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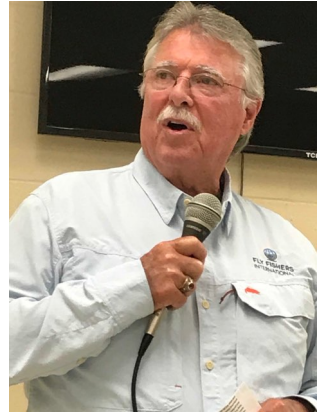
Newsletter of the Suncoast Fly Fishers of St. Petersburg
Promoting fly fishing, fly tying, fly casting, and marine conservation in a family fun atmosphere



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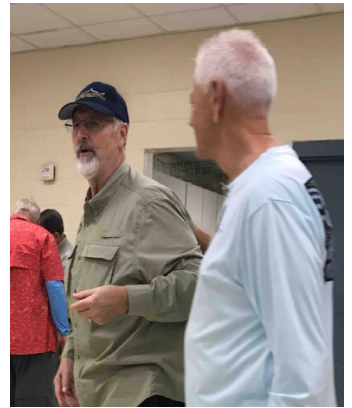
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SFF President Letter – December 2018

Hello Everyone,

I have to make amends right from the beginning. In my last month's recognition of the Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Program I forgot to mention and thank Ken Hofmeister, John Craig, Terry Kirkpatrick, Ken Doty, Pat Damico and Bill Smith. I did mention Tom Gadacz. They were instrumental in getting us into the program and then leading it for years. Thank you all.

I just read Bill AuCoin's article in the Southern Saltwater Fly-Fishing Magazine. Great job Bill! Bill's message is stocked full of good advice and pictures to prove it.

Great magazine also, almost as good as our magazine (newsletter) that Bill produces for us. If you haven't seen it yet, go to Southern Saltwater Fly Fishing Magazine There is a good picture of Walt Durkin (President of the Tampa Bay Fly Fishers Club) and his famous "Rat" fly, that he shared with us at one of our general meetings, and our own Dennis Marquis holding a huge Redfish.

It is so timely that I read Bill's article now, because after last Saturday's outing at Cypress Point, my New Year's Resolution is to blind cast less and **sight cast more**; exactly what Walt is promoting in such a productive way.

Fortunately for me I fished with Mark Hays. Observing Mark is to witness a "predator" in action. That is what made me make the new resolution.

Mark was only 25 to 50 yards away. I witnessed as he dissects every movement of the water, the grass, the wind and the sky. When he does cast, it is with definite purpose. He **expects** to get a strike and so he focuses on the line, rod tip low and prepares himself in anticipation, ready to set the hook at any moment. Awesome!

Remember our next general meeting is January 17, 2019. That's our "Trash 'N Treasures" meeting with auctioneer Alan Sewell and his bad bass hat.

Thanks to Tom Gadacz and his guidance and inspiration, to follow our tradition, I invited 3 other clubs to join us for the Don Coleman Memorial outing and Chili cook-off on December 8th. I hope to see you there. I know you'll make our guests feel welcome. Bring your favorite chili, fixings, or just yourself.

Happy Holidays!

Never lose your sense of Adventure. Be thankful, participate when you can.

George

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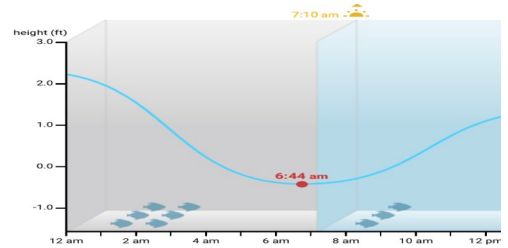
Alan' and his successful Trash 'n Treasures Auctioneer cap

Meetings, Outings, & More

No meeting in December

Saturday, December 8, Don Coleman Open and Chili Contest Outing, Fort DeSoto Park

- Fish anywhere around or in sight of the park. Meet for lunch at **Pavilion #1** at 11:45. Hot, delicious coffee will be ready well before that. The longest fish of any species wins the outing prize. You must shoot a picture of it.
- This is the last event of the year to enter the annual longest fish contest. Check out the tournament leaders on page 11.
- All area fly club members are invited to fish and join SFF members for lunch.
- Fort DeSoto Park is ideal for Park and Wade fishing.
- Making Chili? Let Bob Burkard know. His email address is robertburkard9@gmail.com
- Remember, there's a \$5 entrance fee.



