

President's Message: November 2022

November is a special month for Suncoast Fly Fishers because it is the month that we hold our annual **OPEN HOUSE!** Some of you may not know that SFF holds an annual open house because the tradition has gotten off to a bit of a rocky start.

Our first open house was in November of 2020. Our featured guest was Andy Mill. All local fly-fishing clubs and members of the public were invited to attend. It was a terrific event and Andy did a fantastic presentation.

That meeting however, like most others that year, was held online via ZOOM. Even the food was virtual. Last year we decided not to hold our open house because covid was still ebbing and flowing. This year will be

our first opportunity to hold a real open house. We will have a fantastic presentation, great food and a warm welcome for all of the members and guests that will be in attendance.

We be joined by two members of the Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers to talk about fly fishing for false albacore. This is an exciting fish to catch on the fly. They move into our area seasonally and Jay Tinsky and Ethan Massa will tell us everything we need to know to have a chance catching one. I will be leading a group of intrepid anglers to put these lessons learned to the test while *"FISHING WITH THE PREZ"*.

Don't forget the free food and warm welcome. There will be free pizza for everyone that attends. If you know of anyone that might be interested in learning more about fly fishing or joining a group with like-minded interests, please invite them to join us for the open house

And, if you see someone at the meeting that you don't recognize, please make sure to give them a SFF hello to let them know we are happy that they came to find out what our club is all about.

Stay safe and keep fishing!

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