

President's Letter, June 2021

Suncoast Fly Fishers,

I think that everyone these days falls into one of three categories.

ZOOM Embraced

ZOOM Tolerant

ZOOM Adverse.

Based on my experience, as the leader of a fly fishing club that has been forced into the world of digital meetings, 70% of us are ZOOM

adverse, 20% are ZOOM tolerant, 10% are true ZOOMOPHILES and 100% have become ZOOM weary.

This month we are going to have our last regularly scheduled meeting on ZOOM. It will be our annual dock light panel of experts.

What goes around comes around. The dock light panel in 2020 was the first virtual event for SFF and it was one of the most viewed items that we have posted on social media. Our weekly ZOOM fly tying sessions with Bruce Evensen at the bench have also been very popular.

I won't say that the June member meeting will be the last time we hear a presentation on ZOOM. I do hope to be able to schedule some special presentations in addition to our regular monthly meetings. I think we will find that there are some interesting guest speakers that would be willing to visit us on ZOOM when it might not be practical for them to meet with us in person.

I hope those of you that have not embraced ZOOM and those that have gotten a little tired of the format can join us one more time this month for a virtual member meeting and each Monday for fly tying on ZOOM. Starting in July we can all enjoy getting back together in person!

Stay safe and keep fishing!

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Rick Warfel, SFF President