



President's Message: February 2023

Our outing this month is at Cypress Point Park and our speaker at the monthly meeting is an expert at fishing this location.

The best time to find redfish is when there is a negative low tide. This forces the fish into a predictable pattern that should help us find those sometimes elusive fish. Saturday looks to be a perfect time to fish Cypress Point and our meeting on Thursday will be a perfect time to learn how to catch them. Welcome Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club President Walt Durkin as our featured speaker.

Our membership drive is in full swing. Many of you have renewed your membership but a few are still outstanding. You can renew at any of our events, online or over the phone. Contact Karen Warfel or Tom Gadacz if you need to renew. Over the last year we have attracted a lot of new members. If you see someone at one of our events that you don't recognize, be sure to say hello and give them a SFF welcome!

Our annual Don Colman Invitational Tournament has been rescheduled from December to March because of the red tide event that occurred around the end of the year. Spring fishing should be on the upswing. Look forward to a special chili luncheon and a friendly competition with members of TBFFC and Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers as they join us for this event.

Don't forget the Hog Roast coming up on March 25th. This year it will be a combined banquet with the Tampa club. Our featured speaker will be world-famous fly-fishing pioneer Chico Fernandez. I guarantee you will enjoy meeting him and hearing him speak.

Come to the outing this Saturday and catch the biggest redfish. Bring your best chili to the March outing at Ft. DeSoto. Renew your membership. Buy your Hog Roast tickets at any club event or get them online. I would say that the year is getting off to a great start.

Thanks. Stay safe and keep fishing!

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