



## President’s Message: April 2025

Another March has come and gone and with it another successful annual banquet. With tables covered with silent auction items and music playing, club members from both sides of the bay mingled, chatted and enjoyed the fellowship.

The evening continued with a wonderful dinner followed by our guest speaker Bob Clouser. Bob had set up at a table earlier in the evening where he signed books and talked to anyone who walked up to him. After dinner Bob entertained everyone with humorous accounts of some of the adventures he had experienced over his many years of fly fishing, he had everyone laughing.

So much thanks needs to be given to all who helped make the evening so wonderful. First and foremost, Karen and Rick Warfel for the countless hours spent preparing everything from silent auction items and bid sheets to washing tablecloths, many thanks! Ginny and Robert Fisher on behalf of both clubs. Bob Burkard, Tina and Quin Berry and many others from SFF. Patty and Bruce Anderson, Denise Bruner, Walt Durkin and others from TBFFC. Again, so many thanks to all of you.

The night would not have been complete without the presentation of the President’s Vision and Values award. This award was started by Ken Hofmeister in 2008 and I am proud to continue this tradition of honoring a club member who exhibits dedication to helping Suncoast Fly Fishers and its members.



I was honored to present the 2025 President’s Vision and Values award to Karen Warfel. I would venture to say that most clubs members don’t realize just how much Karen does for the club and its members. She handles all of the clubs finances, club merchandise and paying our expenses. Karen handles all of the memberships including being a liaison with FFI, handling FFI memberships and all required FFI reporting. And of course Karen and Rick work tirelessly preparing for the Hog Roast.

So please take a minute and congratulate Karen on this well-deserved award and, again.....thank you, Karen.

Enjoy the day,

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