



# The Prez Sez *by Tom Gadacz*



## Sharing and Team Work = SUCCESS

I recently received a story about 2 groups. Both groups had a very long spoon taped to their arm so each could reach a large bowl of soup in the middle of a large table. This soup was the source of their nourishment. In one room the people were malnourished and starving and asked why they were not healthy the reply was “we can get the spoon in the soup but the spoon is too long to get it to our mouth”. In the other room all the people were healthy and happy. When asked how they were able to get the soup to their mouth the response was “we fed each other”.

This story emphasized a key feature of our club. We all help each other to become better fly fishers and by helping each other, everyone is healthy and happy and a better fly fisher. Our club goal is to continue to improve your skill and enjoyment. I am very proud of the contributions so many of you make to the club. We have casting clinics before each meeting, special designated fly tiers each meeting, exciting programs, outings with lunch, and a world class newsletter. Our outreach programs involve Project Healing Waters with the veterans at the Bay Pines VA Medical Center, fly fishing programs with youths, and attendance at locally sponsored sport shows. We interact with other fly fishing clubs and have joint outings. We are active in the Florida FF Conclave and our national organization, FFF. We have even become involved in the oil spill and advocate for responsible cleanup and restoration.

What else can we do? What else can you do? The SFF Board of Directors has been very active in supporting the development of your fishing skills and providing exciting outings. We will continue to do our best and raise the bar even higher. We do need you to help out on any of the committees and volunteer your expertise and/or time to make all of our activities successful. Your participation can be determined by the time you have available and your interest. If you have expertise in any area let us know. If you are looking for something to do, let us know and we will help you get involved. We will all be healthy and happy if we **all** help each other.

### Follow-up on the Oil Spill

Letters were sent to President Obama, Governor Crist, Senators Nelson and LeMieux, and Representative Young. I received responses from all except President Obama. **Included in this issue of the newsletter is a suggested letter to send to your elected officials. Their addresses are listed in the newsletter.** (See pages 3 and 4 .....*Editor*)

We also plan to send letters to FL Fish and Wild Life, Florida Environmental Protective Agency, and the FL branch of NOAA. All these groups are active in the efforts to cleanup the spill and restoration. We are inquiring about activities that are appropriate for us to undertake. We will keep you posted. ....**Tom**

### SFF UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 14 - Bay Pines, SFF booth for PHW Recreational Therapy demo
- July 15 - SFF outing Hillsborough River
- Aug 19 - SFF Tie-A-Thon
- Oct. 22/23 - FFF Conclave, Celebration, FL

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# Outings—Reviews & Previews by Alan Sewell



## July Outing – July 17, 2010 Hillsborough River

**June Outing Report:** On June 19th, 2010, the Sun-coast Fly Fishers held their monthly outing at Emerson Point on Snead Island in Manatee County. We had a very good turnout of members on a very HOT day. We had an early lunch to beat the heat. Emerson Point is a good place to wade, boat and kayak fish. There are miles of good shoreline, points and bars (sand) to explore. All members and guest really enjoyed this outing. Fishing was not as great as the food, but there was some caught. The Club did decide this year not to have our all night Snook outing. But we didn't say you couldn't catch one. Ken Doty caught the largest tournament fish this, a 17 inch Snook. I did hear about a 19 inch Mullet caught on an ADA-POTATO fly, but we will talk about this fish at the July meeting.

**July Outing:** This month the Club decided to return to the Hillsborough River and fish for Bass and Bream. This will be a COOL, shady fishing trip. We will be

fishing at your choice of three locations. You may fish at Sargents Park, Morris Bridge Park, or Trout Creek Park. Lunch will be served at Morris Bridge Park at 11:30 am. Prizes will be for largest Bass and largest Bream. One prize to two different fishermen. See you there.

## Future Outing Previews:

August - Blackthorn Monument (north rest stop, Sunshine Skyway Bridge)

September—Chassahowitzka River

## Fishing Tournament 2010 - 2011

Snook--17 inch--Ken Doty

Bass--17 inch--Mark Hayes

Sunfish--9 inch--Ted Rich

Trout-- open

Redfish—open

Open Category--31 inch gar--Mark Hayes

**July Program -** Jason Stock will discuss kayak fishing in the Tampa Bay area. Jason operates JM Snooky Kayak Charters [www.jmsnookykayakcharters.com](http://www.jmsnookykayakcharters.com) and has built a reputation for putting clients on fish throughout the west-central coast of Florida. He focuses on catching big snook, redfish, trout and tarpon and he has appeared on the cover of Saltwater Sportsman Magazine, Florida Sportsman Magazine and has been featured in local magazines, newspapers and other media.

