

## The President's Letter: February 2022

The time has come for us to enjoy a few of our favorite things. Our member meeting this month will feature another edition of Trash and Treasures, one of our favorite SFF events. The outing will be at Ft. DeSoto, one of our favorite fishing locations. The luncheon at the outing will be a Low Country Boil, one of our favorite meals. On March 26<sup>th</sup>, we will put on the first Hog Roast in 3 years, one of the most exciting and most favorite social events of the year.

The Trash and Treasure auction is always a good time. Members are asked to donate some of the gear that we all have too much of. Alan Sewell will be able to make your little used item sound like the one and only thing that the rest of the members cannot do

without. Our goal is to prove that one fisherman's trash is another fisherman's treasure. If you do wind up with buyer's remorse, do not worry. You can always bring it back next year and we will do it all over again.

Ft. DeSoto is always the highest ranked venue for SFF club outings. It really has everything you could ask for. The facilities are outstanding. It has pavilions that can accommodate a large group, plenty of parking, trails to access various fishing locations, boat ramp, kayak launches, beaches and great fishing. You can fish from a boat, wade or fish from shore. Our outing will be Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup>. Even if you don't fish, you should plan to join us for lunch. Bob Burkard will be putting on one of our signature meals. I know everyone will enjoy the Low Country Boil full of corn, potatoes, shrimp and sausage. It is especially good coming off a cold day on the water.

I can't believe it has been three years since we had a Hog Roast. For those of you that have not been or don't remember, the Hog Roast is our annual banquet and fund-raising event. This is always an entertaining evening. This is your chance to enjoy a night with friends and family, share a great meal and score some fantastic merchandise. The food will be catered by Smokey Bones BBQ. We will have a wide variety of fishing and non-fishing related goods available in our silent auction, bucket raffle, featured ticket raffle and member only give away. Mark your calendar for March 26<sup>th</sup>. Get your tickets now!

On these cold and dreary days take a que from Julie Andrews, " I Simply Remember My Favorite Things And Then I Don't Feel So Bad ."

Stay safe and keep fishing! *Ríck* Rick Warfel, SFF President

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