Houston Chronicle](#))

Lifetime rod warranties, good or evil? It doesn't look like the fly rod companies are going to be able to put this lifetime warranty genie back into the bottle. Meanwhile, some folks buy an old, broken rod on Craig's List then send it in for a new replacement rod. I wouldn't feel right about that. See, it's not a warranty issue; it's a registration issue. If you register your new rod you get the lifetime warranty. Sounds like a plan. ([Angling Trade](#))

It's time to protect forage fish. Inshore anglers are being rounded up to put some pressure on the Florida Fish and Wildlife to protect the baitfish that our snook, reds, trout, tarpon, etc. need to thrive. Check it out. ([IGFA](#))

Red snapper is on the political menu. Congressman David Jolly has introduced legislation allowing third-party data collection for red snapper and other saltwater fishes. He says both recreational and commercial fishers have lost confidence in government fisheries data. A longer red snapper season is a possibility, he says. ([jolly.house.gov](#))

Burmese Pythons are easy to clean and good to eat. Plus, the season never closes. The 2016 Python Challenge for the Everglades and surrounding land is on. We could make this a club outing, right? ([MY FWC](#))

Bill