Tide bottoms out at daybreak at Fort DeSoto Park on December 8.
(Tides4fishing)

Monday, December 10, SFF Monday – Tie flies with Bruce Evensen, 531 80th Avenue N. St. Pete

- Meet at Bruce's fly tying studio at 6 pm. It's free. Bring a vise, tools and materials.
- You can buy materials for each month's fly at **St. Pete's Fishing Outfitters**. SFF member Cliff Nigh is the Fly Shop Manager. Location: 34th St. and 35th Avenue. N.
- Bruce will teach flies on other Mondays, too, and they are open to everyone who wants to come.
- Classes resume on January 7.
- NOTE FROM BILL SCAROLA: Bruce is asking of all the tying group to pick out four (4) flies, that can be tied on the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Monday of each month. Tell Bruce on the next Monday you attend or email me back (poppyscar@gmail.com) and I'll forward them to Bruce.

Saturday, December 15, Fall Casting Clinic, Tampa's Picnic Island Park, Shelter 611

- Courses led by FFI Master Casting Instructors Pat Damico and Dayle Mazzarella with help by other fly casting instructors.



Pat Damico

- Registration at 8 am. Free to FFI members who have paid their 2019 dues. (You can join FFI on site for \$35 (Seniors \$25, Juniors \$15))
- Course starts promptly at 8:30 am with a review of basic casting principles. Some fly outfits are available for those who don't have one. Courses continue until 3 pm.



Dayle Mazzarella

- Bring your gear to be checked for balance and for your use. Leader material is available.
- Morning drills: Pick-Up and Lay-Down, False Casting, Feeding Line, Roll Cast, Roll Cast to Pick Up and Feed. Each drill will have an advanced challenge for those pushing their limits. Introduction to the FFI Casting Instructor Program, Saltwater Quick Casting, Double-Haul, Advanced Distance Casting, Accuracy and Mending
- 1:00 Lunch provided by Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club
- Afternoon drills: Fun Casting Drills - One-legged casting - (Keep the boat from rocking), Accuracy - (Under mangrove and docks, and trout fishing), Distance - (Get that Redfish!), Quick casting - (Get that bonefish!)

Meetings, Outings, & More

Thursday, January 17 Meeting – Trash ‘n’ Treasures

- Bring gear to donate for the auction. Auctioneer is Alan Sewell
- Bring a credit card and/or cash. You're going to pick up some really good deals.
- Don't forget to renew your membership for 2018-2019. See Karen Warfel, Treasurer.

Saturday, January 19 Outing – Weedon Island Preserve in St. Pete

- Fish anywhere in the middle bay in sight of Weedon Island Preserve.
- Meet up for lunch at the picnic shelter adjacent to the main parking lot.



Thursday, February 21 Meeting – Robert Fischer, “Fly Fishing from a Motorcycle”

- Member Robert Fischer loves his Harley and he loves his fly fishing.
- Robert will talk about all the water he has fished around the country on his motorcycle

excursions.

Saturday, February 23 Outing – Walsingham Lake Park, Largo

- Targets: Longest bass and longest bluegill
- Meet up for lunch at a Picnic Pavilion on the east side

Sunday, February 24, Teaching Fly Tying at East Lake Woodlands Country Club

- Contact Bob Burkard for details. Robertburkard9@gmail.com

Saturday, March 30, Hog Roast and Silent Auction.

Contact Myron Hansen... hansen3@tampabay.rr.com

- Fly tiers, we are looking forward to your contributions. Member-tied flies are always very popular.
- This year we are asking each member to donate ONE set of flies from 6 up to 12 flies.
- Tie a set of your “GO TO” flies or your “BEST” flies.

Check for updates on the club's online [Calendar](#)

Suncoast Fly Fishers
of St. Petersburg



Monthly Meetings:

Third Thursday of every month (except December) at St. Pete's Walter Fuller Park Rec Center, 7891 26th Ave. N. 6 to 8:30 pm. Guests are welcome.

