



# The Prez Sez *by Tom Gadacz*



## Disabilities and Superabilities

**Disabilities** We enjoy many opportunities and events as members of Suncoast Fly Fishers. Two of the recent events were highlighted this past month. On October 29 we were invited to participate in the Bay Pines Veterans Administration EEO Disabilities Program. As part of SFF outreach programs we have a very active group of members in Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. In brief 12 to 14 members of SFF are part of a formal program (PWHFF) that is based at Bay Pines VA. Alan Sewell, John Craig and I attended the program. We shared our enthusiasm of fly casting, fly tying and building fly rods. The EEO Disabilities Program highlighted various groups at Bay Pines that are helping veterans recover from many of their injuries. The groups that attended the Program included Help Hospitalized Veterans – Art/Crafts and Healing, Creative Arts Festival, Golden Age Games, Wheelchair games, Project Healing Waters - “The Suncoast Fly Fishers”, Quantum Leap Farm, Exalted Warriors Foundation, Freedom Excursions – Fishing-Sailing-water sports, and Winter Sports Clinic. The purpose of this program is to promote the recruitment, employment and advancement of people with disabilities. LTC COL Kathy Champion, with her guide dog Angel shared her story about a complex battle to regain her freedom and independence with the help of the Paws for Patriots program at Southeastern Guide Dogs. Her talk was inspirational. Barbara Parker is the Chief, Therapeutic Recreation Services and Tina Cook, a Supply Systems Analyst at Bay Pines, coordinated the program. *(See pictures on page 13)*

### Superabilities

#### The Carl Hanson Tournament – The Fly Catching World’s Record

First, I really don’t know if there is a world’s record for catching fish per minute on the fly but if there was, it goes to Jeff Janecek from the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club. Jeff won the trophy this year with a catch of 138 fish. This is some feat! Fishing for 4 hours (7:30 am to 11:30 am) or 240 minutes divided by 138 fish is a record of 1.7 fish caught per minute. Congratulations to Jeff for a remarkable record which will be hard to match. My catch was an embarrassing 1 fish caught per hour but I did have a few more strikes and had a lot of kayak paddling exercise. The Hillsborough is a great river to fish and the tournament was a fun event with great camaraderie between two excellent fly fishing clubs! .....Tom

### SFF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 13 - SFF Casting Clinic, Ft DeSoto
- Nov. 18 - Club meeting, W. Fuller Park
- Nov. 20 - Outing at Clam Bar
- Dec. NO CLUB MEETING
- Dec. 18 - Don Coleman Classic with Chili Cook Off at Ft DeSoto

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## Outings—Reviews & Previews by Alan Sewell

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### November Outing - Nov.20, 2010 Clam Bar Area, Tampa Bay

**October Outing-Carl Hanson Tournament:** On Oct. 30, 2010 the Suncoast Fly Fishers and the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club held the annual tournament to honor our mentor, Carl Hanson. The tournament was on the Hillsborough River where we fished for bass and bluegill. This is a yearly tournament and is looked forward for both clubs to participate in. Not only is this a great time to discuss Carl, there is also a trophy that goes to the Club that catches the most fish and a portrait of Carl tying flies to the Club that catches the biggest fish. These items stay with the Club that wins them for the year, and maybe I'm saying, could result in ribbing for the next year. What a beautiful day that was to fish. No breeze, calm water and the fish were biting. Lunch was provided by our Club, and Mark Hays and Richard Oldenski provided a really good spread of food. And by the way, I guess you would like to know who won the tournament. The most fish and the largest fish were caught by the Tampa Fly Club.

### November Outing-Nov. 20, 2010 Clam Bar Area, Tampa Bay:

Our next outing will be fished around the Clam Bar area in Tampa Bay. The gift certificates will be for the largest size of trout, redfish and snook, but the fish must be of minimum length to measure. Lunch will be served at Maximo Park at 12:00 pm. Outing waters are from Pinellas Point to Fort Desoto.

### Future Outing Previews:

December - Don Coleman Classic, Ft DeSoto

### Fishing Tournament 2010 - 2011

Bass-Ken Doty-17in

Bluegill-Ted Rich-9in

Trout-Mark Craig-17in

Redfish

Snook-Ken Doty - 21 in

Other Fish-Mark Hays-31in Gar

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**November 18th Program** - This month our guest speaker is Brad Lowman whom many of you may remember from his days at Bill Jackson's and currently with Flint Creek Outfitters in Riverview, FL. Brad is an avid and very successful fisherman and will talk to us about the opportunities for some very exciting fishing for baby tarpon during the winter months here in the Tampa Bay area.

