



The Prez Sez *by Tom Gadacz*



Membership- A Good Economic Decision

We now live in a time of economic uncertainty and unease. We need to make prudent decisions about expenditures. We need to consider what kind of bang we get for our buck. I hope the financial analysis of renewing your membership to SFF provides you little doubt that you will get a great bang for your membership dues. If fly fishing is your thing, this has to be the best bargain in the world.

September is the month to renew your Suncoast Fly Fishers membership. I know September is gone so this is a reminder to those who forgot. This is a club you can afford to maintain your membership. Where else could you get such a bargain for \$15.00 a year? On page 4 of this newsletter the advantages of club membership are listed. Look at it this way. Monthly meetings where you learn to tie a new fly, great news about fishing this area and hear a guest speaker along with good camaraderie and soft drinks. Eleven two and one half hour meetings per year make it \$1.36 per meeting. If that is all you do, where else could you learn to tie a new fly and have such fun for the price? Twelve outings per year add up to a cost of \$1.25 per outing with lunch and 3 to 4 hours of fishing. Even if you only come for lunch, where else could you match this deal? You could spend your \$15 on a fly fishing magazine subscription (if you could find one) but our monthly newsletter, "On the Fly" gives you all the local fishing news, fly tying instructions, advice on how to improve your casting and many more interesting articles. If that is all you read, then its \$1.25 per issue.

Oh, by the way also throw in fly casting instructions by FFF certified fly casting instructors twice per year. On the open market you would pay \$200 or \$300 per instruction session.

These are the major advantages of continuing your SFF membership. There are many others as noted on the list I previously referenced. We want you to be part of this great group at a bargain membership fee. Please fill out the renewal membership form in this newsletter along with a check for \$15 and mail it today. We don't want to lose you as a member. This is not much of an economic decision; it's a fun decision!

Dates of this Month's Meeting and Outing

Please note that this month's meeting will be on October 28 at Walter Fuller and the outing at the Hillsborough River on October 30. Yes, it's the Carl Hanson tournament where we will be competing with the Tampa Bay Club. The winner will be the fisherman who catches the most fish. Tournament prize and lunch will be at noon. - Tom

SFF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 22/23 - FFF Conclave, Celebration, FL
- October 28 - SFF October Meeting
- October 30 - SFF October Outing
- Nov. 13 - SFF Casting Clinic, Ft DeSoto
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Outings—Reviews & Previews by Alan Sewell



October Outing -- Oct. 30, 2010 Hillsborough River, Carl Hanson Tournament

September Outing Report: The September outing that was planned for the Chassahowitzka River was cancelled. The Club did have our outing at Fort DeSoto park. There was a good turnout of members. The day was a good time to fish if you didn't mind the 40 knot wind. Lunch was great, as always, and prepared by Richard and Mark. Our monthly award was for a Redfish, but no one landed this fish.

October Outing, Carl Hanson Tournament - Oct 30, 2010: (Please note the date change.)

This is the outing that both Suncoast Fly Fishers and the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club unite to honor our beloved friend and mentor, Carl Hanson. The outing will be held on the Hillsborough River from sunup to 12:00pm. Lunch will be served at the Rotary Park boat ramp on Fletcher

Avenue at noon. The SFF Club will be the host. We will be responsible for lunch and we will bring the trophy. This outing does present a trophy to the winner. We have the trophy, we have had it in the past, and expect to have it again. The award will be for the "MOST SUN-FISH". This is a great day, so plan to attend, and note the date change.

Future Outing Previews:

November - Clam Bar

December - Don Coleman Memorial, 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

October 28th Program - Dana Griffin, III is our guest speaker and our designated fly tyer this month. The title of Dana's program is "Fly Fishing Smart (or trying to)." It will highlight fresh-water gamefish and the Suwannee River system. Dana has been interested in fly tying and fly fishing since 1947 when in the afternoon of a July day of that year he managed to pull out of the West Fork of the San Juan River an 8 inch rainbow trout. This brute of a trophy fell to a Rio Grande King, a popular Western pattern that Dana had learned to tie that same morning. The "interest" triggered by that encounter has apparently blossomed into something resembling an obsession... or maybe just a love affair. Whatever it is, it has occupied many a pleasant hour over the past 50 plus years. Dana has developed many successful and unusual fly patterns, it is rumored that he will demonstrate his "L.A. Freeway" bass and bream pattern for us. Dana is the founder and past president of the North Florida Fly Fishers, headquartered in Gainesville, Florida.

