

On The Fly

The Prez Sez *by Tom Gadacz*



Fly fishing – What Does it Mean to You?

We are all attracted to activities that we enjoy and have some knack to perform with reasonable skill. We probably chose our activities based on our own personal values, available time, childhood exposure and latter in life our physical status. Many chose an activity based on family and childhood experiences. Why do we choose to fly fish?

Fly fishing is an outdoor and indoor activity (tying flies when it is too hot/cold outdoors) and allows us to connect with nature. There are several books written on individual’s experiences with fly fishing such as “Fly Fishing Through the Midlife Crisis” by Howell Raines, but you don’t need a midlife crisis to enjoy fly fishing. Raines, a journalist for the New York Times, wanted to connect with doing something noble and uplifting so he bought a fly rod.

For many of us exposure to some sort of fishing during our childhood is the usual basis for getting into fly fishing. Some of us fly fish for the sport, a diversion from our job, camaraderie and even as a source of livelihood. For some it is an activity for rehabilitation and bonding such as Project Healing Water Fly Fishing and Casting for Recovery. For me it was a great way to relieve stress and channel some of my energies into an activity that did require some skill and had many interesting aspects. Fly fishing involves not only fly casting and catching but also fly tying and rod building. It is very satisfying experience to catch a fish on a rod you built or a fly you tied. The study of natural history of fish and their environment are important parts of successful fishing. We need to know where they are and what they eat. We need to try different fly patterns to get the fish to go for the fly. What fly pattern should we change to when a fish comes up to our fly, inspects it and turns away? At times the fish are in the mood to strike at any pattern. Most of the time they challenge our skills. What fun, matching our wits with a crafty fish! Fly fishing is a sport of skill, art, craft and even luck.

Another aspect of fly fishing is the places it takes us. Here on the west coast of Florida we have an incredible variety of fly fishing adventures including fresh and salt water. It is easy to beach fish, wade the flats and boat along docks or the intercoastal waterways. Traveling to other parts of our country take the fly fisher to roaring rivers, high mountain lakes, silver salmon in Alaska, and strippers on the New England coast. We can catch small trout in streams and trophy trout in gold medal rivers. We may not know if we’ll catch anything but we will release what we do catch so that future fly fishers have the same enjoyment that we have.

Suncoast Fly Fishers has over 130 fly fishing members. Many fly fish and attend the monthly meetings and outings. We have fly casting instruction and a featured fly tier before each of our monthly meetings and two fly casting clinics a year lead by Pat Damico, a FFF certified fly casting master instructor. Many other members are very skilled as casting instructors. We have fly tying classes for all levels of fly tiers with several pros who tie exhibition quality flies and rod building classes with Alan Sewell. We also have outreach programs such as helping veterans to learn fly casting, tying and rod building.

Whatever fly fishing means to you, we want you to enjoy the sport and take advantage of the opportunities in your club. Bring a friend to a meeting and encourage women and youths to become members and enjoy the terrific sport of fly fishing.Tom

SFF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 16 - General Meeting Walter Fuller Park
- Sept 18 - SFF Outing Chassahowitzka River
- Oct. 22/23 - FFF Conclave, Celebration, FL
- [Please Note Date Changes for future events](#)
- SFF October Meeting— October 28
- SFF October Outing— October 30
- SFF Casting Clinic, Ft DeSoto— Nov. 13

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Outings—Reviews & Previews by Alan Sewell



September Outing -- Sept. 18, 2010 Chassahowitzka River

August Outing Report: The Suncoast Fly Fishers held their August outing on the 21st. The club members fished around the Blackthorn Monument on the Skyway. Kayaks and wading were the best way to fish and you could go to the islands and Fort Desoto. It was a good turnout of members on a hot morning. Lunch was served early before it got too hot. Richard Oldenski and Mark Hays served up another great meal. The largest trout was caught by Mark Craig, but no redfish were taken.

September Outing: The Suncoast Fly Fishers will have their September outing at the Cassahowitzka River. We will launch at the boat ramp at the Chassahowitzka Springs. You will need a kayak, canoe, small boat or larger boat. There is a small fee to launch at the Springs and they also rent boats. This trip is on the 18th of September. The

Spring ramp is off of US 19 at State Road 480 (a.k.a. West Miss Maggie Drive). This will be a Bass and Bluegill trip. The prize will be for the most numbers of all fish caught between 8:00 and 11:00am.

