



On The Fly

The Prez Sez by Ken Hofmeister



I'M GLAD

I'm glad you elected me to serve as Suncoast Fly Fisher's president this last term. It's been a great trip! Looking back over the wake, here are a few things I am glad and grateful for:

- Term limits for officers!
- Pat Damico's clinics improving my casting.
- Learning to tie flies from Charlie Most (and countless others).
- Great lunches at monthly outings provided by Mark Hays and Richard Oldenski.
- Don Manning dragging us into the Everglades for annual special outings.
- John and Stacy Zientarski hosting fabulous Pig Roasts.
- Auctions/raffles by John and Alan that keep our dues low and our club in good financial shape.
- Pat Damico, Terry Kirkpatrick and John Craig leading so many volunteers at Bay Pines Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing.
- Treasurer Tom Gadacz depositing more than we spend and reporting it accurately.
- Richard Oldenski championing a Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge program at Eckerd College.
- Mangrove Coast and Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Clubs fishing and eating with us.
- Paul Sequira helping SFF find a meeting place at Walter Fuller Park.
- On the Fly, a splendid newsletter edited by Paul Sequira.
- An outstanding web site www.suncoastflyfishers.com updated by Woody Miller.
- A friendly bunch of SFF folks who are fun to fish and learn with.
- Joe Dail's attention to detail resulting in revised SFF by-laws along with club insurance.
- The benefits of being an FFF club.
- The outstanding team of directors who continued to provide leadership, wisdom, support, and guidance at every opportunity.

I WISH

As I transfer the president's baton at the March meeting, I could wish that we would:

- Involve more women and youth in SFF activities.
- Cooperate and fish with more clubs from other cities (and states).
- Engage even more members in our service, education, and conservation efforts.
- Sell the rest of those XL SFF shirts at the Pig Roast!**Ken**

SFF UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 20th—Casting Clinic in the morning, fishing in the afternoon after lunch

Mar 20th—Hog Roast starting at 4:00 pm

April 30th — May 2nd —SFF's Annual Everglades trip,

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OUTINGS -REVIEWS & PREVIEWS by *Richard Oldenski*



March Outing - March 20, 2010 - Casting Clinic

February Outing - We did it again. We managed to catch fish in spite of cold weather. While most local fishermen were sleeping in or listening to the Captain Mel Show, huddled around their cups of coffee, we were on the water at Ft. DeSoto catching fish. Trout were the catch of the day. Michael December caught the biggest, while John and Mark Craig caught the most, 15 between them. At lunch, Mark and Annie Hays grilled marinated venison kabobs and Marianne served her tasty macaroni salad. Jim Larson provided cocktail shrimp for appetizers and Kitty Rich baked a variety of cookies for dessert. You should have been there!

March Outing - Our Annual Hog Roast and our March outing happen to fall on the same day this year. This provides us with an entire day to plan club activities. First on the agenda is a casting clinic at Ft. Desoto lead by FFF Master Certified Casting Instructor, Capt. Pat Damico and his team of skilled fly casters. The clinic will focus on all skill levels to give each of us an opportunity to improve our casting. We'll begin at 09:00 at the east end of Mullet Key.

Come a little earlier to rig up your rod and have some coffee and donuts to warm up for the clinic. After the clinic we'll have a light lunch at the East Beach Picnic area. After lunch, those so inclined to practice their new casting skills can fish the waters at Ft. DeSoto. If you do decide to fish, keep an eye on your watch so that you're not late for the SFF's Hog Roast at 4:00 PM. What a day this will be! If you haven't already signed up, be sure to sign in at the March meeting.

