



The Prez Sez by Ken Hofmeister



SO, WHAT HAS THE FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS DONE FOR ME LATELY?

I hear this question frequently. Here is my personal and unvarnished response. First, the question changes from “me” to “us” in a hurry. Since SFF decided to join the FFF in June of 2007, we acquired Kemper club insurance made possible by such affiliation. The infamous Withlacoochee trip convinced us of the need.

We received one free incentive TFO Lefty Kreh rod for every twelve new FFF members enrolled—(113 paid members). These rods became club rods and contributed to our financial health through club auctions. SFF also received twelve free 10 wt. rod blanks to stimulate our rod building education.

As a club, we flew the SFF and FFF flag at Florida Sportsman’s Show at no cost to us. Our FFF relationship got us not-for-profit entry fees into other events as well. Visitors have found us by searching the FFF Florida website. Numerous program presenters came from our FFF contacts at the expo and other events (Rick Grasset, Pete Greenan, Ron Whiteley, Steve Gibson, and Aaron Adams).

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing was introduced to us at an FFF expo and encouraged by FFF partnerships and publications. Thirteen SFF volunteers donated 872 hours this year to helping vets learn to cast, tie, and fish at Bay Pines VA. Pat Damico heads up PHWFF region activities while Terry Kirkpatrick and John Craig are point persons for Bay Pines.

FFF leadership and publications encouraged us to participate in the Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program. Richard Oldenski led over ten SFF members to teach twenty scouts how to cast, tie, fish, and remove hooks from flesh this year.

OK, FFF has been helpful to the club—so what has it done for me? Well, I got a patch, a magazine, and a bill for \$25.00 (senior special rate). I also receive the FFF club wire, a useful monthly e-mail communication put out by Barbara Wuebber that includes updates, articles from other FFF newsletters, and some helpful book reviews. FFF introduced me to “Catch” Magazine and its outstanding photography. FFF gives me an opportunity to speak collectively on conservation and marine resource issues.

What made a profound personal impact upon my life was the contact with FFF people at the board, club, and officer level. Pat Damico’s casting clinics for FFF members gave me sufficient skill to even approach a casting pond where people like Pete Greenan, Dusty Sprague, Leigh West, and others gave me some invaluable casting tips. Ron Whiteley presented a great program for us; however, he kept me informed and inspired with a barrage of e-mails about conservation and legislation. Others shared their journey through fly tying tips and fishing wisdom. At an FFF board meeting I caught some passion for conservation projects in Florida. Basically, people wearing the FFF badge expanded my world and broadened my education. They gave me access to a larger fly fishing community. Priceless!

FFF Florida Council Conclave at Ramada Celebration Resort October 23-24 gives you a chance to rub shoulders with some of the finest casters, tiers, and liars. Go--and answer the question for yourself.

Check out fffFlorida.org/conclave.htm for more details.Ken

SFF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 17 - SFF Carl Hanson Tournament
- Oct 23 & 24 - FFF FL Council Conclave in Celebration, FL

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OUTINGS -REVIEWS & PREVIEWS by *Richard Oldenski*



October Outing - October 17, 2009 - Carl Hanson Memorial Tournament/ Hillsborough River

ervations. Sign up for the outing and pick up a map at the meeting.

September Outing -The September outing at Alligator Lake was well attended, and we all had a great time. A cool breeze made fishing on the lake very pleasant. The fish too were cooperative, and we caught a lot of them. However, they were all small. The largest was an 8 inch bass caught by Mark Hays. Mark was also the star at lunch, treating us to smoked fish filets and his famous smoked fish spread. You should have been there!

Recommended Flies for the October outing and Newsletter Reference for Instructions:

Spiders and beetles	Feb. 2007	p. 8
	June 2009	p. 11
Mighty Myakka Minnow	July 2008	p. 8
Little Brown River Clouser	July 2008	p. 9

October Outing - Our October outing will honor the memory of Carl Hanson with our annual tournament fishing with and against our friends in the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club. Last year, they took home the coveted trophy. This year, let's all turn out to fish the Hillsborough River and be the one to catch the most fish and bring the trophy and it's bragging rights back to our club. The tournament begins at 07:00 and ends at noon with lunch and the award ceremony at the Rotary Club Park on Fowler Ave.

