



On The Fly

The Prez Sez by Tom Gadacz



Fly Tying Workshop 101

In 1653 Izaak Walton published *The Compleat Angler or Contemplative Man's Recreation*. In July, 2010 SFF completed a fly tying workshop for first time fly tiers. The workshop consisted of 4 weekly sessions with 6 SFF members meeting once a week for 1.5 hours to learn the basics of fly tying. (See photos of participants and conference room at High Performance Plumbing Services on page 17.)

We tied two flies each week and each fly was chosen to teach various skills and the use of different materials. (See photos of the flies on page 17.) All the flies are referenced in past issues of *On the Fly* and are in parentheses behind each fly. The first session was a review of fly tying tools and materials. The names of some of the tools like the bodkin have their origins from the English fly tiers. After demonstrating the proper placement of a hook in the vice and loading up the bobbin with flat waxed nylon we tied a Bend Back Minnow (December, 2006) and a Clouser Deep Minnow (January, 2007). We learned how to tie deer hair and the difference between deer body and tail hair. Now I know why some of my old salt water flies flair. I used the thick, coarse body hair and not the long, thin tail hair.

The second week we tied DT Special (August, 2006) and a Snake Fly (August, 2006). Pairing and tying in hackle for the tail and then palmering a pair of neck hackles for the collar were the techniques we learned for the DT Special. The Snake Fly was more difficult and involved selecting and tying 3 pairs of saddle hackle for the tail and two marabou blood feathers for the wing. Then we spun the thick, coarse body deer hair for the head. Wow! Some overtime was required for this session.

The third week we tied Lefty's Deceiver (April, 2007) and the Gurgler (September, 2007). We practiced pairing and tying in hackle for the wing and Mylar or spun strands of Krystal Flash for the body. Deer tail hair was used for the collar. The gurgler introduced closed cell foam and the use of deer tail hair and saddle hackle.

The fourth week and final week was devoted to fresh water flies – the Foam Spider (February, 2007) and the Woolly Bugger (April, 2008). Tying in those legs on the foam body was a challenge for most of us and the body of the spider would slip a little off center. We were assured that the fly would catch fish even though it didn't look like a piece of art. With a little practice at home it began to look presentable. The Woolly Bugger introduced chenille and again palmering of hackle on the body and another for the collar.

Paul Sequira was our instructor and we greatly appreciated his detailed instruction and history of the flies. We learned the selection of material and techniques of tying in tail hair, palmering, pairing and positioning hackle, spinning deer body hair, wrapping a tapered head and a whip finish.

This was a great 4 weeks for all of us and enhanced our knowledge and appreciation of fly tying. In the spirit of Izaak Walton six of us are more "compleat anglers".

Paul, thank you very much from all of us for sharing your skills! Also a thank you to John Craig for allowing us to use the conference room at his work space, High Performance Plumbing Services. We will have more of these fly tying workshops in the near future. What an opportunity for SFF members! Other SFF activities include fly casting instructions before each membership meeting from 6:00 to 6:30 pm and a dedicated fly casting clinic by FFF Certified Master Fly Casting Instructor, Pat Damico on October 30 (*see Capt. Pat's article on page 3ed.*)

SFF UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 19 - **SFF Tie-A-Thon**

Aug. 21 - Outing, Blackthorn Monument

Oct. 22/23 - FFF Conclave, Celebration, FL

Oct 30 - Casting Clinic, Ft DeSoto

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Outings—Reviews & Previews by Alan Sewell



AUGUST OUTING--Blackthorn Monument, Sunshine Skyway North , Aug. 21, 2010

July Outing Report, Hillsborough River: The Suncoast Fly Fishers July outing was held on the Hillsboro River. All members fished the upper sections of the river at Trout Creek, Morris Bridge or Sargents Park. Lunch was provided by Richard Oldenski and featured any kind of deli sandwich you wanted to make. Although the lunch was great, the cool watermelon was the best part on a very hot day. At least twenty members were there to have fun and catch fish. Ken Doty caught the largest Bass. There were many sunfish caught, but several were the same size for largest.