Recommended Flies - for the February outing and Newsletter Reference for Instructions:

Clouser Minnow	Jan. 2007	p. 6
	Apr. 2009	p.11
Whatever Bend Back	Sep. 2009	p.11
Ada Potato	May 2008	p. 9

Future Outing Previews:

April - Braden River

Fishing Tournament:

Snook - Mark Hays - 29 ½ inches

Bass - Woody Miller -16 inches

Sunfish - Joe Dail - 10 inches

Open Category - Woody Miller - Ladyfish - 22 inches

Trout - Don Manning - 19 inches

March Program and Designated Tyer

Steve Gibson of Southern Drawl Kayak Fishing will be our guest speaker this month. Steve who is no stranger to SFF having visited us once last year, is a professional fishing guide specializing in kayak-fishing trips. Steve fishes the waters of the southern Tampa Bay area for all the inshore saltwater species and Florida's freshwater lakes and streams for bass, bluegill, tilapia, speckled perch and catfish. Steve is well versed in fishing the Everglades where he targets exotics like oscars and Mayan cichlids, bass, bluegill, shellcracker, speckled perch, snook and tarpon. Everglades fishing is what Steve will talk to us about just in time for SFF's special annual Everglades trip.

Steve, a well known and innovative tyer, is also our designated fly tyer this month and will demonstrate his Skitterbug at the early bird session starting at 6:30 pm.

Don't miss this meeting if you want to get the scoop on fishing the Everglades , where to go and what to use and learn to tie a new freshwater killer pattern.**PS**

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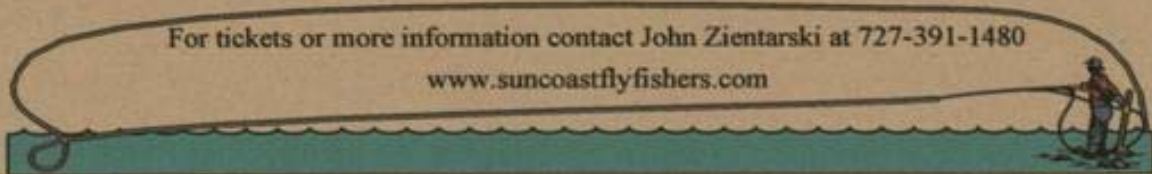
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HOG ROAST—Auction/Raffle by Ken Hofmeister

Come prepared to eat fine food, listen to great music, and bid on outstanding auction items. For starters, the door prize is a ten weight rod donated by Mark Hays. An Old Town 10 ft. Vapor Kayak (fully equipped for fly fishing) is the \$10.00 raffle prize. An SFF fly board will feature the “best of the bunch” from our elite (and some not so elite) fly tiers.

Lots of raffle buckets will be on the tables with \$1.00 tickets (12 for \$10.00) giving you a lucky chance to win useful merchandise. Women will find everything from earrings to women’s shirts, purses to spa items.

Fishers will marvel at the range of options for donated guide trips: Pat Damico, Ron Whiteley, Pete Greenan, Rick Grasset, and Dan Bumgarner. No more excuses about “can’t find the fish.” Also, you’ll find rods, reels, lines, and more flies than you could use in a lifetime of fishing Tampa Bay.

Bring an appetite and a friend. Enjoy Suncoast Fly Fisher’s great social event of the year. Proceeds go to support SFF’s educational, conservation, and service programs.

Members: bring donations and contributions to the membership meeting March 18. Label with your name and suggested starting bid. See that Myron Hansen gets your fly boxes and your special edition to go on the SFF fly board.

Members who plan to attend the Hog Roast can pay our treasurer Tom Gadacz for their tickets (\$20.00 per adult and \$10.00 for children under 12) at the March 18th meeting. If you will not be at the meeting, please call Tom at 727-360-8030 or John Zientarski at 727-391-1480 with the number of people in your party so they can get a good estimate on the size of the hog to be ordered.



CASTING CLINIC

March 20 will be a busy, fun filled day. Our very popular casting clinic will take place at Ft. DeSoto Park's East Beach. All Club members that have paid their FFF dues are eligible. We welcome all levels of experience. If you have never held a fly rod or if you want to learn some advanced line handling techniques this is your opportunity. Some of the comments from our last session were: "Can't wait 'til the next one, Continue the good instruction, an intermediate caster who had good pointers from all instructors, I started as an amateur and my needs were very fulfilled."

We will begin at 9 a.m. and finish at 11:30. Richard will have his excellent coffee and some donuts to help you get a start. A light lunch will follow the clinic leaving time for you to try your newfound skills in the fish filled waters of the park where many wading opportunities exist.

