



## President's Message: January 2023

Happy New Year!

SFF is starting a new year and the first quarter of the year is our season to raise most of the money the club needs to operate throughout the year. Our two most important fund-raising activities are Trash & Treasure and the Hog Roast. It is a happy coincidence that these are also two of the most entertaining events of the year. Get ready for the first of these events this month. It is time for Trash and Treasure.

We have a fair number of new members that may not have experienced T&T before. T&T is when you bring in the stuff you don't want any more so you can buy stuff that someone else doesn't want anymore. Members donate things that are fly fishing related and other things that our members might just find interesting. Auctioneer Alan Sewell will try to find a new home for each item. This is always a fun event and a great place to find a bargain.

The Hog Roast is just a couple of months away. This year we are combining our annual banquet with the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club. The meal will be our traditional BBQ buffet and our special guest speaker will be Chico Fernandez. We will have a terrific array of silent auction and raffle items for members and guests of both clubs to bid on or to take a chance on a winning raffle ticket. The Hog Roast is our biggest social event of the year and our most important fund-raising event for the club. Tickets are on sale now. Get them online or at any club event. See Tom Gadacz or Karen Warfel.

The club raises money so that we can give back to members and to support the community with things like our scholarship program. You can help us by spending generously at Trash and Treasure and the Hog Roast. You can also help by buying bucket raffle tickets at most of our member meetings. The money from our monthly raffle helps pay the rent on our meeting space.

We appreciate the items donated by our members and our corporate sponsors for all our fund-raising events. Member tied flies and guided trips are always popular auction items. If you are an artist or a craftsman, we would love to feature an example of your work in one of our raffles or auctions. If you know of a business that might be interested in supporting the club by donating merchandise or becoming a corporate sponsor, please contact the Hog Roast Committee.

Thanks. Stay safe and keep fishing!

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