Future Outing Previews:

November - Weedon Island

December - Don Coleman Invitational

January 2010 - Pinellas point

Fishing Tournament:

Snook - Ken Hofmeister - 22 inches

Bass - Woody Miller -16 inches

Sunfish - Joe Dail - 10 inches

Trout - Woody Miller - 18 inches

Open Category - Mark Craig - Ladyfish - 17 inches

We'll need boats, canoes and kayaks for this outing. Canoes and Kayaks can also be rented with drop off and pick up anywhere on the Hillsborough River at Canoe Escape, 9335 E. Fowler Ave. Call 813-986-2067 for information and res-

Program for the October 15, 2009 Meeting

Jim Swann will tell us how to really fish the Hillsborough River for our October Carl Hanson Tournament Outing. He will also be demonstrating a nymph that he uses (and as I understand this nymph is the secret weapon that cleaned our collective clocks last year) but didn't talk about last year.

Featured Fly Tyer for October

SFF member and former Keys guide Tiger Vertregt will demonstrate a foam grasshopper pattern.

SUNCOAST FLY FISHERS – Information

Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) and Suncoast Fly Fishers (SFF) Dues

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

SFF dues are due in September. This is for the remaining months of 2009 and then through August of 2010. You are now notified that your SFF dues were due last month (September). Members whose dues are delinquent for 2 or more months may lose their SFF membership. See announcement and forms for renewal of SFF membership.

Time to Renew Your SFF Membership

Renew your membership for only \$15 (family membership \$25 and corporate \$100). This includes monthly meetings with famous guest speakers, fly tying instructions and fly casting clinics; monthly outings to local and regional locations with experienced members who know the secret spots; and, outings with a picnic lunch and the best fish stories. It also includes the best electronic fly fishing newsletter, "On the Fly", which contains loads of valuable information on our outing events, activities, fly tying instructions and many action packed pictures. What a deal for \$15!

So complete the 2009-2010 renewal membership form on page 4 and bring it to the meeting or simply slip your check and membership renewal form into an envelope and address it to:

Suncoast Fly Fishers - Attn: Tom Gadacz - P. O. Box 40821 - St. Petersburg, FL 33743-0821

FLY TYERS

The 6:30 fly tying demonstration session prior to the meeting is a very popular feature. Members are always interested in new flies, different methods of tying old flies or just some well known fly that might not have been demonstrated in a while. Old tried and true patterns are new to new fly fishers and are very interesting to them. We need members who are willing to share their fly tying skills with your fellow members. If you would like to volunteer as a featured fly tyer, please see Myron Hansen at the meeting or call him at 727-393-5075.

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To renew your membership for 2009-2010 please complete this form and bring it to the meeting or mail it.

Suncoast Fly Fishers Membership Application

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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. You may also obtain a copy from our web site: www.suncoastflyfishers.com

Suncoast Fly Fishers (SFF) membership categories (select one):

____ Regular Membership 1 year - \$15 (*September 2009-10*)

____ Family Membership 1 year (includes Member, Spouse and children under 18) - \$25

____ Business Membership 1 year (includes monthly business card newsletter ad) - \$100

Total amount due \$ _____. Please bring cash or a check payable to **Suncoast Fly Fishers** and bring it along with completed application to next meeting or mail form and a check to:

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Attn. Tom Gadacz, Treasurer

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Amount received \$ _____. Date received __/__/____. SFF Treasurer _____

SUNCOAST FLY FISHERS FFF Florida Conclave 2009

Federation of Fly Fishers Florida Council 2009 Conclave Oct. 23rd & 24th

My fellow anglers,

Please take a moment to read this and mark you calendars for the 2009 Federation of Fly Fishers Florida Council Conclave. This year the annual gathering of the Florida fly fishing enthusiasts will be held on Friday October 23rd and Saturday October 24th at the Ramada Celebration Resort off I-4 near Disney World. We have a great program lined up including some of the best known anglers in our sport featuring such well known fly fishers as Jon Cave, Bill Bishop and Mark Sedotti.