A sign up sheet will be passed around at our meeting. If you miss it, contact me so that we are prepared for you. If equipment is needed, let me know. Remember to wear a hat and glasses. See you then!

Pat Damico, MCCI
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SFF Information and Activities

SUNCOAST FLY FISHERS 2010 BALLOT

SFF membership will vote on these uncontested nominations at the March 18 membership meeting.

OFFICERS:

President: Thomas Gadacz
Vice President: Woody Miller
Treasurer: Joe Dail
Secretary: Ken Hofmeister

BOARD MEMBERS (Two Years)

Mark Craig
Ken Doty
Alan Sewell
Tiger Vertregt

BOARD MEMBER (One Year)

Hugh Copeland

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.

Casting Tips by *Pat Damico, MCI*

Casting Tip #3 The second Essential to cast effectively is dealing with Slack. Slack line should be kept to an absolute minimum. Many casting coaches feel this is one of the most important Essentials. When learning to cast, or while practicing, use only your casting hand and pin the fly line to the cork grip with your fingers. If the line should slip while casting, your cast will usually collapse because of slack. Lefty says that the cast begins when the fly starts to move. Having your fly rod tip down close to the water will allow this to happen and will correct many casting errors. Keep line and rod in a straight line. Most people start their cast with the rod tip elevated building slack into the start of a cast making a good backcast difficult. Other causes of slack are: movement of the fly line by outside forces such as the wind or water, rough, jerky application of power, and poor timing between the backward and forward cast. Placing your casting side foot a little rearward will allow you to watch your backcast. Make sure you can control and minimize slack before introducing the use of your line hand otherwise you will compound the problem.

SFF Information and Activities

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Allen Wyatt: Self-Esteem Fly Casting by *Bill AuCoin*

There's very good news in the world of fly-casting.

Our pitiful attempts at roll casting may not be entirely our fault. And when we can't cast as far as our fishing partners, the blame is not ours alone. Oh, and those tailing loops? Well, let's just say some lines are better than others.

That's courtesy of Allen Wyatt, aka Mr. Fly Line, GM at Andy Thornal Expedition Outfitters in Winter Haven. His slide presentation - Modern Fly Line Tapers -- at the February meeting of the Suncoast Fly Fishers explained the real fly world functions for tapers and bellies of varying lengths and weights.

And, by listening carefully, some fly fishers with certain casting issues could easily infer that the fly line is to blame when it doesn't go their way.

Before feeling bad about your poor roll casts you should know that a line with a long belly and short rear taper is better than that weight-forward line you're using. In fact, a double-taper line -- remember those? -- makes a really good roll-casting line.

Why is roll-casting important, you ask? Wyatt said he finds the roll cast especially useful when there's a stiff wind at his back, when there's no room for a back-cast, when making repeated casts on the beach, when casting to lighted docks, and for getting sinking line back up on the surface to get it started for another cast.

How come your buddy casts farther? Well, it's possible your buddy has a better technique. But it's also possible he's using a line with long forward and rear tapers. And you're not?

On the other hand if you're up on the forward-casting platform and a tarpon rolls just a few yards away you want a fast-loading, weight-forward line like tarpon line or bass bug line. These lines work well in the wind, too. You don't need (in fact you don't want) a lot of this kind of line in the air. It ruins the cast.

A word about lines with a sinking tip. Hinge. That's the word for the curved shape the sink tip takes underwater. The problem with "hinge" is that, like slack line, it doesn't transmit the strike of a fish to the rod quickly enough or positively enough for you to react to get a good hook-set. Instead of a sink tip line Wyatt favors a pure sinking line that keeps a straight line underwater to the fly.

How long does fly line last? If you take care of it, he said, it will probably last five years. But maybe not. If the first few feet of your floating line starts to sink, that means the micro-balloons in the line might be disintegrating. When your balloons burst it is time for new line. New fly line technology usually comes with it. Hey, the buzz is that Scientific Angler's Sharkskin fly line is hot.

Understanding the effects of the varying lengths and weights of forward taper, belly and rear tapers is useful for knowing why our casting is not up to our own high standards. Knowing that the grain of a fly line is the weight of the first 30 feet is very useful, too, for matching your line to your rod's characteristics.