Future Outing Previews:

October - Carl Hanson Tournament, Hillsborough River

November - Clam Bar

Fishing Tournament 2010 - 2011

Bass-Ken Doty-17in

Bluegill-Ted Rich-9in

Trout-Mark Craig-17in

Redfish

Snook-Ken Doty

Other Fish-Mark Hays-31in Gar

September 16th Program - Our own Enver Hysni will tell us all the secrets of successful fly fishing from our local beaches. When's the best time, the most productive beaches, the right equipment, flies that work, and methods he has developed over the years of pounding the beaches for our local inshore game fish. Enver will also be giving us the latest news on the grand opening of his and Sandy's new shop "Tampa Bay On The Fly". Don't miss this meeting.

Designated Fly Tyer - SFF member and professional fishing guide Dave Dant has 4 or 5 "go to" flies that he uses for beach fishing. Dave will be demonstrating his favorite, a craft fur pattern he considers to be one of the most productive flies for beach fishing. Dave is a lifelong fisherman with both fresh and saltwater experience and has specialized in fly fishing for over ten years. Check out his website at

www.sightfishtarpon.com

Casting Tips by Capt. Pat Damico, MCI

Casting Tip 9: "Don't be a creep!" Tailing loops are caused when the rod tip travels in a concave direction. This results in the tip being lower in the middle of the casting stroke. A frequent cause is a casting fault called creep. Creep is defined as the movement of the rod tip without power in the direction of the cast. If a definite arc is needed to cast a prescribed fly line length, trying to make that cast with a shorter arc will cause a tail. When the back cast is completed with a crisp stop the caster will move the rod tip forward before beginning his forward cast therefore reducing the distance the rod tip will travel. This can be very subtle, but destructive to a good cast.

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**

FLY FISHING FLORIDA EXPO

October 22 & 23, 2010

One benefit of being an FFF member is the opportunity to learn lots of stuff at this fly fishing family reunion held in Orlando. \$10.00 registration covers both days and sessions are free. A sampling of program presenters includes:

DAVID LAMBERT -TAILING REDFISH IN THE SPARTINA GRASS
KATHY GUINDON-TARPON GENETICS
CAPTAIN STEVE GIBSON-OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHY
JOE MAHLER-BEACHES, BAYS, AND BACKCOUNTRY CASTING
CAPTAIN PAUL CAVE-FLY FISHING EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA FRESH WATERS
CAPTAIN MEL SIMPSON-NEW TWIST ON BENDBACKS FOR SNOOK
CAPTAIN JOHN CAVE-PERFORMANCE FLY CASTING
DANE LAW-FAVORITE TROUT WATERS
DAVE JOHNSON-CASTING CHALLENGES FOR FIELD AND STREAM
CAPTAIN FRANK CATINO-BONEFISHING THE TURKS AND CAICOS
CAPTAIN RICHARD KEATING-FISHING THE KEYS
CAPTAIN STEVE GIBSON-FLY FISHING SNOOK ALONG FLORIDA BEACHES
OSCAR FELIU-WATER READING, TIDES, FISH PREY, FLY TYING (Ages 10-18)
JIM PENROD-EMERGENCY CASTING CLINIC

This is a superb opportunity for SFF members to update skills, gain new knowledge, make new friends, and find new Florida fishing waters. Auction/raffle will feature lots of treasures and trips offered by Florida's finest guides/instructors/mentors. Over twenty fly fishing exhibitors will be showing their wares and SFF will be staffing auction/raffle tables and the PHWFF booth. Florida's best fly casters will be showing you how to improve.

Check out the Florida Council FFF website, www.flyfishingflorida-fff-floridacouncil for program and registration details. Let's have a great SFF turnout.

Ken Hofmeister www.fff-floridacouncil.org/expo.htm

SFF Information and Activities

FLORIDA COUNCIL, FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

REMINDER TO ALL FFF MEMBERS:

FLORIDA FLY FISHING EXPO

ORLANDO RAMADA INN AND SUITES AT CELEBRATION

OCT 22-23, 2010

Please review the pre-registration form for details at:

www.fff-florida.org

CUT OFF FOR PRE-REGISTRATION WILL BE OCTOBER 8!!!!