Brad will also be our featured fly tyer this month and will demonstrate flies that he has found to be most productive for fishing these miniature silver kings. Be there early to learn something from an excellent fly tyer.

Don't miss this program.

### Casting Tips by Capt. Pat Damico, MCI

Casting Tip 11: Why does my line kick at the end of a cast? I was asked his question recently by an excellent caster from our club who practices frequently, which is why he casts so well. He was using a 3 wt rod and as his cast lengthened the end of his line did not straighten very well. In discussing the problem, I asked what kind of leader he was using and he said he did not have a leader or fly on the end of his line.

Bruce Richard in his excellent book *Modern Fly Lines* has the following on pg. 70: *"It should be mentioned that the tapered leaders tied to the end of fly lines continue the dissipation of casting energy.....Lines are designed to be cast with leaders. A properly designed line will have just the right amount of energy left at the end of a cast to turn over the leader and deliver the fly. If a line is cast without a leader, it will "kick" and be difficult to cast."*

A properly designed leader and "fly" will help when you are out lawn casting as much as it will when in a fishing situation.

## SFF Information and Activities

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### Suncoast Fly Fishing Club Casting Clinic, Saturday, November 13 by *Pat Damico, MCI*

Once again we will have our very popular casting clinic. This spring we had 42 members participate, which is a tribute to the comfortable learning environment our staff is able to maintain. This is one of our goals and your benefits. Our casting instructors managed the "crowd," but afterward we felt it was time to divide the group so that we could give each member more individual attention. The casting part of our day will be at East Beach, Ft. DeSoto Park. Lunch will be at the picnic area close to East Beach. The schedule is as follows:

- 8:30-11:00 a.m. Intermediate/Advanced members. Coffee/donuts available. Arrive ahead of time to mark lines and assemble equipment.
- Lunch: 11:00-Noon. Picnic area close to East Beach
- Noon-2:30 p.m. Beginner/Entry Level members. Cold drinks available.
- What to bring: Sunscreen, hat, glasses and your own equipment. If you need equipment, call Pat Damico, 727-504-8649

As in the past, Suncoast and FFF dues must be current. Sign up sheets will be at meetings or call Pat so we have an accurate estimate.

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### NO DUES—NO NEWS

Suncoast Fly Fishers membership renewals are due annually at the September General meeting. SFF by-laws state that members who do not meet their financial obligation to the Club within 30 days of that date may be dropped from SFF membership. Personal e mail reminders have been sent to members who have not renewed and a membership renewal notice with renewal form has been included in the last two newsletters.

If you haven't paid your 2010-2011 dues by December 1, 2010 it will be assumed that you no longer wish to continue your membership with SFF and you will be removed from the membership list. This will be your last newsletter. To continue your membership, and continue receiving all the benefits this wonderful club offers including our monthly newsletter *On The Fly*, complete the 2010-2011 membership renewal form on page 4 and bring it to the meeting with your check 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

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### Cleanup with Tampa Bay Watch by *Annie Hays*

A few weeks ago on October 16, the Suncoast Fly Fishers helped Tampa Bay Watch by checking some of the islands around Ft. DeSoto for fishing line that might endanger the local waterfowl. I am happy to report that unless our eyes are going worse than we thought, we found almost nothing of interest. In fact, we hardly filled a trash bag with the junk, and most of said bag was filled by one enormous piece of Styrofoam unearthed by Joe Dail. Our team consisted of myself, my dad, Woody, Mark and John Craig, Ken Doty, and as previously mentioned Joe Dail. While we were small in number, we all covered a great distance and about 5 islands. I'd like to thank all the guys for their hard work, even though they probably just showed up to get Dad's smoked fish spread! I look forward to working with Tampa Bay Watch in the future and I hope that next year we can find another project we can all participate in.

#### Welcome New Members to the Suncoast Fly Fishers

Welcome to Paul E. Kavin, James Parrish and Anatol Popovich all new members who joined the ranks of the Suncoast Fly Fishers last month. We hope you will all enjoy the good fellowship and benefits our club offers. Be sure to join us in the many upcoming club activities such as our fly casting clinic at Ft DeSoto this Saturday.