August Outing, Blackthorn Monument North Sunshine Skyway: The Suncoast Fly Fishers August outing will be held on Saturday, the 21st day of the month. The Blackthorn Monument is on the North rest area of the Sun-

shine Skyway. This a great place to wade or kayak, and you can fish on either side of the Skyway. The award will be for largest Trout or Redfish, with one prize going to two members. Lunch will be served at the picnic area at the Memorial site at 12:00pm

Future Outing Previews:

September—Chassahowitzka River

Fishing Tournament 2010 - 2011

Snook--17 inch--Ken Doty

Bass--17 inch--Mark Hays

Sunfish--9 inch--Ted Rich

Trout-- open

Redfish—open

Open Category--31 inch Alligator Gar--Mark Hays

August 19th Program - Tie-A-Thon with FREE PIZZA. That's right folks, it is **FREE PIZZA** night along with all SFF members who want to demonstrate their fly tying skills at SFF's somewhat annual **Tie-A-Thon**. So bring your tying tools and materials and show us your favorite flies or perhaps a new pattern you've recently mastered. Everyone who ties is welcome to set up and share this fun and popular evening with your fellow members. Don't be shy, get to the meeting early for a great evening. Members who have tied in the past include: Enver Hysni, Smitty, Robert Fischer, Ken Hofmeister, Al Pitcher, Annie & Mark Hays, Pat Damico, Charlie Most, Ken Doty, Tom Jones, Siobhan Archard and yours truly among many others. I expect some of these members will be tying again this year. Don't let us have all the fun, come and join in.

Designated Fly Tyer - This month, that would be all of us participating in the **Tie-A-Thon**. Our featured tyer program will resume in September with Al Pitcher who always has an interesting new pattern..

Fly Casting: This month SFF is initiating a new schedule for pre-meeting activities at our monthly meeting. Starting with the August meeting, we will feature fly casting assistance on the lawn adjacent to the parking field from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Woody Miller will be there this month to help you improve your casting skills.

Our ever popular Featured Fly Tyer demos will continue in the meeting hall from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The Club business meeting will commence at 7:00 pm as usual.

Casting Tips by Capt. Pat Damico, MCI

Casting Tip 8: Why do I get wind knots in my leader?

Does this happen even when there isn't any wind? A simple overhand knot in your leader will weaken it 50%, so avoiding them should be a priority. Knots in the leader or line while casting are all caused by the rod tip traveling in a concave direction, where the rod tip is lower in the middle of the cast than either end, resulting in a tailing loop. Remember, the line follows the rod tip. Your cast can tail on either the forward or backcast. Some of the most common causes are having too short a casting arc, the angle formed when the rod moves from the start to the finish of the cast and not applying power evenly during the cast.

SFF Information and Activities

Suncoast Fly Fishing Club Casting Clinic, Saturday, October 30 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.

SFF and PHWFF Honored at Bay Pines VA Medical Center by *Tom Gadacz*

SFF members who have contributed many hours to Project Healing Waters at the Bay Pines Veterans Administrative Medical Center were honored with others who contributed to the Medical Center's Therapeutic Recreation Program on July 14, 2010.

We had a display and poster that explained the contributions of SFF members to Project Healing Waters. These include fly casting, fly tying and even rod building. We meet with various groups of veterans on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. Our activities involve veterans in the domiciliary, physical rehabilitation center, steps of life and nursing home.

Since January 1 thru June 30 of this year 14 SFF members have provided 212 vets with 505 hours of service. We were honored with a Certificate of Appreciation and had several visitors to our table. Activities for this event were co-coordinated by Barbara L. Parker, CTRS, Chief, Therapeutic Recreation Services. The contributing SFF members include John Craig, Pat Damico, Tom Gadacz, Ken Hofmeister, Tom Jones, Ron Kelley, Terry Kirkpatrick, Don Manning, Al Pitcher, Ted Rich, Alan Sewell, Les Scott, Bill Smith, and Ed Smith. (See more photos in the Photo Gallery page 16)



SFF members present for the event honoring their commitment to PHW at the Bay Pines VA medical center are left to right: Ken Hofmeister, John Craig, Alan Sewell, Tom Gadacz and Al Pitcher (seated). Barbara L. Parker, CTRS, Chief, Therapeutic Recreation Services (center) presented the awards. Photo: Tom Gadacz

Florida FFF Fly Fishing Expo by Ken Hofmeister

FLORIDA FLY FISHING EXPO

October 22-23, 2010

Ramada Celebration Resort

6375 Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy. Kissimmee, FL

PROGRAM

An outstanding array of tiers, presenters, vendor exhibitions, auction/raffle items, casting demonstrations and competitions are scheduled for participants in this FFF Florida Fly Fishing Family Reunion. Registration is \$10.00 and most sessions are free. FFF Florida web site has changed. Go to http://www.fff-florida.org/expo_programs.html for details and registration information.