Monthly Outings

Usually it's the Saturday after the third Thursday of every month in different locations, saltwater and freshwater, with a club-provided picnic lunch at noon.

Membership

Suncoast Fly Fishers currently has 138 members including 20 family members and 6 honorary members. Annual dues are \$15, payable in September.

Welcome new members:

Michael Hobson, Warren Shane, Jr., and Steve Udovich

FFI Charter Club.

Suncoast Fly Fishers is a charter member club of [Fly Fishers International \(FFI\)](#). A charter club of FFI is one in which all club members also join FFI as individual members. Annual dues are \$35. Seniors \$25. SFF is a member club of the [Florida Council](#) of FFI.

Suncoast Fly Fisher News 'n' Notes

Dave Olson Wins Big Gun Shootout with 116-Foot Fly Cast Team Juice – Dave Choinard, Zach Judd, Greg Peterson – wins combined distance and accuracy contest

The Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club organized and hosted the annual event at Picnic Island Park

Dave Olson won the long distance trophy at the 2018 Big Gun Shootout with a cast of 116 feet and one inch. And Dave Choinard won first place overall for his combined distance and accuracy scores. His long cast was 107 feet, 10 inches. *Team Juice* – Choinard, Zach Judd, and Greg Peterson – came in first with the highest distance/accuracy score of 1217, a tad above the second place team -- *Disheveled* – made up of Olson, Eric Davis, and Nick Angelo. The *Reactive Shooters* team of Leigh West, Brandon Chiacop and Bryon Chamberlin took third place. Bryon Chamberlin's long cast was quite long – 114 feet, 2 inches – and earned him a tie for third place with Eric Davis for combined distance and accuracy.

The Suncoast Fly Fishers team (*SFF-A*) of Quin Berry, Andy Constantinou and Rick Warfel placed eighth.

2018 TROPHY WINNERS IN GREEN		TBFFC BIG GUN SHOOT-OUT 2018									
Competitor	Distance*	Accuracy	Hanson	Hoop	V-Fish	Mangrove	Total**	Indiv Rank	Team Name	Shoot-Out Dist	
100'5" DAVE CHOINARD (INDIV. & GROUP)	100	85	0	100	80	80	445	1	JUICE	107'10"	
106'6" ZACH JUDD	100	85	0	68	60	40	353	10	JUICE	98'2"	
GREG PETERSON	99	80	0	100	80	60	419	5	JUICE		
TEAM TOTAL							1217				
123' DAVID OLSON	100	80	0	100	60	100	440	2	DISHEVELED	116'1"	
102'2" ERIC DAVIS	100	80	0	100	60	80	420	3(T)	DISHEVELED	106'2"	
NICK ANGELO	90	85	0	0	80	80	335	13	DISHEVELED		
TEAM TOTAL							1195				
100' LEIGH WEST	100	80	0	100	60	40	380	7	REACTIVE SHOOTERS	DNQ	
104' BRANDON CHIACOP	100	80	0	24	60	80	344	12	REACTIVE SHOOTERS	98'11"	
111'2" BRYON CHAMBERLIN	100	80	0	100	60	80	420	3(T)	REACTIVE SHOOTERS	114'2"	
TEAM TOTAL							1144				
111'2" TED HAAS	100	60	0	16	60	40	276	18	TEAM BACKWATER	108'9"	
KEN TUTALO	91	80	0	68	60	80	379	8	TEAM BACKWATER		
107'5" MARK BENSON	100	80	0	72	60	80	392	6	TEAM BACKWATER	110'9"	
TEAM TOTAL							1047				
BRAD LOWMAN	89	20	0	100	40	80	329	14	DOUBLE HAULERS		
LISA LOWMAN	78	20	0	16	60	40	214	24	DOUBLE HAULERS		
ENVER HYSNI	91	60	0	84	80	60	375	9	DOUBLE HAULERS		
TEAM TOTAL							918				
TED HAGAMAN	72	80	0	60	40	40	292	17	WANA-BEE'S		
WALT DURKIN	79	60	0	16	40	60	255	20(T)	WANA-BEE'S		
DUSTIN PACK	80	80	0	50	60	80	350	11	WANA-BEE'S		
TEAM TOTAL							897				
ZACH WARK	82	40	0	84	60	60	326	15	BK FISH		
WILL KLAUS	80	0	0	12	40	40	172	28	BK FISH		
LARRY BAISDER	80	20	0	92	40	40	272	19	BK FISH		
TEAM TOTAL							770				
QUIN BERRY	80	65	20	76	40	40	321	16	SFF A		
ANDY CONSTANTINOU	64	40	0	4	40	40	188	27	SFF A		
RICK WARFEL	74	65	0	0	40	20	199	26	SFF A		
TEAM TOTAL							708				
MEL SCHUBERT	92	40	0	8	60	40	240	23	NAMELESS		
KRIS SMYTHE	75	40	0	60	40	40	255	20(T)	NAMELESS		
JOHN FAULKNER	59	20	0	0	20	0	99	29	NAMELESS		
TEAM TOTAL							594				
GEORGE ROSS	50	20	20	0	0	0	90	30	PROXY		
LONDON BOSC	63	40	20	0	40	40	203	25	PROXY		
SETH JACOBS	74	40	0	80	40	20	254	22	PROXY		
TEAM TOTAL							547				