Chat this up at your club meetings, put in your club newsletters and on your websites,
get a carpool going..... **we want you all there!**

Correction: The room rate was misquoted for this event at \$55/nite, it is \$65/nite

Come to expo!

ONLY 7 WEEKS AWAY!!!!!!

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 saltwater 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 September 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.

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 _____

Tampa Bay Watch—Volunteers Needed Oct. 16th by Tom Gadacz

Tampa Bay Watch – Volunteers Needed for October 16th Cleanup

Tampa Bay Watch is having a coastal cleanup on Saturday, October 16th, 9am – noon at Fort De Soto Park. The monofilament cleanup is also on Oct. 16. Here's some additional info on the monofilament cleanup which is targeted to volunteers with boats or kayaks.

Tampa Bay Watch and Audubon of Florida are seeking volunteer boaters to participate in our Seventeenth Annual Monofilament Cleanup Day on Saturday, October 16. Volunteers will remove snarled fishing line from mangroves and shorelines of Tampa Bay's colonial bird nesting islands. Each year, thousands of feet of fishing line becomes entangled on islands and shorelines which poses a fatal hazard to birds and other wildlife. This cleanup event helps to reduce the threat of entanglement while recycling the fishing line. The monofilament cleanup is scheduled during the fall only, outside of the main colonial water-bird nesting season for this part of Florida. Because the colonial islands are generally closed to the public, it is important that volunteers do not disturb nesting birds and contact Audubon of Florida or Tampa Bay Watch before cleaning a site to make sure they have permission to enter. It is also important for the public to understand that entering the colony islands at other times of the year may impact nesting birds, inadvertently causing injury and/or death of the chicks. Boaters will be mailed a packet with assigned cleanup locations, equipment and data sheets your islands to clean.

We wish to encourage as many SFF members as possible to participate in this Tampa Bay Watch event.

See Annie Hays at the September meeting for a sign up sheet and more details or e-mail hays@tampabay.rr.com

Information on this event was provided by Annie Hays and Rachel Arndt, Communication Coordinator, Tampa Bay Watch.

Wading The Saltwater Flats With A Fly Rod

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 Joe Dail 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.

SFF Letter To The Editor

I have been your newsletter editor since May, 2006 — that is four years and 5 months by my reckoning, and Al Pitcher's most welcomed letter (below) is the first "letter to the editor" I have ever received. Let me say that I wholeheartedly agree with Al's comments and observations. Oh, I've gotten a few comments during that time, but this is the first letter. This is your newsletter and it provides you with an opportunity to share your thoughts as Al has done, about our meetings, outings, the newsletter or whatever activities our wonderful club provides for us. I would like to encourage any member who like Al has some ideas, or comments regarding our activities to share them with the rest of the club through our newsletter "On The Fly". Come on, let's hear from you.

Paul Sequira, Editor, On The Fly

PS: I reserve the right to uncerimoniously relegate any derogatory remarks about the editor to the circular file.

Letter to the Editor

The following comments and observations are just one member's views. They are mine and mine alone.

Our normal club meetings have always provided me with the opportunity to practice my casting, socialize with other members, enjoy an informative speaker, and maybe get some cool stuff from the raffle. Overall, the monthly meetings are good to great; but, as I have been told, take what you want and leave the rest.

Because I really enjoy fishing and eating, I look forward to our monthly outings. I am sure there are others who might feel the same way. However, the outings, though well attended, do not include many of our members. For various reasons, such as the dreaded "work word," health, or the list of "honey do's" is just too long to accomplish in the short weekend provided by our slave masters.

However, there is one thing that occurred at this months "Tie-A-Thon" that simply does not happen during our normal monthly meetings. No, I don't mean the great pizza that was provided or the exchange of ideas obtained from our tiers. From my observation "post," at a tiers table, I had a great view of the entire room. What I witnessed was an unbelievable amount of sharing and socializing among all of the members. Usually, because of time constraints, we only have the opportunity to chat with our close friends and then it is on to business. But this month we had the time to get to know each other a little better.

I for one would recommend that this type of meeting take place more than once per year. As I originally said, "this is just one members opinion."