The conclave has something for everyone including a fly fishing show with national and local tackle dealers, workshops, casting instruction, fly fishing programs and seminars, fly tying instruction and demos, casting instructor certification, a banquet, auctions and raffles. The hotel has reserved a block of rooms for our attendees with a special rate that included breakfast. The conclave is open to the public and FFF membership is not required to attend so please bring your fishing buddies and anyone interested in the sport. Admission for two days is just \$10. Please visit the FFF Florida Council Website at:

fffFlorida.org/conclave.htm for more details, a list of programs and workshops.

Please look for me at the event. I look forward to meeting you all.

Bill Gunn

President, FFF Florida Council


fffFlorida.org

FFF CONCLAVE AUCTION/RAFFLE



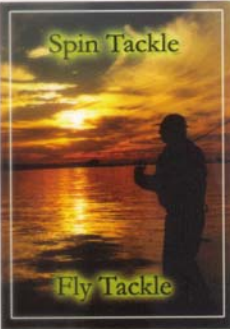
Oct. 23-24

WANTED: SFF FLY TYERS

SFF FLY TYERS: You are invited to tie six (6) of your favorite “go to” flies to be donated to the FFF Conclave Auction/Raffle held at Ramada Celebration Resort October 23-24. Please tie your specials and bring them to the October meeting for inclusion in bucket raffles and silent auctions. We’ll identify our club and the SFF tier with each box. We’re in charge of the auction/raffle at this event, so let’s show them what we can do! Naturally, we’ll welcome any other sort of donations to the FFF cause.



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SUNCOAST FLY FISHERS Information & Activities

Florida Council FFF 2009 Conclave

The Florida Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers will hold a two-day extravaganza Oct. 23-24 at the Ramada Inn at Celebration, Fla. Programs include casting demonstrations, fly-tying exhibitions, seminars and workshops conducted by such well-known anglers as Jon Cave, Mark Sedotti, Oscar Feliu and David Lambert. Other events include the FFF casting certification examination, David Lambert's Smart Cast game, American Casting Association's 5-weight Casting Contest, Conclave Banquet and raffle. Shops and manufacturers represented include Sage, Tibor, RIO, Umpqua, G. Loomis, Ross Reels, Buff, Royal Wulff, Cortland, Simms, The Fly Shops of Miami/Fort Lauderdale, The Fly Fisherman, Renzetti Visés, Andy Thornal's Fly Shop and Scott Rods. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information, visit www.fff-florida.org/conclave.htm or contact Pete Greenan at (941) 232-2960 or email captpete@floridaflyfishing.com.

Florida Sportsman Fish and Boat Show by Tom Gadacz

The Florida Sportsman Fish and Boat Show was held at the Florida State Fairgrounds on September 26 and 27. We had a booth and represented SFF and FFF. I was able to attend on both days. We had many inquiries about fly fishing and the club. We all tied flies and answered questions. I felt we all did a good job promoting our club. Several teens stopped to inquire about fly fishing and tying. It was refreshing to see their interest. Most of the attendees were from the Tampa and Sarasota areas. A few others were interested in renewing an interest in fly fishing. We did pass out several membership applications. We even had a few visitors from other parts of the country - Texas, Alabama, and Maine. Most of the interest and attendance was on Saturday morning. There was a wet casting lane next to us so we either talked to the attendees, tied flies or practiced some casting. Dusty provided some instruction on fly casting to Ken and I. SFF members present on Saturday included Ken Dotty, Tom Gadacz, Ken Hofmeister, Woody Miller, Rick Oldenski and Jerry Yancey. Sunday's group included John Craig, Tom Gadacz, Rick Kelly, Charlie Most and Chuck Sabol.



SFF members Charlie Most, Rick Kelley, John Craig and Chuck Sabol. Photo by Tom Gadacz See more of Tom's pictures in the Photo Gallery.