* Note: Maximus score on distance is 100

** Maximum possible individual score was 600

Fly Gear for Sale or Swap

Bill Scarola is selling his Vibe Kayak. Email him at poppyscar@gmail.com

VIBE KAYAK, SEA GHOST 110 model. 11' length, 34" width. 450 lb. capacity. Foot rudder controlled steering system, 10 scupper holes with plugs. Vibe paddle. Kayak has a large front hatch and a rear hatch. Also included: bungee tie down, two built in rod holders, center console hatch, with drink holder. Adjustable seat. \$800 or best offer.

Woody Miller's Native Slayer 12 kayak

2017 Slayer, like new, paddled maybe 6 times. Extras included are custom anchor trolley's, rear rolling wheel for easy transport to the water and cover for front storage. \$750. Email Woody at clwpaddler@gmail.com

Rods and reels by non-member Kathy Webber, submitted by Dick Miekka

Dick writes, "I received an e-mail from a woman wanting to sell her husband's fly-fishing equipment. I have looked up the approximate value of the various items and included the values in parentheses." Make your best offer on each item to Kathy Webber, 727-372-4757

- Fenwick Voyager SF74-4 Feralite 7 ft, 3.9 oz. (probably a spin-fly 6 wt. rod, available on E-Bay for \$99.99)
 - Orvis 4 pc 9 ft. 5-wt Trident TLS Midflex, with 2 Battenkill reels (rod on E-Bay \$400; reels about \$100 each)
 - Two Abel reels, TR1 and TR2, never used, with spare spools. (about \$475 per reel and \$160 per spool)
 - Winston 9'6" 5 pc rod, serial #57734, never used. (Not sure of weight, Original price \$595 according to owner)
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Jack Cason is selling his sit-on-top kayak. It's a deal. Call him at 727-864-7444

Just a few months ago Jack bought a 10-foot Perception Pescador (red tiger camo color) kayak with all the trimmings. He used it once. It comes with the Angler's Package including a paddle leash, anchor and anchor trolley, rod holder and more. Also, a high-end inflatable life jacket. It cost more than \$850. Yours for \$650.

Bruce Evensen made these beautiful items himself. Call him at 727-403-9010. Also, see much more of his fine art on "Poppa Bruces Flies" pages on

Etsy....<https://www.etsy.com/shop/poppabrucesflies>

- Hook or eyes holder hand made by Bruce Evensen, \$28.00
- Thread holder with one fly holder by Bruce Evensen, \$9.00
- Fly tying desk and tool holder, \$50.00
- Fly tying desk and tool holder made by Bruce 2ftx2ft., \$85.00
- Epoxy glue holder hand-made by Bruce Evensen, \$24.00



Hand-made hook and eye holder

Want to run an ad? Email Bill AuCoin at wmaucoin@verizon.net

FFI Chairman Tom Logan Speaks to Suncoast Fly Fishers

By Duane Mertz

Fly Fishers International's commitment to the future of fly fishing was the subject of a presentation by Tom Logan, Chairman of Fly Fishers International at the SFF November meeting.