Wyatt's advice is try two or three different fly lines on the rod before making the purchase. It's a big expense for the store to provide that service but it's the only way to find the best fly line for the rod and different casting styles. Having Mr. Fly Line standing by to observe is even better.

If you have casting issues keep telling yourself that it's not your fault. It's the line's fault.

It's okay. Self-esteem has come to the world of fly fishing.

Allen Wyatt is general manager of Andy Thornal Expedition Outfitters in Winter Haven, Florida. He has worked at Andy Thornal Expedition Outfitters for 20 years. It is, he said, "the best job in Florida."

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Allen Wyatt gives us the low-down on fly lines—Sequira photo

Effective Weedless Flies by Capt. Pat Damico



Out in the Gulf, a weedline would be a great opportunity to find a variety of gamefish. In shallow water, weeds can be a real nuisance, especially when fly-fishing. The “dog days of summer,” bring weeds and floating grass that can make a day of fishing very trying. Last evening I was out with a friend and we fished the early stages of an incoming tide where redfish mixed with mullet in very skinny grass covered water. My friend’s Exude tail on a light jig head easily slid thru the grass as the sides of the plastic bait protected the hook, which rode point up. A Texas rigged Slugo-type bait is also very weedless. Johnson silver minnows with a built in weed guard could also be used in this instance to avoid constant snags and fouling. When fly-fishing, do we have any options to make life easier for us during the summer months?

During the closed snook season, I love to fish docks close to the passes, especially at night. When the wind is blowing, which is most of the time, docks on the windward side always have weeds stacked against the shoreline. Snook can be seen in and around the weeds where a cast with most flies will foul when stripped a few feet. These fish will never show interest in a hook draped with “greens.” One option is to use a surface offering made of spun deer hair, like a Dahlberg Diver that is designed to ride with the hook point up, or where the deer hair is not trimmed near the hook point. If you happen to have your fly land on the dock or drape over one of the lines on the dock it will not hookup if gently teased past the obstruction.

Mangrove shorelines require accurate casting to get at snook and reds that love to hide under the overhanging branches. An exposed hook will snag and require moving the boat to the snag to free it, ruining the whole area. The vertical deer hair will protect the hook, but the soft texture will compress when a fish engulfs the fly. When fishing for largemouth bass with flies, a deer hair mouse designed like this is very effective around lily pads and thick grass. Will a snook take a mouse?

Bendback fly designs are very weedless, especially when a stiff material is used to cover the hook point and they are dressed a little on the heavy side. I often use a combination of synthetic and natural deer hair for this application. Using light wire hooks without additional weight will also help.

Monofilament weed guards have been used for years and have many designs. Mason is a good material for this choice as it is stiffer than most leader material. Most tackle shops have it in small spools. Fifteen to thirty pound test will suit most situations depending on hook size. A single or double strand tied at the bend of the hook when the fly is first started is brought to the eye of the hook and secured as a last step before finishing the head. The “loop” that is left around the hook point protects it. Monofilament tied at right angles to the hook near the eye is frequently used in single or double strands. The tying thread is wrapped behind to keep it in position before the head is completed. This last method is my least favorite.

A better variation of this is one that Lefty Kreh prefers and uses almost exclusively. Instead of plain mono, he used nylon-coated wire, the type used to make bite guards or wire leaders for toothy predators. Berkley makes a product, Steelon, in thirty-pound test, which I use for all weed guards attached to the head of the fly. A piece is cut from the thirty-foot spool that is long enough to cover the hook point. It is attached as the head is completed. Flatten the end with small pliers and tie it in place. A few wraps of thread in front of, as well as behind the wire, will secure it. Use head cement, like Dave’s Flexament, that will penetrate the thread to really secure the wire to the hook. Cut the end so that it’s slightly longer than the hook point and also flatten this end finishing it at right angles to the hook.

Steealon can also be used to make an effective weedguard for hard body poppers. For foam heads, heat a needle and penetrate the body at a forty-five degree angle to the hook. Cement the nylon coated wire in place with crazy glue or epoxy. Cork or balsa bodies are best prepared with a Dremel or small drill using a bit a little larger than the wire’s diameter.