**Designated Fly Tyer -** Our own Layne Smith (Smitty) will demonstrate a pair of excellent dropper flies to help you increase your bream fishing skills.



Jason with king sized trout—file photo

## Casting Tips by Capt. Pat Damico, MCI

Casting Tip #7: Your leader should transfer energy smoothly from the tip of your fly line to the fly. A good general rule for leader construction is 40% butt section, 20% middle or taper section, and 20% tippet, where the fly is tied. To select the proper material for the butt, start with a monofilament whose diameter is 2/3 the diameter of your fly line's tip. Hold the fly line tip next to the butt selection and bend them together in a "U;" they should flex similarly. Use the same brand of monofilament for each section. For saltwater I use Ande. Put a two turn surgeon's loop at the butt section to connect to your fly line tip. A three turn surgeon's knot will connect each section of the leader.

When practicing casting on grass, you can make a grass leader by not trimming the tag ends where sections are tied together. This is especially useful when doing a roll cast because the tag ends will grasp the grass and offer resistance similar to the water. The longer the grass, the more length is needed for the ends. Practice makes perfect only when it is perfect practice.

# Letters regarding BP Oil Spill by Tom Gadacz

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## Suggested letter to elected officials

Dear

I wish to express my concern about the oil spill and am requesting your support to hold BP and its partners financially responsible for the clean up and the environmental impact that will occur over the next decade. I am a member of the Suncoast Fly Fishers and our organization of 130 members is dedicated to preserve and conserve our marine and natural resources. BP and its subsidiaries have violated basic safety precautions and environmental standards. Elected representatives have not effectively enforced the already existent environmental regulations which would have prevented this environment disaster. I am now asking you to do your duty as my elected official and insure that BP and its subsidiaries pay for the clean up and the environmental impact. I realize that you and other elected members will be heavily lobbied by BP and that there will be plenty of excuses that will exempt full responsibility but I expect you to represent my and the public's best interests. It is not appropriate for either the states or the federal government to pay for the damages and I am opposed to any increase in our taxes to fix this problem. No more federal or state bail outs. Please take the responsibility and ensure that BP and its subsidiaries pay for not only the clean up but also the long term environment impact. I appreciate your support as my elected official.

Sincerely yours,

## Help with the letters

For a brief background to its contents please read my Presidential message in the June issue of our newsletter, "On the Fly" ([suncoastflyfishers.com](http://suncoastflyfishers.com)). Identify your elected official and type in his/her name. At the bottom of the letter your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. Mail, e-mail, or call your elected officials and let them know of your concern and what you expect them to do!

You may change, delete or add as you wish, but please act and send a message to all your elected officials on the federal level and include Governor Charlie Crist and President Barack Obama. The e-mail addresses of our senators are listed below. Your federal representative can be found at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov). Type in your zip code and 4 digit suffix in the upper left hand corner. Fill in the information and copy the letter.

Senator LeMieux:

[www.lemieux.senate.gov/public/?p=EmailSenatorLeMieux](http://www.lemieux.senate.gov/public/?p=EmailSenatorLeMieux)

356 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

(202) 224-3041

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[www.billnelson.senate.gov/contact/index.cfm](http://www.billnelson.senate.gov/contact/index.cfm)

716 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

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## Letters regarding BP Oil Spill *by Tom Gadacz ...continued*

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President Obama's information is

The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500  
Please include your e-mail address

E-mail: go to site and type in your information and copy and paste the message (it has 1,374 characters)

[www.whitehouse.gov/contact](http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact)

Phone number: 202-456-1111

Please support this effort. A personal contact with your elected official is the most powerful weapon you have to make a change. He/she will need your vote to stay in office.

If you have any questions or need help do not hesitate to e-mail ([thomasgadacz@yahoo.com](mailto:thomasgadacz@yahoo.com)) or call (706-726-7899).

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## Project Healing Waters *by John Craig*

Please see our ambitious schedule of events for July. Volunteers are needed for all dates. There is a special need for volunteers at the July 21st Steps of life meetings. Steps of Life has had as many as twenty vets attend at past meetings. Also, contact Terry Kirkpatrick or John Craig if you are able to help with our display table and demonstration at the Recreational Therapy Week event in the Cobb Auditorium, July 14th.