Logan explained that the fifty-three-year-old organization with 12,000 members is dedicated to preserve and protect fly fishing opportunities for future generations through conservation and education. FFI supports all type of fly fishing including cold water, warm water and salt water.

From the conservation standpoint, FFI partners with over 55 other conservation-minded organizations to review and comment on environmental issues world-wide. "We comment on quite a few environmental issues that come before government bodies. Many are associated with the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act or on mining issues", said Logan. "Our partnerships with other organizations, most of which are not fishing-oriented, help us stay on top of important conservation issues and allows us to have a large collective voice."

FFI supports local conservation efforts with seed grants that can lead to large initiatives. They also offer conservation scholarships and internships to deserving students.

"Our educational committee has designed the FFI Learning Center which provides a range of educational and training materials for fly fishing enthusiasts," said Logan. FFI offers a range of courses that can be downloaded from the FFI site as well as an extensive library of 300-400 training videos for member education.

FFI also works closely with Project Healing Waters which is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities by supplying casting and fly-tying instructors. Recently FFI has begun an instructor training program.

FFI's "Women's Connect" program offers outreach to women's conservation organizations inviting them to become associated with FFI. Recently FFI introduced a Guides and Outfitter's Program. The program offers guides and outfitters attractive insurance programs. "We want to attract guides to FFI to encourage them to spread the word about FFI to the 6.5 million fly fishers out there," said Logan.

Another FFI initiative is targeted to fly fishing equipment manufactures. The goal is to seek support for FFI educational and conservation programs from fly fishing equipment manufacturers. Locally FFI works with Florida-based conservation groups such as the Florida Conservation Coalition and the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Lobbyists to comment on conservation issues important to Florida fly fishers.

For more information on FFI please visit: www.flyfishersinternational.org.



Tom Logan, chairman of the board for Fly Fishers International, updated Suncoast Fly Fishers on the new initiatives of FFI.

November Meeting Snapshots

Photography by Tom Gadacz and Bill AuCoin



Darryn Manley (l) gets a big thank you from Pres. George Hazeltine for his \$700 donation to our chapter of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing.



Rick and Karen Warfel welcomed our November speaker, FFI's Chairman of the Board, Tom Logan (right)



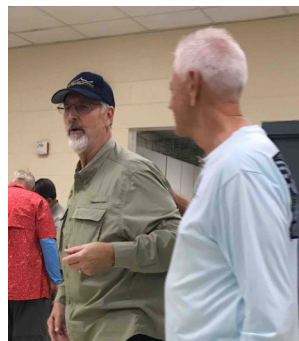
November meeting speaker
Tom Logan, Chairman of the Board of Fly Fishers International (FFI)



SFF members were all ears as FFI Chairman Tom Logan described new FFI initiatives.



Tom Logan (right) pulled the winning ticket at the raffle wheel for a free trip with Capt. Ray Markham. And who is it?



Nice surprise: Jon Hoegstrom learns that he has won the free trip with Capt. Ray Markham.



Mark Hays caught the most bream – 35 – at October's Carl Hanson outing on the Hillsborough River.

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Club Officers

Pres: George Haseltine
Vice Pres: Rick Warfel
Secretary: Dick Miekka
Treasurer: Karen Warfel

Board of Directors

Quin Berry -- David Redd -- Bill Scarola -- Bob
Burkard -- Bruce Evensen -- Ryan Sollars -- Cliff
Nigh

Committees

Volunteers needed. Speak to any officer or
director at the meeting

Casting Skills -- Pat Damico, MCI, Dayle

Mazzarella, MCI

FFI Liaison -- Pat Damico

Conservation -- Cliff Nigh

Fly Tying -- Myron Hansen

Membership -- Karen Warfel

New Members -- Rick Warfel

Webmaster -- Open

Hog Roast -- Karen+Rick Warfel

Outings -- Bob Burkard, Hilton Bruch, David
Redd

Project Healing Waters -- Alan Sewell, Ted
Rich, Dave Barson, Dave Redd, Terry
Kirkpatrick

Outreach, shows -- David Redd, Bob Burkard

Raffles -- Dave Barson

Succession Planning -- Rick Warfel, Dick
Miekka

Programs -- Board of Directors

Public relations -- Bill AuCoin

On The Fly

Bill AuCoin, editor; Duane Mertz

Aims and Purposes

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 (SFF) is a non-profit 501 3 organization

<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 Fly Fishers International (FFI). SFF is a member of the Florida Council of FFI.