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SUNCOAST FLY FISHERS INFORMATION

Wading The Saltwater Flats With A Fly Rod and Random Thoughts From The Tying Bench By Don Coleman

Several months ago, we ran out of copies of this very popular and useful book by deceased member Don Coleman. With the original printing, SFF gave a copy of Don's book to all current and then new members when they joined the club. We have a new supply of these books; if you are a recent new member who did not receive a copy, please see John Rodgers at the meeting or call him at 727-278-4266.

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

Suncoast Fly Fishers Hats and Shirts

Now is the time to purchase your 2009 edition of the SFF Columbia fishing shirt or hat complete with embroidered club logo. The cost is \$40 for the shirt. Can't get to a meeting this summer, well then just send your order in and we will ship it to you. The colors and sizes are sage in medium and extra-large and banana in extra-large. If you have plenty of shirts, then get a monogrammed Suncoast Flyfishers cap for only \$7. Send your request to: Suncoast Flyfishers, P.O. Box 40821, St. Petersburg, FL 33743-0821

Be sure to enclose your name and address along with the requested shirt or cap and a check or money order. **Please do not send cash.**

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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 or 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 & Joe Dail
- Newsletter - Paul Sequira
- Outings - Richard Oldenski & Mark Hays
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SFF September Program *by Bill AuCoin*

Wanted: Anglers to Score Tarpon DNA.

The tarpon is the king of inshore angling, the Grand in Grand Slam, the Wow in Slam Wow. A tarpon on a fly, any size, is a trophy for the memory if not the wall. And for all that, marine biologist Kathy Guindon points out, science doesn't really know all that much about tarpon.

That's changing, though. Guindon manages the Tarpon Genetics Recapture program at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI) in St. Petersburg. Thanks to this new program FWRI is finally scoring valuable information about tarpon.

Guindon brought Suncoast Fly Fishers up to date on the research at September's meeting. How many survive a battle with an angler? How many get eaten by sharks? What are the migration patterns of different sub-populations. What are the genetic characteristics of tarpon in different geographic locations?

One data generator is the DNA collection program. Tarpon anglers get a DNA kit, just for asking. Before they revive and release a tarpon, they are asked to scrape the upper or lower jaw to put a white smattering of skin cells on the sponge. The sponge is put into a vial of fluid that can be mailed back to FWRI. Guindon and her colleagues evaluate the genetic samples to determine recapture rates and to learn where fish go in Florida.

Another is the acoustic telemetry program. FWRI researchers tagged catch-and-release tarpon with transmitters then tracked them (until the signal stopped) to determine short-term survival and migration patterns.

With both programs, Guindon said, the returns are very encouraging and very informative.

The good news is tarpon populations appear to be doing well. A high percentage of released tarpon survive. When sharks were in the area 87 percent survived. When sharks were not present, approximately 95 percent survived. Proper revival technique appears to be the key to survival. Though bull sharks and hammerheads may be in the area, FWRI's research suggests that anglers who have caught a tarpon need to make sure not to release it until it has been fully resuscitated. FWRI has already noted that among 3000+ samples, 23 tarpon in the database were caught twice. One went from Fort Myers to Tampa Bay. One angler caught a tarpon in 2007 and caught the same fish again a year later.

A tarpon reaches maturity when it is from 48 to 52 inches long. The FWRI needs more DNA from immature tarpon. Females seem to live longer, grow faster and bigger. Boca Grande and Tampa Bay harbor eight footers. One time FWRI put some reverse-transducers on the bottom of Boca Grande pass and later estimated there were about 25,000 tarpon in the pass at that point in time.

The St. Petersburg-Clearwater area probably has as many tarpon as Boca Grande but they are distributed over a bigger area. There are many tarpon in Tampa Bay's two passes, Egmont Channel and Southwest Channel, but Charlotte Harbor has only one narrow pass, Boca Grande Pass, concentrating the tarpon. Non-migrating tarpon move out of the rivers into the bays in late March.