# SFF Membership Renewal Form

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To renew your membership for 2010-2011 please complete this form and bring it to the meeting or mail it.

## Suncoast Fly Fishers Membership Application

Name\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

City\* \_\_\_\_\_ State\* \_\_\_\_\_ Zip\* \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone\* (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

\*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](http://www.suncoastflyfishers.com)

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

\_\_\_\_ Regular Membership 1 year  \$15 (*September 2010-11*)

\_\_\_\_ 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

Suncoast Fly Fishers

Att. Joe Dail, Treasurer

P.O. Box 40821

St. Petersburg, FL 33743-0821.

Amount received \$\_\_\_\_\_. Date received \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_. SFF Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

## Dana "Scudman" Griffin: The Problem With Store-bought Spider Flies *by Bill AuCoin*

*"Every fly will catch a fish sometime, somewhere and every fly will fail sometime, somewhere."*

Dana "Scudman" Griffin said that, and he also told Suncoast Fly Fishers it's more satisfying to catch one panfish with your own fly-sometime, somewhere - than a bucketful on a store-bought fly.

The good news is that in Florida we can do better than one bluegill if we understand another (almost eternal) verity - calcium carbonate. Lime rock is basically calcium carbonate. This same stuff that goes into antacids goes into scuds. In fact, it is a basic component of the "shell" of all crustaceans. Scuds belong to a group of crustaceans called amphipods. If you've spent anytime out on the water, you've seen this fish food. Haul a handful of water hyacinths on board your boat. Watch for some tiny shrimp-like creatures to cascade out of the feathery roots. These are scuds. Fish see scuds everyday and inhale them like they were candy. You could do a lot worse than to knot a scud imitation onto your leader and cast it out there.

Tying scud flies is easy (see illustrations on page 6). Griffin showed members how to do it at the October 28th meeting.

This was Griffin's second presentation to our club. President Tom Gadacz introduced the well-known Scudman and noted that he made a presentation to Suncoast Fly Fishers ten years ago.

Griffin whose hometown now is Gainesville, FL, was raised in Southwest Colorado and said he thought at one time you had to have snowcapped mountains in the background to fly fish. But, arriving in Florida in the 1960s, he quickly discovered otherwise. Once, on a springtime float down the Ocklawaha River, he stowed his paddle to admire the scene around him. Two pileated woodpeckers chased one another, prior to settling down to some serious courtship. The sun filtered through the newly emergent leaves of the cypress, casting a lime green patina across the river. And then he saw it! A big mayfly came floating down the current. It made it to the next snag in the river when it disappeared in an audible slurp. A fish - what kind Griffin had no clue - had just made a meal of the insect, and this solitary event told the Scudman that Florida wasn't going to be so bad after all.

So, when he wasn't teaching botany at the University of Florida, he was tying flies, scud flies and many other kinds. His patterns always strived to imitate something that fish see in or on the water and consider food. His basic laboratory for this approach to pattern design was the Ocklawaha, the Santa Fe (a tributary of the Suwannee) and many other beautiful rivers and lakes in Florida.

It's been over 50 years since Griffin caught his first fish on a fly. That's enough time to have learned a few things about this sport. Some of what he's learned he shared with us in a slide program. Here are a few items to mull.

- The best day to fish is Thursday. More about this later.
- Tie flies that look like what the fish are seeing. A study of food available to fish in the Santa Fe River revealed that 40% is caddis of various kinds and in various stages, 18% was scuds and 16% was mayflies.
- Color may be critical. For instance, the color of scuds varies with diet. In some waters they will be green, in others orange. Pay attention to this.
- Fish where one river flows into another. All kinds of action is possible here. The confluence of the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns is a great spot for bass.