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

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 rec center parking lot.

- What can the Suncoast Fly Fishers club do for you and for other members? Email your ideas to club president George Haseltine at ghh343@aol.com
- What can you do for the Suncoast Fly Fishers? For starters, join a committee. Can you help with the website? Newsletter? Hog Roast? Project Healing Waters? Run for a spot on the BOD. Speak to any officer at the meeting or email me, [George Haseltine, ghh343@aol.com](mailto:George.Haseltine.ghh343@aol.com)

Join. Renew. Application
www.suncoastflyfishers.com

Review: November 17 at Chilly Cypress Point Park



Bob Burkard, co-chairman, Outing Committee

By Bob Burkard

Cypress Point Park

Twenty of us fished the waters at Cypress Point Park on Saturday, November 17th. The weather was great, the food and company were exceptional, but the fish were uncooperative. I have caught some nice trout and redfish in this area over that last few years, but they seemed to have moved off to different locations during this outing. Our targeted fish for the outing was seatrout, and no pictures were submitted. Coffee and pastries were available for people who arrived early, and the sandwiches from Panera bread were a hit.

Bob



David Redd, Outing Committee



Truk Trukenbrod, George Hazeltine, Tony Piazza and Mark Hays surrendered valuable fly casting time for this picture. What, no fish? (Tom Gadacz photo)



As Ken Hofmeister (RIP) once observed, the first liar doesn't have a chance (Tom Gadacz photo)



Nice day...for fishing, not for catching. Oh well.



Hmmm. Good reminder to wear waders when the water gets cold.

Preview: December 8 Outing, Fort DeSoto Park

By Bob Burkard

It is time once again for our annual Don Coleman Invitational at Fort De Soto Park. We celebrate this annual event with fly fishing, storytelling, and our annual "Chili Cook-off".

I am looking forward to fishing Fort De Soto Park now that the Red Tide has receded. This location provides plenty of areas to wade-fish, fish from your kayak, or fish from your boat. Lunch is at Shelter #1. (Shelter #1 is the last pavilion on your left heading north on the main road. Visit the [park's website](#).)

For this outing our targeted fish is the longest of any of the Annual Tournament Species: spotted seatrout, redfish, snook, or ladyfish. But your catch that exceeds the length of any of the tournament species (see below) could win the annual tournament. ***BUT... you must shoot a picture of it.***

Capt. Ray Markham: Guidelines for fishing Fort DeSoto

Baitfish continue on the flats despite bouts with red tide. Mullet have also been around as well and traveling with the mullet you may find some redfish. Mullet imitations 3 to 4-inches long will work well here, as do crab patterns if you are fishing around oyster bars. Deeper holes back by the maintenance shack are holding some trout, but as lately, dependent on the presence of red tide. Glass minnow patterns or Carl Hanson's bend back glass minnow will be weedless. Snook continue in the holes and an influx of a few sheepshead are noted here. Flounder have been more prevalent in the past couple of weeks, hanging wherever there is some moving water and sand/ mud/ grass bottom. Killifish patterns tied in Clousers work.

Ray

Chili Cook-Off Instructions

Suncoast Fly Fishers (and members of other local Fly-Fishing Clubs) are invited to compete in our annual Chili Cook- Off You will need to prepare your chili in advance and bring it to the lunch at Shelter #1. The pavilion has electrical outlets so you can plug in a crock-pot to warm up your chili. Chili entries will be judged by members and guests who taste each of the different chili dishes. Each person gets one vote. Prizes will be awarded to the top two entries. Suncoast Fly Fishers will provide sides and beverages. The lunch and the chili tasting competition start at 11:45 am. Coffee will be available starting at 10:00 am. This is a competition where anything goes. This is where you strut your stuff with your favorite chili. This chili contest (unlike other competitions) can include beans. You may cook it with a variety of meats, beans, veggies, whole tomatoes or whatever you wish. Sweet or hot or extra hot ... your choice! If you want to compete in the 2018 Chili Cook Off email Bob Burkard at RobertBurkard9@gmail.com (or text him at 610-256-7781 to let him know) so that we can plan for the correct number of sides and beverages.