Don’t let floating vegetation discourage you from using your fly rod. Morning and evening have many aggressive fish prowling the flats. It’s one of the best times for skinny water action. Even if you don’t tie your own flies, many of the above applications can be added to your favorite finished flies in a few minutes. If you need any additional information, feel free to contact me.

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Occam's Razor by Don Coleman

OCCAM'S RAZOR, is a scientific and philosophical principle attributed to the 14th century English logician and Franciscan friar, William of Occam. His principle states, "Pluralitas non est ponenda sine necessitate," or, Entities should not be multiplied unnecessarily. Occam's logic follows Aristotle who wrote, "Nature operates in the shortest way possible." Thoreau write, "Simplify, Simplify, Simplify." And he was followed by Albert Einstein who warned, "Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler." In the vernacular of the street, the principle can be interpreted as K.I.S.S.--Keep It Simple Stupid.

Does such logic apply to our flies? You bet it does. Proof? Look at the incredible efficiency of the following simple flies:

Spiders, consisting of a very sparse body of silk tying thread and 1 1/2 turns of a partridge feather, took measured tons of trout in the Scottish Highlands in the early 19 century. And Syl Nemes' reincarnations, the Partridge and Orange, Partridge and Yellow, and Partridge and Green are still taking trout from the fabled Catskill streams to Montana as well or better than modern nymphs. A short length of 1/8 inch round, natural cork, glued to the top of a #14 dry fly hook was proving itself against the fanciest Catskill dry flies in the 1950s, and can still so today.

The Woolly Worm and Woolly Bugger are wonderfully effective for nearly all freshwater and salt-water species. Yes, in saltwater too. And how about the simple and highly productive Sea-Ducer (the 1800s Hackle Fly) and the Keys Style Tarpon Fly and the D.T. Special. Even an unadorned Lefty's Deceiver, and Lou Tabory's workhorse Snake Fly. And how about Carl Hanson's simple Glass Minnow? Bob Popovic's new Jiggy, which is taking Atlantic coast saltwater fishing by storm, is the latest example of a fly that adheres to Occam's principle. Other examples include Jack Gartside's Soft Hackle Streamer and Soft Hackle Deceiver and his Gurgler, and Bob's Banger...and the list goes on.

All these simple flies are simple to tie, easy to cast, and do not use exotic materials. Nor do they depend on eyes, gills or markings. While tying "realistic" patterns, and all that match-the-hatch nonsense, can be fun, keep your fishing flies simple. Size and the illusion of life are more important than fly pattern. Don't add details that force a fish to make a decision to accept or reject the fly. Use the "razor." The fish tell me they don't mind.


Editor's note: I believe that every once in a while, we need a little of Don Coleman's wisdom. These few paragraphs from Don's book "Random Thoughts From The Tying Bench" are very good advice.PS



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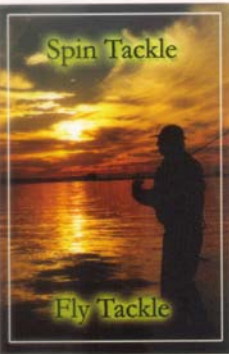
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Tying Bench—Redfish Joe by Craig Smothers

This fly is a modification of the Bonefish Joe first tied by Joe Bursell and Les Fulcher. Les had it published in Dick Meyers bonefish fly pattern book a few years back. I've published the Redfish Joe in Fly Fisherman's Guide to Saltwater Prey by Dr. Aaron Adams. Both of these books are must-haves for any saltwater fly tier.

Most bonefish patterns work very well on redfish. After tying this pattern over and over for years, it took on a different flavor and became the Redfish Joe. This pattern works very well for redfish. The fish are always hooked just inside the mouth. When the redfish grabs this pattern, it's soft and squishy. They hold on to it that extra second before rejecting it as artificial. Meanwhile, I've strip struck and they're on.