May-June-July are tarpon spawning months. Guindon said they have noticed that one fish in a daisy chain may be open to feeding; the others are likely not. By August the spawning rituals are 90 percent done. For awhile, while there is bait available, they go back into the bays

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Kathy Guindon explaining the mysteries of life as a tarpon
Photo: Bill AuCoin

SFF September Meeting continued

and feed over hard-bottom areas. "Now she is hungry, if you can find her," Guindon said. Fall cold fronts will send the big fish away. Smaller tarpon will go into brackish mangrove areas and fresh water, even murky water. "They can handle the yucky stuff."

Tarpon fights on record from the acoustic tagging study lasted from four minutes to 120 minutes. Guindon said that anecdotal information suggests that each time a tarpon rolls and gets more oxygen the angler can add another 10 minutes to the fight. Anglers tire out before tarpon, typically.

The world record is 288 pounds. The next record may be a 300-pounder from Angola. A guy from Texas who goes there regularly is keeping a place on his wall for it.

Club goal: tarpon pictures, DNA

Guindon said that she visited suncoastflyfishers.com and saw pictures of small fish but no pictures of tarpon. Challenge accepted, said President Ken Hofmeister. He said Suncoast Fly Fishers will do their best to post pictures of member-caught tarpon by September 2010 and swab some tarpon jaws for FWRI's DNA pool, too.

To become a volunteer and request a tarpon DNA sampling kit email tarpongenetics@myfwc.com or phone 1-800-367-4461. To learn more about FWRI's tarpon genetics recapture program and others visit research.myfwc.com and type in key word "Tarpon" for a list of articles

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The Art of Fly Fishing Festival by Tom Gadacz

The Art of Fly Fishing Festival was held in Winter Haven on October 3rd and sponsored by the Andy Thornal Company, a Winter Haven fly shop. It is held every other year. It is a one day affair and includes wild life artists, fly fishing boats, presentations, fly tyers and casting on the pond. The festival was in an area next to the fly shop and had several tents which provided great shade. It was a very pleasant day with a breeze. SFF represented our own club, the Florida FFF and PHWFF. We had many visitors and our tent was next to the barbecue tent.

Charlie Most represented SFF as a featured fly tyer. Other fly tyers included Malzone, Kremer, Pope, West and Kuminski. Lectures occurred nearly every hour from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm on topics including local and national fly fishing spots, techniques in casting, kayak fishing and fly patterns. Fly casting instructions and kayak fishing were held in the pond.

Ken Doty and Ken Hofmeister tied flies at our table and also instructed a couple of budding youngsters on fly tying. The SFF booth was staffed by Woody Miller, Charlie Most, Ken Doty, Ken Hofmeister, and Tom Gadacz.



Woody Miller, Tom Gadacz, Ken Hofmeister and Ken Doty with visitors at the SFF/FFF/PHWFF booth .
Photo: Tom Gadacz

Fly Tying Bench—Smitty's Crystal Beetle by Layne Smith

This is Smitty's go-to fly for bream fishing anywhere bream swim. It has been an excellent fly for years and is used by many SFF members.

MATERIALS:

- HOOK: #10 Mustad 3366 Bend down barb and be sure hook point is sharp.
- THREAD: White or Chartreuse Flat Waxed Nylon (Finer threads may cut foam.)
- SHELL: 1/8" White, Closed Cell Foam, 5/16" wide by 1-1/4" long
- BODY: Chartreuse or Pearl Estaz
- LEGS: Medium, White Rubber Legs



Smitty's Crystal Beetle tied by Layne Smith

TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Attach tying thread behind hook eye and wind a thread base back to the hook bend.
2. Cut a blunt point at one end of the foam strip and tie the point in at the hook bend, leaving the foam extending past the bend. Wrap the foam down a short distance around the bend.
3. Tie in the Estaz body and wrap up the bend and along the hook shank to a little beyond the mid-point of the hook shank and tie off. Do not cut off the Estaz or tying thread.
4. Fold a 3" length of rubber leg material in half and tie in the doubled rubber leg on top of the hook shank at its mid-point where the Estaz body was left. Cut the loop in the doubled rubber leg, producing four legs. Pull legs into position – two on each side of the body. Pack the body and legs back with a thumb nail or Brassie hair packer.
5. Continue wrapping the Estaz body by taking one turn over where the legs are tied in, then wrap forward to the hook eye ahead of the legs. Tie off the Estaz and pack the body back with a thumb nail or Brassie hair packer.
6. Pull the Foam shell taut over the top of the body and legs and tie down behind the hook eye. Hold the end of the foam up and form a thread head and whip finish immediately behind the hook eye and cut off the tying thread.
7. While pulling the end of the foam taut, cut off the foam leaving a lip of approximately 3/16". By pulling the foam taut while cutting off, the lip will automatically be slightly rounded. Using head cement on the head is optional. Some bluegill fishers claim that the odor of head cement turns off the fish.
8. Trim all legs to the same length.