2018 CLUB OUTING TOURNAMENT LEADERS

<i>Species</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Leader to date</i>	<i>Outing (Month)</i>
Longest sunfish	8"	Quin Berry, Tony Piazza	Walsingham Lake (February)
Longest black bass	18"	Mark Hays	Walsingham Lake (February)
Longest snook	32"	Adam Hays	Docklight/beach sunset/sunrise
Longest redfish			
Longest ladyfish	13"	Jack Cason	Fort DeSoto Park (May)
Longest seatrout	18.5"	David Redd	Pinellas Point (January)

Tying Bench – Layne Smith Ties Don Coleman’s Nearly Live Bait Fly

Fly of the month for the Don Coleman Memorial -- Fort DeSoto Park outing. The Nearly Live Bait fly is a very popular and productive fly. This fly has even out-fished live whitebait on a charter captain’s boat. It can be tied in any color and colored with markers to imitate any type of baitfish. This fly has caught too many species to list. It is even great on largemouth bass.



Materials

Hook: Size 2 to 2/0 Eagle Claw 254ss, L067S or Gamakatsu SC15

Thread: Clear mono Thread

Tail: Krystal Flash pearl or UV Pearl

Wing/Belly: Neerhair Polar Bear, EP Fibers or Congo Hair in white

Flash: Angel Hair (sparse)

Eyes: 3D Prism Eyes or posted animal eyes (trimmed)

Adhesives: Super Glue and FletchTite

Top Color: Chartpak Waterproof marker. (choice of color)

Tying Sequence

Step 1: Tie on about 12 strands of Krystal Flash doubled over at the rear of the hook just before the bend.

Step 2: Tie on a 2" clump of white Neerhair (at mid-point) over the Krystal Flash, and then double the front portion under, tying it down. Put a drop of super glue on that tie in spot.

Step 3: Wrap the thread about 3/16 of an inch forward again this time put all the materials on the top of the hook like a high tie.

Step 4: At the same point as step 3, tie on the white to the bottom side of the hook in a low tie style.

Step 5: Wrap the thread about 3/16 of an inch forward and repeat step 3 and 4 and then tie on some Angel Hair to the sides of the fly for flash.

Step 6: Repeat step 3 and 4 at the eye of the hook and finish off the head.

Step 7: Trim the fly to a high profile minnow shape. Color as desired with markers.

Step 8: Stick on the 3D Prism Eyes (or trimmed posted eyes) with FletchTite.

Smitty

Tying Bench – Bruce Evensen’s Holiday Fly



This was the fly tied at Bruce’s fly tying studio on Monday, November 19.

Holiday Fly? “Well, you have to admit it would look pretty good on a Christmas tree,” said Bruce.

Bill Scarola

Materials

Thread: flat-waxed, red or green

Bucktail: red and olive or red and bright green

Flash: red and green

Bead chain eyes

Tying Sequence

Step 1: Wrap thread from hook eye to point

Step 2: Add buck tail, add half of matchstick of red, then green, tie in in front of hook bend above hook point.

Step 3. Add several strands of red and green Flashabou on top and to sides of the bucktail.

Step 4: Add bead chain eyes, tie in just behind hook eye!!!

Step 5: Tie in one piece of each color of Estaz or chenille about 1 1.5" long. Place them at the midpoint of the hook shank; i.e. on top of the bucktail material, then bring the thread forward. Before palmering, twist the two strands together to form one strand. Palmer forward ending at bead chain eyes. You can bring the Estaz over the eyes if desired.

Step 6: Whip-finish Estaz material at the hook eye. and add several drops of glue.

Bruce Evensen's Fly Fisher Garage Sale

Bruce Evensen held the mother of all fly fishing garage sales on Saturday, November 24, offering up for sale thousands of salt and freshwater flies, hundreds of driftwood artwork, a fly tying desk with carved out areas to hold thread, hooks and eyes and more. And much, much more.