AUCTION/RAFFLE

Florida Fly Fishing 2010 Expo will feature fantastic silent and live auction items along with raffle buckets packed with fly fishers' toys. Sign-up bid sheets will describe donor, donation, approximate value, along with minimum bid. Bucket tickets will be sold on site for a dollar per ticket, twelve tickets for only ten dollars. Silent auction items and raffle buckets will be closed out randomly throughout the Expo. A special conservation fund package will be included in the silent auction. Winner's names/numbers will be posted on Auction/Raffle flip chart. Live auction of really good stuff takes place at the Saturday night banquet.

Expo tiers are donating flies for the auction, exhibitors are contributing merchandise, and guides are donating trips. Florida FFF clubs are asking their tiers to donate boxes of flies and other items. Merchants wishing to support the Expo can donate merchandise and be recognized with a web listing on the Florida Council Web Site.

Contact Ken Hofmeister 727-521-1637 khofmeister@tampabay.rr.com should you have items to contribute to this Expo Auction/Raffle that would hook a fly fisher (preferably in the wallet). Suncoast Fly Fishers donating flies will contact Myron Hansen han-sen3@tampabay.rr.com 727-393-5075. Myron will collect these items for the EXPO.

Ken Hofmeister

FFF Florida Council Vice President, Auction/Raffle Chairperson

Jason Stock: Bravely go where no man has gone before, Dude.

by Bill AuCoin

Jason Stock the kayak guide believes in fishing where no man has gone before. Typically, that is some overgrown mangrove tidewater area that he and a few big snook know about. And you don't.

At the July meeting Jason and his 'yak positioned themselves smack dab in front of members and Jason talked about how he catches the biggest snook and redfish on Florida's West Coast from Anclote Key to Matlacha. He caught a few fly fishers, too, judging by the questions and by the way everybody crowded around his Wilderness Systems kayak, especially the stern.

You know it's a brave new world when kayaks have an electric trolling motor mounted at the rear. I mean, aren't kayaks paddleboats? Well, yes, but those are not the only propulsion methods available for kayaks in this new era. Look, Ma, no hands. No feet, either.

Jason's Torqeedo has a six-pound floating battery. Wha? Yeah, six pounds. It's lithium. It lasts all day, even if you've maxed the throttle at six-mph-plus. This electric has a Forward-Neutral-Reverse, just like an internal combustion outboard. If you fall out of the kayak, the equipment doesn't mind. The kayak won't run away from you because, you see, you're attached to the kill switch. And if the motor should go over, too; no worries, mon. It's waterproof.

Becoming a more-accomplished fly fisher is on Jason's to-do list. In anticipation of that great day, he called attention to the Scotty fly rod holder in the kayak. For the time being he is quite content, thank you, with his St. Croix spinning rod and Shimano Stradic 4000 spooled with 15-pound braid. (He says he has never had a wind knot. Yeah. Right.)

At the other end of this all-business stick you'll probably find a 3-inch shad tail DOA soft plastic – DOA, Arkansas Glow color; it's holographic -- on a ¼-ounce jighead. (I'll bet a 14-weight fly rod could turn that lure over. I'm just saying.)

For redfish he tilts toward the ¼-ounce Johnson gold spoon to suggest a crab. He has investigated the stomachs of many reds and in almost all cases they are full of little stone crabs and mangrove crabs. Suncoast Fly Fishers know how to match that hatch.

Jason knows his kayak can take him bravely where no man has gone before but lately he's been thinking about getting there faster. That has spawned discussion about a new business model involving his buddy with the 27-foot Carolina Skiff. You'd have a fast, outboard-powered mother ship, see, which rapidly takes yaks and yakkers to secret spots that he knows about it and you don't.

