

## President's Message: April 2024

First let me say that I am extremely honored and humbled to be the latest President of the Suncoast Fly Fishers. When I joined SFF back in 2017 I never would have imagined that someday I would hold this position.

I found the club on the internet and attended my first meeting, a night I'll never forget. The night was the Trash n' Treasure event and

auctioneer Alan Sewell was in top form. I thought it was one of the funniest things I'd ever witnessed. In addition to laughing all evening, I was made welcome by everyone I met. I joined the club that night. From that beginning, I wanted to immerse myself in everything the club had to offer. I attended the outings, started tying flies with Bruce Evensen, and took full advantage of all the casting clinics the club had.

Now that having been said, probably none of that would have happened if it wasn't for the wonderful people that make up the membership of SFF. From the time I was welcomed at that first meeting, I noticed that the members are the heart, soul and driving force of SFF.

I would also like to recognize Rick Warfel, Quin Berry, and the board members for an outstanding job keeping SFF going through some very difficult times that the last four years have presented.

I look forward to working with VP Jack Collins, the board of directors, and all the members to keep SFF one of the best fly fishing clubs in the country.

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