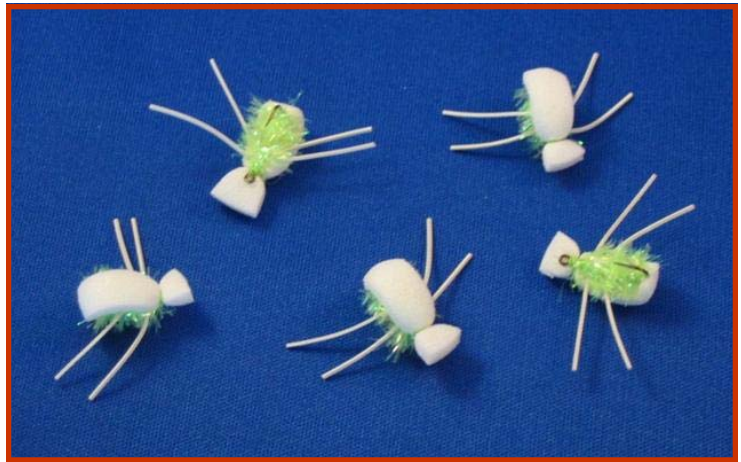
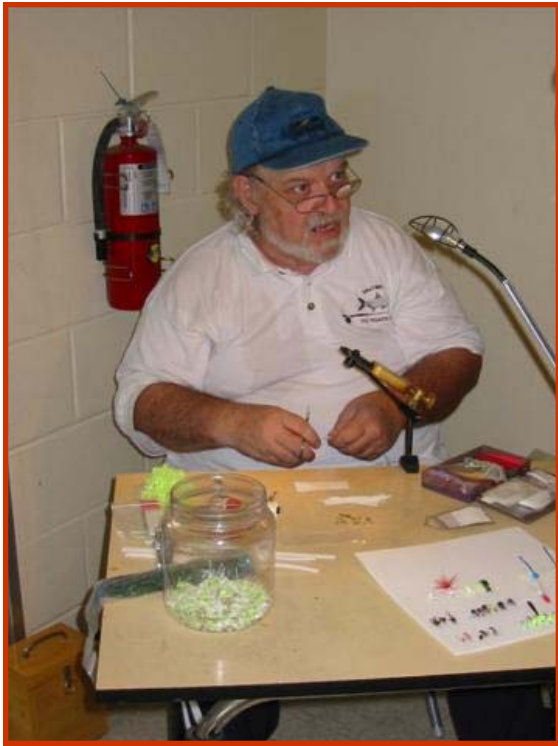
NOTES:

Alternative color combinations include Root Beer Estaz and Black Foam for dark days.

This floating "Bluegill Bug" is a highly effective terrestrial imitation. Simply let it set for a few moments, then give it a slight motion to imitate life. The rubber legs wiggle seductively.

Editor's note: The Mustad 3366 hook is perfect for this fly (and also the Foam Spider) however, this hook has a straight eye and sometimes the foam lip which lays flat over the hook eye, makes it a little difficult to thread the leader through the hook eye. Mustad 3399 is the exact same hook but with a down eye which makes it easier to attach the fly to the leader. Mustad 94840 is another alternative hook with a down eye for this fly. ...PS

SFF Photo Gallery - Layne Smith Designated Tyer



Smitty's tying demonstration of his Crystal Beetle was very well received by the September meeting attendees. Members had the opportunity to learn some excellent tying techniques from a master tyer. Smitty also demonstrated some of his other patterns as seen in the picture above. His Blue Damsel Fly got a lot of attention and may be a future Tying Bench feature.