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Dana Griffin discussing effective flies for fishing Florida's bream and bass. Sequira photo

## Dana "Scudman" Griffin: *by Bill AuCoin* ...continued

- If you're after sunshine bass, bring along a pair of binoculars. Scan the lake or river for circling gulls and terns. These aerial predators are often picking up injured threadfin shad. It's pretty strong evidence that a school of sunshines is in a feeding frenzy. Go for it (but throttle back before reaching the school). Cast Lefty's deceivers, Clousers, bonefish flies or any streamer resembling a small shad.
- Striped bass (one of the parents of the sterile sunshine bass), should be returned to the water. That will help guarantee stripers into the future.
- Going for largemouths? They can be moody. Sometimes a bit of noise will draw them in, sometimes not. Griffin is not against using a tube fly here.
- Bream are all over the place, but each species can have slightly different preferences. The flier, for example, occurs in very acid waters with lots of rotting vegetation. Want to catch this close relative of the crappie? Head to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. Fliers abound there. An orange scud will keep you in flier action until you're tired of the game.
- Stumpknockers, aka spotted sunfish, are very social. Find one, find many.
- Red bellies, aka redbreasted bream, prefer sandy bottoms with a current.
- Warmouths hang out in thick cover, especially submerged vegetation. They are aggressive and have a mouth large enough to take flies up to 1/0.
- Bluegills can occur in a variety of fresh water habitats, but a stand of water lilies will almost always have them. If you come across an island of maiden cane, cast parallel to the edge of the grass. Sunken timber? Cast slightly up current, allowing fish to see your fly coming into their window of vision.
- Want to squeeze the last bit of enjoyment out of your sport? Fish with flies you've tied. Of course, fish will attack store-bought flies, but it's just not the same.



Dana Griffin entertains and educates SFF fly tyers with a demonstration of his LA Freeway Fly. Sequeira Photo

So, why is Thursday the best day to fish? Who can dispute the Scudman's analysis. Fish that call public waters home are pressured Friday through Sunday. They get 4 days to relax. The fourth day (Thursday) is the farthest removed from the previous weekend. They should have returned to their traditional feeding habits by Thursday. Be there.



Scud fly tied and photographed by Dana Griffin



Scud fly tied and photographed by Dana Griffin

## Fly Fishing for Baby Tarpon by Capt. Pat Damico

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Cooler water temperatures and fresh water seem to attract smaller tarpon that are easily my fly rod favorite. Tarpon, thirty pounds and under seem to put on a feeding spree. Water spilling over dams brings nutrient rich freshwater, but also stunned baitfish, within easy reach of aggressive predators. Fall rain can cause storm drains, creeks and rivers to fill with water and seems to bring these acrobatic silver kings out from their deeper haunts to take advantage of an easy meal.

Several recent snook fishing trips have rewarded us with a number of tarpon in the eight to fifteen pound range. Starting at sunrise, we watched tarpon roll on the smooth surface either in channels, canals or structure that held bait. Some of these fish were very close to felled trees. Unlike snook, who head for cover when hooked, small tarpon usually skyrocket as soon as they feel the steel. We even had one land in a bush before flopping back into the water to continue his antics.

Tackle can be very similar as when fishing for snook. A thirty or forty-pound fluorocarbon shock tippet is needed. Once located, Keys type tarpon patterns can be used. A Cockroach in size one was a very successful pattern when fishing stained water. White Deceivers seemed to work better as the sun rose presenting clearer conditions. Addition of a weed guard is helpful if casting skills are less than perfect. If a fly is hung on a branch, gently tease it and it will frequently free itself. Another trick is to shorten your line and make a roll cast so that the fly is pulled in the opposite direction freeing it. Seven and eight weight rods were used. Inspect leaders and retrieve flies when some leader wear is present.

Pound for pound, snook get my nod for the stronger fish. When it comes to exciting acrobatics, tarpon are the champs. Remember to bow to jumping small tarpon, the same as their larger relatives; otherwise their head shaking against a straight line will end the fight. Once brought to the boat, try to keep them in the water and gently revive them before release. They are very fragile when compared to snook.

When a fish rolls, immediately cast to the area. Most fish were caught close to the surface. After seeing a frantic baitfish being pursued by one tarpon, I put on a small popper. Several tarpon were jumped as the moving tide brought the fly close to the structure. Rather than giving the popper a lot of action, moving it in slow short strips was most effective. The best hookups resulted when the flies hit the water and were immediately stripped. We missed more fish than we hooked. They seemed to swirl at the fly and only cause a "short strike."

When fish were surface rolling in a hole that was fourteen feet deep, a sinking tip with a weighted fly retrieved slowly closer to the bottom was the ticket.

Keep an eye peeled for these infrequent visitors to our area. I promise you will let out a whoop and shout when your line straightens as they take to the air when hooked. They are the perfect answer to your fly rodding dreams.