Keep Focused, Pray Daily,

And Stay Safe,

Al Pitcher

August 22, 2010

SFF Information

NOTICE ** NOTICE ** NOTICE** NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES CONCERNING SFF ACTIVITIES NEXT MONTH (OCTOBER). TO AVOIDED SCHEDULE CONFLICTS WITH OTHER FFF EVENTS, THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED:

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.
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Enver and Sandy Hysni have announced the opening of their new pro fly fishing shop "Tampa Bay On The Fly". The Suncoast Fly Fishers wish them well and all the success in their new venture. Hear more about their planned Grand Opening Celebration from Enver at SFF's September 16th meeting.



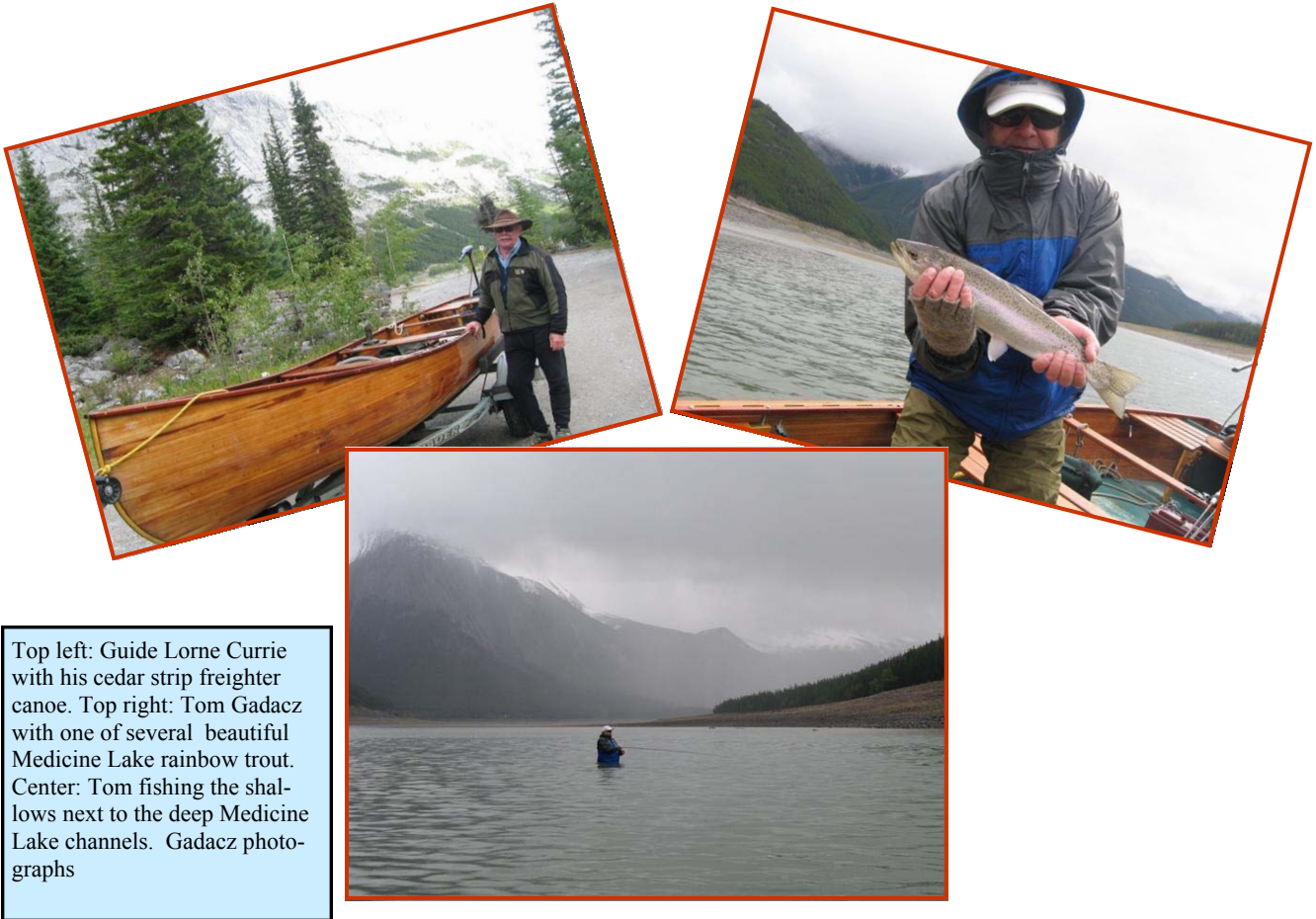
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Fly Fishing The Rockies In Upper North America by Tom Gadacz