Photo credits: Top left & right Paul Sequira others Bill AuCoin



SFF Photo Gallery— Alligator Lake



Above left; Mark Hays, took his brother Bill (on the motor) and nephew Adam on their first ever fly fishing trip. Word is young Adam out fished his dad and uncle. Top right: Robert Campbell and guest Bruce Carlton had a great time. Left: Smitty shows Myron Hanson some of his favorite bream spots.
Ken Hofmeister photos



Above right: new member Chuck Sambol shared his boat with Tom Gadacz and had a good time with Alligator Lake bream. Chuck recently moved here from California where he fished the Sacramento River and tributaries. Left: a couple of shots of the gang chowing down the terrific lunch provided by Richard Oldenski and Mar Hays.
Tom Gadacz photos

SFF Photo Gallery– Art Of Fly Fishing Festival



Top: Somehow, the FFF booth that SFF staffed was situated right next to the barbeque grill at the Andy Thornal Art of Fly Fishing Festival. Naturally our members made good use of it. Here Ken Doty samples some of the lunch menu. Middle: Robert Fisher and Tom Gadacz watch Charlie Most tying western trout dry flies. Left: When he wasn't tying, Charlie Most found the shopping pretty good in Andy Thornal's Fly Shop.

Photos: Ken Hofmeister

SFF Photo Gallery– Florida Sportsman Show



SFF was well represented at the Florida Sportsman Show held at the Florida State Fairgrounds on Sept. 26th & 27th. Attending the booth were Top: Woody Miller, Jerry Yancey and Richard Oldenski. Middle left: We have Woody Miller, Tom Trukenrod, Tom Gadacz, Ken Doty and Ken Hofmeister. Also present on Sunday were John Craig, Rick Kelley, Charlie Most, Chuck Sabol and Tom Gadacz. See Tom gadacz's report and other photo on page 6.

Photos; Tom Gadacz

This has nothing to do with the Florida Sportsman Show, it is just a picture of Ken Hofmeister showing off an alledged 17" bass caught on Lake Manatee on Oct. 7th while fishing with Ken Doty. They tell me they had a good time and caught a few fish. Of course I don't know how many because I wasn't there; I was busy slaving away putting this newsletter together.

Photo: Ken Hofmeister

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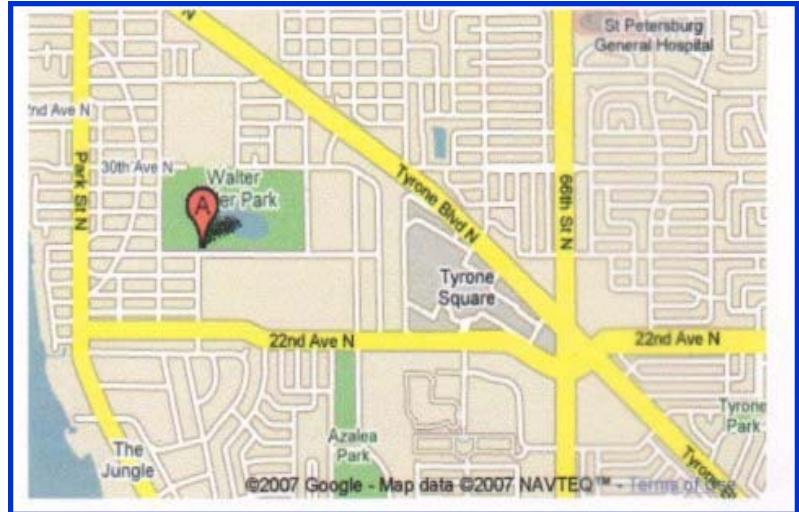
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Next Club Meeting: October 15, 2009

Time: 6:30-7:00 PM Outdoor Activities & Fly Tying

7:00-8:30 Meeting & Program

Location: Walter Fuller Park

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

Program: Jim Swann will discuss fishing the Hillsborough River just in time for the Annual Carl Hanson Outing

Featured Fly Tier: Tiger Vertregt demonstrating a foam grasshopper

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