Capt. Pat Damico  
FFF Master Certified Fly Casting Instructor  
St. Pete Beach  
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Smaller tarpon can be exciting fun when taken with snook sized tackle. Damico photo

## Don's Fly by Paul Sequira & Mark Hays

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Next month we celebrate the memory of Don Coleman. A former member, now departed, who was a good friend to so many of us in the Suncoast Fly Fishers as well as the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club. Don loved fly fishing and especially fly tying; teaching these skills to new fly fishers was one of his biggest joys. Don was a part time Floridian, spending the winters at his place in Largo and his summers at his permanent home in Binghamton, NY. As you'll read in a 1997 article by Mark Hays (below) Don always brought some new or revised (new and improved) fly patterns with him when he returned to Florida in November. I have included the fly Mark talks about in his article, one of Don's original patterns — *Don's Fly* in the *Tying Bench* section of this issue of *On The Fly*. If you are so inclined, you can tie a few to use at the December Don Coleman Classic at Ft DeSoto. I looked for one that Don had tied in my fly boxes to photograph for the column, but I only had one that was badly chewed up so I had to tie a new one. In fact, I tied a couple, I plan to use them. ....Paul

### *Fishing Don's Fly by Mark Hays*

*On The Fly — January 1997*

*Several weeks ago (November) fellow club member and dear friend Don Coleman returned to Florida from his summer home in New York. To celebrate, I played hooky from work one day. Don, Paul Sequira and I went to a local flat and spent the morning wading and catching more trout than any three fishermen deserve. As usual, Don brought with him a new fly pattern that the fish could not resist. Many times all three of us were hooked up at once. We are not divulging the location of this flat but Don has written the recipe for the fly. This is really a killer, and so simple that even I can duplicate it. The great feature of this fly is the light weight and minimum wind resistance. This is especially appreciated by followers of Carl Hanson's preaching of light tackle. ....Mark*



# Tying Bench - Don's Fly by Paul Sequira

Don Coleman's flat wing streamer fly, a very effective spotted sea trout streamer.

## Materials:

- Hook: Eagle Claw 254N or 254L size #2
- Thread: 6/0 black Uni-Thread
- Tail: Sparse white bucktail topped with two strands of pearlescent mylar
- Body: Red sparkle braid
- Underwing: Sparse white bucktail (2 times hook length)
- Top Wing: Sparse grey bucktail to end of tail
- Flash: 6 or 8 strands of rainbow Krystal Flash
- Topping: One blue hackle over one purple hackle (tied flat)
- Head: Black tying thread coated with head cement



Don's Fly — tied and photographed by Paul Sequira

## Tying Directions:

1. Mash down hook barb and secure in vise. Start thread one eye length behind the eye.
2. Select a sparse batch of white bucktail, finger stack the hairs to even tips (more-or-less) and tie in on top of the hook shank to form the tail. Length should be appropriate to create a 3" long fly. Tie in 2 strands of pearlescent mylar on top of and same length of the tail.
3. Tie in the red sparkle braid under the hook, spiral the thread back to the end of the hook shank carrying the braid with it directly under the hook shank. Run the thread back up to the tie in point and now wrap the sparkle braid forward to the tie in point and tie off. Cut and remove excess braid.
4. Select a sparse batch of white bucktail for the underwing. Finger stack the hairs as before and tie in below the hook shank at the tie in point. The underwing should extend approximately twice the length of the hook shank.
5. Select a sparse batch of grey bucktail for the top wing, finger stack and tie in on top of the hook shank. Length should be to end of the tail. Tie in 6 to 8 strands of rainbow Krystal Flash on top of the gray bucktail. Tips of the Krystal Flash should extend as long as the gray bucktail and should be uneven.
6. Select one each, blue and purple saddle hackles and remove the fluff from the stem. Place the blue hackle on top of the purple hackle and tie them in at the tie in point -- laying flat on top of the hook. Length should be slightly longer than the tail. Cut and discard the excess stems.
7. Wrap a bullet shaped head and tie off with a whip finish. Coat with head cement.

