

## President's Letter, August 2021



Suncoast Fly Fishers,

Here we go again. In July we were marching forward, confident that the pandemic would soon be behind us. Our biggest local issue was the outbreak of Red Tide with shoals of dead fish floating in the bay and washing up on our beaches. A month has past, and the Red Tide had diminished but the Corona virus has come roaring back like never before.

It has become clear to me that the one thing that we need to learn how to do is to be flexible. Our member meeting in July was a great success. Infection rates had come down, everyone in the club had probably had the opportunity to get themselves vaccinated and all was right with the world. Today it is a different story. We are reverting to ZOOM for the fly-tying class this week, because of a breakthrough infection. The board has also made the difficult decision to use ZOOM for this month's member meeting.

We are moving forward with our scheduled outing at Lake Seminole. We have reserved a pavilion and lunch will be provided. I urge you to exercise caution at the event and to refrain from exposing yourself to the members if you have not been vaccinated or if you are not feeling well.

No one is more disappointed about this setback than I am. I hope this is a temporary situation and that we will be able to resume our in-person club activities very soon. Until then we will assess the situation and make the necessary decisions in the best interest of the club and above all, remain flexible.

Stay safe and keep fishing!

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Rick Warfel, SFF President