July Schedule of Events:

- July 13 - Fly tying with Physical Rehab Vets at 5:30PM in Bldg. 100, room 1D-122.
- July 13 - Flyfishing and tying with Domiciliary Vets at 6:30PM in Domiciliary cafeteria.
- July 14 - Fly tying with Nursing Home Vets at 10:15AM Bldg 71, in the Day Room.
- July 14 - Recreational Therapy demonstration and display 9AM to 4PM, at Cobb Auditorium, Building 100.
- July 15 - Rod Building with Steps of Life Vets at 12:30PM in Building 1, 3rd floor.
- July 21 - Flyfishing and tying with Steps of Life Vets 9:15AM, Building 1, 3rd floor.
- July 22 - Rod Building with Steps of Life Vets at 12:30PM in Building 1, 3rd floor.
- July 27 - Fly tying with Physical Rehab Vets at 5:30PM in Building 100 Room 1D-122.
- July 27 - Flyfishing and tying with Domiciliary Vets at 6:30PM in the Domiciliary cafeteria.
- July 28 - Fly tying with Nursing Home Vets at 10:15AM in Building 71, in the Day Room.

John Craig (727) 423-3319

# Capt. Paul Hawkins—Why go to the Keys when you’ve got Tampa Bay *by Bill AuCoin*

Capt. Paul Hawkins wishes the sheriffs of today could be more like the sheriff in the Florida Keys 25 years ago.

Hawkins used to fish the Keys a lot in those days. He said if somebody let the air out of your boat trailer tires back at the marina, it was a waste of time to complain to the Sheriff. He’d just say, “You weren’t buzzing the flats, were you?”

Apocryphal? Maybe. But the feeling resonates still with Hawkins and careful guides like him who position their fly fishing clients for redfish and snook using the quiet power of experience, eyesight, and a deft hand on the push pole.

That aggravation is especially strong when a tower boat blows past the edge of the flat, spooking that school of 50 permit he’s been stalking for half an hour.

Or, the time when he overheard one redfish guide yell to another, “Too bad we don’t have five or six boats. We could box them in.”

Aaaaaarrrrrrgh.

That’s just another day in the office for Capt. Paul, who shared some of his insights for Suncoast Fly Fishers at the June meeting.

Like, these:

- Turn off the outboard motor and use the pole to cover the last quarter-mile to your fish. Don’t use the electric motor, either. Then you’ll fish undisturbed fish and it will make all the difference.
- Redfish do not like to be approached or chased. Hang back and watch to see where they are going. Position the boat so that they come to you.
- Presentation is critical. Fish don’t like to be attacked, even by tiny baitfish. The trick is to let the fish see your fly then move the fly away from the fish.
- Reds are fellow travelers, especially in the spring and fall. They often move together, feed together. If one is nervous, they’re all nervous.
- In the winter, Hawkins likes to target singles, especially when the tide starts to come back up on the flat to feed after a negative tide. A -0.09 tide should speed up your heart rate.
- In the summer, the best redfish tides are at night. Don’t think you can’t fly-fish at night. Once your eyes get used to the glow of the moon and stars you’ll see baitfish and redfish moving across a flat, snook slurping noisily at the surface.
- The best winter fly to use (okay, not every time) is a dark bendback streamer with a touch of orange. The orange is so you can see your fly. At. All. Times.
- How many feet of leader should you use? In clear conditions Hawkins will use as much as 20 feet of monofilament between his fly and fly line.
- Don’t stop looking for fish in all directions. Fish come out of the sun. They come out of the wind. Know how to punch cast. Know how not to hook your guide in the eyelid. This actually happened to a guide Paul knows who shall remain nameless.
- Wear glasses at all times. (See previous item.)

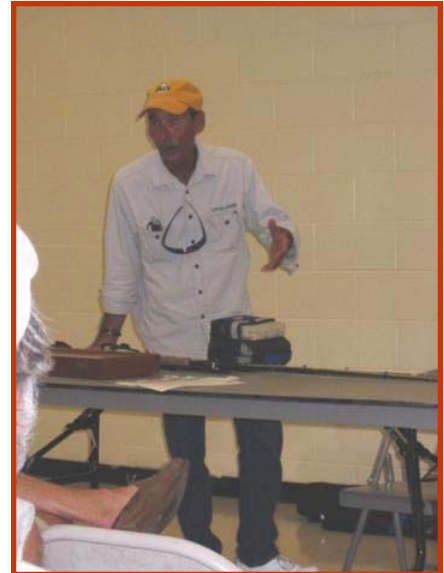
Hawkins doesn’t make the long run to and from the Keys like he did back in the 80s. “No need to, really,” he said. “Tampa Bay is pretty damn good all by itself.