**Don's tying notes:** The recommended hooks are elegant, lightweight; short shank hooks with an extra wide gap and nickel finish that will not overpower the fly. They will allow you to drift or swim the fly in currents and rips like a disoriented or helpless baitfish, using a wet fly swing or a "greased line" swing (which transcends fly fishing as a sport and moves it into the realm of art), or to utilize a normal strip retrieve. Eagle Claw's #254 (Seaguard finish) will work but avoid the heavier #254SS (stainless steel) hook for this fly. 6/0 Uni-Thread is strong enough and avoids the bulk caused by 3/0 or heavier threads. Other 6/0 threads are weaker. The black thread results in a black head, which gives the impression of a large eye pupil.

Sparse is the operative word. The underwing should veil the undersides of the body and be sparse enough so that the short, red body shows through as gills. Avoid stacking the bucktail; adjust the hairs the old fashion way for a graceful fly that doesn't look like a paintbrush.

## Tying Bench - Dana Griffin's LA Freeway Fly by Paul Sequira

The LA Freeway Fly is one of those flies that came into existence by using up some materials that happened to be on Dana's tying bench one day. It turned out however, to be a very productive fly for bream, bass and many other warm water fish. What does it imitate you ask, well some say a wasp, others say a dragonfly. I say it represents any one of the larger insects we find around our warm water fisheries. What counts is that it looks like something good to eat to the fish. You can watch Dana tie this fly on You Tube, go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/FlyFishVideo#p/a/u/2/11FUv5AID-o>

### Materials:

- Hook: any 3 X long hook such as Mustad 7672 - size your choice
- Thread: black 6/0 waxed
- Weight: thin lead wire (i.e. .015)
- Tail: two grizzly hackle tips dyed olive
- Body hackle: grizzly saddle hackle dyed brown, palmered
- Body: Ice Dub – golden brown
- Wing: two grizzly hackle tips dyed brown in down wing position
- Collar: grizzly hen hackle dyed dark red (burgundy)

### Tying Instructions:

1. Mash down the barb and secure the hook in the vise in the normal upright position. Attach tying thread about ¼" behind the hook eye (for a size 8 hook) and lay in a thread base to the start of the hook bend.
2. Wrap the lead wire on the hook shank starting about 1/8" from the bend to the tie-in point. Be sure to leave the front of the shank bare. Now wrap several layers of thread covering the wire wraps to help secure them.
3. Select two olive dyed grizzly hackles of the same size and pair them up with the concave sides facing in for a tail. The tail should be equal to the length of the hook shank. Cut away the excess and tie them in by the butts on top of the hook shank in front of the bend.
4. Select one brown dyed grizzly hackle and tie it in by the tip (shiny side forward) to the side of the hook facing you and let it extend out the back. Match this feather to the size of the hook you're using, barb lengths should be approximately 1½ times the hook gape.
5. Starting at the tie in point of the tail, dub the golden brown Ice Dub to the thread in small batches. Waxing the thread helps the dubbing process. Now wrap the dubbing over the lead wire covered portion of the hook. Leave the front of the hook bare; do not go beyond the place where the lead wire ends.
6. Select two brown dyed grizzly hackles of the same size and pair them up at the tips with the concave sides facing in for the wing. The wing should be equal to the length of the hook shank. Cut off the excess butts and tie in where the dubbing ends in a down wing position; tips extending towards the tail.
7. Palmer the body with the brown dyed grizzly hackle from step #6, wrapping forward about 5 turns. Lift the wing out of the way for the final wrap and tie off the hackle under the hook, in front of the wing. Cut and discard the excess palmering hackle. *Note: With today's excellent saddle hackle, you can probably use the excess hackle to tie several more flies.*
8. Select a dark red (burgundy) dyed grizzly hen hackle, remove the fluff at the butt and tie it in by the stem in front of the wing. Take 4 or 5 turns to form a collar and tie it off.
9. Make a neat small bullet shaped head, whip finish and apply several coats of head cement.



# SFF Photo Gallery—Dana Griffin Presentation



Left: Woody Miller is entertained by Dana griffin's stories.

