



President's Message: October 2023

This is a busy time of year for SFF. It started in August with our Brisket by the Bay outing featuring, you guessed it, smoked brisket. In September we had a very successful Tie-A-Thon with one of the best groups of member fly tiers ever assembled and free pizza. Our October outing will be at Emerson Point Preserve and our luncheon will be grilled hamburgers and hot dogs.

November is our annual open house where anyone interested in fly fishing is welcome to come check out the club and enjoy more free pizza. The outing in November will be the casting clinic with FFI Master Certified Casting instructors plus breakfast and lunch. In December we will have our holiday party featuring fun activities

and an array of member supplied goodies and treats followed by the Don Coleman Invitational tournament and chili cookoff. As past president George Hazeltine often said, "We are either a fly fishing club with an eating addiction or an eating club with a fly fishing addiction." By the time we get to the end of the year we won't need a boat to fish the bay, we can just loosen our belts, pick up our feet and float across the water.

This is also the time of year when our winter visitors start returning, fall fishing is in full swing and our membership drive gets under way. It is time for all of us to renew our SFF membership and it has never been easier. You can pay by check or with credit card and you can renew on our website SuncoastFlyFishers.com. Expect to see a renewal reminder complete with information about your membership early next month. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Karen Warfel.

If you know anyone that might be interested in fly fishing, invite them to come to our November open house. I know that our members will make them feel welcome!

Thanks. Stay safe and keep fishing!

Rick

Rick Warfel