Casting Tips by Capt. Pat Damico, MCI

Casting Tip 10: What is Drift? Last month's tip #9 explained Creep and how detrimental it is to a good cast, especially causing a tailing loop. Drift is beneficial and occurs during the pause of either the forward or backcast, when after the stop, the rod is moved the same direction as the line is moving. This increases the casting arc, the opposite effect of Creep. Why learn to Drift? It gives you more time. The rod tip is cushioned and in a better position to start the cast. Tailing loops are avoided because the rod tip travels in a straight line, and an intermediate caster will become a good caster immediately. Learn to Drift!

SFF Information and Activities

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.

**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE. THE CASTING CLINIC HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO
NOVEMBER 13, 2010**

TIME TO RENEW YOUR SFF MEMBERSHIP by Joe Dail

It's time again to pay Club dues for the year beginning September 2010 and ending August 2011. Membership is only \$15 per year (family membership \$25 and corporate \$100). This small amount covers the cost of monthly meetings with speakers and casting and fly tying instruction and occasional pizza nights; monthly outings for fresh or salt-water fishing with lunch; semiannual casting clinics; the monthly electronic newsletter "On The Fly"; and many other Club activities.

Cash or personal checks made out to Suncoast Fly Fishers are acceptable. Please see Treasurer Joe Dail at the October membership meeting or mail your check to the Club at P.O. Box 40821, St. Petersburg, FL 33743-0821. Remember that the Club collects Federation of Fly Fishers dues *only* for new members; existing members are billed directly by FFF.

If any of your personal information has changed (telephone number, street address, email address etc.) please print the membership application on page 5, fill it out with your updates and submit the completed form to Joe Dail with your dues payment.

NOTICE ** NOTICE ** NOTICE** NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES CONCERNING SFF ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH . TO AVOIDED SCHEDULE CONFLICTS WITH OTHER FFF EVENTS, THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN RE-SCHEDULED:

1. THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO **OCTOBER 28TH** (THE 4TH THURSDAY).
2. THE OCTOBER OUTING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO **OCTOBER 30TH** (THE SATURDAY AFTER THE MEETING).
3. THE CASTING CLINIC AT FT DESOTO WITH PAT DAMICO HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO **NOVEMBER 13TH.**

SFF Information and Activities

SUCH A DEAL by Ken Hofmeister

Talking with fly fishing clubs around the state, I'd noticed a few significant differences between them and Suncoast Fly Fishers. One big difference is the cost of annual dues. Renewal fee for Suncoast Fly Fishers is \$15.00. Other clubs range from \$100.00 to \$50.00. Yet, we have a positive budget balance of \$5,789.53.

Monthly raffles generally pay the rent. Membership dues, Pig Roast and January Auction put us in the black. Let's take another look at what you get for that \$15.00 SFF renewal fee, due in September. (*And now one month past due – ED.*)

- Fly Casting Clinics led by FFF Certified Master Instructor.
- Fly Tying Demonstrations by some really great tiers each month.
- Monthly fly-casting booster shots for improvement.
- Complimentary soft drinks at meetings.
- On the Fly, outstanding newsletter, delivered monthly to your computer.
- "How to" and "Where to" monthly programs to inspire and inform you.
- Web site www.suncoastflyfishers.com to update and educate you.
- Service opportunities (PHWFF, Boy Scouts, Youth Workshops, Clean-Ups)
- Wait—there's more!
- Monthly outings with a free lunch (and you thought there was no free lunch).
- Pig Roasts that feed and amaze us. (Live entertainment and toys for all).

So, here's the deal. See SFF treasurer, Joe Dail, with a check, cash, or money order this month and enjoy the benefits.

FLY TIERS & FLY BUYERS

Fly fishers come in all sizes and shapes. They think and act quite differently from each other—and the rest of civilization. Some tie their own flies. There are those who do this following instruction for tying a fly. Then, there are those who disdain instructions and just "go for it." Some tie for beauty while others tie for practicality—will it catch fish?

Then, there are the wise ones who did the math and figured that it would be cheaper to just buy the damn things and not invest the time and money in acquiring all the tools and materials necessary to tie flies. They certainly have a point. Along with this crowd, there are the freeloaders who beg, borrow, or steal flies from their fellow anglers. These people probably fish with live bait when nobody is looking.