Anglers would wear blindfolds, of course. He didn't say that, actually, but one imagines Jason and his Argonauts would need to keep their intellectual property a secret.

Then, the 'yaks would go into the water. We would only need to know how to get in and out of the kayak properly. (FYI, the butt, the center of gravity, is first in and last out.)

Jason says the most important thing is stealth. Actually, stealth is number three. Number two is, don't break your fly rod. Number one is bravely pull your blindfold down so you can see where Jason is taking you to catch those big snook.



Jason describing how to set up a kayak for fishing. Photo: Bill AuCoin More of Bill's photos on page 11

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SFF Information and Activities

FFF Florida Council Expo 2010

To Florida Council Fly Fishers,

Please accept my personal invitation to attend the Florida Fly-fishing EXPO on Oct 22-23. FLC is celebrating its third EXPO and needs your support to make this a successful event. Should you wish to volunteer for any service PLEASE contact one of us below. We need to make this a statewide effort to promote Florida conservation and education in the sport of fly-fishing.

The room rates are only \$55 at the Ramada Inn Orlando/Celebration and our committees under Pete Greenan EXPO chair promise to bring the “best and the finest” to our event to entertain and educate you. Dusty Sprague MCI and will direct CCI and MCI exams for those that are interested with many special free casting clinics.

Look to our web site in the near future www.fff-florida.org for all the details and more info via email.

Warmest regards,

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A New Fly Shop Is Coming To The Tampa Bay Area

“Tampa Bay On The Fly”. The new pro fly fishing shop in Tampa is on schedule for mid-September. If you want to be kept “in the loop” about the Grand Opening and events, please email Enver at enver-tbotf@tampabay.rr.com

Be sure to mark September 19th on your calendar and don't miss SFF's September program which will feature Enver Hysni as our featured speaker who will tell us all about fly fishing from the beach. Where to go, when to go, what equipment to use, what flies to use, what to look for and the most productive ways to successfully fish our many excellent beaches.

Enver will also be filling us in on the plans he and Sandy have for their new shop “Tampa Bay On The Fly” which is planned to open in mid-September. Don't miss this meeting.

ISLAND VACATION, NORTH FLORIDA STYLE by Marianne Hays



Annie and Morgan inspecting the Hays family vacation rental digs. Looks great to me! Marianne Hays photo. More photos on page 12.

Planning the annual Hays family vacation took on a different slant this year. Instead of trying to fly or drive more than 8 hours, we agreed to give the Florida Panhandle a try. Two major hurdles needed to be overcome first: Where exactly did we want to go and how will the oil spill affect our plans. As luck would have it I came across a website called “HomeAway.com” which provided a wealth of information on places to stay all across the panhandle.

After I clicked on St George Island, mainly out of curiosity, I knew I had found the spot. The island is 30 miles long off of Apalachicola accessible by bridge. I found a house on the bayside with a 150’ dock, 3 bedrooms and best of all an owner willing to let us bring Morgan, our black Lab. Even though the dock had a power lift, we

opted to take kayaks instead – a good move since it gave us access to grass flats too shallow at low tide for our boat.

Mark was sold on the place the second morning when he caught a 23” redfish and lost 2 more on consecutive casts right off the dock. I caught a keeper flounder about an hour later, surprising myself and the neighbors. Oystermen were working the bars nearby, huge schools of mullet ranged everywhere and mackerel were spotted on a few occasions.

The best part of the trip was going to St Joe’s Bay about an hour’s drive west of Apalachicola to go scalloping. Not knowing the area, Mark made a few inquiries, especially at the kayak/fly fishing shop on the island, trying to find public access for us to put in our kayaks. Our first trip yielded a little less than we wanted to eat but more than Mark and Annie wanted to clean. The second trip, two days later, we felt like experts, parking on the side of the road, paddling out to gorgeous grass flats and spying on a couple of locals to see where they anchored up. In what seemed like an underwater Easter egg hunt we filled a mesh sack with handfuls of scallops, all the while Mark telling Annie and I to remember that we would be cleaning them. Scallop fever took over and finally Mark had to beg us to get back in our kayaks and head for home. Even though the shells were small and the meat smaller, they were so sweet and tender, practically melting in our mouths.

