



## Letter From the President October 2021

We are again returning to in-person meetings and events. Our outing this month is the annual Carl Hanson Tournament on the Hillsborough River. This year the event will be hosted by the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club.

To get everyone ready our member meeting will feature a renowned panel of experts to share their secrets for fishing the river. The meeting will be live and in person. Please join Alan Sewell, Chris O' Byrne, and Robert Fisher for this panel discussion.

The Hillsborough River does offer some fishing opportunities from shore, but it is best fished from a boat. A canoe or kayak is ideal. If you do not have access to a vessel, Alan Sewell has offered to loan several of his spare kayaks for the day. He will set you up with all the required equipment and make sure you can operate the boat safely. Please let him know in advance or talk to him at the member meeting if you would like to borrow a kayak.

It is a real pleasure to be able to get back together in-person. Bruce returned to hosting Monday Night Fly Tying in-person. We are planning to hold our annual Holiday Party in-person. Our December outing will be the Don Coleman Memorial Outing and Chili Cookoff at Ft. DeSoto where we will be joined by TBFFC and the Mangrove Coast club. We can look forward to seeing a lot more of each other unless of course the virus acts up again and sends us back to meeting via handheld instead of hands on.

Stay safe and keep fishing!

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