Redfish Joe tied by Craig Smothers
Smothers photo (more photos on page 13)

Materials:

- Hook: Mustad 34007, Tiemco 811S, Dai Riki 930 #2
- Head: 5/32" lead eyes, painted white with black pupil and wrapped in medium tan chenille
- Body: Spun natural deer hair
- Tail: Matched pair of rooster grizzly neck pins, Rootbeer Krystal Flash, and petite orange ice chenille, tan calf tail
- Misc.: Dave's Fleximent, fine comb, hair stacker, curved scissors, twin edge razor blade.

Tying Instructions:

- 1) Tie the painted lead eyes on top of the hook near the eye. Wrap the eyes with the tan chenille. Whip finish and trim. Glue with Fleximent.
- 2) Retie the thread on to the hook near the hook's bend threading 1/3 of the way up the bend. Tie in a small amount of tan calf tail extending it 1/4" beyond the hook. Next, tie in the neck feathers, splayed, on the sides of the calf tail extending 1" beyond the hook. Add 2-4 strands of rootbeer Krystal Flash on the outside of the feathers. Wrap over your thread with three wrap of orange petite ice chenille. Soak everything with Fleximent.
- 3) Cut a good amount of deer spinning hair off the hide. Comb out the under fluff. Even the tips in a hair stacker. Lay in the first clump of hair at a 45* angle to the hook and wrap the thread around the hair with two wraps. As you pull the hair tight, it should flair and spin around the hook. Glue. Thread wrap forward three wraps on the hook and repeat the process until you reach the eye (about two more clumps of hair). Whip finish, trim and glue one last time.
- 4) Trim the underside of the hook flat with a razor. Cut it fairly close so the ice chenille is exposed. Use the curved scissors to trim the remaining hair just about the hooks point depth, and in a cone shape. Try and retain the tip-hairs around the ice chenille.

Be sure to thoroughly pre-wet this fly before use. Fish it slowly along the bottom on a long leader. It works best for sight fishing, and blind casting in deeper (2'-3') turtle grass. Very weedless.

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.

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- Monthly membership meetings with outstanding local speakers on fly fishing, fly tying, rod building, marine conservation and exotic fishing trips worldwide.
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- 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 Sequira
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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.

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. Members whose dues are delinquent for 2 or more months may loose their SFF membership. See Tom Gadacz for renewal forms.

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SFF Photo Gallery - Craig Smothers February Guest Tyer