The second best discovery was the park on the eastern end of St George Island. Thankfully the state bought it years ago preserving it from development. You can still see the huge sand dunes with pine trees dotting them as well as flowering vines and low shrubs growing in the sandy soil. Every so often a boardwalk takes you over the gulf side dunes to a shoreline laden with millions of seashells. We were treated to gin clear water which allowed us to see schools of fish moving like ghosts up and down the shoreline. Tarpon were rolling, just out of casting distance. This was a beautiful place, meant to be savored like a fine wine over several hours.

I know on our next trip we will allow for more time to explore this park instead of the hour and a half visit that day. When the week was over our family agreed that this was the best vacation ever. Fishing, scalloping, eating crabs caught in a trap off the dock, kayaking, swimming with Morgan in the surf, it all added up to a wonderful island vacation, Florida style.

Float Fishing Colorado's Arkansas River

As told to Paul Sequira by Don Manning.



Don and Alan Manning with a couple of nice Arkansas River brown trout.

Photos: Don Manning



A few weeks ago Don Manning visited his son Alan who lives in Canyon City, Colorado not far from Colorado Springs. Alan had arranged for a float trip on the Arkansas River with his friend Matt, an ardent fly fisherman from the local fire department. Matt suggested an afternoon float since fishing had been rather slow in the mornings.

Starting out at 1:00 pm, two trucks were required, one to haul the boat to the put-in point, which was subsequently driven down-stream to the pullout location. The other vehicle brought the drivers back where Don waited with the drift boat to start the float.

True to Matt's word, the fishing was slow at first but it picked up as the afternoon progressed. Grasshopper patterns were the ticket, producing ten or more strikes of which Don managed to boat five nice brown trout. Caddis patterns and dropper flies were also tried but with lesser success.

Don had the pleasure of showing his grandchildren how to clean the trout, which were then pan fried for supper. He also introduced the grandkids to the pleasure of munching on crispy fried trout fin and tails which many folks say are like potato chips. All in all, a terrific vacation.

Tying Bench - Copper John

The Copper John, designed by John Barr, of Colorado as a dropper fly for his “hopper-dropper” system, has been described as the hottest nymph pattern in the U.S. (for more of his patterns see Barr Flies, Stackpole Books pub. 2007). Here then is the Copper John as tied by Layne “Smitty” Smith

MATERIALS:

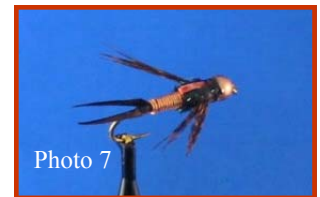
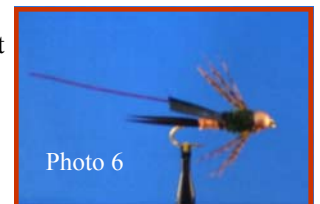
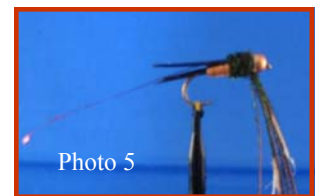
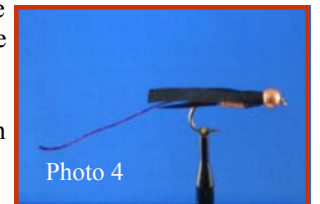
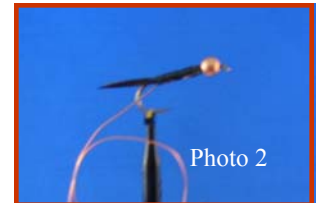
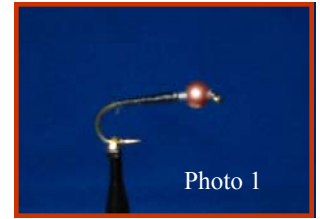
- Hook: Standard X long hook i.e. Mustad 9671, TMC 5262 Size 10 - 18 (may also be tied on a scud style hook)
- Bead: Gold or color of choice sized to hook (for #10 hook use 5/32)
- Thread: Black 6/0 or 70 denier flat nylon Ultra thread
- Weight: Lead or other wire, sized to hook (for #10 hook use .020)
- Tail: Dark brown goose biots (or color of choice)
- Abdomen: Copper wire (or color of choice) sized to hook (medium for #10 hook)
- Wing case: One strand of holographic Flashabou (choice of color) over a strip of black Thin Skin, topped with drop of epoxy or Loon Hardhead cement.
- Thorax: peacock herl
- Legs: Brown partridge or similar flank feather fibers