Capt. Paul Hawkins

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Capt. Paul explains the finer points of how to tell which end of the fish is the business end. Sequirra photo

## Going Native! *By Capt. Pat Damico*

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Catching a 100 pound plus silver king may be one of the greatest thrills you can have with a fly rod in your hand, but the real enjoyment of fly fishing is taking advantage of the variety it has to offer. Ever get the desire to grab a fly rod and escape the summer heat for a few days? Within a days drive of my home there are scenic mountains, cool weather, and fish very anxious to take a fly. It is also an opportunity to confront a species of fish that has been around forever and is native to the eastern US. You will not need heavy tackle for this glamorous and hardy fish.



A large Brookie Damico photo

I am referring to, brook trout, *Salvelinus fontinalis*. Their living requirements are very specific. The freshwater populations occur in clear, cool, well-oxygenated streams and lakes. Brook trout thrive in these environments with temperatures that remain cool and where there is little to no siltation. Stream dwelling brook trout require three habitat components, which include resting areas in pools, feeding sites near riffles or swiftly flowing water, and escape cover which normally is found along undercut banks, under woody debris, trees or large rock ledges. A population of native brook trout is a barometer of excellent water quality.

The lush mountains, especially further north, are a refreshing change from the constant heat and sun. Many streams enjoy a canopy of green foliage that not only keep water temperature cold, but will maintain a very comfortable air temperature for visiting fly fisherman.

It may be necessary to do a little research if traveling to an area for the first time. The Internet makes this a snap. Begin a search with the state website, and then click on their department of fisheries. License and regional information is easily accessed. If not at all familiar with an area, search the nearest community for a sporting goods/fly shop. Your favorite rod or reel manufacturer will have locations, phone numbers, and websites for stores that sell their products. Contact them and ask questions about places to fish. What are current stream conditions, where to stay, what to bring, supplies they have available, and if they have a guide service. Use them as your local contact while in the area. One friend of mine and his wife, who had very little fly fishing experience, found a full service fly shop that gave them a package that included equipment, instruction and fishing in a mountain stream. They felt it was very cost effective and really enjoyed the day. They were then able to take what they learned and fish a few days on their own with much better results than if they went unprepared.

Rigging your rod, type of leaders to use, current fly patterns that are working, where to look for the fish, and how to approach and cast to be most effective are all things that will be new to someone who is unfamiliar with freshwater trout. Some streams are on private land and access areas may be limited. Public streams that hold fish and are in good condition may be difficult to reach. USGS websites will have monitors on many streams that give stream and river conditions in real time. This information has saved me from driving a distance to discover that my destination stream would have been high and muddy or low with very high water temperatures.

If you are experienced in fishing for freshwater trout, you probably have most of what is required to have a successful outing. In summer, mayfly hatches are waning and the trout will be less selective. Brookies are the least selective of the trout family. Terrestrials, hoppers, ants, and beetles are just the ticket for finesse fishing. Streamers and woolly buggers will attract larger fish.

## Going Native! By Capt. Pat Damico .....continued

I have to admit, I love to explore small streams. A topographical map and a compass will allow you to take a hike with your fly rod and spend a very relaxing day in a mystical wilderness. Boots, or waders, are usually not needed as you boulder hop from one clear pool to the next seeking native trout that have rarely seen an artificial. Stealth is the order of the day because these trout are very accustomed to their environment and are always looking for intruders. I like to use a three or four weight seven foot rod with a leader as long as the rod tapered to 5X. Study each riffle and holding area before making your cast to eliminate drag and make a careful natural presentation. Almost all this fishing is accomplished by casting upstream. Practice your roll cast for accuracy, because in close quarters this will be a necessity for success.

