



President's Letter, October 2020

Suncoast Fly Fishers,

I enjoy magazines. For years my favorite magazine was *Fly Fishing in Saltwater*. It wasn't necessarily the slickest publication, but it was all about my favorite past time. Sadly, the magazine went the way of many in this category and its last edition was NOV/DEC 2013. When the magazine ended, the publisher filled the balance of my subscription with *Saltwater Sportsman* which I still receive but rarely read. It just hasn't captured my imagination. I subscribe to several other magazines that are like that. Some of them actually do more harm than good. You should see my golf game after 40 years of monthly written instruction.

After *Fly Fishing in Saltwater* the two magazines that I really enjoy are *Wooden Boat* and *Fine Woodworking*. These are both magnificent publications on high quality paper with terrific articles that are thoughtfully written, informative and entertaining.

A couple of years ago I discovered another magazine that has these same characteristics. That book is *TAIL* Fly Fishing Magazine and it is all about my greatest passion, fly fishing in saltwater. It is my new favorite magazine.

This month we are going to continue with our online member meeting and online fly tying classes on ZOOM but we are going to try and host the Carl Hanson Memorial in person with some carefully planned protocols to keep us as safe as possible with regard to Covid-19. The outing is a collaboration between our club and Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club.

This year SFF will be providing lunch. Fishing normally takes place on the Hillsborough River, but everyone has agreed that it would be better to hold it at one of the more popular outing locations, so we have decided to move it to Ft. De Soto Park. I hope to see all of you there.

We are steadily improving participation in our virtual meetings. I know that ZOOM is not the same as meeting in-person, but it really is fun and easy to do. If for some reason you are not comfortable with video conferencing, please let me know and I will set up a one-on-one session to get you up to speed. This month our guest speaker is Dr. Joseph Ballarini, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of *TAIL* Fly Fishing Magazine. You won't want to miss it.

Stay safe and keep fishing!

Rick

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