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

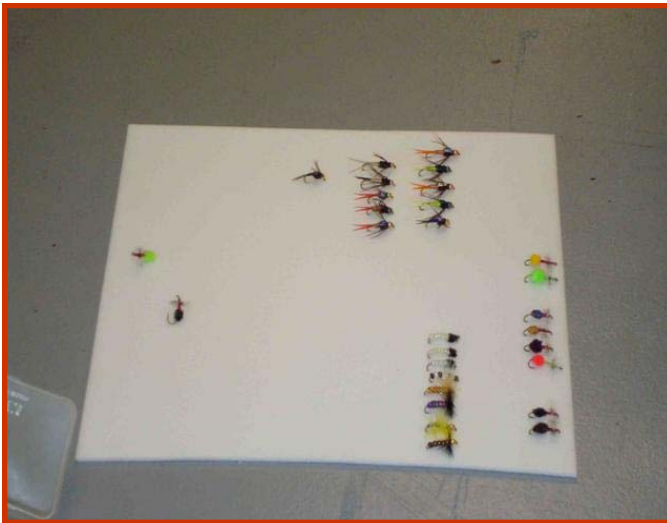
1. Mash the hook barb. Apply the bead, and then wrap the lead/substitute wire around the shank, covering the front ½ of the shank. Push the wire into the rear opening of the bead. When this is done, the wire should cover less than ½ of the hook shank. Start the thread behind the lead and move it to the point just above the back of the hook barb. Wrap thread back and forth from that point to the lead in a taper. Photo 1
2. Measure two biots to the length equal to 2/3 of the shank, and tie one in on each side of the hook at the same point. Bind the biots down each side slightly overlapping lead so that a smooth transition is formed. Photo 2
3. Tie in a piece of copper wire just behind the bead (on the underside) and wrap back to the tie-in point for the biots. Move the thread forward in a smooth layer to form an even base for winding the copper wire. Photo 2
4. Wind the copper wire forward in tight turns, with each turn hard against the last so as to slightly overlap the lead wire with about two turns. Tie the wire off at that point. Photo 3
5. Tie in a strand of Flashabou dead center on the top of the thorax, followed by a slightly wider piece of Thin Skin. These should both be pointing toward the rear. Photo 4
6. Tie in a half dozen strands of peacock herl at the rear of the thorax area, spin them together with the thread, and wind the rope forward to the bead. Tie off and trim the excess. Photos 5
7. Cut a small bunch of partridge fibers and tie them in on the far side of the hook just behind the bead. Do the same on the close side of the hook. The legs should extend no farther than the midpoint of the abdomen. Photo 6
8. Pull the Thin Skin forward and tie it off behind the bead. Do the same with the Flashabou strand, keeping it dead center on the top of the thorax. Trim the excess on both materials.
9. Whip finish and trim the thread. Put a tiny drop of epoxy or Hardhead cement on top of the thorax, making sure you don't let it spill over and soak into the peacock and/or legs. There should be a bit of a “hump” formed by the epoxy or the cement, so you may have to apply more than one coat. I prefer the Hardhead cement; it holds up just as well as epoxy and is easier to use. Photo 7

For an amazing You Tube video demonstration of a Copper John being tied in 2 minutes, go to : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqXwnQahpX0>

All flies tied by Layne Smith, photos by Paul Sequira



Tying Bench - Smitty and the Copper John



Top left: Our own "Smitty" intently tying the featured fly, The Copper John - photo Paul Sequira. Top right: Members enjoying Smitty's fly tying skills as he demonstrates the intricacies of the Copper John. Bottom left: a sample of some of the flies Smitty demonstrated. These two photos by Bill AuCoin. Bottom right: The Copper John - file photo.

Jason Stock—Kayak Fishing The Tampa Bay Area



Top left: Jason explains the virtues of stealth fishing from a kayak. This is proven by the pictures of some of the king sized fish he has caught as seen on his website. See Bill AuCoin's excellent article on page 5 for web address.