Some travel light—a few select "go to" flies in a box that fits in a shirt pocket. Others carry a veritable tackle box of all sorts of flies in case the situation demands something different. Then, there are those who carry a portable vise so they can tie just the right thing to "match the hatch" streamside.

Whatever! At the Orlando 22-23 FLY FISHING EXPO, FFF Florida Council has assembled eighteen first class fly tiers who have agreed to show their fellows how to tie some really neat flies. These folks are good—very good! Tiers will walk away inspired and ready to try out new tips and techniques. Tom Logan has lined up an outstanding group of tiers. Check out the list of tiers at www.fff-florida.org/expo.

What about the fly buyers? Have we ever got a deal for you! Each of the EXPO'S eighteen fly tiers has agreed to donate a box of their special flies for the silent auction. Here's your chance. But wait—there's more. FFF Club members have also tied flies to go in the bucket and silent auctions. For the big spenders, a fly plate built by Steve Jensen, will house the best flies from each EXPO tier. This will be auctioned off by Alan Sewell at the banquet and live auction Saturday night.

Ken Hofmeister, Auction/Raffle Chair

SFF Membership Renewal Form

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

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 _____

FFF Florida Expo 2010

FOUR AND A HALF REASONS TO ATTEND THE EXPO BANQUET

1. Steve Kantner, the “Land Captain,” will be featured speaker. He’s written for magazines such as: Florida Sportsman, Fly Fishing in Saltwater, Saltwater Sportsman, and others. We’ve seen him in the Everglades canals and he can tell us where the fish are.
2. Alan Sewell, of Suncoast Fly Fishing fame, will be the auctioneer at this fun-filled event. You know you’ll laugh, cry, and bid a couple of times whether you meant to or not.
3. Twenty fine treasures will be auctioned off. Look for items such as Terry Kirkpatrick’s famous bamboo rods and some terrific deals from major manufacturers.
4. Dress will be “fly fishing casual.” A long sleeve fishing shirt is considered dressy. Big boy pants are optional. Boat shoes would be a step up; however, sandals would work.
5. Well, how about 4 ½? Cash bar at 6:30. Service is pretty good. And, yes, there will be food.

Tickets are \$35.00 at registration. Join your fly fishing family for a really good time.
Ken Hofmeister, EXPO Auction/Raffle Chair



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My Current Opinion by Capt. Dave Dant

On Wednesday afternoon you get a call from your buddy who had a great day redfish fishing at Fort Desoto Park. They were everywhere, he tells you, and he hooked fish on three consecutive casts. You hang up the phone as excited as you can be. First light on Saturday morning you'll be on the flat ready to do battle. You spend two nights tying the prettiest redfish flies ever tied and when you get out of the car on Saturday you're greeted by light winds and a beautiful sunrise. As you get back in the car at 10 am you can't understand why you never got a take. Maybe your buddy was fishing deeper. Maybe the water temperature had changed, or maybe those beautiful creations from the other night were not what they wanted after all. You start the car, disappointed with the fishing but satisfied with how beautiful the morning was, and your attention drifts to the yard work that awaits you when you get home, trying to ignore that your buddy is going to rag you on your lack of fish.

All too often this scenario plays out again and again. Your buddy fished three days ago at the middle of an incoming tide as the strong current was pushing the fish across the flat on their way to rest in the cove a quarter mile away. You fished it at the top of incoming water and the first two hours of outgoing water and the flat was barren. What makes this scenario worse is that if you had chosen to fish the cove you would have had the best day fishing you have ever had, or if you had delayed your trip by 3 hours and waded the same flat you would have caught the fish on their way back down the flat.

Most of the time when we talk about current we discuss hard-moving water and how it affects fish on certain structures, such as sand bars, oyster bars, and bridge pylons. This is important for when and how to fish these structures but it doesn't help us to understand how fish move and where to find fish on different flows of current. There is so much more to the current equation.

Current is what fish travel on. It is the road grid transportation system of the underwater world. This transportation is very complex because it changes everyday depending on wind and tide. It is very difficult to write about because it is so complex, and every bar or basin or pocket on a flat is different due to what's going on at that particular time. It would take books worth of information just to start to explain, but I'm not going to leave you hanging, so here are some of the basics.