Top left: Guide Lorne Currie with his cedar strip freighter canoe. Top right: Tom Gadacz with one of several beautiful Medicine Lake rainbow trout. Center: Tom fishing the shallows next to the deep Medicine Lake channels. Gadacz photographs

Alberta, Canada is noted for its oil in the north and tourism in the south. Just south of Calgary, the Bow River is a trophy trout river. Although there is some fishing in the upper part of the Bow, the fish are small and scarce. Further north in Jasper National Park there are several good areas. Maligne (Maleen) Lake has large trout but it is mainly boat fishing and trolling with a sinking line. Medicine Lake, the mystery lake, is filled in the spring but by fall the lake is very shallow and all that remains are deep channels with a good current. Medicine Lake is filled by runoff from the Maligne River and the melt from mountain snow. There is no outlet but several sink holes that drain to an underground river system. In the fall the drainage exceeds the inflow and the lake disappears.

Lorne Currie is the guide par excellence in this area. Lorne has been guiding in this area since 1970 and uses one of several wooden boats that he has built. His expertise and patience were greatly appreciated. We fished the deep channels of Medicine Lake. Using his cedar-strip freighter canoe powered with a trolling motor (Photo top left), we fished the channels from the boat (Photo top right) and also waded from the shallows (Photo center) adjacent to the channels. The channels held some big (2 to 3 pound) rainbow and brook trout. This was the first time I ever fly fished with a sinking line. What an experience! I began by floundering with my cast and then breaking off my first strike because I didn't let the fish run. Then it started to seriously rain. There was a pause in the rain with a ray of sun followed by hail and later a windy rain storm. By mid-afternoon the sun came out.

Despite the weather, hauling in 7 big rainbows and one large and beautiful brook trout kept my fly fishing spirits warm. Casting across the channel and letting a stonefly nymph bounce into the deep channel was a successful technique. The surrounding snow capped limestone, sandstone and shale mountains covered with Engelmann spruce and lodgepole pines provide a spectacular background. The roadside was dotted with an occasional black bear eating buffalo berries. Elk and mule and white-tailed deer were generally seen in the early morning. The Canadian Rockies are very different from our Rockies and the fishing is great as long as you are in the right area and have a terrific guide like Lorne. What a location to learn to fly cast with a sinking line.

Bump Or Bite? by Ted Rich

While fishing the August outing I had an unusual experience. Drift fishing near the channel off the Skyway rest area, something hit the back of the boat causing it to lurch forward. My first thought was of being run over by a power boat. The impact lasted just an instant so I concluded a fish had been feeding on the many bait fish present and collided with the kayak.

Later, while loading the boat on the truck I noticed fresh slime and fish skin residue on the rudder. From the picture you will see the faded red plastic “flag” used when transporting the boat. Being lazy, I leave the flag on all the time. The question is, was I bumped by a fish or should I start tying large red streamers?



FLY FISHING EXPO AUCTION/RAFFLE

A sure and certain way to improve your game is to fish with a mentor, guide, or certified casting instructor. You'll learn and remember stuff that you'll not get out of a book. This is especially true when trying to figure out new waters and different fish.

The FLY FISHING EXPO October 22-23 in Orlando gives you a chance to get a great deal on securing a guide/instructor/mentor. Trip donations so far to the silent and live auction include:

Pete Greenan, Dusty Sprague, Al White, Ron Whiteley, Dave Dant, Pat Damico, Rich Santos, Roger Maler and Rick Grassett.

Terry Kirkpatrick is donating a bamboo rod so that you can fish with some class on your trip.

Numerous SFF fly tiers have donated flies for the occasion. Over twenty fly tying demonstrators from all over the where are donating flies for the auction.

By all means, bring more than ten dollars for registration. You'll want to check out the fly fishing toys, trips, and treasures as well. Proceeds support the EXPO and Florida Council FFF.

SFF members interested in contributing to the EXPO auction/raffle should contact Myron Hansen (flies) or Ken Hofmeister (other stuff).