Top right: Jason has his kayaks spectacularly rigged for fishing, his electric motor and lithium battery system peaked everyone's interest.

Bottom left: Alan Sewell introduced Jason's excellent program to the members while Pres. Tom Gadacz looks on.

All photos by Bill AuCoin.

Hays Family Trip in North Florida



Top left: Mark with a nice Spotted Sea Trout, Middle left: Morgan does his share by landing it, Top right: Time to clean the bay scallops Annie, Marianne & Mark gathered, Bottom right: Morgan guards the kayak while the family dives for scallops. Bottom left: leave it to Morgan to entertain the family, I'm told it took him a few tries but Morgan mastered the art of body surfing seen here in the curl of the wave. Photos: Marianne Hays.

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
- Shows & Special Events - Woody Miller
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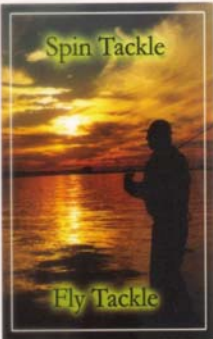
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FLY TYERS

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 dues are due in September. This is for the remaining months of 2009 and then through August of 2010. Members whose dues are delinquent for 2 or more months may lose their SFF membership. See Tom Gadacz for renewal forms.

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SFF Photo Gallery - Project Healing waters



Top left: SFF members present for the event honoring their commitment to PHW at the Bay Pines VA medical center are left to right: Ken Hofmeister, John Craig, Alan Sewell, Tom Gadacz and Al Pitcher (seated). Barbara L. Parker, CTRS, Chief, Therapeutic Recreation Services seated next to Al, presented the awards. Photo: Tom Gadacz Top right: Ted Rich new to the PHW group helped out with the casting. Photo Terry Kirkpatrick. Bottom left: Alan Sewell showed the veterans how fly rods are built. Photo Tom Gadacz

SFF Photo Gallery – Fly Tying Workshop



Top: SFF's Fly Tying Workshop got off to fine start with 6 for beginning fly tyers as seen here, left to right Jack Yarian, Paul Sequira (Instructor), Mark Miller, Mark Craig, Roger Blanton and Hugh Copeland. Missing from the picture is Tom Gadacz who took the photo. Use of the room was donated by John and Mark Craig. Bottom: Flies covered in the course are pictured, top row left to right—Bendback Glass Minnow, DT Special, Snake Fly. 2nd row left to right: Clouser Deep Minnow, lefty's Deceiver and Gurgler. Bottom row left to right Foam Spider, Foam Beetle, Olive Wooly Bugger and Bead Head Olive Wooly Bugger. Flies tied and photo by Paul Sequira

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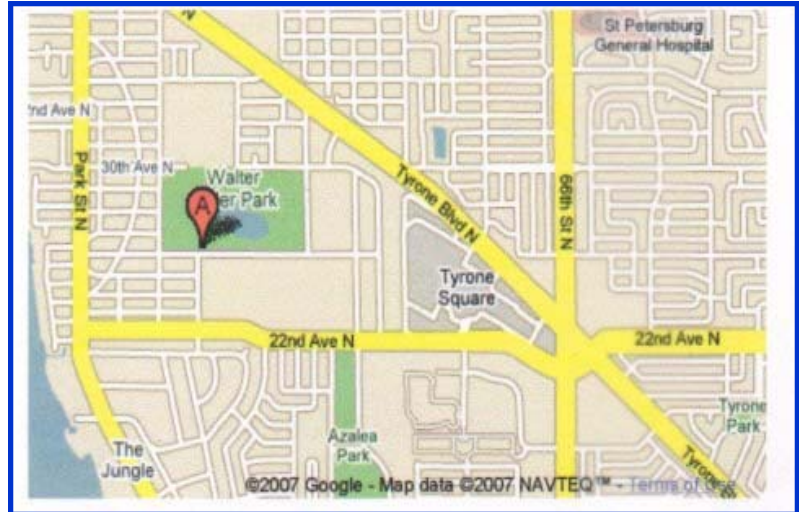
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Next Club Meeting: August 19, 2010

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

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Featured Fly Tyer - All of us, at least the SFF members who wish to tie and share our tying skills

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