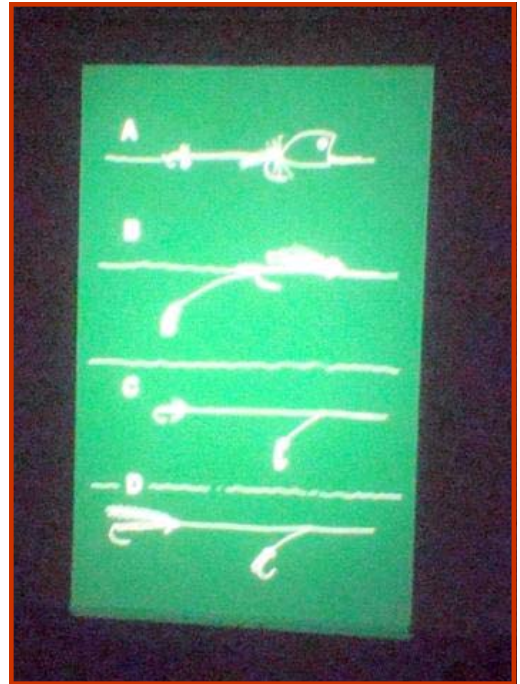
Right: Dropper fly leader designs.

AuCoin photos

Below left: A group of Dana's various top and under water fly patterns.

Below right: A couple of Dana's mudler style flies, a diving fly and a shrimp pattern.

Sequira photos



# SFF Photo Gallery—Carl Hanson Tournament



Top right: John Adams, SFF and FCFF member, caught 61 fish at the Carl Hansen Tournament. That was not enough to get a trophy since Jeff Janecek of the Tampa Bay Club caught 138; however, John fished hard and well that morning.

Top left: A good time was had by all at the Carl Hansen tournament.

Left: Congratulations Jeff!

Bottom :Tom Gadacz looks over the silent auction table at the Florida Council, FFF Expo in Orlando. Auction/Raffle raised \$7,167.00 in support of the Florida Council, FFF Expo. Participants sharpened fly tying and improved casting skills. Informative programs increased knowledge and vendors donated great merchandise for auction. Good time was had by all.

All Hofmeister photos



## SFF Photo Gallery— PHWFF



LTC COL Kathy Champion, with her guide dog Angel shared her story about a complex battle to regain her freedom and independence with the help of the Paws for Patriots program at Southeastern Guide Dogs.

Gadacz photo

Barbara Parker is the Chief, Therapeutic Recreation Services at Bay Pines VA Hospital with Alan Sewell, John Craig of SFF. Taking the picture is SFF Pres. Tom Gadacz



# 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

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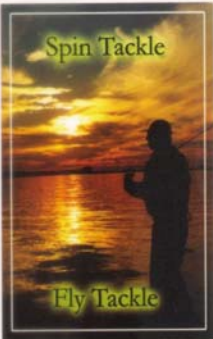
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The 6:30 fly tying demonstration session prior to the meeting is a very popular feature. Members are always interested in new flies, different methods of tying old flies or just some well known fly that might not have been demonstrated in a while. 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 Tom Gadacz at the meeting or call him at 727-726-7899



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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 lose their SFF membership. See Tom Gadacz for renewal forms.

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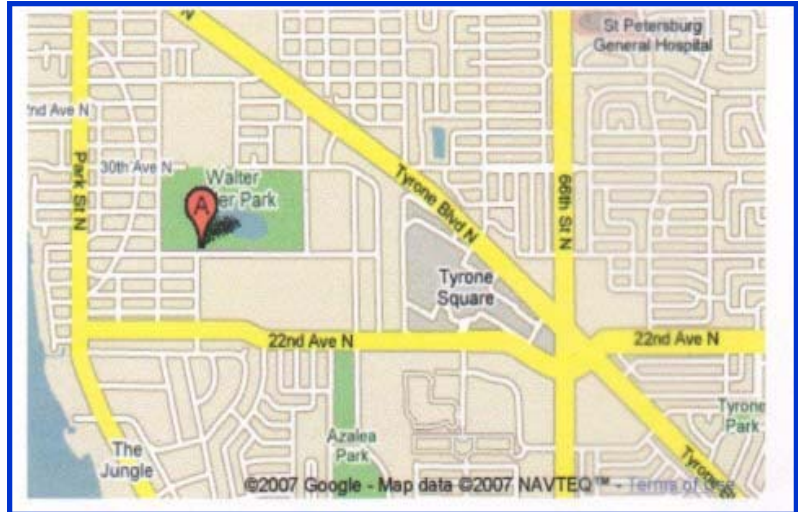
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**Next Club Meeting: November 18, 2010**

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

**7:00-8:30 Meeting & Program**

**Location: Walter Fuller Park**

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

**Program— Brad Lowman Fishing For Baby Tarpon**

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