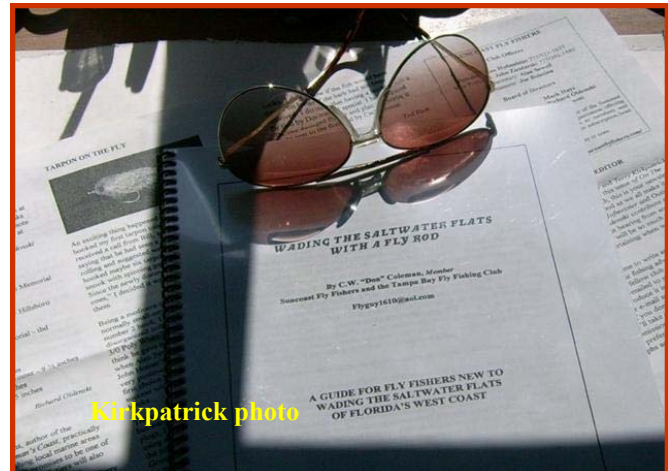
One of the advantages of this sport is that it allows you to continually expand and delve into aspects that make this a constant learning experience. Those of you that have never tried this will be pleasantly surprised at how enjoyable it will be. If it has been some time since you fished sweetwater for trout, you will get in touch with your youth. Streams that I fished with my father and friends many years ago offer a trip down memory lane that is unbeatable.

*A FFF Master Certified Fly Casting Instructor, Capt. Pat Damico charts lower Tampa Bay and nearby waters and is also available for fly fishing/casting instruction. [www.Captpat.com](http://www.Captpat.com) or 727-504-8649 will give you more information.*

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

Last year, 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 Joe Dail at the meeting or call him at 727-725-7638.

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



*“Tampa Bay On The Fly      Coming soon...”*

## TYING BENCH—Neer Hair Fly

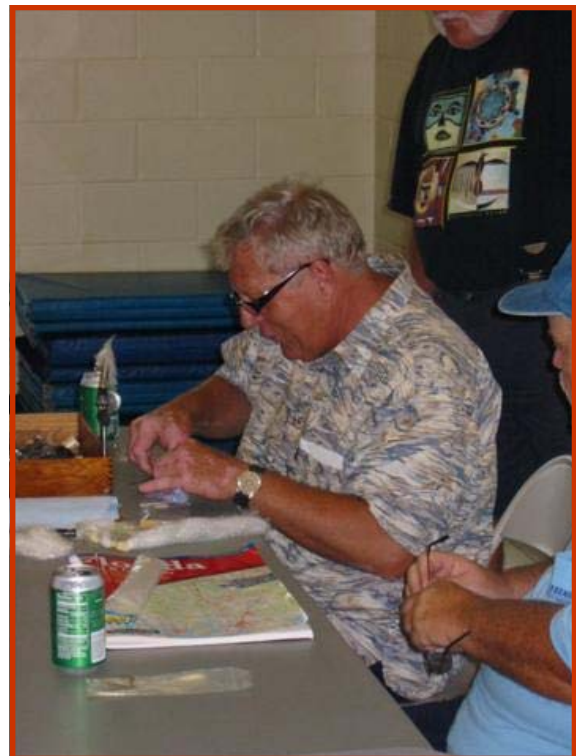
Last month, by popular request Alan Sewell demonstrated the Neer Hair fly (AKA Alan's Snook Special). This popular fly originated by Enrico Puglisi is very productive for many species in both saltwater and freshwater. It has been demonstrated at SFF meetings and covered in the Tying Bench column of "On The Fly" a couple of times.

Listed below are issues of "On The Fly" where you can find tying instructions for this excellent fly. Go to the SFF website [www.suncoastflyfishers.com](http://www.suncoastflyfishers.com) and click on the FLY Tying link to find them. ....Paul

- Poly Whitebait Fly May 2007 page 6
- Alan's Snook Special June 2008 page 6



Snook Special tied by Alan Sewell Photo by Bill AuCoin



Alan demonstrates the tying procedures of his Snook Special to the crowd at the June meeting. Sequira photos





# Tying Bench - MGM (My Glass Minnow) by Layne Smith

I don't know how many glass minnow imitations have been created over the years, but this is a good one. Easy to tie and very realistic looking in the water. ....PS

## Materials:

Hook: Mustad 3407 #2 (or similar)  
Thread: .006 mono thread  
Body & wing: Polar Fibre, three layers (your choice of colors)  
Lateral line: Holographic tinsel or Flashabou  
Head: 1/8" Corsair or E-Z Body tubing cut to 3/4" long  
Eyes: 1/8" molded eyes  
Overcoating: Softex or epoxy

Prepare tubing before tying fly by heating one end then pressing it end-side down against a cold surface (such as the base of your vise) melding the end to keep it from fraying. One end ONLY.