First, remember that tide and current are two different things. Tide relates to depth of water (the vertical movement). High tide is the time at which the depth of water will not get any deeper at that location. Have you gone by a bridge and the water is still coming in even though high tide was an hour ago? In the Florida Keys there are islands that have a three-hour time difference between the front part of the island and the backside. It takes that long for the water to travel through the fingered channels and across flats to fill up behind the island.

Current is the horizontal movement of water. If you are fishing a basin surrounded by a sand bar, and at the top of the incoming tide the water in the basin starts to wash over the sand bar, the water in the basin is not going to get much deeper, but you have a definite current created by the water rushing over the sand bar. Wind can create, strengthen or weaken current.

Second, you will learn about current more quickly if you can touch the bottom of the water you're fishing. For those of you who know me well, you know I'm not a fan of trolling motors. This is not as much about whether or not they spook fish (that's another discussion) but it's because you can't feel the bottom and you can't feel the water flow. When you pole about you can clearly feel when the push pole goes from a soft bottom to a much firmer bottom to a hard bottom, and furthermore you can feel when you have to push harder in certain sections of a flat, allowing you to determine where the current line is. The density of the bottom usually relates to the current that pushes across the bottom. Currents carry sediment and when the current slows down the sediment falls to the bottom. As a general rule the softer the bottom the weaker the current. This is not always the case

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My Current Opinion by Capt. Dave DantContinued

but if you think about lower Tampa bay area flats, most of the flats near channels have hard sand bars on the strong current side and then the flats have grass growing out of the sediment left behind. Anglers that fish out of canoes or kayaks can feel the current as they paddle along and of course anglers who wade can see their fly line floating down current of them.

Third, you may not always want to look for fish where the current is strongest. Depending on your target species and a whole bunch of other variables, you may want to fish in an area into which the current pushed the fish, but now they are happy lying around in fairly calm water.

Fourth, places that two currents meet or split are great places to fish.

Fifth, when you find schools of bait fish, they are usually swimming into the current. When schools of predator fish are balling bait and pushing them to the surface, once the school of bait fish disperses to the point that the predator fish fall off, the school of bait will reassemble into a tight ball and swim into the current, where the whole process starts over again. Rather than riding your boat into the fish frenzy, if you set up current of the last place the fish surfaced, and turn your motor off, this will usually result in the fish resurfacing where you are.

Sixth, as the current travels along a flat or a bar on an incoming tide, as the water rises there is a weaker but definite current pushing the fish shallower. Fish react to both the strong current along the bar and the weaker current pushing shallower across the bar.

To catch fish day in and day out you need to fully understand currents and what the target species want with what the current is doing at that time. The way to learn this is to start by every place you fish, ask yourself: what is the current doing at this time? How is the underwater structure (even from miles away) affecting where I'm fishing now? Where are the channels and finger channels? Does the area I'm fishing having a gradually sloping bottom or a quick rise or fall? Is the bottom firm or soft? Where are the cuts in the bar or the depressions in the flat?

In the olden days we didn't have the computer and we had to rely on charts to understand water flow. Now with aerial photos it is very easy to see the cuts and the water bleeding into certain locations. One little trick you can use next time you're out is to take three pieces of citrus from the tree in your back yard and throw them out in different directions on the flat and watch them drift. You may just learn something.

Although the under-water environment in which fish live is much different than the environment above, in which we live, we can understand something about fish behavior by drawing some similarities. If you had to walk a long journey across an open plain in any direction in a twenty-knot wind you would probably walk down wind making your walk easier, unless there were dollar bills blowing down wind, and then you would turn around and try to increase your wealth by grabbing them. If you were surrounded by a bunch of other people you would try to get to the front, to get the first shot at the money. Fish don't need dollars, they need food, and if you think about the current being wind in this scenario you can start to get a feel for how it affects fish. Sometime that food is blown into an area by that current and the current leads the fish right to it.

Do your homework, think about how the water is flowing and how hard it's flowing and use it to catch fish.*Dave*

Capt. Dave Dant

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REDFISHING THE SPARTINA GRASS FLATS WITH FIRST COAST FLY FISHERS *by Ken Hofmeister*

SPLENDID SHARING

John Adams, a member of both Suncoast and First Coast Fly Fishers, invited Ken Doty and Ken Hofmeister to fish the high tide North of Jacksonville with some other First Coast Fly Fishers. What an incredible experience!

