



President's Letter, July 2021

Suncoast Fly Fishers,

I am ready to welcome you back to in-person meetings and events!
I am tired of having the pandemic dominate all aspects of our lives.

Three things come to mind. It is good to be returning to a more normal life. It is great to be getting our club back together in-person and it's not completely over.

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n my family, we got vaccinated as soon as possible. It was our first step to returning to normal. Fast forward to today and we find ourselves comfortable going into crowded places without wearing a mask, eating in restaurants, and we are even ready to consider commercial airline travel again. If there is one good thing that came from the pandemic, I haven't had a cold or the flu since we started wearing masks and socially distancing.

The most exciting thing for me is to have our club return to meeting in-person. This month our member meeting will feature a Trash & Treasure auction with auctioneer Alan Sewell. This event is always a good time. For those of us that have accumulated too much gear, it is a great time to donate to a good cause. For those that are new to fly fishing, it is an opportunity to stock up. For those of us that can't resist the urge to buy too much gear, it is a good time to scratch that itch.

Our outing is going to be a celebration of our return to in-person gatherings. We are fishing one of our favorite venues, Ft. Desoto. Look for some fun events, a great meal and a chance to win a surprise give away. I can't wait to see every one of you and to hear about all the fish you did and didn't catch.

The pandemic has taken a toll on all of us. Many have suffered devastating personal and financial losses. I hope that having SFF start in-person meetings and events will bring some joy to your lives. If you are not comfortable meeting in-person just yet, stay in touch, we'll see you when you're ready.

Stay safe and keep fishing!

Rick

Rick Warfel, SFF President