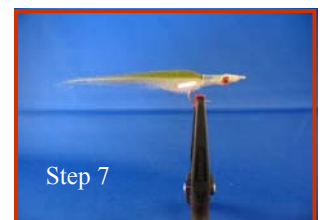
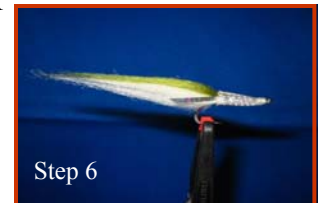
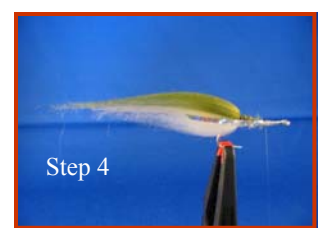
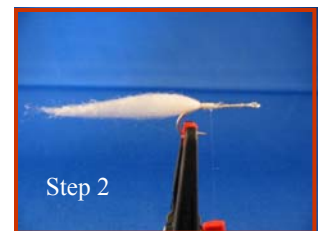
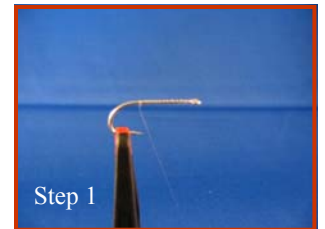
## Tying procedure:

1. Attach mono thread to hook and run a base from the eye to the hook bend. Whip finish or half-hitch at bend to keep mono in place.
2. Tie in 1<sup>st</sup> color of Polar Fibre at bend (after you pull out the under fur). Apply a drop of Locktite (glue) or super glue. \*
3. Tie in a smaller batch of 2<sup>nd</sup> color (about 1/3 amount of the 1<sup>st</sup> batch). Make sure you wrap thread back to original tie-in point. Repeat with 3<sup>rd</sup> color as wing.
4. Tie in holographic flash on each side as lateral line.
5. Whip finish and cut thread. \*\*
6. Slide tubing onto fly melded end first, re-tie thread and tie down loose end of tubing behind eye.
7. Apply eyes with Locktite adhesive (I use Locktite gel for this application).  
Overcoat front of fly with Softex or epoxy, just enough to go past the eyes (I just dip it in the Softex then clean off excess from hook eye). If you use Softex, after it dries, apply a coat of Sally Hansen or your favorite head cement. It will bring luster to the eyes.

\* Tying tip #1: As you tie in the Polar Fibre, lift up on material when wrapping thread back to tie in point. This will keep the material on top of the hook; it will also stack the following bunches on top of each other for a neater fly.

\*\* Tying tip #2: To eliminate step #5, slide body tubing over the tip of your bobbin (unmelded end first) before you begin to tie the fly. In this way, you don't have to cut the thread and re-tie. Just slide the tubing off the bobbin and onto the hook at step #6.

Completed flies can be seen in the top and bottom photos. All flies tied by Layne Smith. Sequira photos.



## Tying Bench - Some thoughts about tying materials *by Paul Sequira*



A colorful group of MGMs tied by Layne Smith. The red gills seen in the fly at the top is created by applying several wraps of red thread before the Corsair tubing is slid into place. The fly 2nd from the top, imitates the Golden Shiner prevalent in our local fresh waters. Sequira photo.

This month's featured fly is Layne Smith's MGM (My Glass Minnow). This fly uses two materials you may not be familiar with, Polar Fibre and Corsair. Polar Fibre was introduced to the fly tying world by the South African fly tyer Paul van Reenan and Corsair by another very innovative fly tyer, Jack Gartside.

Polar Fibre is an artificial fur-style hair and it comes on a nylon web backing. Like a natural hair, it has long fibers and an under fur where it is attached to the web backing. Polar Fibre resembles craft fur but it is a different product, having much longer fibers (up to 4 inches long in the standard length and 9 inches in the long version) and made of a more flexible and durable product. It comes in a vast array of colors and can be purchased locally at Bill Jackson's and probably at the Tampa Angler.

When using Polar Fibre, you handle it just like natural fur, in that you never cut the natural ends with the scissors to trim it to shape. The only time you cut it is to remove a batch from the web backing. The cut end will have an under fur like natural animal fur that you can remove in small amounts to reduce the bulk of the material. You would want to do this when you are building tails or streamer wings. If the material is too long for the fly you are creating, pinch the butt ends tightly with the fingers of one hand and with the other hand, pull out the long fibers until you have sized the material to the length needed. When you are stacking bunches of Polar Fibre, such as building a wing or body of different colors, comb the material out after tying each bunch. This not only allows the separate batches to marry into one, but it also blends the colors for a more natural appearance.