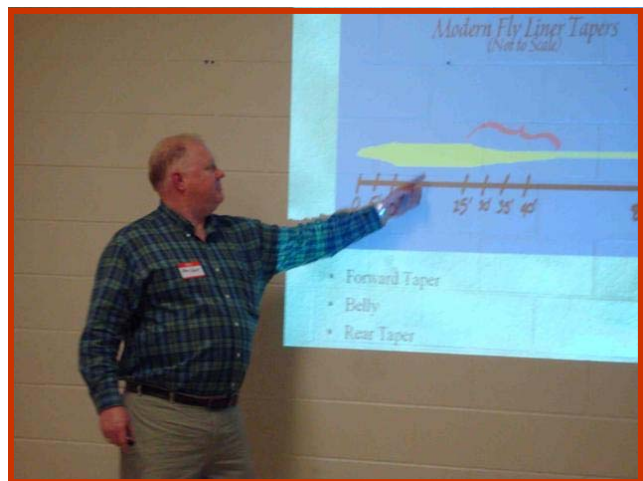
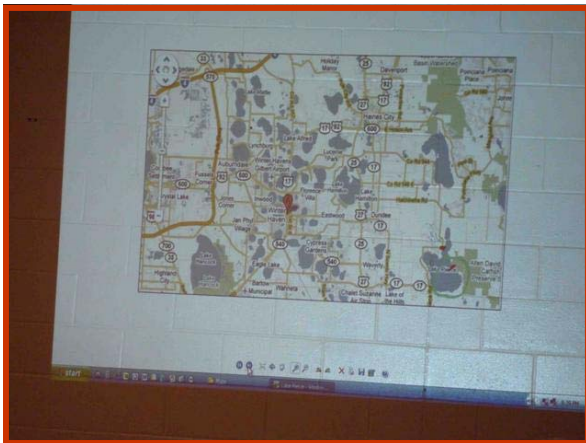
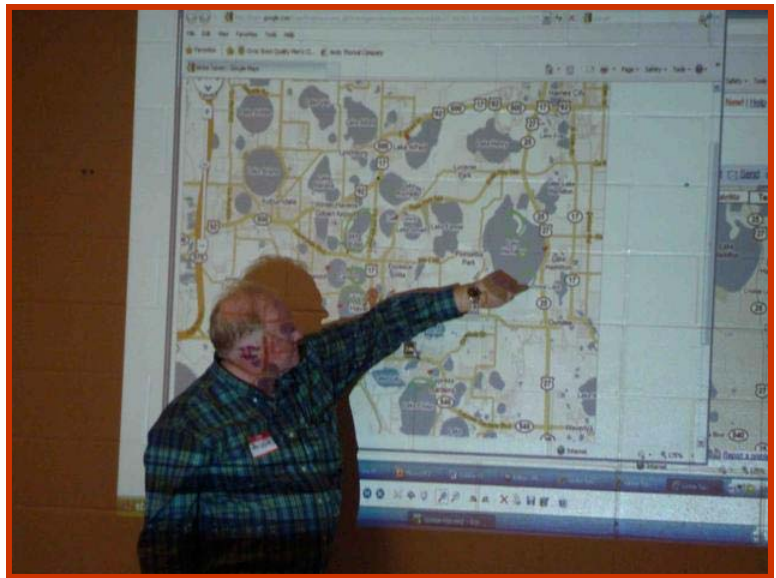
Our designated fly tyer last month was Craig Smothers (top left) member of the Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers. Craig demonstrated his excellent redfish pattern, Redfish Joe (see page 10). If you would like to see more of Craig's excellent patterns, go to the MCFF's website: www.mangrovecoastflyfishers.com and click on Fly Tying

Top right: A group of Redfish Joe bodies waiting to be finished.

Middle right: Tom Jones tying this new pattern along with Craig. Three photos above, Paul Sequira

Redfish Joe side view and Redfish Joe top view photos left top and bottom respectively. Photos Craig Smothers

SFF Photo Gallery Allen Wyatt February's Guest Speaker



Allen Wyatt, (top left) manager of Andy Thornal Expedition Outfitters in Winter Haven was our guest speaker last month. Andy's excellent presentation covered all there is to know about fly lines and when to use each type; and then some great fishing spots around Winter Haven (see Bill AuCoin's excellent article on page 7).

All photos: Bill AuCoin



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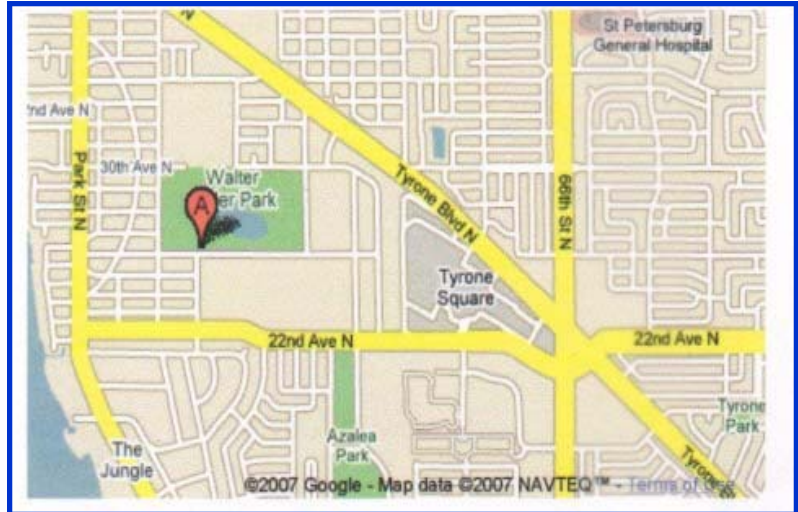
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Next Club Meeting: March 18, 2010

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 - Professional guide Steve Gibson will discuss fishing the Everglades. Steve will also be this month's guest fly tyer

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