I've been to a few club meetings and fished with a few fly fishers before; but, never have I experienced such remarkable hospitality and help. We were met at the launch site by several First Coast Fly Fishing members waving fly rods and pressing their favorite flies into our hands. We were given "Tinkerbelle" from Bart Issac, *Shrimp Fly* from John Adams, and *Spoon Fly* from Mike McQuiston. All flies had produced impressively earlier in the week. How could we miss? This was a "pre-outing warm up" prior to the Saturday scheduled outing. Such enthusiasm! Outrageous camaraderie! Splendid sharing of tips, techniques, tools, and tackle overwhelmed us.

Robert Bernado, president of First Coast Fly Fishers, took Ken Hofmeister and John Adams on a sightseeing tour of the Spartina grass at high tide. Bart Isaac mentored Ken Doty. We paddled kayaks about four and a half miles in search of tailing reds.

HANDS ON LEARNING

"Can't you see that fish?" said Rob. I couldn't, but I would learn to eventually spot the slight wake and moving grass even when they didn't tail. I also learned that you'd better stop a kayak before you cast or you'll not be able to strip the fly properly. Leading the fish meant learning which way he was going and that day you needed to cast rapidly and accurately. Much to my chagrin, I did neither. After tangling leader in rod tip, I asked Rob to get the fish. He, of course, did. Stealth is a good thing. Telling isn't teaching, listening isn't learning. But doing it and getting feedback with coaching was beginning to pay off—albeit slowly.

Ken Doty was getting his education from Bart Isaac, tier of "Tinkerbelle." Tinkerbelle came through for Bart with a nice red. Ken learned a few things about fishing the Spartina on a tough day. We never saw people "dismount" from standing on kayaks like these guys. Nor did we try to emulate that trick at our age.

"You should have been here earlier in the week" was a common phrase heard at the tailgate lunch stop. They acknowledged that this was a tough day and more fish were caught earlier in the week. Ann and Bill Lott each got one after a lengthy search.



Ken Doty with one of two redfish he caught fishing with John Adams. Hofmeister photo



Meeting at the launch site with First Coast Fly Fishers
Hofmeister photo

HOLD ON LEARNING

Day two of our education featured John Adams taking Ken Doty and Mike McQuiston taking Ken Hofmeister for a foray from St. Augustine to Pine Island. Mike, a former Navy pilot and airline pilot, "flew" the flats while I held on. At that speed he still recognized every fly fisher on the river. We saw tailing reds feeding, and casting was better, but catching was beyond Mike and Ken Hofmeister that day. John Adams watched Ken Doty hunt, spot, and catch two reds! Triumph! We were learning this stuff. We also learned to get off the flats before the tide does or be prepared to eat fiddler crabs and grasshoppers for lunch and supper. John showed us how to read a "Google earth map" for the waters we had fished after dinner.

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Redfishing The Spartina Grass Flatscontinued

HOSPITALITY BEYOND DESCRIPTION

Ken Doty said, “Those First Coast Fly Fishers did everything but hook one and put the rod in your hand to see that you caught a fish.” The coaching was first class. The enthusiasm was contagious. The First Coast Fly Fishing Club welcomed a couple of Suncoast Fly Fishers like long lost cousins at the family reunion.

Sherry Adams saw to it that we ate well and behaved reasonably. John Adams constantly provided just the right nudge or hint to see that we were getting a good orientation to their waters. When the fly fishing for bluegill resulted in one fish (they were stuffed from feeding on river shrimp), John took us on his dock where he and Ken Doty filled a 48 quart cooler with shrimp in an hour and a half! Boiled shrimp with fried alligator appetizers was served for supper the next night.

TRANSFER OF TRAINING

As an educator in a previous life, I knew the value of “transfer of training” where you took the skills and knowledge you learned and applied them to your situation—constantly improving with positive practice. We’ll certainly be better at fishing future Spartina grass flats and our home waters for reds.

But, we’ll also be finer sportsmen for this experience. We now have a benchmark for first class hospitality and friendliness. John demonstrated remarkable fishing etiquette that was followed by an on-line amend for *possibly* coming too close to another fly fisher. FCFE fellows share their fishing reports with each other on the clubs’ web forum. Sharing of tips, flies, and eyes is what makes fly fishers a different breed of cat. Sharing the spirit of a club is something else. That’s priceless. I can only hope that Suncoast Fly Fishers can begin to share the spirit of our club like these guys from First Coast did with us. Let’s hope they come south and give us a chance for SFF’s finest to show them a few of our best fishing spots and tricks.Ken Hofmeister



John Adams and Ken Doty with 48 quarts of shrimp netted from John’s dock. Hofmeister photo



Poling the spartina flats looking for redfish. Hofmeister photo

Tying Bench - No Name Fly by Capt. Dave Dant

The No Name Fly

Actually I'm sure this fly has a name, I just don't know it. I learned the pattern from a Lefty Kreh video probably 11 years ago and haven't seen it since then. Lefty said in the video that it was one of his favorite redfish flies and I can understand why. I personally have caught Redfish, snook, bonefish, trout and a bunch of other species on this pattern.

