



President's Letter

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Suncoast Fly Fishers,

Like everything else in the world these days, the Corona virus has had a big effect on the club and the way we do business. Events, meetings and outings have been canceled. The board is meeting on ZOOM video conference and when I call a member to talk about something they are more excited about the toilet paper they scored this week than the size of the fish they recently caught.

Things do seem to be getting better and we will eventually get back to “normal” or at least a new normal. If you are reading this message you can be sure of one thing. Our newsletter, *On The Fly*, and editor Bill AuCoin have not missed a beat. Based on the articles submitted by our members, folks are still fishing, tying flies and telling lies. When you think about it, fly fishing is the ultimate social distancing activity. Who wants to get close to a crazy person whipping back and forth a long rod attached to a fat line with a razor sharp hook on the end of it?

Your local fly shops are getting back in business, guides are starting to take clients fishing and there are more boats milling about than I have seen in years. Soon SFF will dip its toe in the water and get back to being a fly fishing club.

There won't be a club meeting this month but we are going to host a “virtual” outing. See the announcement on page 7 by Outing Chairman Bob Burkard for details.

In June there will be an online dock light panel and our regular club dock light outing will be held as normal in June.

It is too early to say when our regular meetings will resume but we are exploring strategies for holding future meetings online.

I hope everyone is doing well. Please let me know if there is anything the club can do to help serve our members during these difficult times.

Stay Safe!

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