Ken Hofmeister,
Auction/Raffle Chairperson

Tying Bench - Del's Merkin by Paul Sequira

Del's Merkin (aka Del Brown's Permit Crab Fly)

Del Brown (the most successful permit fly fisherman with a record of 513 permit caught on the fly at the time of his death) developed this fly and it is probably the most popular and successful of the crab pattern. It is easy to tie and being easy to cast; avoids the problems associated with hard-bodied crab patterns. It is also very versatile because you can vary the sink rate with the size of the dumbbell eyes and easy to match the color and size crab you are imitating. Del's Merkin is equally effective for bonefish, redfish and any other fish that feeds on crabs.



Del's Merkin tied and photographed by Paul Sequira

Materials:

- Hook: Mustad 3407, 34007 or similar - size 1/0 to 4
- Thread: Chartreuse monochord or 3/0 waxed nylon
- Tail: Tan marabou or soft fur with pearl Krystal Flash or Flashabou
- Claws: Cree neck hackle (or grizzly dyed brown)
- Body: alternating strands of tan and brown sparkle yarn or Aunt Lydia's rug yarn
- Eyes: 1/24 ounce chrome finished dumbbell eyes
- Legs: White rubber hackle - medium

Tying Directions:

1. Place hook in vise in normal position (hook down) and mash down the hook barb.
2. Tie thread in slightly behind the hook eye and form a bump. Place the dumbbell eyes in front of the bump and secure to the hook shank using figure eight wraps. Place a drop of cement on the thread to help lock in the eyes. Spiral the thread down to the hook bend.
3. Tie in a sparse bunch of tan marabou or fur plus four strands of pearl Krystal Flash or Flashabou. The tail should be about the same length as the hook shank and the flash should extend just beyond the tail.
4. Tie in two Cree (or other) neck hackle tips (curving outwards) one pair on each side of and extending slightly beyond the tail material. (Neck hackle is preferred over saddle hackle, which is generally softer and doesn't have the required curvature.)
5. Starting at the tail, tie in alternating strands (about 2 inches long) of tan and brown yarn using the figure eight method to secure the yarn to the hook shank until you reach the dumbbell eyes. Move the thread forward of the dumbbell eyes and whip finish. Cement the head.
6. Trim the yarn into a round or oval shape approximately one inch wide
7. Turn the hook over in the vise (hook point up). Cut 3 or 4 pieces of the rubber leg material into sections approximately 3 inches long. Work a piece of rubber leg material between strands of yarn and attach the rubber to the hook with a square knot. The square knot will set the rubber legs so that they extend to the sides of the fly. (Medium size rubber legs work well for this fly.)
8. Continue adding legs working from the rear towards the front and trim the legs so that they extend approximately ½ inch from the body. Color the tips of the legs with a red waterproof permanent marker.

An inshore slam for Al Pitcher



Al Pitcher fished the N. E. St. Petersburg docklights with Ken Hofmeister and managed an inshore slam (snook, trout, and redfish) using his "baitfish" pattern. This was Al's last foray into Florida waters before heading to Texas for a few months. We knew he could tie flies--now we know he can catch fish with these beauties!