Materials

- Hook: Mustad 3407 sizes 6 - 1
- Thread: 3/0 waxed thread color to match the body
- Tail & Body: Craft fur (your choice of color)
- Eyes: Lead eyes (various sizes)



No Name Fly tied by Dave Dant Sequira photo

It was suggested during my tying session that you could use dubbing wax and I think this is a good idea. I do not usually use glue or cement but have and it works fine.

Tying Instructions

1. Clip a clump of craft fur about the size of a quarter. Cut it as close to the base as possible.
2. Clean the clump by holding the tips of the fur and pulling all of the under fur out. You may need to add more fur to get the desired size for the tail. Save the under fur in a pile; you'll use it in step #6.
3. Tie in the cleaned fur on the top of the hook a little further back than the point to form the tail. The tail should be about 1-1/2 to 2 times the length of the shank of the hook.
4. Work your thread up the shank and tie on your lead eyes about a 1/4 inch back from the eye of the hook.
5. Work your thread back to the base of the tail and form a dubbing loop approximately 4 inches long.
6. Use the pile of chaff left over when you clean your tail section of craft fur as dubbing and place it in the dubbing loop. Work your thread back to the front of the hook.
7. Once you have the chaff in the loop, twist the loop until the material appears to be secure, then rotate the dubbing loop around the shank of the hook from the rear towards the front crossing (figure eight wraps) and covering the eyes.
8. Finish by tying off your dubbing loop, with multiple turns of your thread around the shank and then whip finish.
9. If you're going to fish this pattern over grass you will want to tie in a mono weed guard.

Editor's note: This fly (I think it deserves a name so I'll call it Dant's Beach Special) can be tied in many colors. In the example pictured, Dave chose a light tan to blend in with a sandy bottom. Dave told me that if you were fishing over a grassy bottom, you might chose a medium olive color. In other words, chose a color appropriate or the conditions you are fishing in.