Bruce Evensen's amazing fly fishing garage sale. Bruce Evensen, left, with Hilton Bruch

Bill Scarola: November Midweek Outing

November 12

Because of the wind and tide against us we did not fish Cypress Point Park today. We fished the area near 4th Street N.



Ray Smith's redfish hit a chartreuse over white Clouser.

Bruce Evensen, Woody Miller, Ray Smith, Gary Sundberg, me, and a friend of ours, Mike Bandera, fished in our kayaks. We all caught some trout and a few guys got a few redfish and a catfish or two.

Bill



Pat Damico Keeps the Fly Fishing Flag Flying



Suncoast Fly Fisher Pat Damico recently received an email with pictures of one of his client's sons, Thomas, to whom he gave casting instructions to years ago. It shows Thomas now with some really big fish. Thomas, like Pat, has made fly fishing an important part of his life.

"You gave Thomas some great fishing lessons," Thomas' dad wrote. "He's in his last year at the University of Tennessee, ties flies, teaches fly fishing at the Orvis store, and he catches big fish."



Bet this made your day, right Pat?

"No, it made my month!"

Tampa Bay Times Captain's Corner

Capt. Pat Damico: Take Advantage and Explore Our Rivers



A quote by Canadian author and river conservationist Mark Angelo, "Rivers are the arteries of our planet; they are lifelines in the truest sense," should be celebrated by visiting one of the many pretty southern rivers in our area. A look at a map will show you their locations. A canoe or kayak is the ideal method to explore the upper reaches where they originate. The further you go upriver, the more desolate and picturesque. Get with someone experienced and familiar with all aspects of paddle travel. You must know where you can safely put in and take out. If you don't have your own watercraft, there are many local places that will give you a proper and safe start. Many local fishing clubs have members willing to share their knowledge. Take your favorite light-tackle spin outfit or 5-6 weight fly rod and enjoy some great fishing. There is usually a variety of freshwater species as well as some saltwater fish such as tarpon, snook and jacks that will give you a pleasant surprise. Familiarize yourself with fishing regulations that apply.

Fly fisherman Pat Damico charts lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at captpatdamico.com or (727) 504-8649. Fly fisherman Pat Damico runs charters in lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at captpatdamico.com and (727) 504-8649.

Suncoast Fly Fishers Favorite Recipes...

Alan Sewell: Crab Cakes

Ingredients

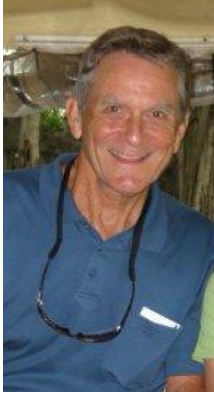
8 saltine crackers, finely chopped
2 tablespoons mayo
1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning
1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 pinch cayenne pepper
(or more to suit your taste)
1 egg, beaten
Salt to taste
One pound fresh or canned crabmeat
Panko bread crumbs.

Cooking instructions

1. Mix first 8 ingredients in a large bowl.
2. Stir in crabmeat until mixture is combined and place in refrigerator for at least one hour.
3. Shape chilled crab mixture into 4 patties.
4. Coat completely with panko bread crumbs.
5. Melt butter in a skillet and cook patties for about 4 minutes on each side over medium-heat.

Email Alan with your favorite picnic recipe. If possible, include a picture, too.

Bill AuCoin : Flyfisher Flyover



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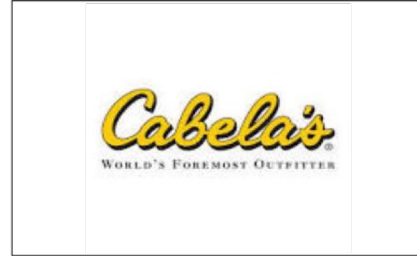
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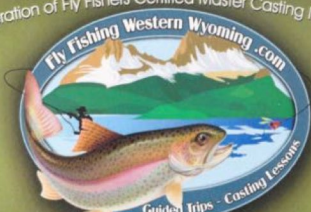
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