Ken Hofmeister photos



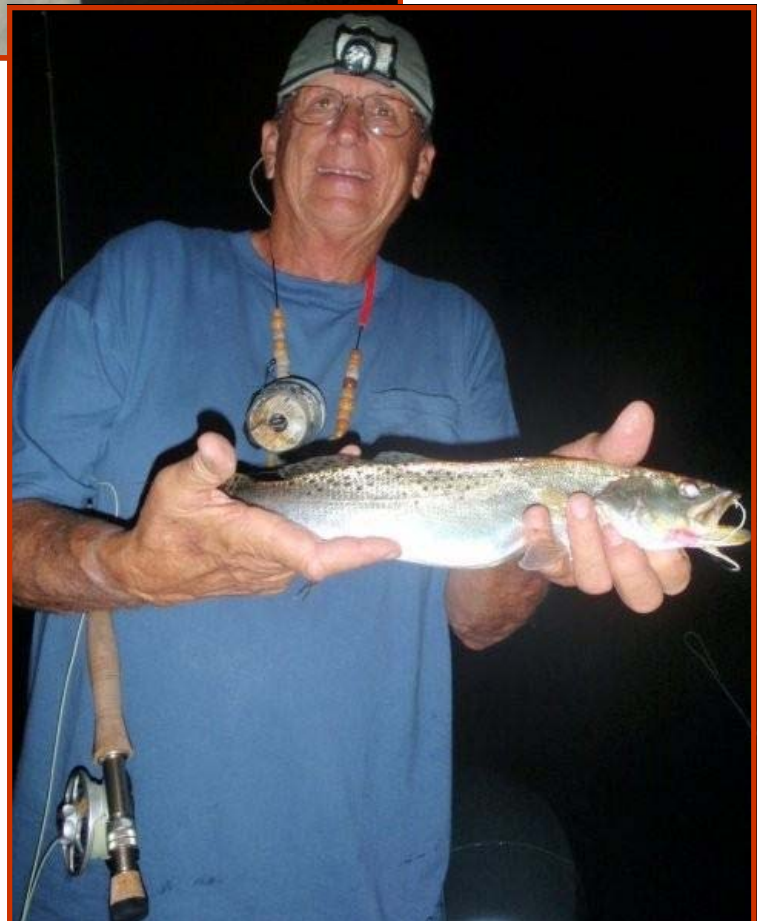
Some recent catches



Top; Fishing last month with Capt. Ron Whitely off Boca Grande, Ken Hofmeister landed this really nice snook.

Right: John Adams, SFF member and SFF ambassador to Jacksonville, fished the N. E. St. Pete dock lights with Ken Hofmeister and Ken Doty 9/3/10. When the bite slowed, he switched to a pink popper with a circle hook and landed this trout.

Ken Hofmeister photos



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
- Programs - BOD
- Project Healing Waters - Terry Kirkpatrick
- Raffles - Tom Hummel
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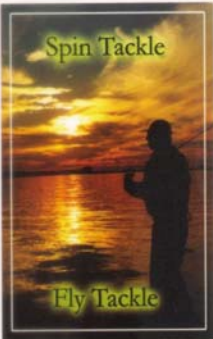
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FLY TYERS

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



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SFF Photo Gallery - August's Tie-A-Thon



Top: Ryan Voigt was captivated by Layne Smith's fly drying wheel at the August SFF monthly meeting. Inspired by what he saw, Ryan tried his hand at the vise (when he wasn't downing pizza).



Center: Bryan Jankovic helps rafflemeister Tom Hummel display the monthly treasures where everybody is a winner. SFF library is an added bonus for members. Monthly raffle keeps the rent paid and members supplied with goodies.

Bottom: Les Scott looks over Paul Sequira's shoulder to get a few tips on how to tie this special fly.

Ken Hofmeister photos



Tyers at this Tie-A-Thon included Layne Smith, Al Pitcher, Robert Fischer, Enver Hysni, Charlie Most, and Paul Sequira. More photos from the August Tie-A-Thon on the following pages.

SFF Photo Gallery – August Tie-A-Thon



Some of our tyers clockwise: Charlie Most, Al Pitcher, Ken Hofmeister and Ryan & Connor Voigt. Center: Layne Smith. Also tying but not pictured here were: Robert Fischer, Enver Hysni and Paul Sequeira. All photos courtesy of Woody Miller.

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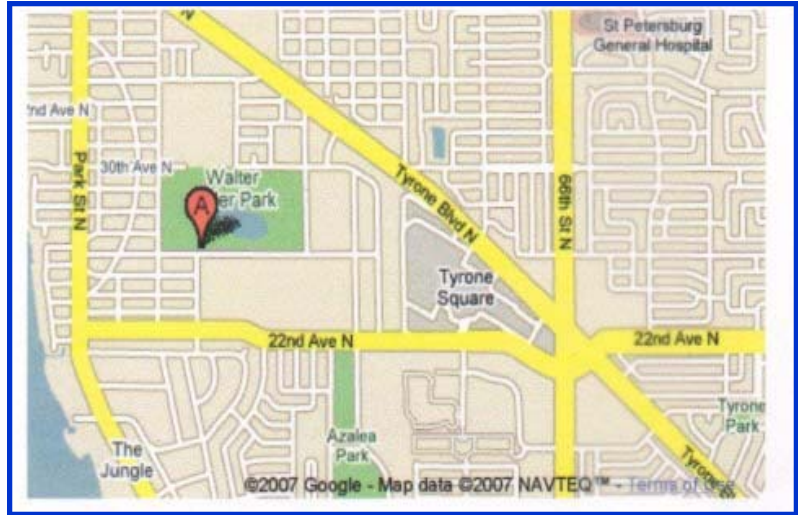
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Next Club Meeting: September 16, 2010

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— Beach Fishing with Enver Hysni

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