Tying Bench - Dant's Beach Specialcontinued

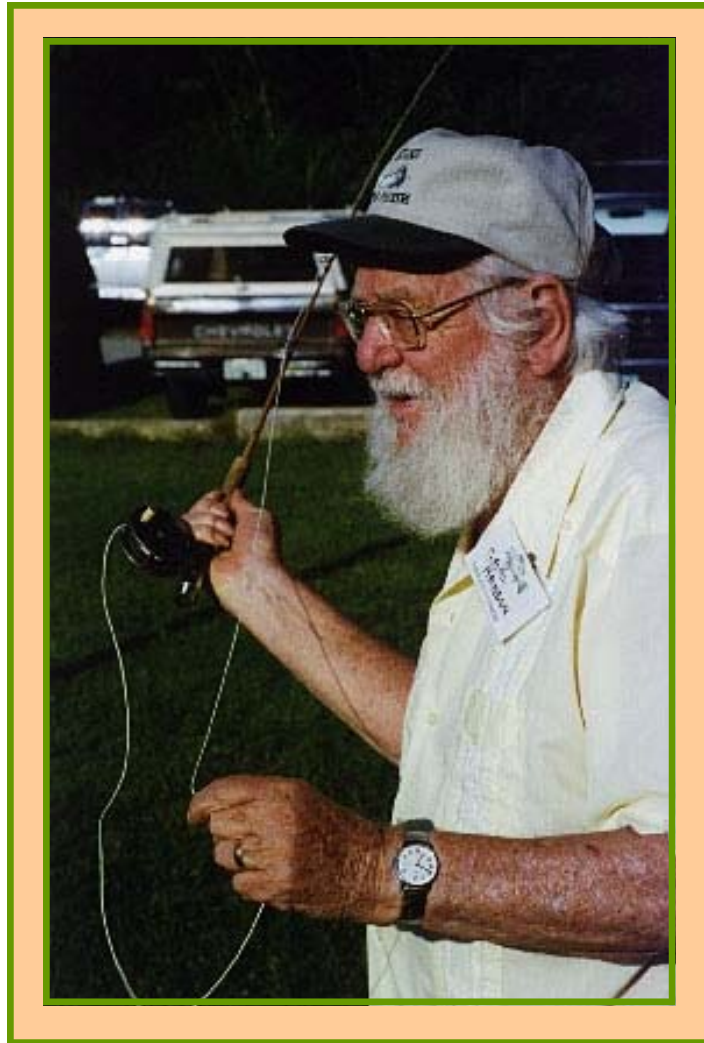


Capt. Dave Dant demonstrating a fly he calls the No Name Fly that I have dubbed Dant's Beach Special. This very productive fly not only catches many species of fish, but it is easy and quick to tie; using only a few components — a hook, craft fur and a lead eye and thread. Dave says it is one of 4 or 5 of his "go to" flies.

Sequira photo



Carl Hanson



This month we honor the memory of Tampa Bay’s most influential and revered fly fisherman, Carl Hanson. As we do every year since his passing on June 7, 1998 the Suncoast Fly Fishers and the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club celebrate Carl’s memory with a bream fishing tournament on the Hillsborough River; one of Carl’s favorite places to fish. As I was composing this month’s newsletter, I realized that both of our clubs have many new members who never had the pleasure of knowing Carl and learning from him. I went back to the August 1998 edition of “On The Fly” to refresh my memory of the thoughts of some of our members at that time. I think the following, written by Tom Cawthon, one of my predecessors as editor, is apropos.

“I was saddened to learn of Carl’s passing several weeks ago. He influenced many of us with his passion and common sense approach to the sport he loved so much. I’m sure that everyone in our club was touched by Carl at some time in their lives - by his casting instruction, fly-tying lessons at his home on a Tuesday night or some bit of sage advice offered at a meeting or outing. Carl was always willing to give of himself in an effort to further our sport and to introduce others to its simplicity and beauty. The first thing I remember learning from Carl had nothing to do with fly fishing but everything to do with life. He told me and many others I’m sure, that knowledge is the one thing that you can give away and never lose.” — Tom Cawthon

SFF Information and Activities



Enver Hysni beach fishing presentation
Sequira photo

Enver Hysni was September's guest speaker. His excellent program spilled all the secrets of beach fishing with a fly rod. If you missed it, shame on you, but even more so, you missed a terrific presentation that may have helped you be more successful in your pursuit of snook and redfish while walking our pristine beaches. In addition, at this time of the year (particularly in places like Ft. DeSoto's north beach near Bunces Pass) you may even run into pompano.

Thank you Enver, for your excellent presentation. By the way, Enver and Sandy Hysni's new fly fishing shop "Tampa Bay On The Fly" located on El Prado in South Tampa is now open. Those of us who made the grand opening on the 14th, saw a well stocked and tastefully laid out store that will be a pleasure to shop in. Check it out. Fly tying at the shop on Tuesday evenings.

SFF wishes Enver and Sandy much success in their new venture.Paul

We all should be practicing our fly casting; and you are, right? Pat Damico and his crew of helpers treat us to hands on fly casting lessons and practice at least twice a year. Since we do most of this casting over grass, we can't really tie a fly onto our tippet because it will just catch onto the grass, sticks or whatever debris happens to be there. We normally tie on a piece of yarn but this doesn't simulate a fly very well. Pat has come up with a better device for this purpose — photo right. Cut a piece of builders chalk line about 3" long and fold it in half. Tie a whip finish with fly tying thread or light monofilament about 1/4" down from the fold forming a loop for you to tie onto your tippet. This will produce a much better simulation of an actual fly and the bright color of the chalk line is very visible. The next session is scheduled for November 13th at Ft DeSoto Park — don't miss it, sign up at the next meeting.Paul



Damico photo

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 Sequira
- Outings - Alan Sewell
- Publicity - Roger Blanton
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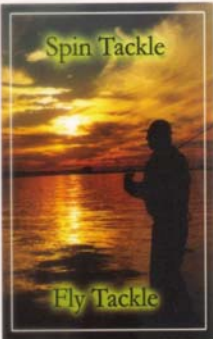


Suncoast Fly Fishers Information

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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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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Next Club Meeting: October 28, 2010

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

7:00-8:30 Meeting & Program

Location: Walter Fuller Park

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