Corsair is a translucent, woven tubular mesh constructed of polyester and nylon that comes in several different diameters. It simulates the scales of a baitfish when viewed in the water. Corsair is available from Jack Gartside's website [www.jackgartside.com](http://www.jackgartside.com) A similar material called EZ Body Braid advertised as a mylar tubing, is available locally but it is more tightly woven and not quite as flexible as Corsair. Gartside published several pamphlet style books of his innovative fly patterns and instructions for using the unique products he pioneered as fly tying materials. ....*Paul*

# 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 & Joe Dail
- Newsletter - Paul Sequeira
- Outings - Alan Sewell
- Publicity - Roger Blanton
- Programs - BOD
- Project Healing Waters - Terry Kirkpatrick
- Raffles - Tom Hummel
- Shows & Special Events - Woody Miller
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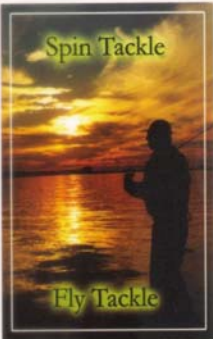
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# SFF Information and Activities

## 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 their 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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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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## SFF Photo Gallery - Some recent catches



Top left: Al Pitcher with a nice redfish he caught the day after listening to our speaker Capt. Paul Hawkins. Al caught this red using a fly he modeled after one he saw in Capt. Paul's fly box. Top right: Ken Hofmeister with a nice trout he caught on what else — the "Ada Potato" Bottom right: Hofmeister again with a 19" mullet he uh .... "caught" at Emerson Point. Hofmeister photos.

Bottom left: Jonathan Damico with Frying Pan River brown trout, one of many caught fishing with Grandfather Pat and father Chris in Colorado Photo—Pat Damico

## SFF Photo Gallery – Some Random Pictures



Top right: Who says a gator won't take a fly? Just look in the center of the picture just under Alan's fly rod. This guy took the fly, but Alan didn't land him. Top left: A nice bass Alan boated at this year's special Glades trip. Photos—Ted Rich



Bottom right: "Smitty" seen here at a previous tying session will be our designated fly tyer this month. Don't miss his demonstration of dropper flies and pay attention, there is a lot to learn from this excellent fly tyer.

Bottom left: SFF's August program will be a Tie-a-thon. Rob Fisher is seen here at a Tie-a-thon of a couple of years ago while Annie Hays follows along. All members are welcome to show their tying skills, bring your stuff, set up and share your tying knowledge with your fellow members at this very popular and fun program. Sequira photos.

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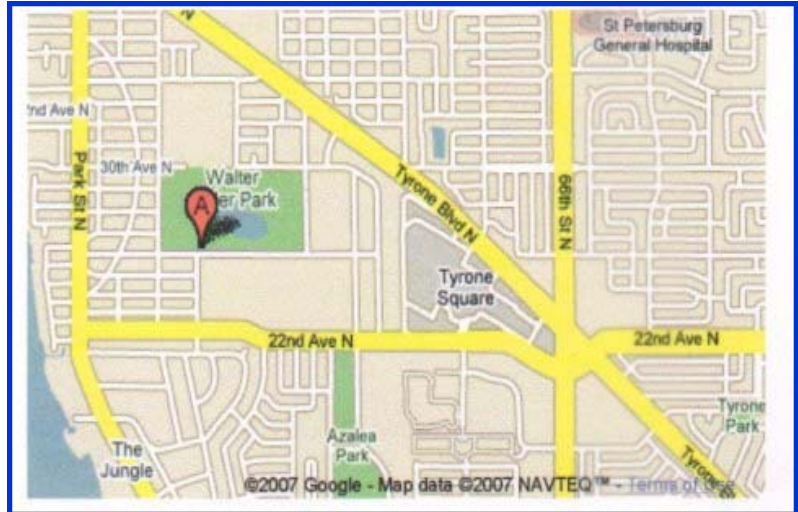
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**Next Club Meeting: July 15, 2010**

**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 - Jason Stock—Kayak Fishing**

**Fly Tyer - Layne “Smitty” Smith**

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